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Marine recalled as 'great guy'

Friends, family remember fallen Canton soldier

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The flag-draped coffin of Marine Sgt. Bryan Burgess of Canton Township was expected at Detroit Metropolitan Airport today (Thursday), escorted by six Marines who will stand by his side until funeral services and burial Saturday.



Sgt. Bryan Burgess

Burgess, 35, was killed last week in Iraq by a sniper while on patrol with the 1st Battalion of the 24th Marines in Fallujah. "They were doing a typical security mission checking vehicles, stopping and searching for weapons," said Gunnery Sgt. Steven Kosinski of Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines in Perrysburg, Ohio. "The machine gunner keeps watch, and it was at that point where Sgt. Burgess was shot by a sniper while observing his checks."

Kosinski said military reports indicated Burgess died instantly from the wound. A Purple Heart ceremony is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Friday during visitation at Griffin Funeral Home in Westland.

"The Marines will present some of the awards Sgt. Burgess earned in Iraq and the Marine Corps, and

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Raj Anghan, owner of the Shell gas station on Ford road at Haggerty, proudly displays the sign announcing they had sold the winning \$75 million dollar lottery ticket earlier this week.

Canton Shell station sells \$75 million winning ticket

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Lottery Commission will reveal this afternoon the holder of the \$75 million Mega Millions jackpot ticket that was sold Tuesday at the Shell gasoline station at Ford and Haggerty in Canton Township.

Station owner Raj Anghan said he feels like he's the winner with all the publicity and media coverage since early Wednesday morning.

"I feel like I had the winning ticket," said Anghan, 27. "All the television crews are in the parking lot, and I've done about a dozen interviews."

Anghan said the excitement began about 4:45 a.m.

Wednesday morning when he received a call from a gas station employee.

"He kept getting calls from the media (overnight) and gave me a call," Anghan said. "It feels good to sell the winning ticket, it gives the business a lot of publicity. I've never sold a winning ticket like that before."

Michigan Lottery Commissioner Gary Peters said Anghan will receive a \$50,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket. The numbers drawn were 9-20-24-25-36; Mega ball 23.

Peters said the Mega Millions winner will be announced during a 2 p.m. news conference today in Lansing. The ticket holder will have the choice of annuity payments, which will pay \$75 million,

less taxes, over 26 years; or a lump sum payment of approximately \$44.6 million, less taxes.

The most recent Mega Millions winner was Nov. 29, 2005, when two winning tickets split \$70 million. The largest jackpot ever won in Michigan was April 29, 2005, when a Port Huron couple won \$208 million.

As for the most recent winner, Peters said the odds of winning were 1-in-175-million.

"It's a lot of fun," said Peters about giving away \$75 million. "It's a small part of what I do, but I have the opportunity to meet some of the happiest people you've ever met."

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Report delays foster mom's exam

BY BRAD KADRICH
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The biological family of Allison Newman, the 2-year-old Canton girl who died in September while in the care of her foster mother, hoped the case would move forward Monday in 35th District Court.

The defendant, Carol Ann Poole, and her family hoped the same thing.

Neither got their wish, though, as Poole's preliminary hearing before Judge John MacDonald had to be adjourned because the doctor who performed the autopsy, Washtenaw County medical examiner Dr. Bader Cassin, has not yet filed a full report.

MacDonald granted the adjournment until Dec. 11, and gave Cassin two weeks to get the autopsy report into the hands of defense lawyers and the prosecution.

"I'm not really happy about this," MacDonald said. "It seems like he's had ample time to get the report to you and to the court."

Poole was remanded to custody without bond. Her lawyer, Mark Satawa, said the delay "is disappointing to my client, disappointing to her family and, I'm sure, disappointing to Allison's family."

"(Poole) expects in the end the system will work and she's going to be vindicated, and it will show this to be what it was: a tragic accident."

Poole faces life in prison on accusations of felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter. Canton police have maintained Poole has given several different versions of her story, a charge Satawa blamed on police tactics. Canton Township Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said detectives did nothing wrong.

"The case was turned over to the prosecutor's office and they made the decision (to charge Poole) based on evidence submitted," Pomorski said. "There is absolutely no indication anything improper took place."

Members of Allison's family had no idea the adjournment was coming and just wish the case would move on, said a lawyer representing the family.

"They're very disappointed," attorney Patricia Stamler said. "They'd like to see the process move forward. They've lost a grandchild ... they're devastated."

Teens gather for study, fun at Canton library

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Alan Bickers, 15, of Canton needed to get some homework done Tuesday, and the Canton Public Library was the ideal setting.

"I like it," said Bickers, a sophomore at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School. "It's quiet, easy to get my homework done." He uses the computer in the teen room.

Kevin Scanlon, teen librarian, noted it's been five years for the teen room. "This is important because you're giving teens their own space, their own identity within the library," he said.

The room features a large mural, for which the Teen Advisory Board solicited

sketches. Winners Betty Huang and Millie Li, now Salem High School sophomores, did the work, which includes the word "library" in 13 languages.

The library, on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill, offers Teen Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. each week, a drop-in program that includes games and crafts. There are also book discussions for teens.

There's a Book and Pizza Club for middle school and high school students, as well as a Tween Book and Pizza Club for fifth- and sixth-graders.

"A lot of the parents were saying 'Our children are too old for storytime,'" Scanlon said of the tweens, who now can transition into the teen

programs.

The library buys paperbacks for the discussions, which the students keep. "One of the things they do is develop their own home library," Scanlon said. "It's a very, very important factor to the success of the program."

He cited a Pioneer Middle School teacher, Jason Kaye, who has books in his classroom as an inspiration for the library's efforts. Scanlon alternates between books that appeal to females and males.

The book discussion groups meet once a month on Saturdays at the library.

"Having it during the weekend works well," he said.

There will be a tween session at 2 p.m. and teen session at noon Saturday, Nov. 18, and



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Mona Iskandarani (left) and Jordyn Anderson socialize a bit in the teen room.

reservations are needed. The teens will meet at noon Saturday, Dec. 16, for a discussion of *Feed* by M.T. Anderson,

and the tweens will skip December.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Device assists patients awaiting a heart transplant.

AROUND CANTON

Exchange Club

Exchange Club of Canton is having a special meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Canton Souvlaki & Coney Island, on Lilley in the Golden Gate shopping center (across from the airport). The speaker is Tina Gatt, B.A., B.S.W., coordinator of Child Abuse Council of Windsor.

Those attending will learn about Gatt's program. Attendees can order from the menu if they wish to eat.

Holiday show

United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care agency located in Canton, will host a charity event Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese/dessert reception, followed by a holiday concert by the 60-member Canton Concert Band at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care to individuals who do not have medical insurance or whose needs go beyond the scope of insurance coverage. It is also used to provide emergency medications, food, clothing, transportation, and medical equipment to patients in need.

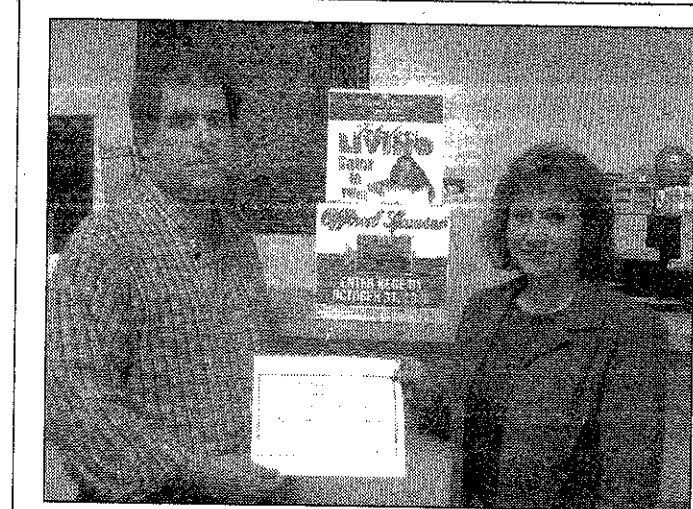
Tickets are \$30 and can be bought by contacting Mary Jane Swanson at United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820. Sponsorships are also available for this event. Please call for details. Donations may be sent to 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton 48187, or made through the Web site at www.uhhs.org.

Chamber holiday luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual holiday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, 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.

Holiday craft fair

Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon in Canton, is



Winner

Store owner Rick Robinson presents a \$1,000 gift certificate from the World of Floors to Jackie Beitz of Canton. Beitz was among six winners of the Observer & Eccentric Fabulous Living contest during October. World of Floors is located at 43711 Ford Road, just west of Sheldon, and at 29321 Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.

having a Holiday Craft Fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. More than 75 crafters will be selling their wares. There will also be refreshments served and a bake sale. Admission is \$1.

Pom Clinic

The Canton Chieftettes pom squad will be hosting their annual "Kid's Clinic" on 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, in the Canton High School gymnasium for girls in grades K-8. The cost for the clinic is \$35, which includes a T-shirt, pom poms and a snack.

Registration will be held at the door, or to register in advance, call (734) 844-3823.

Computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a MS Word Part I course at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Canton Computers, which is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford roads. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2006 and 2007. These classes are open to chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for nonmembers. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Dec. 1.

All 2006 seminars and computer training courses are sponsored by Telcom Credit Union.

'Capturing ancestors'

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Speaker Susan Vitali will discuss "Capturing Your Ancestors Through Photos and Journaling." At 6:30 p.m., a session will cover online book catalogs available through the library. Guests are welcome. The group's Web site is www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs. Contact Margie at (734) 522-4050.

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.

Canton man charged in online sex case

Fred Shannon Damron, 33, of Canton was arrested Nov. 13 following an undercover operation by the Michigan attorney general's office. Damron is charged with three counts of using a computer to accost and solicit a minor and one count of using a computer to disseminate sexually explicit material.

The arrest was made at a bowling center in Van Buren Township, said Ari Faneuil, spokesman for the attorney general's office. Damron, who officials say was online with an undercover agent, is accused of soliciting sexual activity with a 13-year-old girl. He also is believed to have sent images of male body parts and sexual activity, Faneuil said.



Damron

Damron has no criminal history. He is employed at Johnson Controls in Plymouth Township.

"He is evidently an assembly line worker," Faneuil said. The arrest was made by investigators from the United States Secret Service assigned to the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Damron was arraigned in Plymouth's 35th District Court before Magistrate Dennis Epler on three counts of Using a Computer to Accost and

Solicit a Minor, a 10-year felony, and one count of Using a Computer to Disseminate Sexually Explicit Matter to a Minor, a four-year felony. Bond was set at \$20,000, with the conditions that Damron may not have unsupervised contact with minors and may not use the Internet. Damron, who has posted bond, will be back in court for a preliminary examination 9 a.m. Nov. 21.

Parents are encouraged to check their children's "buddy lists" for the screen name Damron used, "derfporkhop." If they believe their child had contact with Damron, parents should contact Attorney General Mike Cox's office at (313) 456-0180.

Student hike puts district in top four

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has jumped one notch to become the fourth-largest public school district in Michigan.

According to state Department of Education figures for 2005-06, Plymouth-Canton had 18,388 students enrolled, moving past Flint, which fell to fifth with 18,081 students. Last year, P-CCS passed Livonia Public Schools to become — at the time — the state's fifth-largest school district.

"The increased enrollment helped us to eliminate a couple of split classrooms, and we provided some extra help to the split classrooms for math

support, but otherwise we budgeted for the increase," Supt. Jim Ryan said in explaining a tight budget. "But I think it proves we're a district on the grow, and we're still a destination for parents and students."

Detroit Public Schools remains the largest in the state with 131,568 students in 2005-06. Utica Community Schools is second at 29,562 and Grand Rapids third with 20,518 students.

Flint, at No. 5, is followed by Livonia and Dearborn (17,623 each), Ann Arbor (16,865), Lansing (15,615) and Walled Lake (15,597).

Official figures this year indicate P-CCS has enrolled an additional 318 students, which boosts this year's total student count to 18,706. With the 318

new students and a \$210 increase in the state foundation grant raising the P-CCS allowance up to \$7,410 per student, Plymouth-Canton will receive an additional \$6.1 million in state money.

However, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Patricia Brand said don't get too excited, yet.

"Any of the increase we're getting is being utilized by additional staff, increases in retirement expenses and projected increases in health care and utility costs," Brand said. "We received \$210 per pupil more from the state, but retirement, health and utility costs are up \$267."

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State probe ongoing of construction fatality

"We're looking into it. It was a truss collapse."

The Oct. 16 accident occurred at the South Hill Baptist Church in Milford.

Jose Covarrubias-Melendez, 23, of Canton was killed and three other Canton workers injured that afternoon. The church was putting a new addition on.

All of the men were taken to area hospitals, and Covarrubias-Melendez was

pronounced dead upon arrival at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

Pawlowski said Monday he should have more information on the Milford accident in a couple weeks.

The men worked for Allied Construction of Milford, for which the state has no history of construction problems.

Julie Brown

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Health, holiday shopping get boost at Women's Expo

BY JULIE BROWN
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Marie Stankiewicz of Canton came with her daughter to the 2006 Women's Expo at the Summit on the Park.

"It's the first time I've been here," Stankiewicz said of the event offered by Canton Leisure Services. "I think it's very, very interesting." She was pleased to receive health tests. She's a self-described "busy senior," active in the Red Hats and St. Theodore Catholic Church of Westland, and among some 150 women who attended the Saturday, Nov. 11, event.

"It's a good mix of stuff," said Amy Lockmondy, health, wellness and facilities coordinator for Canton Leisure Services. "We have some health screenings here."

Screenings were mostly free and available for osteoporosis, diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure. There was a \$5 charge for bone density testing.

There were some 42 vendors, representing area busi-



Amy Lockmondy of Canton Leisure Services (left) visits with Marie Stankiewicz during the 2006 Women's Expo Saturday at the Summit on the Park. Both women are Canton residents.

nesses. "So it's anybody from toys to purses," Lockmondy said. "People can choose what they want to do. We definitely have the audience for it. Women are shoppers. It makes a really nice morning. We want to make sure it's a diverse amount for the people who are coming."

Carol Leadman of St. Clair Shores was busy with health tests offered by Oakwood. "My sister lives here," Leadman said, adding her sister is ill with cancer and she helps out.

The event, which ran from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., included presentations on self-defense and dodging holiday weight gain.

Lockmondy appreciated the support of those such as

Oakwood, with whom Canton Leisure Services has a good partnership. She learned her cholesterol is good.

Vendors included Dr. Maha Zetouna, a Canton dentist with an office on Ford Road across from IKEA. She was with office manager Jamie Thompson.

"This is our first time doing this," Zetouna said of the Women's Expo. "We just want to get our name out there and let people know about our services."

The dental office was offering free bleaching treatment for new patients to help get the word out on their Premier Family Dental Care.

"It's been good, very good," Thompson said of the Women's Expo response.

Canton man held after police chase

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A 52-year-old Canton Township man is being held on \$50,000 cash bond after being arraigned Wednesday in 35th District Court on charges of fleeing and alluding and drunk driving after leading police from three departments on a chase through Canton and Plymouth Tuesday afternoon.

Edward Walsh was charged after leading Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township police on a chase

that ended in the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church rectory parking lot on Church Street in Plymouth.

Canton Township Sgt. Charles Raycraft said it all began with a road rage incident.

"It resulted from a traffic altercation at Warren and Sheldon," Raycraft said. "He followed the people to Walgreen's (at Ford and Sheldon) and made threats. As he was leaving, he drove erratically in the parking lot, at which time we were called.

"Our officers stopped him, but as they were making the traffic stop he took off," he said. "The suspect was actually following the speed limit, but he ran red lights and stop signs."

Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the charges each carry up to a five-year prison term if convicted. He said the drunk driving charge is the third against Walsh. His preliminary exam is scheduled for Nov. 20.

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Army needs holiday help

BY BRAD KADRICH
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When Cassie Hull talked to her church's young-adult group, Reality?, at Tri-City Christian Center in Canton, about the Adopt-A-Family program run by the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, the group immediately decided to take part in it.

"We were talking about what we could do to help the community," said Hull, the Salvation Army's secretary. "Not everyone has time, but we do have the money, so that's what we decided to do."

It's a position Bill Moritz, the outreach director for the Army, hopes other civic organizations, church groups, businesses and families will take this holiday season. The Salvation Army serves Plymouth Township, Plymouth, Northville, Canton and Belleville.

With 30 needy families already on the list, and the potential for dozens more in the days to come, Moritz knows he's going to need all the help he can get.

"Our mission is to spread the gospel, and to love and care for people," Moritz said. "This (program) is way up there on the list of priorities for our mission."

Adopters can choose the size of the family they wish to adopt. Adopting a family generally means donating enough cash to buy presents for any children, clothing and a Christmas dinner. Usually, the Army prefers providing a gift card so the adopted family can do their own shopping, Moritz

explained. A donation of some \$400, he said, would generally be enough to adopt a family of three.

Moritz blames the tough Michigan economy for both the increase in needy families and the lack of adopters.

"A lot of people who've adopted families before can't do it this year because of the economy," Moritz said. "We have at least two families who were adopters last year who are now on our list of needy families."

Meanwhile, the Salvation Army is also looking for donations for its Toy Shop, a program designed to allow needy families to come in and pick out a few presents for their children.

While the Army has plenty of volunteers to help administer the program, what they need, according to Moritz, is toys.

Toys should be new. The Army is looking for toys for children and for teens. Among suggestions for toys for teens: gift cards, CD players, footballs and basketballs, skateboards and gels, perfumed soaps and other similar items.

To adopt a family, donate toys or for more information on either program, call Moritz, (734) 453-5464, ext. 29.

TURKEYS NEEDED

One of the Salvation Army's biggest annual programs is its Thanksgiving basket program, where traditional Thanksgiving dinners are provided for needy families.

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Moritz said, the Army expects to feed some 200 families. Moritz said as many

as 150 families could be helped for Thanksgiving alone.

Families, businesses or other groups wishing to donate turkeys can call Moritz.

KETTLE CAMPAIGN

Meanwhile, the Salvation Army also kicks off its annual Red Kettle Campaign on Saturday, with bell-ringers taking up their posts at 23 different locations in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

Last year's campaign brought in more than \$191,000; the goal for this year's effort is \$155,000, according to Kelly Boelter, who directs the campaign for the Army.

"We try to be realistic (with the goal), because it's a tough economic time," Boelter said. "We're seeing such an upswing in people needing assistance."

Volunteers man the kettles in two-hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Boelter said it's a perfect way for high school students to fulfill any required community service time.

"We have three weeks set aside, with three different locations, for that reason," Boelter said. "It's perfect for that."

Anyone wishing to ring the bells at a kettle location can go on the Web to www.ringbell.org and click on the "Plymouth Communities" link to find locations and available shifts.

Questions can also be directed to Boelter at (734) 453-5464.

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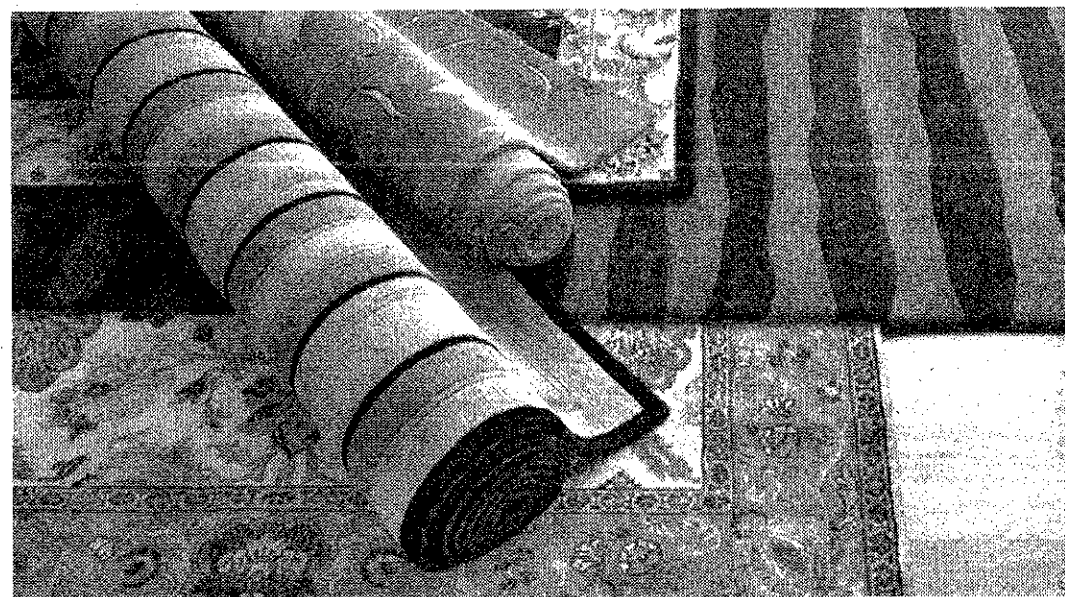
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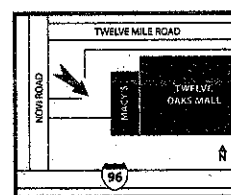


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Bridge project delay boosts local shopping

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Holiday shoppers won't have to contend with at least one road project on Ford in Canton. The Michigan Department of Transportation has suspended the planned replacement project of the bridge carrying Ford Road over Fellows Creek, just east of Canton Center.

Rob Morosi, MDOT spokesman for the area, said retailer concerns were a factor. "That was a big part of it, absolutely," he said Monday as the decision was announced. "We had heard the concerns of the retailers."

He noted the importance of the holiday season to Canton retailers.

The work had been delayed

this past summer due to the opening of IKEA on Ford. MDOT then ran into delays associated with utility line relocation. Those utility lines have now been relocated.

Originally, the work was planned to go well into December, Morosi said. Restrictions have been lifted to coincide with Thanksgiving.

The eastbound side is done on the new structure, and work will start again next June 1, Morosi said, and should be done by Labor Day 2007. The center turn lane by the bridge will stay closed.

"Those lanes will be wide open by Thanksgiving," he added.

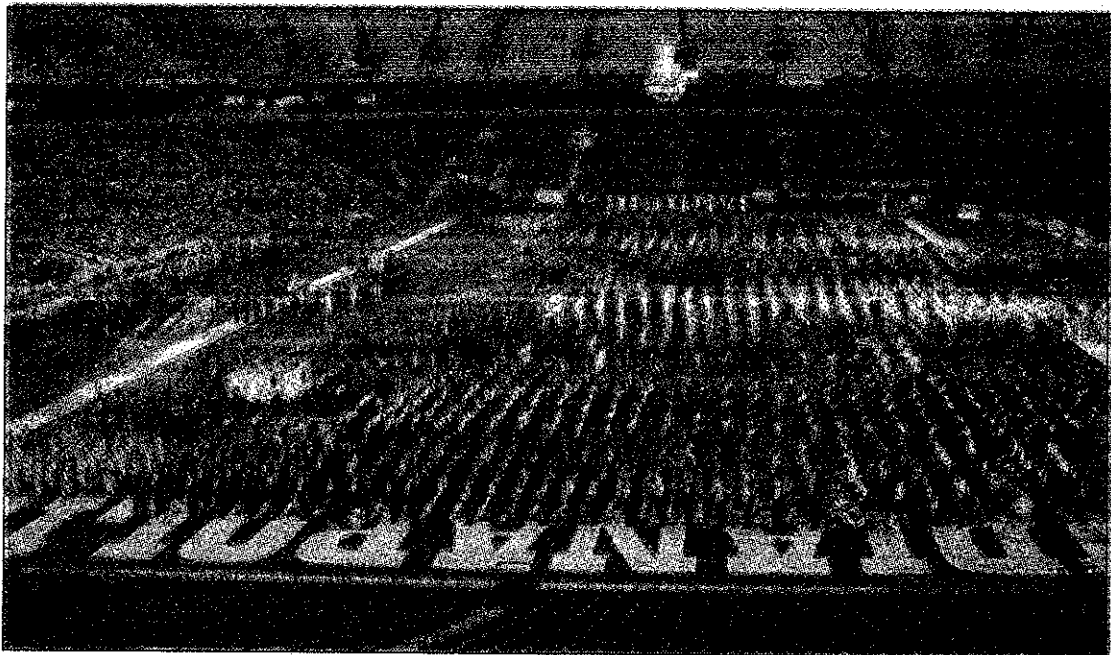
Tracey Pawlowski, co-owner of Back Home Bakery on Ford, was pleased to hear the news. "It's always good news to have

the road open," she said Tuesday.

Pawlowski is concerned about how long the work will take in 2007. She noted her business is between Lilley and Morton Taylor and less impacted than others in the immediate area.

"I think they're all anxious to be able to get back into their businesses," Dianne Cojei, Canton Chamber of Commerce president, said of area retailers. "I think most of them are obviously pleased it's going to be gone."

Cojei spoke to the nearby Kohl's manager, who was pleased about the state's decision. "She was very happy to see that they were considerate," Cojei said. "Retailers do most of their business during this holiday season."



The 12 top bands in the Bands of America Grand National competition wait for results to be announced. Plymouth-Canton finished ninth.

One of the best – again Marchers 9th at national band competition

Another year, another successful trip to Indianapolis for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band.

For the 17th time in 18 years, the PCEP Marching Band finished in the top 10 at the Bands of America Grand National, held last weekend in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The PCEP Marchers finished ninth overall. PCEP was the only Michigan band among the top 12 who made the final cut.

The 185-member band, led by director of bands Marc Whitlock, also won the Esprit de Corps award. More than 500 bands participate in Bands of America competitions leading up to the four-day national event. Broken Arrow High School in Oklahoma was named the Grand National Champion.

Bands of America awarded Plymouth-Canton the Al Castronovo Memorial Esprit

de Corps Award, an honor that went to the band the BOA staff considered to be the best ambassadors of sportsmanship among all 92 bands at Grand Nationals.

Once in the finals, the band wowed the audience with the award-winning program, "The Passion Within."

"Those kids put their heart and soul into that final performance," said PCMB assistant band director Christopher Rutt. "Strangers approached me several times over the course of the competition, and expressed how beautiful and stirring our program was. Our entire community is so proud of the accomplishments of this outstanding group of young people."

This year's show includes The Dancer, a moderate ballad and main theme from "Finding Neverland," The Painter, from the movie "Prospero's Books," and The Musician, the tri-

umphant song "Ode to Joy."

The 10-minute production featured a violinist and vocalist who accompanied the talents of the musicians and color guard ensemble.

Earlier this season, PCMB was named the 2006 Bands of America Regional Champion in Ypsilanti and received top honors at the Michigan Competing Bands Association where they were named Flight I Champions for the 19th time.

Whitlock has carried on a tradition of excellence established by the band.

In 1990, 1991 and 1999, Plymouth-Canton was Grand National Champions at the Bands of America National Competition, earning the first place title over 93 other bands from across the nation.

Plymouth-Canton has never placed lower than 15th place at Grand Nationals and has won more than 500 awards.

DEATHS

Jane A. Barrett
Barrett, 83, of Livonia, died Nov. 8.

Daniel Szymon Bibik
Bibik, 72, of Livonia, died Nov. 13.

Naomi E. Davidson
Davidson, 88, died Nov. 12.

Mary-Jo Hewitt
Hewitt, 73, formerly of Livonia, died Oct. 24.

Jeffrey Paul Jones
Jones, 59, of Plymouth, died Nov. 13.

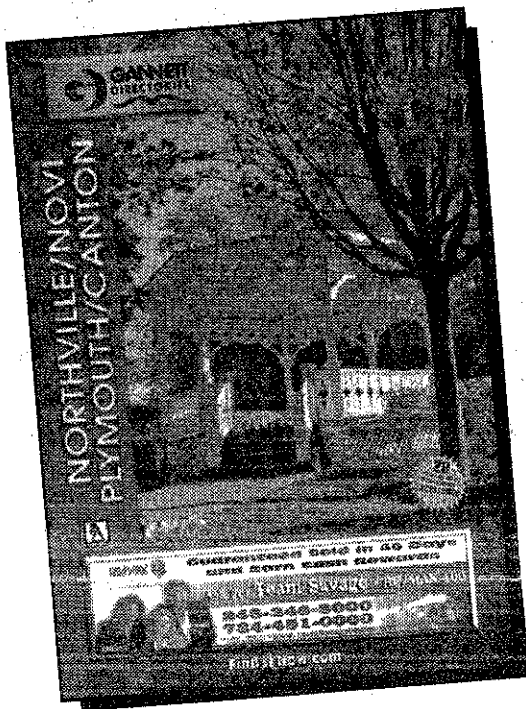
Louis J. Lavigne Sr.
Lavigne, 89, of Orinda, Calif., died Nov. 8.

George Schoenneman
Schoenneman, 85, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 10.

Clement R. "Clem" Small
Small, 81, formerly of Livonia, died Nov. 8.

Jacquelyn E. Troutman
Troutman, 78, of Plymouth, died Nov. 10.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A14.



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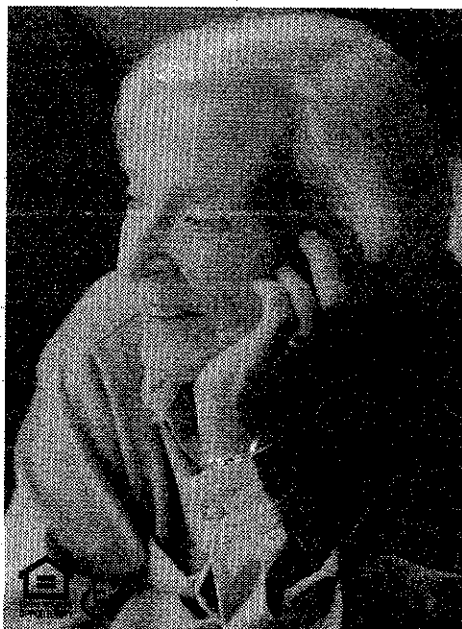
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Dillon named next House speaker

Andy Dillon, who represents Redford Township, part of Livonia and part of Dearborn Heights in the Michigan House of Representatives, was elected Speaker of the House by his Democratic colleagues on Tuesday.

Dillon, who won a second House term last week, said he will emphasize job creation, schools and the environment during his House leadership, and will seek to overturn a 1996

law that gives drug companies immunity from product liability claims.

Democrats are set to take control of the state House when the 94th Legislature opens session in January. The Democrats won 58 of the 110 House seats in last week's election; Republicans retained control of the state Senate.

"As the next Speaker, I'm committed to working with all my colleagues in the 94th

Legislature to get Michigan back on track," Dillon said. "I'm honored to have this responsibility, and we will work very hard to make sure Michigan is a great place to live, work, do business and raise our families."

Dillon will take over leadership of House Democrats from Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, who is term-limited.

He will succeed Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, as Speaker of the House.

Holiday event is Nov. 18-19 at farmhouse

"A Happily Ever After Holiday at the Travis House" open house will be 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19.

The second day will be followed by storytelling 4-5 p.m.

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viewing from 2-4 p.m.

The kitchen will offer cookies and cocoa for all to enjoy.

From 4-5 p.m. Sunday, a storyteller will weave holiday yarns in the parlor - sure to please listeners of all ages. Advance registration will be required for those interested in attending the storytelling part of the afternoon, as space is limited.

Call (734) 394-5460 for more information.

Praise service brings diverse churches together

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A "Together We Offer Praise" worship service will be held 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive in Canton.

The service is the brainchild of pastors David Washington Jr. of Canton Christian Fellowship Church, (734) 404-2480, and Dan McGhee of Harvest Bible Chapel in Canton. Washington's church is predominantly African American, while McGhee's is mostly white.

The pastors decided to bring their churches together in worship and fellowship. They agreed that Thanksgiving was a good time to hold the service.

"The response has been good," Washington said. The pastors have encouraged worshippers to invite friends and neighbors, "to really focus on the unity of who we are." He hopes that the relationship between the churches continues to grow, and that unity to flow into the community.

"We're extremely good friends," Washington said of McGhee. "It's just a real genuine and sincere relationship. We both know that Sunday morning across America is one of the most segregated times."

The organizers' attitude is to bring people together in worship and "Let's see what God does with that." They expect at least 300 people, Washington said.

"I think it's a great idea. Honestly, I think there should be more of this kind of thing among churches," McGhee said. "We're excited that our two congregations are coming together for this Thanksgiving service."

McGhee said worshippers will try to be examples of what people should look like in the body in Christ. "Come join us," McGhee said. "I think it's going to be a great experience for anybody who comes."

Both pastors will preach and there will be music. Food and fellowship will follow.

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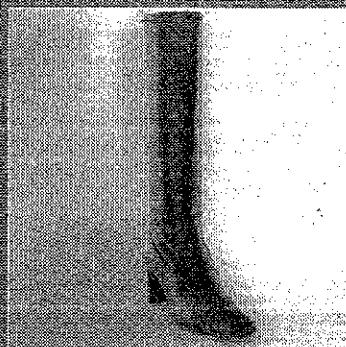


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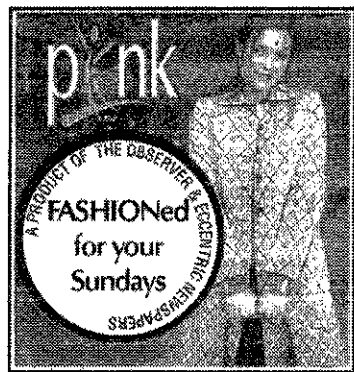
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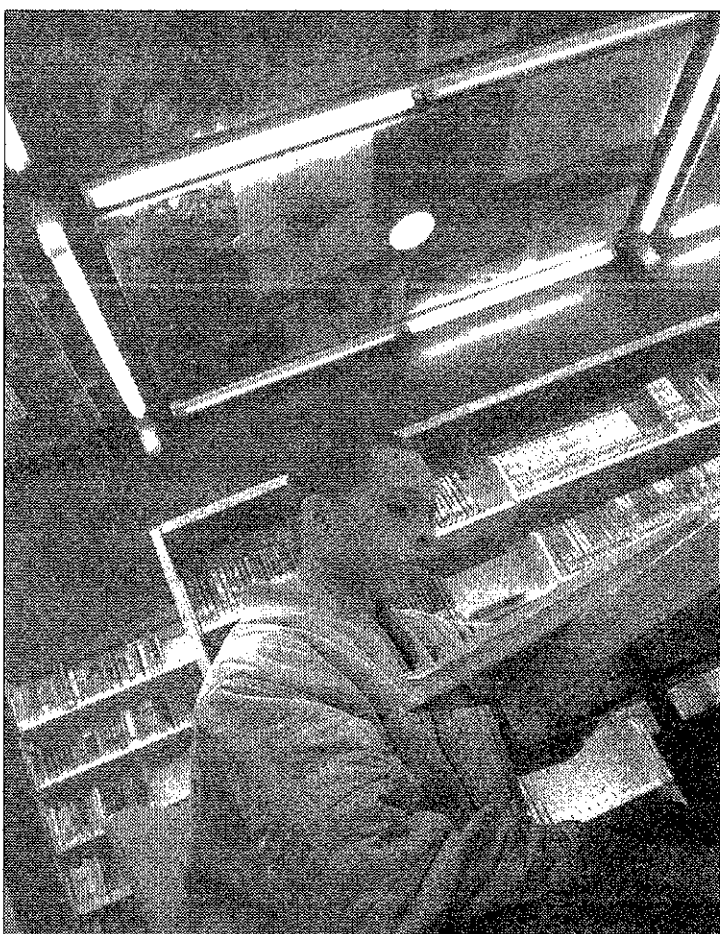
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"If you do not reach out to them, they're going to fall through the cracks," boys especially, Scanlon said. Library staffers are making part of the children's department into a tween area.

The tween group started this past summer, while the teen discussion is more established. Scanlon's been pleased with turnout. "It's been a thrill seeing some of the stuff teens pick up."

The library's expanding its audio collection for young people who like to listen to literature. Scanlon, 30, keeps up with what's current.

"My youngest sister is still a teenager," said Scanlon, a New York native who started his career at the New York City Public Library. "And also I can get an honest opinion from her."



Alan Bickers studies at the library.

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Canton tops list of safest communities

The FBI has released its annual report of crime statistics for 2005. Canton ranks first in having the lowest number of crimes per thousand residents, in a comparison of metro area communities with populations of more than 50,000.

"That really is a reflection on the community not only the department but on the community," Public Safety Director John Santomauro said.

Canton ranked second for the lowest number of violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) with 1.7 victims per 1,000 residents, and was the lowest per capita in property crimes with 18 victims per 1,000 residents. Property crimes are burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft

and arson.

Santomauro cited the direct link between the road officers and various sectors of the community. The department proactively assigns units where needed, he said.

Recently, Kansas-based research group Morgan Quitno Corporation ranked Canton as the fourth-safest community in Michigan. The methodology used there involves a multistep process. For communities with more than 75,000 people, Morgan Quitno uses the FBI's crime statistics for six crime categories (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft) and factors them into a formula to measure how a community compares to the national average for each category.

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Orchestra Canton offers 'Peter and the Wolf'

Orchestra Canton will present *Peter and the Wolf* and other holiday favorites 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

Orchestra Canton presents the second concert of the 2006-07 "Classical Canton" season under Music Director and Conductor Nan Harrison Washburn with a performance at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Narrated by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan, Sergei Prokofiev's cherished family classic *Peter & the Wolf* is an educational adventure which teaches children about musical instruments used in the symphony by transforming them into characters in the story. The concert will also include a "side by side" performance of Engelbert Humperdinck's *Prelude to Hansel & Gretel* with the Plymouth Canton Symphony

Society's own youth orchestra, Celebration Sinfonia.

The program is rounded out with Silvestri and Ballard's holiday favorite, *The Polar Express Suite*, and two beloved movements from The Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky.

The concert is sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, and supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Concert tickets may be bought in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460. Tickets may also be bought at the Village Theater box office one hour prior to the performance.

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MARINE

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the Purple Heart is one of them," Kosinski said. "They will be presented to his mother and father."

Burgess will be buried with full military honors after a Saturday morning funeral Mass at St. Bernadine of Siena Catholic Church in Westland.

MOTHER'S FEARS

His mother, Evelyn Burgess of Westland, said she knew right away something terrible happened when three Marines showed up at the front door of her home.

"I knew something was wrong; I knew he was gone," Burgess, 61, said about being notified her only child was killed by a sniper's bullet.

Bryan Burgess lived with a roommate the past several months in Canton before being deployed, but was raised in Westland and attended Livonia Franklin High School. Evelyn Burgess said her son was in the Marines for 11 years and traveled around the world, but this was his first tour of duty in Iraq.

"He had only been in Iraq for six weeks and I was afraid for him," said Evelyn Burgess, who wears a button with her son's picture. "But he wanted to serve his country and be with his fellow Marines. He didn't want to disappoint them."

"He was on my mind 24 hours a day, but he liked the challenge," she added. "I'm very proud of him."

As a member of the Marine Reserves, Burgess participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, and also spent time training against terrorists in Africa and with soldiers from other countries in South America.

"The Marines were special to him, and he participated as much as he could," Kosinski said. "He was a motivator. He would get down in the trenches with his juniors. He was a great instructor, and would do anything for anybody. He died with honor."

Bradley Compton, 26, of Ypsilanti Township served in the Marine Reserves with Burgess, where they were also roommates. They were such close friends that Burgess participated in Compton's wedding.

"Bryan would have given his last shirt off his back to a complete stranger," Compton said. "He worked really well with the younger Marines, and they had

an enormous amount of respect for him.

"He wanted to go to Iraq to make sure the younger guys, who didn't have the experience, were OK," he added. "He had outstanding leadership ability."

'ALWAYS UPBEAT'

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, who is currently a Marine fighting in Iraq, said in an e-mail that he bunked with Burgess while they trained at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"Bryan was a great guy, he was always upbeat and smiling," Caccamo wrote. "I talked to him almost every day. He'd yell something from his turret at me and toss me a thumbs up or a wink. 'Hey, Caccy-baby. Go get 'em!'"

"I talked to him no more than 24 hours before his untimely death," he wrote. "All of us at Weapons Company miss him greatly."

Clay Cutchin of Pinckney served with Burgess in 1999, while both were stationed at Mountain Warfare School in California.

"Bryan was a junior Marine, but his maturity was way beyond that," Cutchin said. "He quickly garnered a lot of responsibility and respect."

"He was the kind of Marine the mystique of the Marines was built on," he added. "He was phenomenal in that way."

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Griffin Funeral Home, located at 7707 Middlebelt in Westland. The funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Bernadine of Siena Catholic Church, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, following a one-hour visitation in the church. There will not be a burial service.

"A bagpiper will play *Amazing Grace*, and a rifle detail outside will give a 21-gun salute," Kosinski said. "Six Marines will fold the American flag draped over his casket and present it to the family."

Leah Bell, 31, who lived three houses down from Burgess while growing up, plans to pay her respects to Burgess and his family.

"Bryan was always the kind-hearted kid, and didn't like to see people hurt," Bell said. "There are so many memories to share, but I want people to know what a great guy he was, and he believed in what he was doing. His mother raised a great young man, and he will never be forgotten. I will miss him."

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Sam's Club reports video game theft

A staffer at Sam's Club on Ford Road reported the theft of some 75 video games to Canton police Nov. 10. The staffer, who said the incident occurred Nov. 8, cited similar thefts in stores in Auburn Hills and Pittsfield Township.

Marijuana possession

An 18-year-old Westland man was spotted by police hitting a construction barrel, which then struck a patrol car, while driving Nov. 12. Police also reported the car was swerving. The driver told police he had taken one prescription pill. A bottle was found that contained five different pills, along with marijuana under the driver's seat and a pipe in the glove box. The suspect was taken to Oakwood Canton for blood testing, and a Nov. 28 court date set.

Assault and battery

POLICE BEAT

Canton police were dispatched to Sherwood Nov. 11 on a call of teens fighting. A 17-year-old Canton youth was bleeding from his face. He told police he was having a party at his residence and asked people to leave. The youth told police his 17-year-old friend, a Wayne resident, was hit and kicked by a group. The group members fled in a white Grand Am and purplish red Focus, the first youth told police. Both youths were found to have been drinking, and the first was reported to have thrown a rock at one of the cars.

Window smashed

A 45-year-old Canton woman reported Nov. 12 that the rear window of her 2000 Mercury Villager was smashed. The car was parked in the

street in front of her home. Evidence indicated a beer bottle had been thrown. Police have no suspects or leads.

Car gone

A 60-year-old Canton woman reported Nov. 12 that her 2007 Chevy Cobalt was gone. She told police she has both sets of keys and is not behind in her payments.

Man arrested

On Nov. 12, police arrested a 23-year-old Canton man who was reported to be trying to open doors. He had outstanding warrants, police said. The man started running and then resisted arrest, according to the police report. He was processed at the Canton Police Department and a Nov. 28 court date set.

Bob-Cat gone

On Nov. 11, a man doing construction work reported a Bob-Cat and trailer gone from a site in the Canton Center-Geddes area. Police have no suspects.

Fight

On Nov. 10, the family of a 13-year-old Canton girl reported she'd been hit on the bus. Police observed a scratch on her face. Both parents/guardians wish to prosecute, although there were conflicting reports as to how the fight started.

Teen admits lying

A 15-year-old Canton girl admitted drinking and lying about her whereabouts. A breath test showed a result of .104. She was released to her parents.

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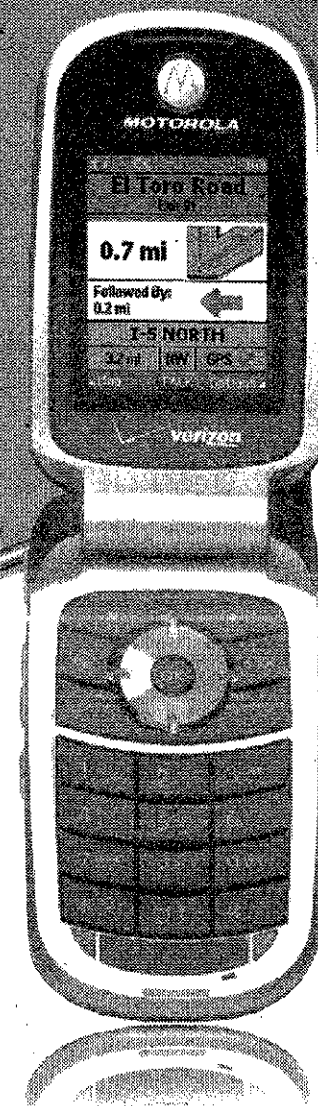


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Retirement means longtime Canton administrator can hit snooze button

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

This coming Monday, Dan Durack won't have to set his alarm clock and hop out of bed. The administrative and community services director for Canton Township is retiring following a 27-year career here — and will have time for that extra cup of coffee.

"It was a great place to work," said Durack, 59, whose last day on the job is Friday. "I've enjoyed my time here."

"It's been a great 27 years here," he added. "I've enjoyed myself. Hopefully, I've been able to leave a positive mark on Canton Township."

Durack, a Dearborn resident (his wife, now retired, was a librarian there and they had a residency requirement), started his career with the city of Dearborn. He'd had a stint in the U.S. Army, including time in Vietnam.

He holds a bachelor's degree in management from Michigan State University and an M.B.A. from Wayne State University. In 1979, he came to Canton Township as personnel director.

"I think obviously the biggest change is just how much it's grown," he said of the township. He recalled seeing corn fields and deer from his office on Canton Center.

"I think all in all it's been very positive," said Durack, characterizing the growth as well-managed. He cited such additions as the Summit on the Park, golf courses and parks.

On the human resources side, Durack cited increased mandates from the federal government, such as the Family Medical Leave Act and Americans With Disabilities

Act.

Durack won't be replaced at Canton, as his job duties have been divided. "I'm just doing some final projects, cleaning out my desk," he said Monday.

He and his wife won't do much during the holidays, other than some home projects. "We plan on doing some travel."

They may rent a place down south for winters in the future.

"Golf is probably my biggest hobby, not that I'm that good at it," he said. He'll continue to play, and plans on "taking some long trips and relaxing a bit."

"I certainly have a lot of memories," Durack said. A group from the township that included former Clerk John Flodin used to go to lunch.

"He was kind of an outdoorsman and he was always on the lookout for critters," Durack said. "So it was always kind of an adventure when he drove."

Durack also recalled former Supervisor Jim Poole bringing toys to township board meetings, in a "here, look at what you can buy in Canton Township" effort. "It was interesting to see what contraption he'd be bringing into the board meeting at night."

Durack's done it all at Canton, including handling finance, parks and recreation and even building on an interim basis.

He negotiated contracts with the township's six unions. "I've been involved with that essentially from the day I started here."

He characterized employer-employee relations as good and professional, noting police and fire personnel have access to arbitration. "By and large, we have been able to work them



'Short-timer' Dan Durack holds his Vietnam veteran's short-timer stick. He brought it to the office to remind township employees of his retirement. Soldiers serving in Vietnam who were soon due to ship back to the U.S. held up the stick when asked to go out on a dangerous patrol.

out," Durack said of differences.

He's been on committees for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority and active with the Michigan Public Employer Labor Relations Association, a professional organization for the management side in government.

Durack was instrumental in starting the township's "Salute to Service" program to recognize veterans and active duty personnel, done as part of Veterans Day. This year's program was Sunday.

"We had several hundred people there," Durack cited

John Spencer, township budget director and Vietnam veteran, and others as key factors in the "Salute to Service," which includes military memorabilia.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack praised Durack for his loyalty and dedication. "Really he was the human resources department here for a long time," Yack said. "Dan is probably best known for his love of Ronald Reagan and his quick wit. He will be missed immeasurably."

Durack's a great Trivial Pursuit player, Yack added: "I think everybody in the organization would say a real gentleman."



Lisa Birou, a Plymouth Township resident who teaches at Plymouth High School, thinks Michigan can beat Ohio State if they show up with passion on the field.

Buckeye, U-M fans set for titanic clash

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In these parts, some would say there's no greater sports rivalry than the annual Michigan vs. Ohio State football game.

Saturday's contest in Columbus is no exception, with OSU No. 1 in the college football rankings and Michigan right behind at No. 2.

For Lisa Birou of Plymouth Township, an English teacher at Plymouth High School, the real trash talk comes after the game. That's when the 1981 graduate of the University of Michigan can either gloat, or take the heat, from her relatives, who live in Columbus.

"My father is the only one who moved away, and sent three kids to U-M," Birou said. "When we travel there for the holidays, we're definitely the odd ones out."

"The jabbing comes after the game during Thanksgiving weekend," she said. "We would have a good weekend, or they would have a good weekend, depending on who won."

Birou said while her immediate family lives out of town, they will burn the telephone lines during the game.

"We will talk back-and-forth during the game," Birou said. "We call a lot after good plays, but after bad plays we wait."

Plymouth Realtor Fred Hill will be watching the game Saturday. The 1964 graduate of OSU will most likely be wearing his scarlet and gray, just like he does when the game is played at Michigan Stadium and he's surrounded by maize and blue.

"I usually wear my red winter coat and scarlet scarf, and my button that says 'Beat Michigan,'" Hill said. "I usually get some fun abuse, but that's to be expected."

Hill remembers the times when the match-up brought out the best(?) in everyone.

"About 20 of us used to meet at the fountain (in Kellogg Park) after the game, and if Michigan won I would have to lead everyone in singing the Michigan fight song," Hill remembered. "We used to sneak on the roof of the NBD Bank building and take down the (American) flag and put up the Ohio State flag."

Hill, who once owned a clothing store downtown, said he became the subject of a practical joker.

"One time someone put a huge Buckeye made out of wood and hung in front of the doorway of the store," said Hill. "Through it was a maize and blue screw."

"We used to be more sophomoric," Hill said with a smile.

As for who will win Saturday's game, Birou isn't sure — yet.

"Ohio State looks powerful, but Michigan can be as good as Ohio State," Birou said. "Until that passion shows up on the field, you can't tell what will happen."

Hill was more partisan in his prediction, especially noting Ohio State has won four of the last five games.

"Based on the last five years, I haven't practiced losing," Hill said. "I'm not that good at it."

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Palestinian ambassador brings optimistic message

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Arif Safieh, the Palestinian ambassador to the United States, told a gathering of about 50 area clergyman and Arab-American leaders Wednesday that the situation in the Middle East is on the verge of a breakthrough with the imminent announcement of a new Palestinian coalition government.

Safieh spoke at the East Hall of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia, one of several meetings planned during a three-day visit that began Monday. The events were to conclude Wednesday night with a banquet at St. Mary Church for local Arab-American leaders.

Following the speech, Safieh said an announcement would be made in the next 72 hours on an agreement between Fatah and Hamas, the two rival political factions in Palestine. Fatah holds the presidency and Hamas has the majority in the parliament. The U.S. and other governments have been critical of Hamas as a supporter of terrorists activities and have been reluctant to continue negotiations.

"The new government will be adopting a political program that will be more representative of Palestinian society and will allow us to re-engage with the international community and get back to normal and intense cooperation with the American administration and other players," Safieh said.

Safieh, a Roman Catholic, was appointed Palestinian ambassador to the United States in October 2005. He previously served as ambassador to the United Kingdom and delegate to the Holy See. He was born in Jerusalem in 1950 and educated in Jerusalem, Belgium and Paris.

He was accompanied on his visit to Detroit by his wife, Christ'l Leclercq. His visit was organized through the group Sabeel working with local groups, the Palestinian Office and Ramallah. George Khoury of the ad hoc Palestine Education Fund coordinated the visit.

In the last three days, Safieh met with Arab leaders in Dearborn, spoke at Wayne State University and met with Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. He was scheduled to meet with University of Michigan students Wednesday. Safieh's message to the assembled clergy, including representatives of the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths, was generally optimistic.

AMERICAN NON-ALIGNMENT

"During a moment of diplomatic stagnation, which has been frequent recently, I would start by saying: a Palestinian went to see God and told him, 'God, God Almighty will there ever be peace in the Holy Land?' and God looked at him melancholily and said, 'Yes, yes, of course, but not in my lifetime,'" Safieh said to a round of laughs. "Without any impertinence, I say that I'm sure God wouldn't mind if we proved him or her wrong."

Safieh said it was time for the United States to have a policy of "non-alignment" and treat Palestine and Israel evenhandedly.

"I'm not inviting America to sacrifice its traditional friend Israel, what I'm doing is bringing you is an additional friend, Palestine," he said.

As the last superpower, America risks alienating the Arab community abroad and the large community of Arab Americans, Safieh said. He said for the last 60 years, it has been uncomfortable to be an Arab, Muslim or Palestinian American.

"Non-alignment, even-handedness should be what characterizes American policy," he said. "I happen to represent people, the Palestinians, who became the victims of European history and because of that fact we have been deprived of our understanding."

Safieh said the situation in the Middle East is "extremely unhealthy and unwelcome."

He said the "650 military" checkpoints between Israel and Palestine cost work hours as well as causing fear and humiliation.

"And the horrible wall, the wall of shame," Safieh said of the wall Israel is building between itself and Palestinian territory. "Even President Bush



Safieh

situation in Gaza was volatile, but that there is still hope of change.

said it was snaking into Palestinian territory. The International Court of Justice called for its dismantlement."

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In a question and answer period, Safieh said the situation is "dynamic and not static" and that many in the Jewish community in Israel and the United States have been supportive of Palestine. He said the powerful American Israel Political Action Committee is no longer in a "golden era" and change is on the way.

After the speech, Safieh said the United States has a chance

to change its negative image brought on by its special relationship with Israel and the war in Iraq.

"As a superpower, America has a choice between a foreign policy that makes you loved and respected or hated and feared," he said. "Given such a choice, I would rather be a superpower that was loved and respected."

Khoury said Safieh's visit has

been well-received.

"He represents us in the best way I can imagine," Khoury said. "He is a man of peace, peace with justice. If one side gives up completely, you have oppression. We want peace with justice."

He said he is a firm believer that the Arab-Israeli conflict can be settled in a peaceful way under international law and UN resolutions.

The Rev. George Shaloub, pastor of St. Mary, said he was happy to host the meeting with clergy.

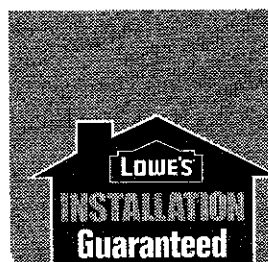
"I feel that if clergy represent anything in the world, it would represent justice and peace," he said.

He was impressed by Safieh's eloquence.

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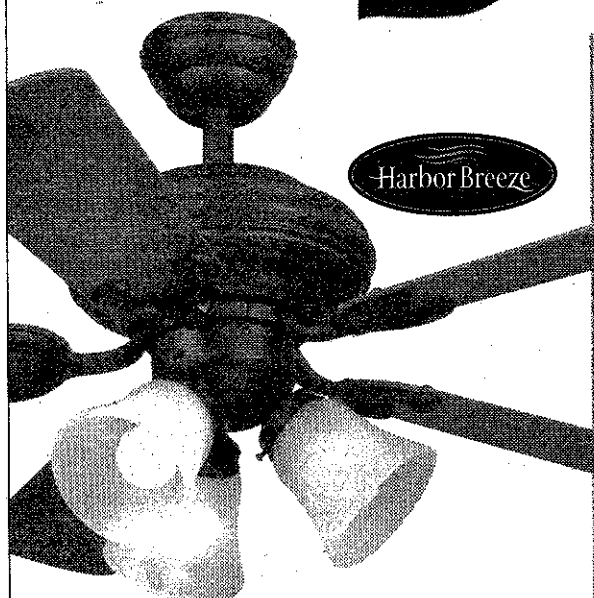
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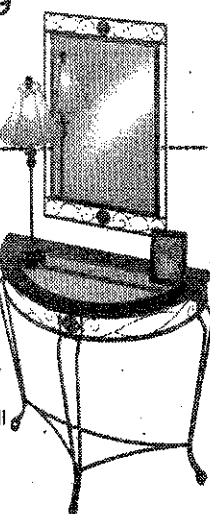
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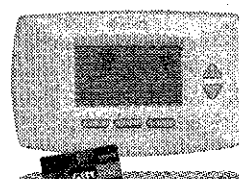
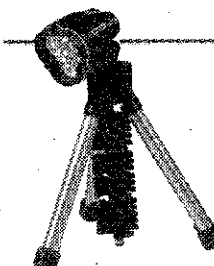
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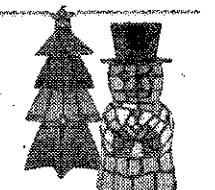
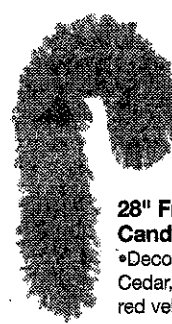
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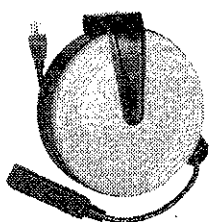


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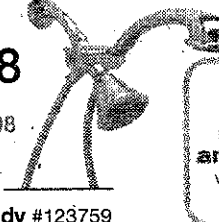
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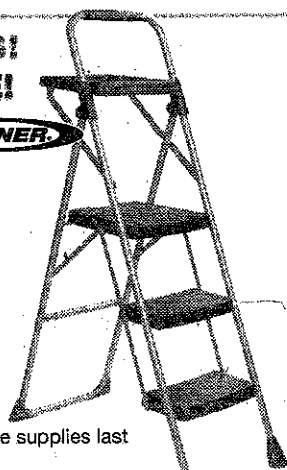
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OUR VIEWS

As dust settles, return to civility

Democracy is an ugly business. The past few months were packed with lies, twisted statements and character assassinations. They have filled our televisions and our mailboxes with half-truths and innuendoes.

Regrettably, political campaigns seem to bring out the worst in people. While a few politicians are despicable much of the time, most of them reserve such behavior for the precious days between the August primary and the general election.

It has been said that absolute power corrupts absolutely. Let it also be said that the possibility of attaining power can transform respectable people into dregs.

It has been said that absolute power corrupts absolutely. Let it also be said that the possibility of attaining power can transform respectable people into dregs. Shame on the candidates who dealt the race card to get elected. Shame on those who exploited the sick, injured and deceased for their own gain. Shame on pollsters who deliberately designed questions to elicit tainted results. That's not science, it's cashing a check.

There were a few candidates who refused to enter the fray and they deserve praise for taking the route of dignity. That praise should be compounded to those whose nobler route of campaigning brought them defeat, just as the shame of those who employed loathsome tactics is doubled for those who actually won elections.

We can't put this election season behind us fast enough. It's time to take down all the political signs that scar the landscape and ratchet down the rhetoric on our televisions, radios and in our letters to the editor columns. And now that the dust has settled and we know who our public servants will be, we can only hope that it means a return to civility.

Deer hunting still a big deal across state

Hunting has been a hot topic of discussion in recent months.

After a somewhat bitter campaign, with wild charges flying from both sides, Michigan voters last week overwhelmingly shot down a law that would have allowed a mourning dove hunting season in the state. Much of the discussion about the issue centered on the economic benefit of having a dove hunting season.

During the next two weeks, hunting will again take center stage as more than 700,000 orange- and camouflage-clad hunters will head out to the state's forests and farmlands for the annual firearms deer hunting season, which opened yesterday.

Despite the dove hunting ban that voters approved, hunting is a long-standing tradition in Michigan. At no other time is this more evident than during the firearms deer hunting season.

The traditional Nov. 15 opener is still one of the most anticipated days around the state, especially in many smaller towns, where it is celebrated as a local holiday.

In fact, many rural school districts still cancel school for the day, and businesses close up shop because owners and patrons head out to the woods in search of the white-tailed deer.

It is a tradition that also gives a huge shot in the arm to the state's economy.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, deer hunters alone directly pump \$500 million into the state's economy.

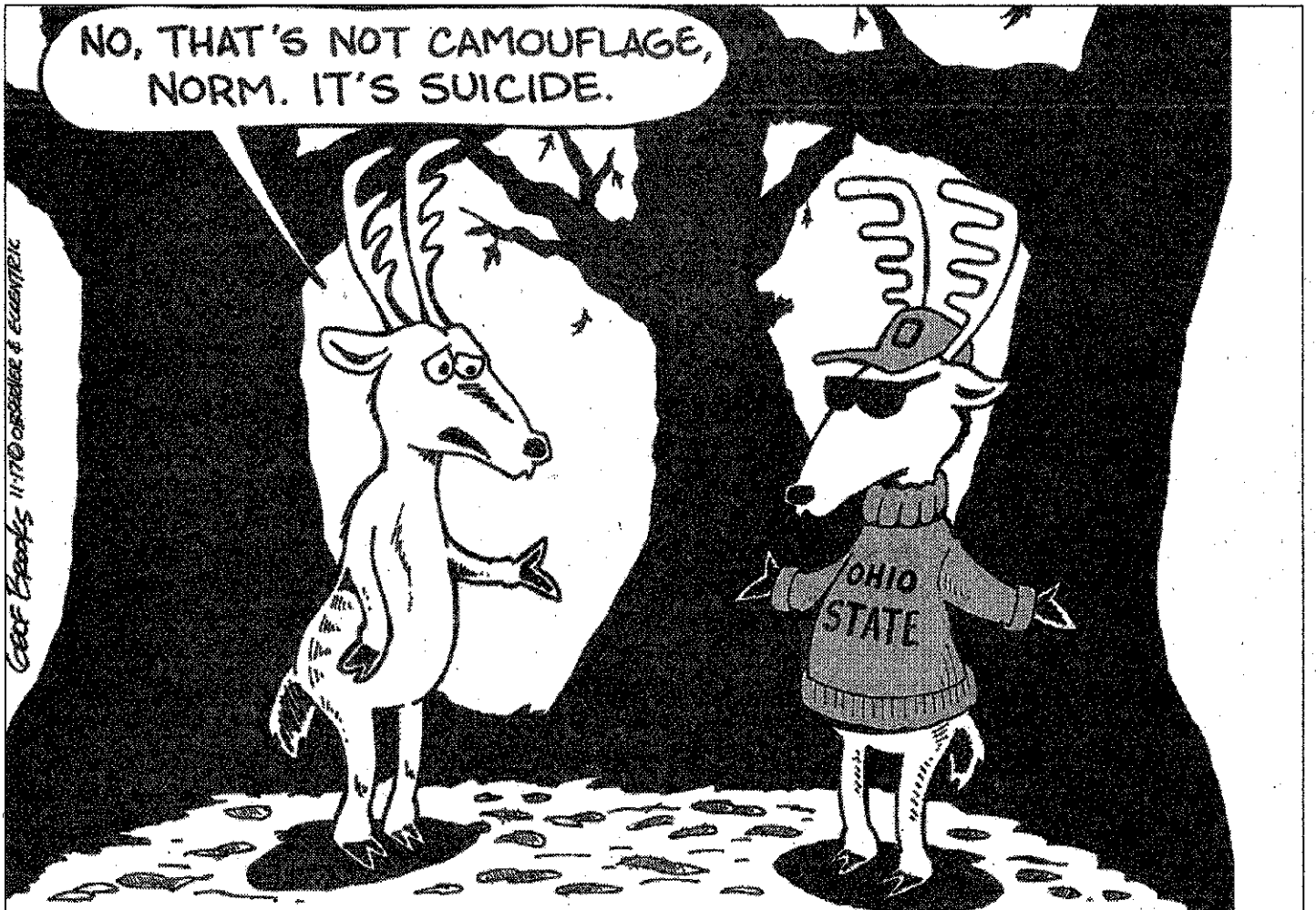
There is no getting around the fact that hunting is big business in Michigan. The state is tops in the nation in the number of licensed hunters with more than one million for all seasons.

That means about \$2.5 billion each year for the state's economy, according to the DNR.

Not only do hunters purchase licenses and hunting equipment like rifles, shotguns, bows and arrows, and all the other gadgets used in the field, they also help support hotels, restaurants and other businesses in small towns that heavily rely on tourism to make it.

And the fees that hunters pay for licenses also help the state buy more forest lands and support many wildlife programs.

For these reasons and many more, the annual deer hunting season is a tradition to celebrate.



LETTERS

Thanks for vote

I'd like to thank all of you who voted for me on Nov. 7. It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve the 21st District. I have always tried to stay in touch with the needs of our community and I will certainly continue to do so during this next and final term. Michigan has some significant challenges before it with the state of our economy, health care, education and energy. This is a time of opportunity. I look forward to working with my colleagues to meet these challenges.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me toll free at (866) LAJOY-21 or through e-mail at phillajoy@house.mi.gov. Again, I thank you for your support and I look forward to and appreciate your feedback.

Phil LaJoy

state representative, 21st District

Door will be open

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, the voters in the 20th District changed my life. After the returns came, I thanked my wife, Wendy, my family members, my campaign staff, and the volunteers. I now want to sincerely thank the people who made this election possible — you, the voters of Canton, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Wayne. I am grateful and humble for the vote of support and confidence that you, the people, have given me.

I promise you that I will not break that trust. I will do my very best to represent you and your families. When I take the oath of office in January 2007, I will pledge to be your moderate voice in Lansing. I will vow to do my best, so help me God. I love our state of Michigan, and there is much work to do. I will need to ask for your help, your advice, and your direction. The lines of communication will always be open.

Please keep in contact with my staff and me. I will have a toll free number to contact me in Lansing. In addition, my office door will always be open in downtown Northville. I will have regular times set aside in each municipality to meet with you and discuss your problems. If I am unable to help you, I will find someone who can. I am asking for your e-mail addresses so that I can send you frequent updates about my work in Lansing. Please send a quick note to my current e-mail, MarcCorr@CorriveauLaw.com.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with your clubs and neighborhood groups. Please invite me to your gatherings, and if my calendar permits, I will be there. I want Michigan and the 20th District to prosper, and with your help, we will move forward together.

Marc R. Corriveau

state representative-elect, 20th District

Kerry not funny

In response to Mary Young's letter to the editor (Nov. 5), I agree John Kerry shouldn't apologize for his recent comments. It would be inconsistent with his past behavior of criticizing the troops in the field. Just like when he testified before Congress in 1971 that: American troops had, "raped, cut off ears, cut off

heads, taped wires from portable telephones to human genitals and turned up the power, cut off limbs, blown up bodies, randomly shot at civilians, razed villages in fashion reminiscent of Genghis Khan, shot cattle and dogs for fun, poisoned food stocks, and generally ravaged the countryside of South Vietnam ..."

That was some joke he told back then. A huge lie but not a joke. Your characterization of the current administration as being cowards begs the question as to how you would characterize the previous president for his record of being a draft dodger and war protester. Think about it.

Gerry Wright

Canton

Definite divide

I think Ed Sarpolus, hired by the Plymouth-Canton school board, didn't really get all the reasons for the failure of the last bond issue. People tend to say one thing face-to-face and then do just the opposite in the privacy of the voting booth.

Yes, the economy is bad and taxpayers don't want to pay for all the extras. But there is more to it than that. Whether the board acknowledges it or not, there is a definite dividing line right down the middle of Joy Road.

Fact: Many Plymouth residents do not want to spend any more money for Canton students and certainly not another school that will be built in Canton. Their growth will never stop. They are large enough to be their own district.

Observer staff writer Tony Bruscati must recognize this division as well since his article for the new \$63 million bond clearly described exactly where the money for each project will be spent: Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton. And, of course, the majority of the money goes to Canton.

Would it ever be possible for Plymouth to vote on Plymouth school bond issues and let Canton vote on Canton bond issues? Just asking. I'm sure both would pass that way.

Arthur Benoit

Plymouth

Hold Bush accountable

Whoever is responsible for a crime must be held accountable. In my opinion, the Bush administration has committed grave crimes against the Constitution and the American people.

First and foremost, I believe that the president has broken his oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. He has violated United States law and the Constitution by sanctioning torture, wiretapping American citizens and engaging the nation in an illegal war.

It is true that as a nation, after an election, we must move forward. But we also need to examine the past and learn from our mistakes. There must be an investigation into these serious matters. The facts, not opinions, not mine or anyone else's, must be heard. We are a nation of laws, not men. We have come very close to destroying the Constitution and the precious protections it offers to us as American citizens and as human beings. Now we have by the grace of God and by the brilliance of our nation's planners been given another

chance, to step back from the brink and make sure this can never happen again.

Katie Jacob

Birmingham

Science is knowledge

That intelligent design, or creation, should not be taught in the classroom is certainly a right proposition ("Locals: Separate science, religion," *Observer*, Oct. 15).

Science is knowledge derived from observation, study and experimentation, knowledge gained by systematic study of what has been created. It is therefore subordinate to intelligent creation. It is a product of human mind having limited intelligence, studying the wonders of creation, itself a product of creation. For something to acquire knowledge, that something has to be created first.

In the present state, science is still an insignificant part of what there is to know. Thomas Alva Edison, the famous prolific inventor, maintained that "we do not know one millionth of one percent about anything." He certainly was right. He was a discoverer of a tiny part of creation. Science is the result of learning the secrets of creation.

Creation must come first before it may be learned. Science is knowledge. Regarding evolution, it may hardly be considered a part of science, that is knowledge, because it is neither proven nor provable. It may only be postulated.

Creation is proven. We see it. We hear it. We feel it. We experience it. We marvel at its ingeniousness.

In some morally advanced European countries, religion is taught in all, including public, schools as a separate-from-science subject. It was so even when some of these countries suffered under the godless Marxist-communist rule during the Cold War. There is no problem in this because our Christian, and perhaps most other religions, supports, even encourages scientific studies.

We should follow these Europeans' good example. It would be highly beneficial to us in many respects. Let science be only what it is, that is humble discovering and acquiring knowledge about the secrets of the magnificent creation by Almighty God.

Joseph Wira

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QUOTABLE

"I knew something was wrong, I knew he was gone."

Evelyn Burgess, of Westland, recalling seeing three Marines walk up to her home last week to inform her that her son, Bryan Burgess, 35, of Canton had been killed by a sniper's bullet in Iraq.

Michigan needs big ideas – from leaders of both parties

So now that the votes are counted, the victors promoted and the losers sent off to weep, what do we make of the election results?

A lot. Let's start with a quick look at the numbers. Turnout was way up: A total of 3,833,535 people voted, nearly half a million more than predicted. The turnout was higher still than in 2002, and Gov. Jennifer



Phil Power

Granholm won five out of six of those new voters.

To the astonishment of everybody (including the Democrats!) control of the Michigan House of Representatives flipped, with Democrats gaining six seats for a 58-52 majority.

Senate Republicans, who had looked more vulnerable than their House allies before voting day, wound up keeping control by 21-17, although two of them won by just a few hundred votes. Had the Democrats won those two races, they'd have had effective control.

I'd guess the increased turnout was a result of massive spending by all parties (it was the most expensive election in Michigan history, hands down). GOP challenger Dick DeVos spent more than \$41 million of his own money. Ironically, it appears the new voters his spending brought out voted overwhelmingly for Granholm.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow crushed her Republican rival, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, by an even bigger margin.

So was the election a "tsunami" in favor of the Democrats? Only ... sort of. Though Granholm won re-election by a whopping 56 to 42 percent and Democrats overall were hot to vote against the Bush administration, elections expert Mark Grebner thinks the core Democratic vote was not much larger than usual.

If anybody can be said to have won, it was the moderates, the centrists, the muscular middle, the sensible center — take your pick of names.

One compelling fact: Of voters who call themselves independents, Granholm and Stabenow took around 70 percent.

For the last several election cycles, the prevailing wisdom amongst politicians has been that you should concentrate on turning out your committed partisan base and forget about the folks in the middle. Wrong! Swing voters do matter. Persistently disrespecting them is a recipe for political trouble, as this year proved.

The big mistake Democrats could make from this big win is to figure they've got a lock on the future and they can go back to being

subservient to their traditional labor and liberal paymasters. Wrong again!

Many of the successful Democratic candidates were moderates, not ideological lefties. Democrats may have banked the majority of votes, but those votes were loaned by middle-of-the-road voters. That loan can be called in, pronto, if the Democrats screw up.

As for the Republicans, there appears to be an emerging split between those who think it would be wiser to moderate their approach and try a little bipartisanship and those who think the GOP conservative message needs to be sharpened, if anything.

Tom Shields, a smart Republican pollster and strategist, told the annual postelection "pundit summit" in Lansing last week that "Republicans really have to sharpen the differences between the two parties in order to succeed."

We'll get a pretty good idea of where the GOP is headed when talk turns to what to do about the repealed Single Business Tax.

Granholm last year proposed a fairly moderate package that was arguably revenue-neutral; Republicans trashed it in the Legislature and dumped on it in hearings all over the state. Spearheaded by the state Chamber of Commerce, some business types in recent months have been beating the drum for a net business tax cut of around \$500 million in any SBT replacement.

Granholm's hand will be strengthened after the turn of the year when Democrats take control of the House. For the sake of the state, I hope moderates of both parties in the House and the Senate will decide to work with Granholm on the SBT.

Certainly, our business tax system needs big-time reform. But yanking another \$500 million out of state tax revenues, on top of a pre-existing billion-dollar-plus structural budget deficit, is just irresponsible.

We need to move toward a knowledge economy. We've got to develop a public investment program to accentuate our state's enduring competitive assets such as our research universities and our environmental wonders. Big problems call for big ideas. But big ideas need to be broadly acceptable across a spectrum of Republicans and Democrats, in both the governor's office and the Legislature. Thanks to this remarkable election, we now have a prospect of doing that, if we and our leaders step up to the plate.

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Now they're in, Dems must actually get something done

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, whom his own party said had a double-digit lead in polling less than a week before the Nov. 7 election, had to sweat out a three-point win over Democrat challenger Mark Slavens.

Marc Corriveau, a Democrat, did something not many people can remember happening in any recent memory: Beat a Republican in both the cities of Plymouth and Northville.



Brad Kadrich

Care to guess how deep the anti-Republican sentiment went this year? Republican Phil LaJoy, one of the area's most effective legislators, lost in Van Buren Township — to a ghost.

(Well, not an actual ghost; just a candidate who really did nothing to earn the votes.)

It was a crazy, topsy-turvy political season, tainted by back-stabbing and back-biting, drowned in a glut of television commercials that could have choked a horse, as my grandmother used to say. While statewide and nationally voters were brooming Republicans out of power and sweeping Democrats in, both of our incumbent Republicans held their seats, albeit by the narrowest of margins (Patterson) or by beating a spectre (LaJoy).

That Patterson won came as no surprise to most observers; that it was close must have been fairly startling. Even Slavens' own supporters were saying things like, "I just hope he doesn't get spanked," early on election night.

As the numbers kept coming in, it appeared they were going to get their wish. Slavens led early in the reporting cycle before bowing late.

Slavens used Patterson's own persona against him with a "Bruce is a bully" approach; Patterson helped him out a little with something of a meltdown at a League of Women voters candidates forum, and by getting in a tiff with a Downriver couple who caught one of Patterson's minions swiping Slavens' campaign signs.

Patterson said his race, like so many others around the country, got caught up in the Republican revulsion ... umm ... revolution.

"It was a difficult year for Republicans and a difficult 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 had sort of an implosion of his own at the same candidates forum and, in the end, Patterson's Republican base and record of achievement carried the day. Still, Slavens had much of which to be proud, particularly since Patterson's campaign budget

dwarfed Slavens'.

"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."

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

Nonsense, says Marc Corriveau, the Democrat who swept to victory based largely on his performance in areas — Plymouth and Northville — that have always been dominated by Republicans.

"When's the last time that happened?" Corriveau asked rhetorically.

Some local political observers would say it's happened the last three elections, with state Rep. John Stewart winning each time.

Stewart, a moderate Republican, has a reputation locally of being a Democrat in Republican clothing.

While we take Stewart at his word on his avowed pride in his Republican-ness, he didn't help matters with his own party much by supporting Corriveau against conservative Republican Mark Abbo, who beat Stewart's wife, Beth, in the primary.

"I encouraged (Corriveau) to look at things as a business-based Democrat," Stewart said. "I will be very happy to turn my office over to him."

LaJoy wound up winning easily, pulling some 56 percent of the votes, including 62 percent of the vote in Canton.

But Democrat Al Sinis, who never returned a single phone call, made a single political appearance or put up any campaign signs, nevertheless took an astonishing 69 percent of the vote in Van Buren Township.

With Democrats now in control of the House, the unfortunate thing for this area is the power shift will cost LaJoy a leadership position, something for which he's well-suited and enormously qualified.

"I'm kind of in shock," LaJoy said after the election. "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."

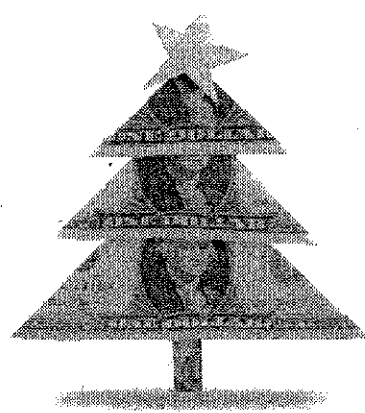
Of course, now the Democrats have to get something done.

For his part, Corriveau swears he's willing to work with anyone — Democrat or Republican — who has ideas on how to move Michigan forward.

"I want to go there, first thing, and work with everyone there and let them know I'm someone they can work with," Corriveau said. "I want to make sure I'm working not only with Democrats, but with Republicans, too."

We admire Corriveau's pluck. After the vitriol spilled in the 2006 campaign, if he can pull that off, we might just have our biggest surprise yet.

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Weir Manuel does dressy affair for dogs

Talented - or at least good-looking - pooches paraded at Weir Manuel Realtors recently as the firm hosted a costumed dog show to benefit animal welfare.

Agents from its four offices in Birmingham, Rochester, West Bloomfield and Plymouth brought their costumed dogs and prizes were given in a number of categories, such as "Miss/Mister Congeniality," "Most Outrageous Costume," "Tiniest/Biggest Dog," "Most Comical Outfit" and "Most Adorable Dog."

Weir Manuel, at the corner of Brown and Old Woodward, is a Birmingham landmark and provided a perfect venue for a community event.

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

As a representative from the Michigan Humane Society said, "Weir Manuel is in the business of finding great homes for families, and we're in the business of finding great companion pets for them to complete their families."

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in southeast Michigan, with more than 150 employees in four Michigan offices in Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Rochester and Plymouth.



Caitlyn Melamed of Farmington Hills holds, Pumpkin, who was named 'Most Adorable Dog.'

Cranbrook takes an artistic look at space

The theme of space exploration - its infinite potential, as well as its historical successes and failures - is the focus of the exhibition Space Is the Place exhibit at the Cranbrook Art Museum.

It will featuring installations, paintings, works on paper and sound and video works made during the past 10 years by an international group of contemporary artists. Cranbrook Art Museum is the first stop on the national tour of this exhibition that explores how global attitudes toward the subject of space have changed radically between the time the Soviets launched their Sputnik satellite nearly 50 years ago and the explosion of American space shuttles in 1986 and 2003.

Despite some setbacks, travel to outer space remains a powerful catalyst for contemporary artists, inspiring nostalgia, fantasy, and, at a time of great terrestrial conflict, consideration

of serious earthly concerns. Space is the Place opens at Cranbrook Art Museum on Nov. 18, and runs through Jan. 14, 2007. The exhibition is organized and circulated by Independent Curators International, New York.

While these works are united by the primary theme of outer space, the open-ended parameters of the subject also invite consideration of issues relating to the technological, environmental, and sociopolitical forces affecting life on earth.

For example, Polish-born artist Aleksandra Mir's video, "First Woman on the Moon," which was performed on a beach in the Netherlands 30 years after the first moonwalk, uses the fantastical context of space exploration to comment on the continuing problem of gender inequality.

A related, gently satiric spirit permeates the work of Mexican artist Damián Ortega, whose Aterrizaje en

la luna (Voyage to the Moon), named after a French Tin Tin comic, is a galvanized metal shelter that appears to be part imaginary space capsule and part dwelling for the homeless, highlighting both the inequalities that divide and the dreams that unite affluent and developing nations.

The title of the exhibition derives from a 1974 movie about an influential jazz fusion band, whose leader, Sun Ra, spoke of making music sublime enough to elevate humanity beyond Earth, transcending reality. Much like the cosmic themes of Sun Ra, Space Is the Place reaches out to realms beyond our planet.

Space Is the Place is curated by Alex Baker, curator of contemporary art at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, and Toby Kamps, senior curator at the Contemporary Arts Center Cincinnati. It is accompanied by an illustrated publication.

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Jim Harper interviews Gordon Chevrolet General Manager Susan Ianni during the Radiothon for the Capuchin Kitchen.

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Magic 105.1 (WMGC-FM) announced the station raised \$94,000 and filled four trucks with clothing during their Capuchin Soup Kitchen Radiothon, which took place on Friday, Nov. 3, at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City.

Jim Harper & The Magic Morning Show broadcasted live from the dealership to collect clothing and raise money for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Last year the event raised \$33,000.

The money collected will be

used to feed hungry families, provide school supplies and clothing for children. It will also help keep the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's library and computer center open! This center is staffed by volunteers who train children how to use computers.

"When great people come together for a great cause, you get great results! Our listeners are wonderful," said Marcy Cyburt, WMGC General Sales Manager.

Money was collected through a phone bank, sales of the

Magic Family Favorite Recipe Book and an auction. Auction items included: front row Pistons tickets, a two-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge for four people and four Tigers tickets for the 2007 season!

"Every year I am amazed by the generosity of the people in Michigan! Even in a tough economy everyone reached into their hearts for such a worthy cause. We are all so blessed," said Susan Ianni, General Manager of Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City.

Trial avoided in mom-teen sex case

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

With a "no contest" plea comes some relief for the family of a local teen.

The plea entered Tuesday in Oakland County Circuit Court by Jami Lee Knox, the Farmington Hills mother accused of having sex with a 15-year-old friend of her son's, means both families will be spared the grueling details that would become public in a trial. The victim would have had to take the stand.

"We definitely feel relieved that there won't be a trial, for her family's sake as well as ours," said the victim's father.

Knox, 41, was arrested in July and charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct and three counts of using a computer to communicate with another to commit a crime.

The wife and mother of three could serve at least three years in prison, but faces up to 15 years. She is

expected to be sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Rae Lee Chabot on Jan. 2. The probate department will recommend a sentence after reviewing her file. She has no prior criminal record.

A "no contest" plea is considered a guilty plea and means she does not challenge the contents of the police report, said Assistant Prosecutor Robert Giles.

Had Knox entered a "not guilty" plea, she would have faced a jury trial at the end of the month.

The victim's father said the potential sentencing could have been more severe, but his family isn't spiteful.

"Right now, I can say that more (jail) time would not have bothered us, but we are not out for revenge and feel bad for her family," he said.

"She will still be a young woman when she gets out and hopefully she will get the help she needs so she can mend her relationship with her family."

He said forgiveness will come, eventually.

"More for our sake than hers," he said. "You can't carry all of this anger and vindictiveness around with you and heal."

Knox has remained free on \$50,000 personal recognizance bond and wears a tether. She was joined in court by her husband and had supporters at her side at one of the two pretrial hearings in recent weeks that were postponed due to Judge Chabot being ill.

Police said Knox engaged in communication via cell phone and e-mail before a sexual relationship began with the boy. She reportedly would call the boy's school, posing as his mother, and excuse him from school so they could meet. The relationship was discovered by the victim's parents, who then shared their concerns with authorities.

Knox's attorney, Michael McCarthy, could not be reached for comment.

Bishop stands ready to lead

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
STAFF WRITER

Rochester Republican Mike Bishop knows he has a tough job ahead of him in his new position as Senate majority leader.

In his final term as a state senator, Bishop, 39, will have to find a way to work with a Democratic governor with whom he admits he doesn't have much of a relationship, as well as a new Democratic majority in the House.

"There's a lot of anxiety, there's a lot of pressure on us to perform," he said. "I think the public was very clear about that. You can just look at the ratings for government and our rating is not what it should be."

"But there's also a lot of excitement, there's so much we can do. I'm personally excited to have an opportunity to be very proactive and work on



Bishop

lead it for the next four years. He succeeds term-limited Sen. Ken Sikkema of Wyoming, who has served as Senate majority leader since 2002.

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Bishop shouldn't try to be popular but rather emulate Engler, who had "all the things you need if you are a minority party in a three-way faceoff."

"The question is, is Mike Bishop the new John Engler. I think people have their doubts."

Ballenger served with Bishop's father, Donald, in the state Senate.

"I remember when (Mike) used to play under the desk behind me on the Senate floor," he said.

Before he officially takes over the job in January, Bishop will be working on committee assignments. He has already put together a transition team.

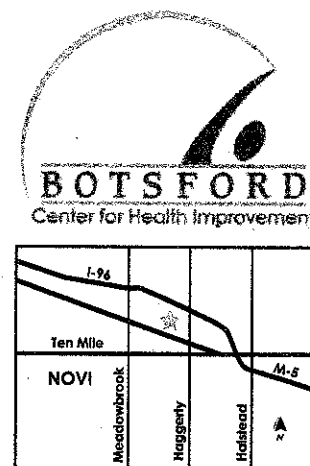
"We have to start preparing our agenda as well," he said. "I'm already at Jan. 1 right now. I have had my eyeball on that day for a long, long time. We're going to be very proactive."

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By Drew Reed
Taubman Today

North Pole — "Tis better to give than to receive," the old saying goes. Now with Holiday Gift Guides found at Twelve Oaks Mall, giving is easier than ever. Everyone has a list this time of year. Large or small, there's no shame in admitting that you might not know exactly what the people on your list need or want this holiday season. With the Holiday Gift Guides, you can get gift suggestions for everyone on your list.

Mall shopper Nina Crawford said, "I have a few specific gift ideas, but, honestly, it's primarily a list of names. I've got this long-lost uncle that no longer is lost, and I need to buy him a gift this year. Until the Holiday Gift Guides arrived at Twelve Oaks Mall I was clueless." With separate Holiday Gift Guides for Moms, Dads, Kids and Teens, you'll be able to polish off most of your list with some of the most popular gifts of the season. But don't forget about the Holiday Gift Guides full of Stocking Stuffers, Unforgettable Gift Ideas and, definitely not least, the Holiday Gift

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Here's a look at the Gift Guide

"It comes down to convenience," says Mike Fetro, General Director at Taubman Malls' agency, said. "We supported the Holiday Gift Guide initiative from the get-go. It just makes sense." And that it does. The mall has seen a huge lift in customer

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happiness and satisfaction, which can be a hard thing to achieve around the holidays. Even with this year's long shopping season, anything to make the customer happy is always welcomed.

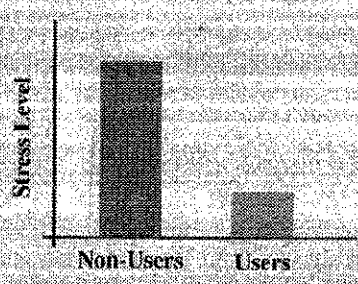
That happiness might also have something to do with the giant snow globe exhibit in Center Court. This year, the holiday exhibit is bigger than ever. Four giant snow globes surround Santa and his list of holiday to-do lists. And, scheduling, it's a nice break from the stress we endure during the holiday season. One of the most festive holiday experiences you can have is as a mall shopper as she left the mall on Friday afternoon. "My kids love it. My neighbor's kids loved it. I even saw my husband crack a smile. Amazing." Families who visit Twelve Oaks Mall this holiday season can actually step inside the huge 20-foot snow globe where it's always snowing. After exiting the giant snow globe, kids can visit with Santa and then the whole family can have a photo taken right in a scene from Antarctica with the

magic of green screen technology. Speaking of pictures, "The great holiday cards," claims one shopper at the mall last week. "The kids love it. It's just magical to see the look in their eyes as they see themselves standing in the snow of the North Pole." Green screen technology is the same method used on the evening news when the weather person is standing in front of a map that looks like a giant green screen. The special effects make it possible to transport the person in

the picture to one of two scenes from Antarctica. One family last week was seen living with multiple pictures. The mom was so impressed with the pictures that she hoped to make a calendar for the year. "This one's going in the fridge for sure," said Jody Rowland, mall shopper. "My photos are priceless and this is really tops off my holiday experience." She also used a few of the Holiday Gift Guides to polish off her naughty/nice list this year.

In closing, it is important to note that as an alternative to the traditional gift, the mall is also offering Gift Cards. "Not everyone wants to give a traditional wrapped gift in a box," says one shopper, "not to mention I have no idea what to get my brother this holiday season, so I figured, what the heck I'll just get him a Twelve Oaks Mall Gift Card, that way he can get whatever he wants." It's definitely an easy way to holiday shop, and between the Gift Guides and Holiday Gift Cards, never again should anyone on your list go giftless.

Stress Level of Holiday Gift Guide Users vs. Non-Users



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

NOVEMBER

Book and bake sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Everyone in the

community is welcome to attend. The Women of ELCA are sponsoring this sale as a fundraiser to assist Adults Saving Kids, a faith based organization dedicated to educating congregations and communities about sexual exploitation of young people in our country. For information, call (734) 420-9191.

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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.

Drum circle

7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Whirlyball for singles

7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Whirly Ball West, 41540 Grand River and Meadowbrook, Novi. Tickets, 20 and must be purchased in advance. For details, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

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.

Singles Thanksgiving dinner

6-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kings Mill, Northville. No cost but pre-registrations is required. For details, call Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Sacred music concert

Featuring Dalvin Taylor, pianist and recording artist, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at First Baptist Church

of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, Southfield. No charge, but a freewill offering will be received. For details, call (270) 796-9000 or visit www.calvin-taylormusic.org.

Sisterhood luncheon

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

Hanukkah gift shoppe

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

Thanksgiving choir festival

More than 100 voices will join in celebrating Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by brass, handbells and organ as well as an audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, one mile east of Beck, Plymouth. Participating choirs are from First United, Our Lady of Good Counsel, First Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal, and First Baptist. Brass players from the Plymouth Community Band led by Carl Battishill will add to the festivities. Admission is free but an offering will be received to benefit a local charity. Call (734) 453-5280.

Thanksgiving service

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Call (313) 255-6330.

Thanksgiving service

10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. For information, call (248) 374-7400. The church's traditional celebration features the Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Teen Choir and Children's Choir. Special presentation of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Childcare provided to age 4.

Lighthouse cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call (248) 374-5920.

Messiah

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

Blood drive

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

Christmas Hope tour

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

Worship service

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

Bridging the holidays

A program designed to help families work through the holidays and special occasions without their loved on, includes a small memorial 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at St. Cletus Catholic Church, 26256 Ryan, Warren. Winter memorial 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Best Western Hotel, 16999 South Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Come to honor and celebrate the lives of your loved one. All programs are non-denominational. No charge. RSVP requested by Nov. 27, at (800) 770-9859. Refreshments provided.

UPCOMING

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, Saturday, Dec. 2, at Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (east-bound I-96 service drive), east of Inkster, Redford. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Covenant Players

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3 during 10:30 a.m. service, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Please join us as we begin the Advent season. For information, call (313) 255-6330.

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.

Christmas music

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m. Dec. 3, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. For details, call (248) 374-7400. Through Scripture and beautiful music, this quiet and reflective candlelight service will help prepare your heart for Christmas. Childcare provided to age 4. No charge.

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@bcglobal.net.

Traditions of Christmas

Multi-event open house with carols, stories, musical performances, model train layouts, cookie decorating, crafts, displays, film, and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever 3-8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 7-8, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. A gift to the community. No tickets, donations or reservations necessary. Call (248) 644-2040.

Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 13th Annual Cookie Walk takes place Saturday, Dec. 9, at 36075 W. Seven Mile, 3/4 mile east of Newburgh on south side of street, Livonia. Doors open at 8 a.m., sale starts at 9 a.m. and lasts until we are sold out. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut and poppyseed rolls, and over 50 different varieties of ethnic (kiefie, kolachy, rugela, koulourakia, biscotti, linzer) and traditional cookies and candy will be for sale.

Christmas cookie walk

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster, Redford. Cookies are sold by the pound.

Christmas music

Christmas Jazz Vespers Service 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. For information, call (248) 374-7400. Jazz in the Spirit, from First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, will present a musical, poetic and prayer filled worship experience. Childcare provided to age 4. No charge.

25th annual concert

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 \$20 non-perishable food items. Proceeds go to Christmas Baskets prepared by St. Aidan Christian Service Commission.

Bible-based ESL classes

Mondays 7-8:30 p.m. Registration: Dec. 11 and 18 (classes closed after that), at First Baptist Church of Farmington, 33400 Shiawassee. Call (248) 474-0350 ext. 222. Open to adults 18 and over. Book fee only.

A family covenant

A new production with drama skits, music, dancing, a 150-voice choir, flying characters, big screen video, kids dream scene and mor 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, and 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 18-19, at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Tickets are \$5, children under age 3 are free, groups of 10 or more are \$3.50 per person. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, ext. 236 or visit www.dwo.org.

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 experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized. You will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history, politics, and economy of El Salvador. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455-6474.



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Age 81, of Clear Lake, WI., passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer at his home surrounded by family on November 8, 2006. Clement Robert Small was born on March 23, 1925, in Libertyville, IL., the son of Lulu Mae & George Small. Clem served in the Army in the China-Burma-India Theater during WWII. He married Elaine Mattson in 1951. He retired from the City of Livonia in 1986, moving to Bruce Crossing, MI. He later moved in 1999 to Clear Lake, WI. He is survived by his wife Elaine; sister Ruth (Maurice) Felgar and Lou Small (brother) both of Libertyville, IL; son Steven of Story, WI.; daughter Sally (Earl) Langlois of Clayton, WI; and two grandchildren Nyssa and Patrick Langlois. Services were held on November 11, 2006 at the Clear Lake United Methodist Church and a spring burial will follow in Bruce Crossing, MI.

DANIEL SZYMON BIBIK

72, November 13, 2006, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Maxine for 45 years. Loving father of David (Kimberly), Matthew (Renee), Marguerite (Chris) Johnson, Katherine (Robert) Berger and Elizabeth. Dear brother of Leonard, Raymond, Martha Cesare. Loving grandfather of Thaddeus, Jacob, Michael, Kody, Rebecca, Chyenne, Amanda and Aaron. Funeral Service Thursday, November 16th, 11:30 am, at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Miles Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice.

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DOLORES MCCARTHY

Of Lake Leelanau, died Monday, November 13, 2006 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Dolores was born Nov. 17, 1929 in Elwood, Indiana, the daughter of Melford and Bertha (Behr) McCan. On Nov. 16, 1951 in Bloomington, Indiana, she married her loving husband of fifty-four years, Charles Francis McCarthy who survives. For many years, Dolores worked in the Birmingham school system and was a teacher in the Great Books Program. She and Charles made their home in the Detroit area for many years prior to moving to Lake Leelanau in 1985. Dolores' love was reading, entertaining, music and her family. She cherished the time she spent with her family and was always there to provide sage advice. She was the songbird at social and family gatherings, with a voice as beautiful as a bird in flight. Our Angel's voice is silent now but will sing in our hearts forever. Dolores is survived by her husband, Charles; three sons, Michael (Christine Koch) McCarthy of Birmingham, Daniel McCarthy of Grand Rapids, Patrick (Lou Ann) McCarthy of Santa Fe, TN; a brother, Robert McCan of Winston Salem, NC; son-in-law, Linus Couturier of Lake Leelanau; six grand children, Ashley Couturier of Lake Leelanau, Colleen and Dellen McCarthy of Santa Fe, TN, Mitchell, Hayden and Lillian McCarthy of Grand Rapids. she is also survived by her extended family Jane Marcinkowski and Tricia Hawthorne. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Betty Lou Willsey and a daughter, Lesley Ann McCarthy. Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 17 from 4-7pm at the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay A committal service will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at 11am, also at the funeral home. A procession to and burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Lake Leelanau will follow the committal service. The Rev. Michael Janowski will serve as celebrant. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association, Development Office, 25900 Greenfield Rd., Ste. 401, Oak Park, MI 48237; Leukemia Lymphoma Society, 1020 Hastings St., Ste. 105, Traverse City, MI 49686 and/or to Munson Hospice House, 1105 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI 49684. Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay, 1-877-271-3441

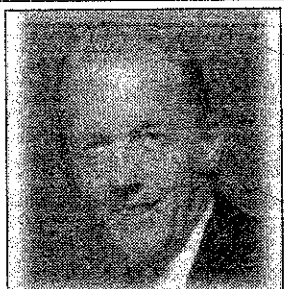


DONALD W. REAMY

Age 77, of White Lake, MI, passed away 11-14-06. Survived by brother, Leland and nieces and nephews of three brothers. Previously preceded by brothers, Ralph and Howard. Donald worked at Cass Elementary School, Livonia, MI for over 20 years. Services at Elton Black & Son's Funeral Home, White Lake, MI on Monday, Nov. 20, 2006 at 7pm.

ELEANORE M. ARNISON

of Plymouth, died November 14, 2006, at Chelsea Retirement Center in Chelsea, Michigan. Eleanore was born November 4, 1913, in the state of Washington to the Rev. Fredrick E. Stern and Lydia N. Pieper Stern. The family later moved to Michigan where she married Leonard W. Arnison on November 4, 1938. A long-time resident of Plymouth, Eleanore was a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church for over 50 years. Her love of traveling took her to many places around the world including Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Hawaii, Europe, and at age 86 she took an Alaskan cruise. Eleanore loved her garden and spent many happy hours there. A lifelong student, her interests included history, languages, and literature, as well as a love of classical music. Eleanore worked for the State of Michigan as a medical secretary at the former Plymouth State Home until her retirement in 1978, and for many years volunteered her time transcribing books to Braille for the Tri-County Braille Volunteers. Other volunteer activities included driving senior citizens to medical appointments for FISH. Eleanore is survived by her three daughters, Nancy Possley, Christine Arnison, and Martha (Donald) LeCom; two granddaughters, Jennifer Possley and Melissa (Scott) Taylor, both of Florida; and three great-grandchildren, Marc, Logan, and Lily Taylor. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard. Viewing will be at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth on Thursday November 16, from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. A memorial service will be held Friday, 3pm, in the chapel at Towsley Village, Chelsea Retirement Center, in Chelsea. Call Schrader-Howell Funeral Home at 734-453-3333 for information.



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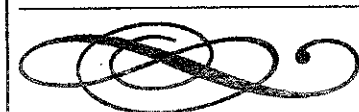
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JAMES W. ROWLAND

Passed away on November 13, 2006, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak following a long illness. Husband of the late Margaret E. Rowland for 50 years. She passed away in 1993. Father of Wendy (Stephen) Gatchie of Jamestown, OH, Ellen (Scott) Manint of Palantine, IL, and Mark D. (Frankie) Rowland of Ossining, NY. Grandfather of Katie, Leigh, Amie, and Melissa. He graduated from Cranbrook School, attended Wesleyan University in Ohio and received his degree in Law at the University of Detroit. Lifetime resident of Birmingham. Attorney with office in Troy, being awarded the distinction by The State Board of Michigan "50 years plus". His college was delayed during WWII. Jim served in the Army of the United States for years in the Pacific Theater of Operations as a Navigator aboard a four engine Liberator Bomber. He belonged to The First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, Rotary Club of Birmingham, Michigan Bar Association, and Canadian Creek Ranch (fun place near Atlanta, MI). Funeral service at The Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham on Thursday, November 16, 2006, at 11:00 AM with Reverend Dr. Carl Price officiating. Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Memorial tributes may be made to The Salvation Army.

JACQUELYN E. TROUTMAN

Age 78, a lifelong resident of Plymouth, passed away peacefully on November 10, 2006. She was born September 10, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan, to John and Lucille (Cook) Dalton. She was united in marriage to Harvey on June 22, 1974, until his death in 1990. Mrs. Troutman received her BA from Michigan State University in Food and Nutrition and her MA in Instructional Media Technology. She was a teacher for Plymouth High School and Middle School. She was also an author, even publishing her latest book. Jacquelyn was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. She was also a member of the Home Economics Association and Retired Teachers Association. She enjoyed writing, swimming, and being a world traveler. She was involved in many charitable organizations. Survivors include her children, David J. Johnson, Matthew A. Johnson, Meg Sliwinski, and Anne D. Johnson; her step-children, David, Daniel, Dana, and Debbie; 18 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Rev. James Skimins and Rev. Emily Campbell officiated the service. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Christian Children's Fund, PO Box 26507, Richmond, VA 23261. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.



JANE A. BARRETT

Age 83 of Livonia. Born July, 1923 - Died November 8, 2006. Loving mother of Sandra, Paul and Suzanne. Predeceased by son, Gregory. Grandmother of E.J., Jessica, Adam, Eric, Elizabeth, Tony & Jesse. Great-grandmother of Mason & Camden. Loving sister of Lloyd Wallace. Her love, laughter, hugs & kisses will be missed by all who knew her. Family and friends will honor her life at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 18, 2006 at Praise Chapel, 34645 Cowan Rd., Westland.



JEFFREY PAUL JONES

Nov. 13, 2006 of Plymouth, age 59. Beloved husband, loving father and grandfather, he was a hero to his family. Born in Des Moines, Iowa, December 15, 1946, the third child of Robert and Mary Jones. Jeff graduated from Stepinac High School in White Plains, NY in 1964. He earned his BS, MS, and MBA from the University of Detroit. He was active in Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity, serving as his chapter's President and Pledge Master. Jeff worked as an engineer and a supervisor for Ford Motor Company, and then Visteon, for 36 years. He was an active volunteer with the Plymouth, Michigan Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Jan; son Ralph Jones (Marietta), daughter Rachel Smith (Paul), grandchildren Luka and Niko Jones, sisters Sheila Reagan and Molly Jones, brother R. Michael Jones, and maternal uncle Paul Burd. He is predeceased by a brother, Christopher Jones. Service Saturday 11:00 a.m. at Plymouth Salvation Army 9451 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Friday 5-8 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Memorial contributions to the Salvation Army or Karmanos Cancer Institute would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence for the family go to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

LOUIS J. LAVIGNE SR.

Louis died peacefully in Orinda Convalescent Hospital, Orinda, CA. on November 8, 2006 at the age of 89. A native of Michigan, he moved with his wife Shirley, to Antioch, CA in August 1995. Louis was born July 4, 1917 in Cheboygan, MI, and graduated from Cheboygan High School, and Chillicothe Business College. Louis was a retired banker. He became a major in the U.S. Army during World War II. His banking career began at Citizens National Bank upon his return to his hometown of Cheboygan, MI, in 1945. He left his executive Vice President position at Citizens to become President of Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington, MI. The last position held in his banking career was as assistant Vice President of Mortgages at Manufacturers Bank of Southfield. He is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley, son Louis Jr. and daughter-in-law Shelley, daughter Cara and son-in-law Andy. He was Grandpop to Stephanie and Gordon, Great Grandpop to Zachary, Benjamin, Max, Emily and Jack. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Macular Degeneration Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871 or to Alzheimer's Association, 2065 W. El Camino Real, Suite C, Mountain View, CA 94040.

MARY-JO HEWITT

Age 73, died in Miami, FL. on October 24, 2006. Mary-Jo grew up in Philadelphia, PA., lived most of her adult life in Livonia and Plymouth, MI., moving to Miami in 2001. She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Janet Hewitt of Lexington, KY, and Cynthia Hewitt and Fritz Hayes of Miami, as well as many family members and friends. Mary-Jo was known for her compassion and willingness to help others, which she continued after her death by donating her body to the University of Miami Medical School. She established a scholarship fund at the University of Michigan-Dearborn to provide women in need the opportunity to go to college to obtain the necessary skills to become economically empowered. Memorial donations may be sent to University of Michigan-Dearborn, Institutional Advancement, 4901 Evergreen Rd. 1040AB, Dearborn, MI., 48128-1491. Checks should be made out to "UN-D" and note "Hewitt Scholarship." A memorial service will be held in Miami on January 21, 2007.



NAOMI E. DAVIDSON

Age 88, November 12, 2006, after a long illness, preceded in death by her loving and beloved husband Russell W. Jr. (Lorraine), Douglas D. (Susan), Donna W. Taylor (Ron), Charles G. (JoAnn); loving grandmother of Lisa Piontek (Michael), Robert Hammond (Ann), Laura Kancelerz (David), Richard Hammond (Lisa), Russell W. Davidson III (Tanya), Christopher O. Davidson (Julia); and nine great-grandchildren. A private memorial is scheduled. Funeral arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home-Redford

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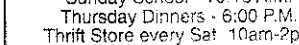
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Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5'6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

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

IS IT YOU?
Bright SBF, 18, full-figured, confident, independent, enjoys cooking, shopping, friends. ISO nice, honest respectful guy intelligent, motivated, goal-oriented who likes having fun, sports, good talk. Friendship first. ☎135256

WANTED: KIND-HEARTED WOMAN
SWF, 38, full-figured 5'8", seeks SWF, 25-50, who loves animals, parks, books, movies and music, someone kind-hearted, good-humored and outgoing, for a real friendship first. ☎136379

BROWN SUGAR
Sexy SBF, 49, N/S, likes church, going out, parties, movies, concerts, seeks man, 45-65, for quiet times, and more. ☎138528

ARE YOU THE ONE 4 ME?
SF, 29, loves family, the outdoors, cooking, people, more. Looking for bright, level-headed, goal-oriented, family-oriented man w/big heart and open mind to share life and all it's little adventures. ☎139414

BIG GIRLS NEED LUV
SBF, 31, marriage-minded, N/S, romantic, seeks man, 25-58, likes children, having fun, for friendship, maybe more. ☎140252

FIND ME
Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5' 3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113001

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

FRIENDS FIRST
SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎93970

ONE GOOD WOMAN
BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM, 38-55, to do and share things together. Must like pets. ☎947175

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

SINGLE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN
SWPF, 45, 5'9", average build, educated, Capricorn, N/S, loves golf, reading, gardening, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, 38-55, N/S, similar interests, for LTR. ☎963176

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

TAKE A CHANCE
SWF, 37, likes motorcycles, movies, Star Wars, seeks WM, 34-35, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, and more. ☎114057

LOOKING FOR ME?
Hard-working, affectionate SAF, 47, 5'1", 95lbs, very clean, N/S, N/D, loving and fun, seeks independent, responsible, respectful, secure man, 45-50, to share the special times in life. ☎113534

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

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 158lbs, 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

LOOKING FOR ME?
Energetic SBPF, 52, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, N/S, to share these. Let's talk ☎135617

AWAITING YOUR CALL
Caring, considerate WIAF, 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. ☎137087

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

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

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

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. ☎121528

LOVELY AND LOVING
Attractive 52-year-old, blonde/green, 5'5", nice figure, romantic, wanting to meet a very romantic, affectionate SM, 42-52, who will treat her like a queen. ☎617628

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

IN SEARCH OF
Optimistic, healthy WIAF, 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

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

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

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

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

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

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

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentleman, 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

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. Honestly, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

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

WORTH YOUR TIME
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

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

NEW TO AREA
SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

THE FINER THINGS
SBM, 40, 5' 11", average build, likes sports, theater, movies, parks, seeks energetic, open-minded, sincere woman, 25-65, for friendship, possible romance. ☎141614

JOIN ME
SWM, 38, looks younger, active, open-minded, honest, respectful, health-conscious, goal-oriented. I enjoy cuddling, family time, sports, festivals, running, etc. ISO SWF, 35-42, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎140569

SERIOUS
SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. ☎912726

JOIN ME?
Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9", 200lbs, N/S, homeowner, enjoys karaoke, oldies music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new people. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere lady to share the special moments in life. ☎982461

DRAMA FREE
SBM, 34, 6' 1", 235lbs, athletic build, N/S, seeks attractive woman, 22-40, N/S, nice shape, for LTR. ☎134389

HOPETO HEAR FROM YOU
Affectionate DWM, 64, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎920969

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

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

WILL IT BE YOU?
Honest, loyal DWM, 48, 5'10", 135lbs, blond/blue, self-employed, enjoys bonfires, sports, quiet nights, cuddling, much more. W/MTM a special lady, H/W proportionate, to share the good things in life. ☎139670

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

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

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

THE LONG RUN
Male, 31, smoker, 6' 3", 200lbs, clean-cut, hazel eyes, seeks smart, intelligent SWF, 21-28, HWP, for friendship, and more. ☎138369

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

HOPETO HEAR FROM YOU
Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎655207

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. ☎66846

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, 48, 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

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

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

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

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

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

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

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. ☎135531

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

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. ☎264993

HARD MAN TO FIND
Fit, affectionate SM, 5'10", 180lbs. Seeking attractive female, 35-55. Enjoys outdoor activities, movies, cooking, camping. Looking for same qualities, and interests, for LTR. ☎972550

CALL ME SOMETIME
Professional WIAF, 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

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SBM, 25, 5'8", 190lbs, dark complexion, long hair, no kids, looking for fun, energetic lady affectionate and real, who knows how to have fun in life. ☎122364

TAKE A CHANCE
Attractive SWPM, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food. Seeking romance with shapely, like-minded SBF, someone to share/explore life with. ☎761566

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

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

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

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎60305

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎969189

NICE GUY
SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

ECONOMICALLY VIABLE
SWPM, 54, 5'11", 170lbs, trim, Aquarius, N/S, likes music, art, golf, landscapes, architecture seeks WFF, 44-60, attractive, fit, active, financially secure, intelligent, possible LTR. ☎934220

THAT'S ALL
SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116761



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Division 1 football semifinal: Canton vs. Rockford

Think OSU-Michigan is 'The Game'? Think again

Are you ready for "The Game" on Saturday? You know, the one that will pit No. 1 against No. 2.

The one that will propel the winner into the championship showdown on the biggest football stage around.



Ed Wright

The one that will kick off about two-and-a-half hours before Saturday's other big game between a couple of longtime collegiate border rivals.

That's right, we're talking Canton-Rockford here, not Ohio State-Michigan.

The biggest clash in these parts will involve "The Team That Never Punts" (Canton) vs. "The Team That Rarely Loses Late in the Playoffs" (Rockford). No. 1 (Canton) against No. 2 (Rockford).

If last year's Division 1 state championship game is any indication — Rockford won a 31-21 thriller — Saturday's 1 p.m. semifinal tussle between the Chiefs and Rams at Lansing Everett High School should be a classic rematch along the lines of Rocky Balboa vs. Apollo Creed II.

MUCH TO LIKE

Canton is an easy team to root for with its blue-collar offense, injuries-be-

damned resilience and, well, because it's an incredibly positive public relations machine for this area. The amount of feel-good press the Chiefs have generated for the Plymouth and Canton communities the past two years is off the charts.

Thanks to the Chiefs' gridiron success, this area is more than just the home to IKEA and the "Ice Festival" when it comes to name recognition among out-of-towners. I can't tell you how many times I've been Up North, in Lansing (my hometown) or elsewhere, mentioned to somebody I live in Canton, and they've replied, "Oh, they have a pretty good football team, don't they?"

PLEASE SEE **THE GAME**, B3

LET'S DO IT AGAIN

What: Division 1 semifinal football game between Canton and Rockford.

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.

Where: Lansing Everett High School.

Why this is 'The Game': Canton and Rockford are ranked 1-2 in the state, respectively, and are 51 weeks removed from last year's D1 state final game, which the Rams won, 31-21.

Tickets: Can be purchased in advance from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$6 a piece today and Friday in the Canton High School athletics department office, which is located in Phase III.

Hear it: For those who can't make the game, Ryan Winn and Mark Maletic will broadcast it live on WSDP 88.1FM.

2006 girls basketball tourney tips off

Wait 'til next year

Young Wildcats fall to Novi, 41-26

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The fountain of youth would be a fitting symbol for this year's underclassmen-led Plymouth girls basketball team.

While the young, inexperienced Wildcats showed the kind of growth and improvement this season that could turn them into contenders in 2007, the fountain ran dry in Monday's Class A District game when they suffered a 41-26 loss to Novi.

The defeat dropped Plymouth's season-ending record to 8-13, but it didn't diminish the glowing review coach Richelle Reilly gave her gutsy team following the game at South Lyon High School.

"I thought we played extremely hard tonight against a really good up-and-down transition team," said Reilly. "I was very happy with our effort. Novi didn't get one transition bucket until late in the fourth quarter when we were

PLEASE SEE **WILDCATS**, B2

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Stacey Klonowski prepares to unleash a left-handed hook shot against Novi's Taylor Graybiel and Kristine Chaklos during Monday night's 41-26 loss in the first round of the Class A District tournament.

Hollowell's the hero

Junior's putback at 0:01 lifts Chiefs over Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If at first you don't succeed ... follow your own shot.

Canton junior center Baylee Hollowell followed that advice to a "T" Wednesday night when she converted her own missed shot with a short layup with 0:01 left to give the Chiefs a dramatic 37-35 victory over cross-campus rival Salem in a Class A District semifinal game played at South Lyon High School.

Everyone in attendance turned their eyes to the closest official immediately after Hollowell's shot to see if he ruled it was in time. When he signaled it counted, the Chiefs' bench swarmed their latest hero. The Rocks, on the other hand, walked off the court with stunned looks on their faces after suffering their second loss to the Chiefs in the past eight days.

The victory advances Canton (19-2) into Friday night's final against the winner of Wednesday's Novi-Northville clash. Tip-off for the final is set for 7 p.m. at South Lyon.

"Baylee is a hard worker who never gives up and it paid off tonight," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "This is a good win for us, but it doesn't mean a lot if we can't win Friday."

Hollowell's heroics capped a wild final five minutes that included three lead changes and three game-tying shots.

After the Rocks matched their biggest lead of the night — 29-25 — with 5:10 left on Tayler Langham's lay-up, Canton retaliated by knotting the game at 29-all on a driving lay-up by Ja'nee Morton with 3:40 left and Marie

Martin's 16-foot jumper at the 2:45 mark.

Langham drained 1-of-2 free throws with 2:34 to go to put Salem up 30-29, but Morton struck again with a successful baseline drive to give the Chiefs a 31-30 advantage with 2:20 to play.

After senior guard Becci Houdek padded Canton's cushion to 33-30 with a driving, left-handed shot off the glass, Alaya Mitchell deadlocked the game at 33-all with a 20-foot triple over the outstretched fingertips of Houdek.

Canton grabbed a 35-33 lead on a short Hollowell banker with 57 seconds, but Salem's Lauren Kurtz tied the game for the last time at 35-all with a lay-up at the 31-second mark.

The Chiefs put the ball in the hands of Houdek with 15 seconds to play. She got doubled-up by Mitchell and Teresa Coppiellie while looking for space for a baseline drive and dished the ball to Hollowell, who missed then hit to keep the Chiefs alive.

"I was very pleased with how we defended Becci and Ja'nee tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "But they had a couple of other players step up at the end and hit some big shots for them."

After missing her first seven shots, Morton finished strong and led the winner with 11 points. Hollowell finished with 10 points and eight boards and Houdek added seven and five, respectively.

All of Salem's points came from their starters. Kurtz led the way with nine points and nine rebounds; Langham contributed eight while Mitchell, Chelsea Davis and Coppiellie all added six.

Stencil makes cut in more ways than one

ALLY STENCEL'S

FAVORITE...

- **TV show:** 'The Price Is Right'.
- **Movie:** 'Finding Nemo'.
- **Teacher:** Mr. Sutherland (American Media Studies and Practical Law).
- **Classes:** Science and math.
- **Restaurant:** Benihana.
- **Professional athlete:** Michael Phelps.

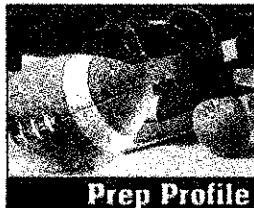
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's not every student-athlete who can gain a competitive edge and help out a charity at the same time.

Count Salem senior swimmer Ally Stencel among the select few.

The big-hearted, fast-stroking captain recently helped a cancer patient and her own freestyle times with a simple haircut.

"I had super-long blonde hair, but it was getting all 'chlorine-y' looking so I decided to get it cut," explained Stencel, a four-time state-meet qualifier for the Rocks. "Since I was going to get it cut any way, I told them to take 11-and-a-half inches off so that I could



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donate it to 'Locks of Love,' a charity that makes wigs for cancer patients who lose their hair from chemotherapy and radiation. They can only use it if it's at least 10 inches in length."

"My mom told me that after getting so much hair cut off, I'd

have a smaller bump in my swim cap, so my times would be faster. Sure enough, the next week I swam my best times ever at the (WLAA) conference meet, so it turns out she was right."

Beginning tomorrow, Stencel will be competing in her fourth consecutive Division 1 state meet at Oakland University in

PLEASE SEE **STENCEL**, B5

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pictured above is three-time state meet-qualifying Salem swimmer Ally Stencel before she got 11 inches of her hair cut off to help a charity.

Calling all Turkey Bowl participants

Do you participate in an annual Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Bowl" football game with friends and/or members of your family — or do you know someone who does?

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Rocks survive South Lyon's press, 31-27

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For a good portion of Monday night's Class A District opener between Salem and South Lyon, it was difficult to tell which team was 17-3 and which one was 3-17.

In the end, the 17-3 Rocks prevailed, 31-27, but not before getting quite a scare in the 3-17 Lions' den.

The victory earned Salem a ticket into Wednesday night's semi-final game against Canton at South Lyon High School (see page B1). The setback capped South Lyon's season at 3-18.

The underdog Lions led as late as the 2:37 mark of the fourth quarter when Salem's Tayler Langham banked in a baseline drive to give the Rocks the lead for good, 28-27. Coach Fred Thomann's squad sealed the win down the stretch with vise-like defense and single free throws from Langham, Chelsea Davis and Alaya Mitchell.

"I thought we put ourselves in good position early in the third quarter when we went up 10, but we got really sloppy with a couple of offensive possessions," said Thomann. "Then all of a sudden their press kicks in, we get two or three straight turnovers and all of a sudden it's a ballgame."

South Lyon coach Erica Thomas said Monday night's loss was a microcosm of her team's close-but-not-many-wins season.



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Salem's Alaya Mitchell drives around South Lyon's Stephanie Spehar Monday night.

"At least half of our losses this season have been by less than 10 points," Thomas lamented. "The thing I love about this team is that it doesn't matter who we're playing — a bottom-tiered school or one that is ranked in the top 20

like Salem — it always fights."

Only two players managed to hit double figures in scoring in the defense-dominated contest — Langham and Teresa Coppiellie both netted 10 for the winners. South Lyon sophomore center Danielle Gotham

paced her team with nine points and eight rebounds.

Salem sophomore Chelsea Davis only scored five points, but she filled up just about every other statistical category with big numbers including rebounds (seven), steals (five) and blocks (three).

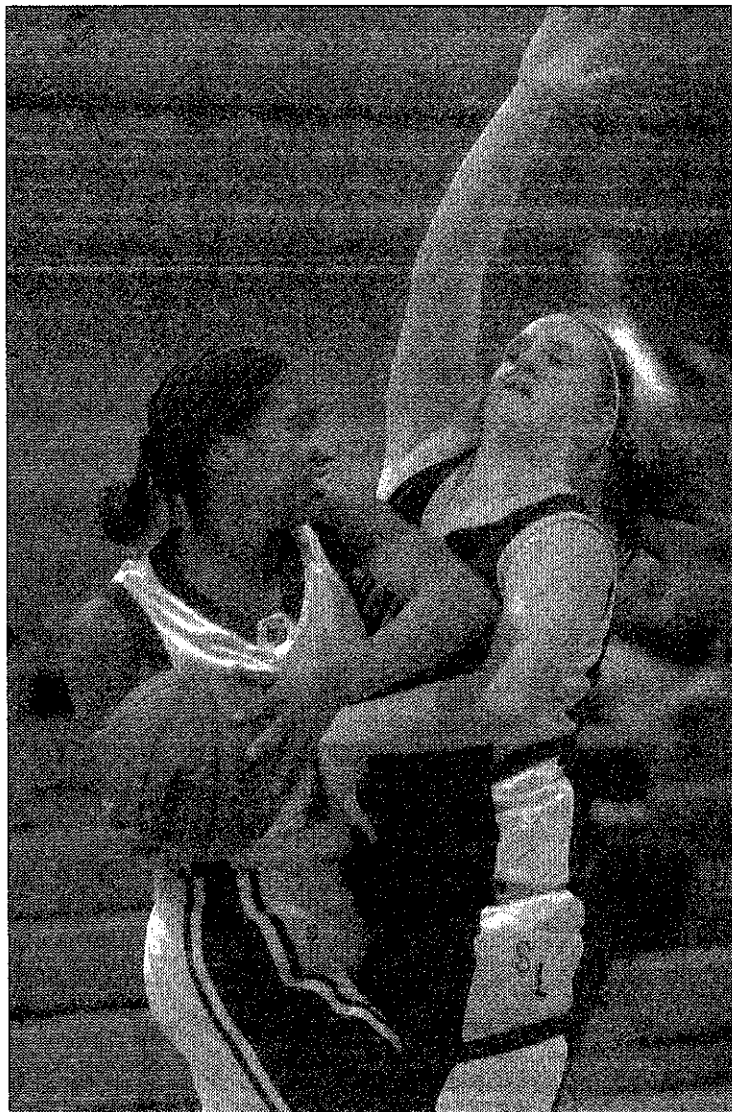
"Chelsea really did a nice job tonight," Thomann asserted. "That's the way we need her to play for us. She needs to attack her player defensively like she did tonight, rebound the basketball and get those putbacks around the rim."

South Lyon's sophomore-heavy lineup (the Lions started three 10th graders and put as many as four on the court at one time) looked overmatched during the game's first 18 minutes when they fell into an 18-8 hole against the senior-led Rocks.

The Lions got back into the game during a whirlwind four-minute stretch mid-way through the third quarter when they went on an 11-0 run after their press forced three straight Salem turnovers. Gotham and Kim Fix led the charge with four points a piece.

The game see-sawed back and forth the rest of the way until the Rocks could finally let out a sigh of relief when Mitchell's free throw put them up by four with 13 seconds to play.

"I think our biggest problem tonight was that the girls weren't focusing as much on tonight's game as they were looking ahead to playing



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Tayler Langham fights off South Lyon's Amanda Thomas during the third quarter of Monday night's 31-27 Rock victory.

Canton," said Thomann. "But South Lyon has a very nice young team and some very good young players, and they play as hard as heck."

Coppiellie led all rebounders with 10. Both Lauren Kurtz and Langham grabbed eight.

Salem hit 12-of-49 field goals (24.4 percent) and 8-of-18 free throws (44.4). South Lyon went 9-of-32 from the field (28.1) and 9-of-12 from the stripe (75).

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WILDCATS

FROM PAGE B1

over-extending our defense and pressing.

"I thought the girls did a great job the entire game of taking away their transition opportunities. I asked the kids to give me a great effort tonight and they came through. We just couldn't get many shots to drop and there were some little things that hurt us."

The Wildcats, who were playing without injured starting point guard Jalesa Moise,

were done in by their shooting woes. They managed to find the bottom of the net on just 9-of-49 field goals (18.3 percent) and 7-of-21 free throws (33 percent). Novi, on the other hand, buried 15-of-42 from the field (35.7 percent) and 8-of-19 free throws (42.1 percent).

Sophomore Kelsi Robinson led the Wildcats offensively with 11 points and five rebounds. Fellow sophomore Shaakira Haywood added five points and 14 boards while freshman Stacey Klonowski chipped in with four points and 10 rebounds.

Novi senior guard Stephanie

Crawford led all scorers with 12. Freshman Caroline Johnson added nine while senior forward Amanda Diacono had five points and five rebounds.

The green-and-white Wildcats raced to a 13-6 first-quarter lead and 25-16 half-time advantage.

The decisive second half was all about runs. After Novi extended its lead to 29-18 on a Diacono jumper mid-way through the third, Robinson accounted for all the points in a 6-0 Plymouth run that brought it to within 29-24. However, Novi outscored

their younger foes 12-2 down the stretch to advance to the second round of the tourney against Northville.

"I thought Kelsi Robinson played a good game," said Reilly. "She really asserted herself as an offensive player tonight."

"We had the kind of year where we had to rely on a lot of young, talented players who were learning and growing as the season went on. Unfortunately, our five seniors don't have the luxury of returning for another year to be a part of the progress we're going to make. We have a lot of good players coming back and we're going to be a much-improved team next year."

HURON VALLEY 47, AGAPE 33: In a Class D district opener Tuesday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (12-8) won the "rubber match" against Michigan Independent Athletic Conference foe Canton Agape Christian (7-11).

Amanda Gruenewald and Katie Kipfmiller each scored 11 points for the victorious Hawks, who split during the regular season with Agape.

Brianne Chrenko tallied 14 for the Wolverines, who trailed 23-11 at halftime.

Huron Valley was 10-of-19 from the free-throw line, while



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood gets fouled in the act of shooting by Novi's Taylor Graybiel during Monday night's Class A District opener won by Novi, 41-26.

Agape was 9-of-20.

FORTEN ACADEMY 42, PCA 14: Keara Wilson tallied 10 points Tuesday as Detroit Charlotte Forten Academy (12-9) cruised by Plymouth Christian Academy (11-10) in the Class D district at Huron Valley Lutheran.

Forten, coached by former Redford Bishop Borgess coach Dave Mann, led 15-7 at half-time and 26-14 after three quarters before the Bulldogs pulled away with 14-0 fourth-quarter run.

Megan Greve led PCA with five points.

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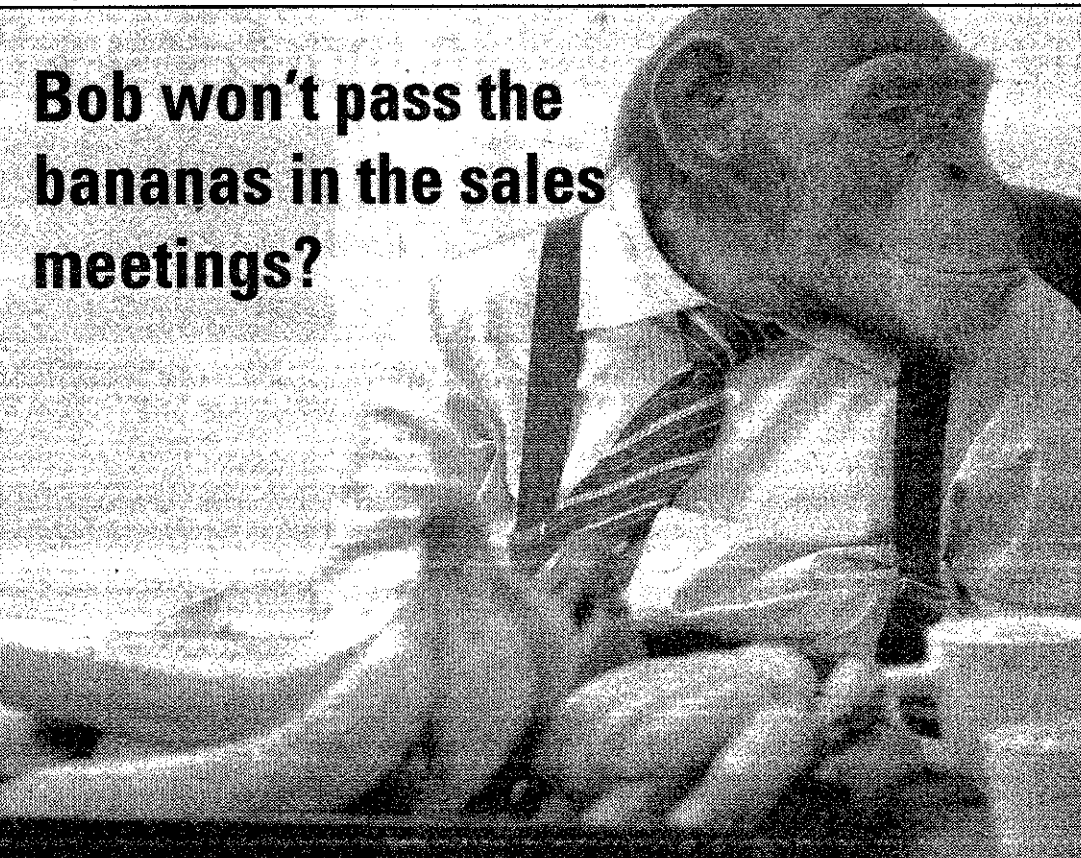
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THE GAME

FROM PAGE B1

Ten years ago, they may have come back with, "You mean Canton, Ohio?"

Good news travels fast — just like the Chiefs' offense.

RESPECTED FOES

While it's easy to root against the two-time defending Division 1 champion Rams, it's just as difficult to hate them. Coach Ralph Munger runs a class program and his winning percentage is right up there with Canton coach Tim Baechler's.

While the black-clad Rams will play Darth Vader to the Chiefs' Luke Skywalker on Saturday, there's nothing Darth Vaderish about the way Rockford plays: clean, fast and hard.

Players from both teams came out of last year's battle saying it was the hardest-hitting game they'd ever played in. With everything that's riding on this weekend's game, last year's final may be the *second* hardest-hitting game they've played in at about 3 p.m. on Saturday.

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

The most impressive thing about the Chiefs this season isn't necessarily their 12-0 record — it's how they've reached perfection. How many teams can lose their top two quarterbacks to knee injuries — one for the season, the other for three games — and play without arguably their most dynamic running back (who also suffered a knee injury) for most of the year and not miss a beat? Off-hand, I can only think of one, and it wears red-and-white uniforms and red C's on its helmets.

Baechler has had to deal so frequently this season with torn ACL's and stretched MCL's that, at times, he's probably felt more like an orthopedic surgeon than a football coach.

And the one time all year they had their backs against the wall — when South Lyon drove deep into Canton territory late in the District final game two weeks ago with a chance to take the lead — the Chiefs came up with a huge turnover.

ONE MAN'S OPINION

Which brings us to Saturday. After poring over mounds of statistics related to Saturday's game, here's my educated guess about what's going to unfold on the field I called home while playing for Lansing Harry Hill in the late-70s.

Like Ali and Frazier, both teams will battle toe-to-toe for the first three quarters. With five minutes to play, Rockford's best player, Callan Sherd, takes a middle screen to the end zone, giving the Rams' a 24-21 lead.

Before the ensuing kickoff, Baechler gathers his troops around him for one final speech.

"This is what we've been working for since our first practice in August!" Baechler reminds his contingent. "Don't let this be our seniors' last game!"

It won't be.

With their adrenaline flowing faster than a Nick Moore's touchdown run, the Chiefs take over at their 30 and methodically drive down the field thanks in large part to their specialty: two fourth-and-short conversions.

With less than a minute left, quarterback Steve Paye forces the Rams' secondary to bite with a perfect play-fake to Deshon McClendon. He then lofts a rainbow pass to tight end Billy Turner in the corner of the end zone.

The Chiefs win, 28-24.

Let's see Michigan and Ohio State top that.

'Tis better to block than receive

Canton's tight ends take pride in paving way for running backs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

What are the two most important lessons Brandon Fender has learned since he was moved from quarterback to tight end three years ago in Canton's pound-the-ball-on-the-ground offense?

"First, you'd better learn to love to block, which I have," Fender said. "You also learn that when you do get a pass thrown to you, you'd better not drop it because they don't come very often."

Over the past two seasons, Fender has teamed with fellow senior Billy Turner to form a sure-handed, block-first, catch-second receiving duo who take as much pride in opening up lanes for their running backs as they do hauling in Steve Paye spirals.

"I don't mind the fact that we're mostly blockers because the team comes before me," said Turner, who also starts as an outside linebacker on the Chiefs' defense.

Turner admits that his heart rate increases at least a little bit on the rare occasions that Chief quarterback Steve Paye calls his number.

"I get goosebumps when they call a pass play to me," he said. "Because we pound the ball so much on the ground, the other team's safety usually runs up to stop the run, so I fake like I'm going to block him then I run right past him."

When the ball does come their way, Fender and Turner are like Allstate



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Pictured above is a rare moment when Canton tight ends Billy Turner (left) and Brandon Fender get to touch the football. The two receivers take pride in their blocking ability for the Chiefs' run-first offense and don't mind the fact that pass plays are few and far between.

Insurance salesmen — the good hands people. Despite limited opportunities, they've both snared three TD's a piece this season. Two of Fender's end zone finders came in the Chiefs' 70-14 victory over Northville.

"Because we are usually so wide open, we

have to concentrate more on catching the ball because, like coach Baechler says, if we do drop it, everybody will remember it," Fender said.

Both players touched the ball in last year's Division 1 state final game against Rockford. Fender hauled in a pair of Shawn Little aeriels, one of which led to the Chiefs' final touchdown.

Turner's lone touch was less memorable — a short return of a squib kickoff that ended with a train wreck-like collision that he took the brunt of.

"It wasn't as bad as it looked," Turner said, smiling. "I was jacked from the beginning because it was a short kick and I only had one blocker in front of me and they had seven guys coming at me full speed. When I watch the DVD of the game with my family, they always say it looks like one of those 'Jacked-up' tackles that they show on Monday Night Football."

Speaking of tackles, Turner has made many from his outside-linebacking post.

"Linebacker is probably my favorite position," Turner said, "but I love playing offense, too."

Fender also has a dual role with the Chiefs — that of long-snapper on extra points, field goals and the rare punts the Chiefs are forced to make.

"I might try to be long-snapper in college," said Fender, whose has gotten some looks as a tight end from a few Division III schools.

Neuvirth shines in Whalers' win

The Plymouth Whalers received strong goaltending from Michal Neuvirth, two goals and an assist from Dan Collins and excellent special teams play en route to a 4-1 victory over the Sarnia Sting in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 3,002 at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Plymouth, which won 4-0 on Friday against Owen Sound and 6-5 on Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena in a shootout against Sarnia, is now 11-9-0-0, good for third place in the OHL's West Division. Sarnia remains in second place in the OHL West with a record of 13-6-0-1.

Collins has seven goals on the season. Andrew Fournier scored the game-winning goal with his second of the season in the second period and Jared Boll added his sixth goal of the season. Jared Gomes scored the lone Sarnia goal in the first period, his eighth of the year.

Neuvirth — a second round pick of the NHL's Washington Capitals — was particularly effective early in the first period and then in the third period for Plymouth. The Whalers built a 3-1 lead after forty minutes of play and Neuvirth stopped all 20 Sarnia shots in the third period while the Plymouth penalty killers killed off four

straight Sarnia power plays.

Sarnia outshot Plymouth, 41-30, in the game.

With the game tied, 1-1, after one period of play, Fournier scored at 10:17 of the second period when Joe Gaynor dug the puck out of the right corner in the Sarnia zone and found Collins behind the goal. Collins found Fournier out in front, who scored from the hash marks. Collins then scored at 13:23 of the second period on a two-man Plymouth power play when he ripped a hard shot from the slot by Sarnia goaltender Parker VanBuskirk.

Collins scored his second goal of the game at 12:14 of the third peri-

od when the Whalers caught Sarnia pinching and Plymouth broke into Sting territory on a four-on-one. Wes Cunningham skated to the top of the right circle in the Sarnia zone and found Collins on the left wing lip of the goal crease.

Plymouth is back in action at the Compuware Sports Arena next Friday against first-place Saginaw at 7:05 p.m. The Whalers host Kingston next Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Ignition (2-0) kick KiXX, 10-8

The Detroit Ignition (2-0) began the club's 2006-07 road schedule with a 10-8 overtime victory in Philadelphia against the KiXX (0-2) in front of 8,190 at the Wachovia Spectrum on Saturday.

Detroit struck first with a 2-point goal from Ricardinho off a pass from Hewerton, giving the visiting Ignition the 2-0 lead at 1:35 of the opening frame. Forward Shawn Boney evened the score for Philadelphia with a 2-point restart goal with 19 seconds left

in the first quarter of play.

Ignition forward Chile Farias scored the only goal of the second frame firing a 2-point goal from the slot to give Detroit the 4-2 advantage going into the half. Ricardinho was credited with the assist registering his third point of the night.

Carlos Farias tallied his second goal of the game while taking advantage of a defensive lapse by Philadelphia at 2:31 of the third quarter. The KiXX responded just 29 seconds later off a goal by Tony Donatelli to

bring Philadelphia back within one goal. With his second goal of the game, Shawn Boney tied the game 6-6 on a power play at 7:19.

Philadelphia continued its scoring streak with a goal from midfielder Ptah Myers to give the KiXX an 8-6 lead going into the fourth quarter.

A late restart goal from Ignition defender Jonathan Greenfield off a pass from captain Novi Marojevic at 10:44 of the final frame forced the game into overtime.

Novi Marojevic buried a shot into the back of the net at the 11:00 mark of the overtime period to give the Ignition the 10-8 victory in their first road game of the season.

SANALDO HONORED

The Major Indoor Soccer League announced Tuesday that Detroit Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo has been named the league's "Goalkeeper of the Week" for his performance during the club's 10-8 overtime victory over the Philadelphia



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Detroit Ignition goalkeeper Sanaldo was named the Major Indoor Soccer League's "Goalkeeper of the week."

KiXX on Saturday, Nov. 11. Sanaldo becomes the first player for the MISL expansion team to receive MISL Player of the Week honors.

The 28-year old netminder

won this award last season for the week of Jan. 2, 2006, as a member of the Baltimore Blast.

"I am very excited for Sanaldo to receive this honor," stated Ignition head coach

Mark Pulisic. "He made some critical saves late in the game which gave us an opportunity to get into overtime and eventually win the game."

Sanaldo (2-0), a four-year MISL veteran, has started both of the first-year club's 2006-07 regular season games allowing just seven goals over that period. This season, Sanaldo has stopped 26 of 33 shots for a .788 save percentage while establishing a 6.41 points against average. Last season, the goalkeeper assisted the Baltimore Blast to a successful League Championship run minding the net during the MISL Championship Series. Sanaldo was acquired by the Ignition as the first overall selection in June's expansion draft.

Offensive Player of the Week recognition went to Giuliano Celenza of the Baltimore Blast for scoring three goals in the first 4:40 of play during the club's home opener against Chicago.

Defensive Player of the Week honors went to Pat Morris of the Philadelphia KiXX who registered two assists and three blocks in the 10-8 loss to Detroit.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

STEELERS ARE CHAMPS

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers capped a perfect 10-0 season on Sunday by defeating the Ypsilanti Braves, 21-6, in the WSJFL Super Bowl. The Steelers' captains — Mathew McKoy, A.J. Convertino, Lucas Callahan, Gregory Williams and Trenton Shelby — led the team the entire season with their displays of hard work and discipline.

Other significant contributors to the title were Kadeem Hemphil, Phillip Avramoski, Owen Ash, Anthony Colaluca, Jalen Hemphil, Matt Ramey, Nicholas Lanava, Nick Poet, Christian Mayberry, Thomas Jones, Justin Sydlowski, Andy Gregor and Jacob Mallad.

The Steelers' varsity squad dropped a hard-fought 6-0 setback to the Rochester Redskins in that division's Super Bowl. Enrique Pardo, Patrick Salo and Tony Rhodes played well defensively for the Steelers. Offensively, Denis Dinella and Sam Scott shined.

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.

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BRIDGET KONSITZKE

Future Eagle

Canton senior Corey Phillips is pictured signing his letter-of-intent to attend Eastern Michigan University, which offered the standout grappler a scholarship to wrestle beginning in the fall of 2007. Flanking Phillips are his dad, Nick, and his mom, Carol. Phillips has compiled a 156-21 record over the first three years of his high school wrestling career.

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STENCEL

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Rochester Hills. While in past years she swam exclusively on freestyle relay teams, this year she qualified as an individual in the 50 free.

"My best time in the 50 free heading into the MISCA meet last month was 26.6 (seconds), which put me in 56th place (in the state rankings)," said Stencel. "I had to go a lot faster than that to qualify for the state meet. I ended up placing 20th with a 26-flat, which turned out to be good enough."

AMONG THE BEST

Salem swim coach Chuck Olson said Stencel has been more than good enough — both as a competitor and as a leader — during her four-year stint as a Rock.

"You could tell from her freshman year on that Ally had what it took to be a great leader," said Olson. "She's improved as a swimmer and followed through as a leader all four years she's been here, and there aren't a lot of swimmers who can say that."

"I've been blessed with a lot of good kids since I've been here and Ally fits the mold perfectly. She's a hard worker and a great teammate."

POOL SHARK

Stencel's swimming success began when she joined good friends Andrea and Allison Spohn on the Fairway Farms Swim Club summer team 10 years ago.

"I was only eight, so I was in it to have fun and meet friends more than anything," Stencel said. "I started to realize how competitive swimming was in middle school when I swam for Central. I actually won the 100 free at the middle school city meet, which made me realize that maybe I could go somewhere with it in high school."

It didn't take long for Stencel to make her presence felt at Salem. Thanks to Olson's assistance, she worked her way up from near-anonymous status early on her freshman season to an alternate's spot at the state meet.

"At the end of my freshman year, coach Olson put me in the JV conference meet, so I was a little disappointed," she remembered. "But he gives the seniors preference, so I totally understood."

"I ended up swimming well in the JV meet and coach Olson came over to me and joked, 'Are you trying to make me look bad?' He let me swim at the varsity conference meet that year, too, which was nice."

ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

Stencel is smooth in the water and in the classroom, which her 3.9 grade-point average confirms. She plans on attending either Michigan State or the University of Michigan beginning next fall.

"I want to study to be a nurse," said Stencel. "Andrea and Allison Spohn's mom is a nurse, so I've heard a lot of good things about the profession from her."

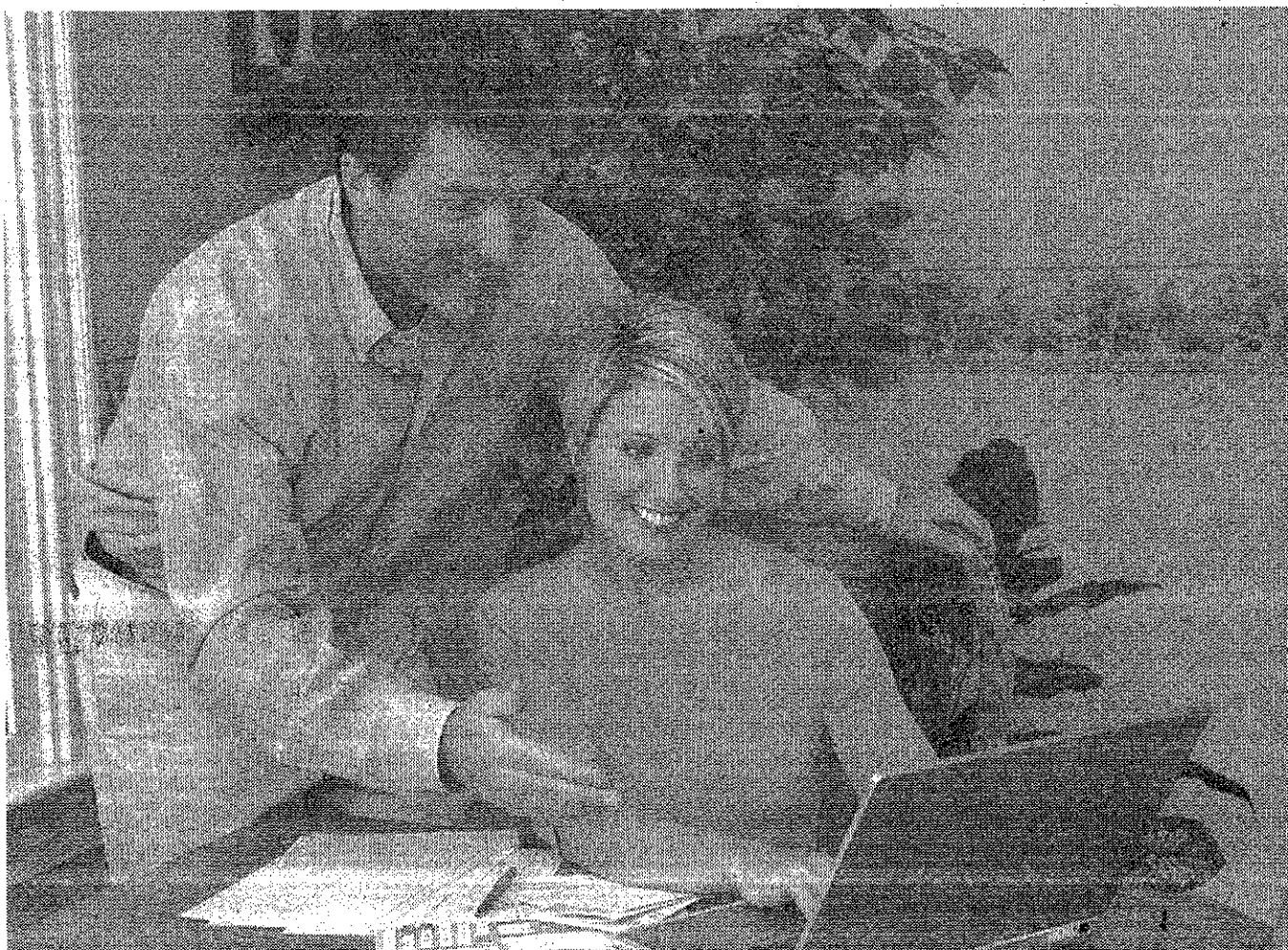
Stencel said that you don't have to worry about her getting squeamish at the sight of blood.

"We had to dissect a pig in biology class and it didn't faze me a bit," she said, laughing. "In fact, I loved it." She also loves her teammates, which is why she is saddened by the approaching end to her high school swimming career.

"The thing I'm going to miss the most is cheering with my teammates at the dual meets and getting together with them every week for pasta parties," she said. "It's been a lot of fun."

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Desert heat, then Turkey Day with Joey

One week from tonight, we will know two things — if the Lions couldn't stand the heat and had to get out of Joey's kitchen. Before the Thanksgiving matchup with the Miami Dolphins and quarterback Joey Harrington comes a meeting with the Arizona Cardinals. With forecast temperatures "only" in the low 80s, the only real heat in Arizona is the seat Cardinals coach Dennis Green has been sitting on.

It's no secret that Green is on the hot seat in the Valley of the Sun. The Cards have lost eight in a row as they get ready to host the Lions just four days before Turkey Day. He got the usual kiss of death, a "vote of confidence" from owner Bill Bidwill's son Mike after the infamous meltdown against the Chicago Bears a few weeks ago. Things haven't gotten any better since.

The last time a Cardinals team lost eight in a



Mark Wilson

said following Dallas' rout of the Cards last Sunday.

Matt Leinart has yet to win as Arizona quarterback. He is 0-5. The Lions passed on drafting Leinart out of Southern Cal last April in favor of linebacker Ernie Sims. Down the road, it could

row was 1991. They haven't started a season 1-8 since 1978. Remember, this is a squad with about as bad a recent history as the Lions. Those numbers are lousy even for the Cardinals! Green is thinking that the game against the 2-7 Lions is one his team should win.

"The big thing now is that we look at Detroit. They've won two games and they lost today," Green said.

still end up being a huge mistake, but for now Leinart is reeling.

"I'm just so mad at myself," Leinart said to reporters after he was intercepted twice by the Cowboys. "I'm real disappointed in the way I am playing right now."

The new father was hoping for better things in his first season in the NFL. He just had a baby boy with fellow USC athlete Brynn Cameron. He was being hailed as the future of the league, one of the "new breed" of quarterbacks. Leinart got stuck in the desert and that place has eaten QBs alive. Posting 0-5 as a starter was not in his immediate plans.

"It's just so frustrating that we're not able to move the ball down the field with all the talent we have," wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald said.

Fitz is one of the most talented pass catchers in

football. He has a stud rookie quarterback and an All-Pro runner in Edgerrin James. Green once was a field goal away from taking the Minnesota Vikings to the Super Bowl. We know he can coach. Still, too many offensive and defensive line questions have dotted his tenure in Arizona.

The Lions head out to the southwest after that awful effort against San Francisco. It just about negated the feel-good win over Atlanta the week before. They still have not won two straight games since the first two of 2004. Eleven consecutive one-game win streaks is a dubious distinction in the NFL.

"Yes, it is a setback," Lions receiver Roy Williams said afterward.

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highlight next week for Detroit Lions

have middle names, setback would be theirs. "I'm not a sugar-coater. I'm going to take the film and put it right in their faces," Lions coach Rod Marinelli said after the loss to the Niners. "I'm not going to put it all on them. We didn't teach them well enough, but I'm going to tell them the truth."

It's as harsh as Marinelli has been all season in his first year as Lions head man. He wanted badly to follow up that beautiful victory over the Falcons with a win over a beatable team at home. Let's face it: the road has been a stinker for the Lions in the Matt Millen era. Since Millen took over in 2001, the Lions' road record is a horrifying 5-39. Just five road wins in 44 tries.

Yikes. Now the Lions go on the road for two of the next three games. In between is the Thanksgiving

date with Harrington and the Dolphins. As crazy as it sounds, the Lions have to make sure they aren't "looking ahead" to playing against Joey.

"I will worry about that game when we get there," Lions cornerback Dré Bly said. "Right now, he is not my concern."

It was Bly who was most critical of Harrington. He intimated that Joey was a reason why Steve Mariucci was fired during the season last year. There is no love lost between guys remaining in the Lions' locker room and the guy who now wears No. 3 for Miami.

"We are all looking forward to Thanksgiving as we do every year for any number of reasons," safety Terrence Holt said.

Holt is a smart guy. He wasn't about to give the Dolphins any bulletin board material. Then again, Holt and the Lions have to focus on Arizona.

Coming home 2-8 won't make playing on Turkey Day any easier, especially against Harrington.

A loss to the Lions could cost Green his job in Arizona. They have that shiny new building out in Glendale. It's sold out for the season. Fans have embraced the new mushroom-shaped indoor stadium, which takes the usual Arizona heat out of the mix. They have a natural grass field that can be rolled outside when games aren't being played. The last thing anyone wanted in 2006 was a typical year for the Cardinals.

"They're going to come in here and hopefully we can play better than them and win the ball game to get us back on track," Green said to reporters last Sunday.

Very politically correct from a coach who can lose it at times. His rant after the loss to Chicago was heard all around the world. Some thought

Green was ready to just up and quit. He is only 12-29 since taking over for Dave McGinnis in 2004.

The Lions have always had weird games against Arizona. The series dates back to 1930, when the old Portsmouth Spartans and Chicago Cardinals played to a 0-0 tie. At least the Lions have beaten the Cards each of the last three seasons. Marinelli has to have this road win in the worst way. He has yet to win one away from Ford Field and next Thursday, Harrington is back in town.

Two games in five days. Arizona heat and Joey's kitchen. Thanksgiving week is going to be very interesting.

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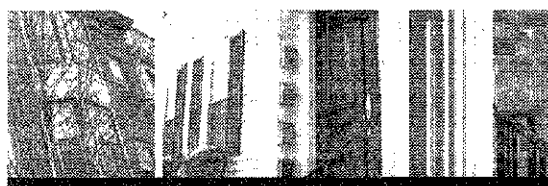
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VETERINARIANS, DIAGNOSIS AND GRIEF



WORKWISE
by
**Mildred L.
Culp**

Approximately 20 percent of workplaces allow pets, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association in Greenwich, Conn. This

experience can be a joy for owners -- especially the more than 46 million staying overtime -- because animals create a homey atmosphere. But if you're like many, you haven't recognized that one day, when the animal is no longer with you, you'll experience more grief at work than if you'd never brought your little family member to the workplace. How will you prepare for that day? How will you cope when it comes?

EDUCATION

Lisa Preston practices at St. John Animal Clinic (SJAC) in St. John, Ind., which was built in 1970 and has four veterinarians, a registered veterinary technician, about 20 staff and 3,600 clients. It's a general practice limited to dogs and cats. We use yearly physical exams, Preston says. We look at the animal, listen to the heart, look for masses and lumps. We also educate clients about the fact that they know their animal best. We encourage them to watch for changes in eating, thirst or behavior, and have them checked as soon as possible. Her clients are receptive; she describes them as extremely devoted.

Preston points out that even when older animals seem healthy, yearly blood screening is important. Some of her clients also elect to have x-rays taken annually. SJAC frequently sees skin cancers and aspirating lumps. Preston explains that, for some cancers, reporting bad days may -- or may not -- facilitate early diagnosis.

Karri Meleo, veterinary oncologist at Animal

Cancer Specialists in Seattle, agrees, cautioning clients not to assume that changes are a result of:

- age,
- tiredness,
- creakiness,
- the heat or
- arthritis.

It might be a tumor, she explains, something you can't see. If it seems pretty different, something probably is, especially in an older pet. She recommends twice-yearly exams for dogs seven and older, and cats, nine and older.

It's helpful to make certain your vet is taking good notes, she continues. If there is a lump, it's helpful to have a map of where it is and how long it's been there. Clients can maintain medical records themselves, if necessary. The history is essential so you can detect changes. Meleo remarks that memories -- yours or a veterinarian's -- aren't objective. She reminds her clients that animals tolerate treatment for cancer better than humans. Side-effects aren't the same.

Michele Smith is one of 250 North American veterinarians in the Veterinarian News Network (vnn.com). She practices at 29(th) Ave. Animal Hospital in Denver, located in Stapleton, a masterplan community, and writes a column in The Stapleton Front Porch. She educates clients and the general public on infectious diseases and cancers, including the types to look for according to the animal's age and breed.

PERSPECTIVE

Losing an animal has an impact on veterinarians, too. The day Preston interviewed, she'd lost two -- one each to an infection and irreversible kidney failure. Some days are harder than others, she observes. Sometimes it's really bad. You have to understand that most of the time, we're putting these animals to sleep to alleviate their suffering, that our clients have



(Left to right) St. John Animal Clinic's Dr. Christina Cooper (with Stella) Holly Hart, Dr. Lisa Preston and Dr. Melissa Buggie (with Oscar).

done all they and we can do and there is not any hope left. She views the loss from the perspective of the animal, which is spared a bad death. Preston copes through an acceptance of the role of death in the life cycle: After so many years, she says, you understand that it happens. We try to make the decision as easy for the client as we can.

Meleo, who loses 75 percent of her animals to cancer, believes that responding with sadness is appropriate, because it honors what we do. It's an honor for that life you were involved in. After 11 years in oncology, she's learned to compartmentalize but remain compassionate and empathetic.

Smith has diagnosed terminal diseases, maintained quality of life and euthanized, calling the procedure a gift we have to end the suffering of the pet. She builds personal relationships with clients and advises them to check Google and veterinary teaching hospitals for pet grief counseling, and to ask her for other information, both print and electronic. She also says to tell people.

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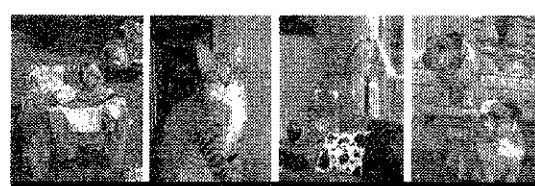
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15-30% off
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Fri. Nov. 17, 4-8p; Sat. Nov.
18, 9a-4p. Turkey dinner, Fri.
4:30-7p. cost. Adults \$7.00.
Children 3-12 \$4. Lunch on
Sat. light foods, cookie walk,
silent auction, arts & crafts,
grandma's treasures, bake
sale & more. Garden City
Presbyterian Church, 1841
Middlebelt Rd. 1 blk. S. of
Ford Rd. 734-421-7620

Auction Sales **7060**

CITY OF DETROIT
Trolley Auction
25 (1998-2000) Chance
natural gas trolleys avail-
able. Auction on:
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MI 48207 at 10:30 am.
J & D Auction for info:
denisejd@aameritech.com
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Decorations of
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Livonia, MI 48150
(734) 513-8773

Date: 12/2/06
Time: 12:00pm
Tenant: Unit #
Brown Financial Services: G544
Christian Immonia: E245
Thomas Knapp: E229
Eugene Aldrich: G542
Ascot Services: F457
James Royce: R267
Craig Sney: F290
Richard Johnston: D208
Donnell Foster: G546
Eric Lassiter: D190
Toms Roofing: R242, R288
R125

Rummage Sale/
Flea Market **7080**

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CHAPTER OF
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ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
Gently used clothing and
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Wed. Nov. 15, 9am-5pm
Thurs. Nov. 16, 9am-5pm
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Sun. BAG DAY Nov. 19, 9-2
Sarah & Ralph Davidson
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7100 Estate Sales **7100**

ANOTHER GOOD
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Fri.-Sat., Nov. 17-18
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29620 FARMBROOK
VILLA COURT
(W. of Franklin Road,
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Antique & Traditional
Contents - 35 Years
Continuous Residency.
Baby grand piano, Baker
dining room table, 6
Tomlinson chairs, buffet,
sideboard, modern wall
unit, John Wildcamb
Mid-century chest,
antique dental cabinet,
bronze sculpture, art-
work, oils, Tony Bennett
watercolor, tea set,
antique & collectibles,
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Garage Sales **7110**

BLOOMFIELD - A Cool Sale!
Nov. 17, 9-4pm. Halvard, S.
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By Dave Menard
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Since its introduction in 1988, the Lexus RX has been among my favorite SUVs, in fact one of my favorite vehicles overall. I tend to prefer car-based SUVs for their ride and handling characteristics; if you're the type that buys an SUV for its off-road capability, you might want to look elsewhere to something based on a truck platform. For SUVs that mainly tackle everyday city driving, it's hard to match the combination of style, handling, ride and features of the 2007 Lexus RX 350.

The RX 350 is a new version of the RX 330, and comes in two- and all-wheel drive models. It's a nice, clean-looking design, with a front fascia that shares a common look with other Lexus vehicles, complete with the Lexus logo inset into the grille. It's got a nice tapered roofline that flows into the power rear liftgate. 17-inch aluminum alloy wheels are standard; 18-inch aluminum alloy wheels are offered as a \$495 option. A full-size spare, fog lamps, daytime running lights and color-keyed, power, heated outside mirrors are included, as well. The high-intensity headlights can include an optional Adaptive Front Lighting (AFS) system, which uses vehicle speed and direction to determine when cornering is about to happen and swivels the headlights in that direction for better illumination. You can switch this feature off, if you don't like it.

Lexus has given the RX 350 more power than the RX 330 it replaces, and it delivers a little better fuel economy, too. It's powered by a 3.5-liter, four-cam, 24-valve V-6 engine with dual variable valve timing, rated at 270 horsepower and 251 lb.-ft. of torque. It's more than enough to move this mid-size SUV; the two-wheel drive version goes 0-60 in 7.3 seconds (7.4 for the AWD).

Completing the powertrain is a five-speed, electronically-controlled automatic transmission, and it shifts smoothly and quietly. The AWD version of the RX 350 has a viscous limited-slip differential that works with the traction control system to evenly distribute power to both axles with a constant 50/50 front-to-rear power split. The test vehicle was a two-wheel drive version, so I can't give you a first-hand account of how it works, but based on past driving experience I'm willing to bet it'll give you



a smooth and controlled ride.

Both versions of the RX 350 come with Vehicle Stability Control which helps in cornering and with sharp turns. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut system with coil springs and in the rear, it's a dual-link MacPherson strut system with coil springs. You can order an air suspension system that provides automatic leveling and driver-selectable options. In "normal" mode, the system automatically lowers the vehicle by 0.3" at speeds over 62 mph for better ride quality. In the "low" mode, the RX 350 is lowered by 0.6" to enhance handling, while the "high" mode raises the ground clearance by 1.2" from driving over rough surfaces at speeds under 30 mph. The test vehicle didn't have this option, but I'm not sure how much better ride and handling would be with it, anyway. It's already pretty good.

Power-assisted, rack-and-pinion steering is standard and a fairly tight turning circle means it's easy to park and maneuver. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are standard, as well, and include Brake Assist. This system attempts to determine if a driver is attempting an emergency braking. If the system determines not enough pressure is being applied to the brake pedal, it will increase the brake pressure itself until the driver releases the brake pedal.

This is one of the many safety features of the RX 350. Also included are advanced driver and passenger air bags, a driver's knee airbag, and front-seat-mounted side airbags. Side curtain airbags are standard and include a roll sensor.

Inside, Lexus has loaded the RX 350 with luxury items. The leather power seats are comfortable and easy to adjust. The instrument panel consists of round analog gauges, with a tachometer to the left and fuel and temperature gauges to the right of the speedometer. The center stalk holds the climate control system, the audio

system and the LCD screen that serves those functions. The screen will display trip information, your maintenance schedule, average speed and fuel consumption and outside temperature. That screen also holds the optional navigation system with back-up camera. The navigation system is fairly easy to use, and while you may not need it to get around town, the back-up camera is a great feature to have. You can't be too careful, especially with SUVs.

The cabin features wood trim all around, including the steering wheel, although you can order a leather-trimmed steering wheel and shift knob, if you prefer. That package also gets you a power sunroof, roof rack, the AFS headlights, and power tilt/telescoping steering column (a manual one is standard).

Automatic dual-zone climate control is standard, as are auto on/off headlights, a programmable garage door opener, power windows, keyless entry, and power rear door.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/cassette/six-disc CD changer with eight speakers and it's pretty good. You can add a Mark Levinson "premium package" audio system that includes 11 speakers and 210 watts of power. A rear-seat DVD entertainment system is also available.

There's plenty of passenger room in the RX 350. Leg and shoulder room are very good. The rear seats fold down for more storage and there are three storage compartments under the cargo area floor.

The 2007 RX 350 starts at \$37,400. Add the 18-inch wheels, navigation system, premium package that includes the sunroof, roof rack AFS headlights, and leather trim and you're looking at about \$44,200.

Overall, the RX 350 gives you a pretty good package of features, ride, handling and comfort. If you're looking for a mid-size luxury SUV this is a good place to start. Write Dave Menard at avanti1054@aol.com.

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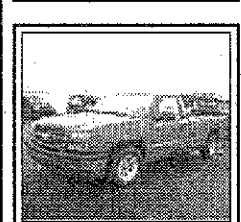
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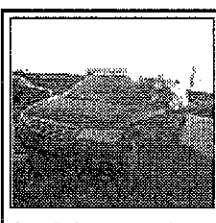
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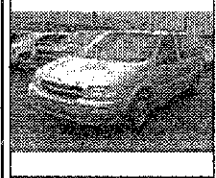
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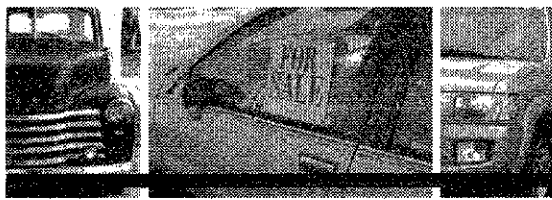
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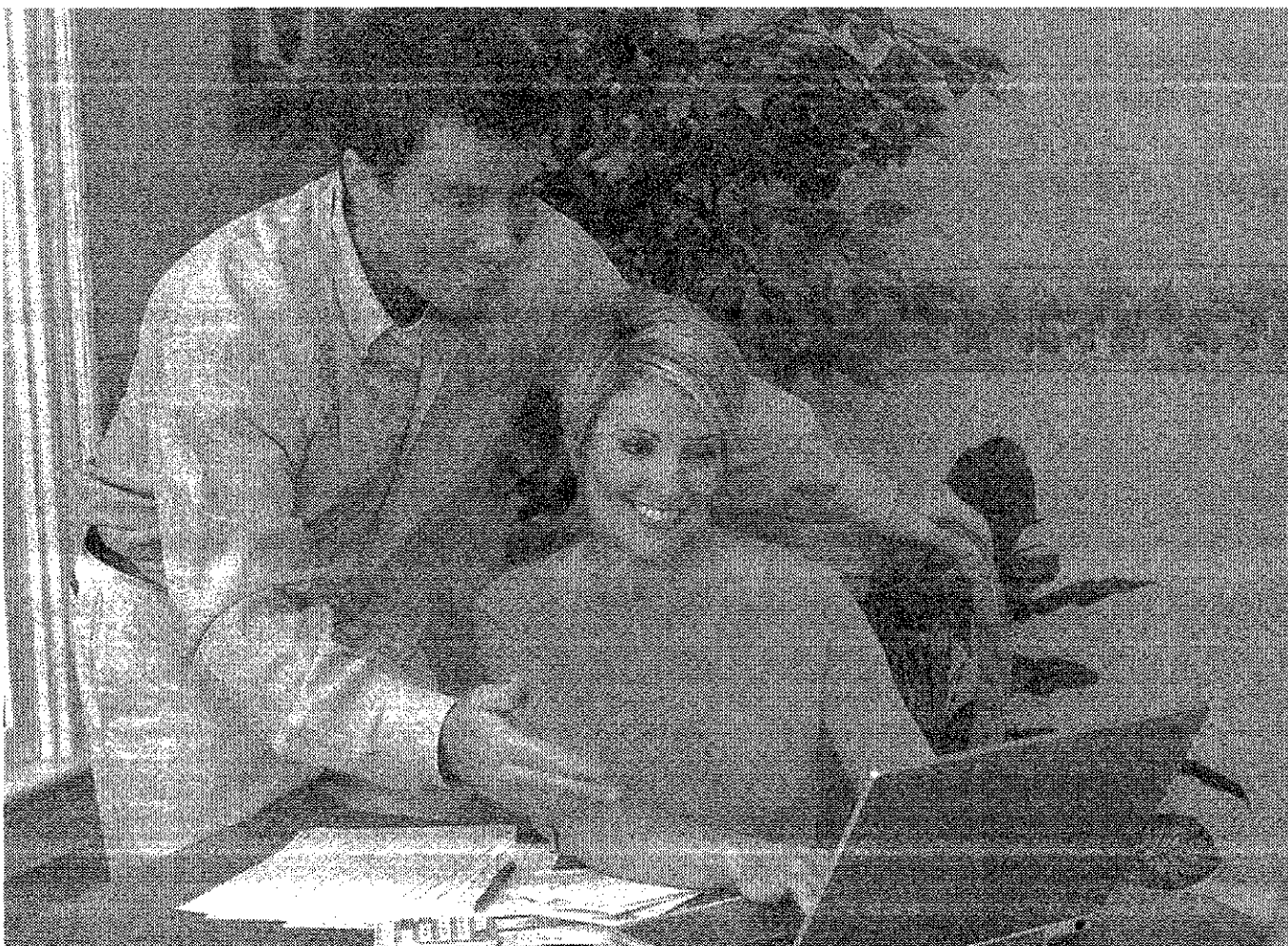


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Livonia, MI – A Livonia dealer is selling 2006 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2006 models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler 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.

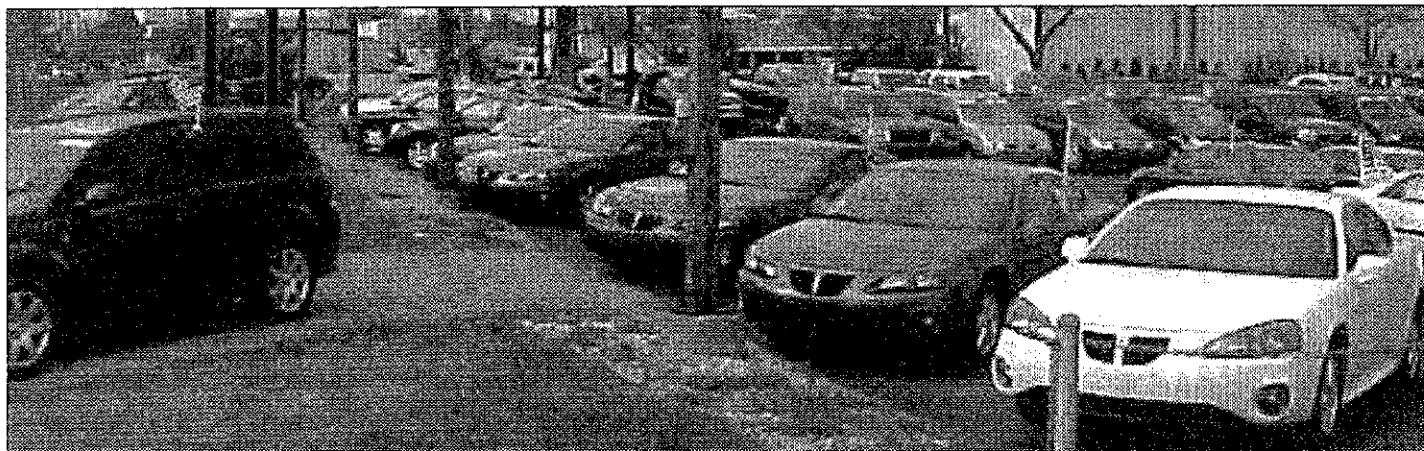
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private 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.

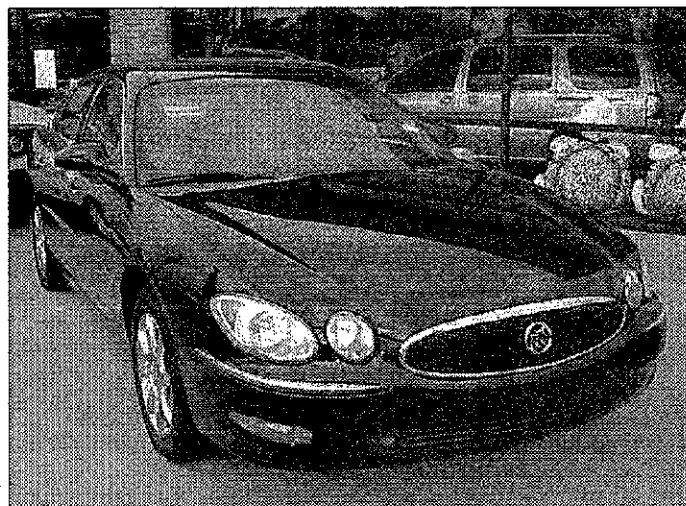
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

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.

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See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

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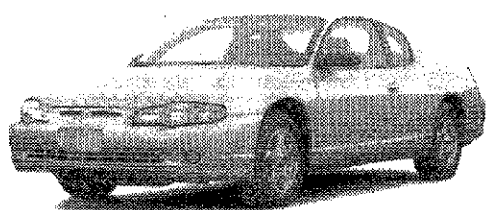
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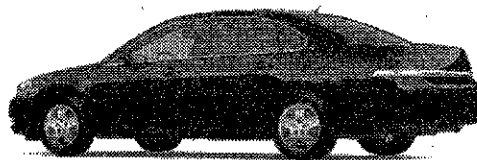


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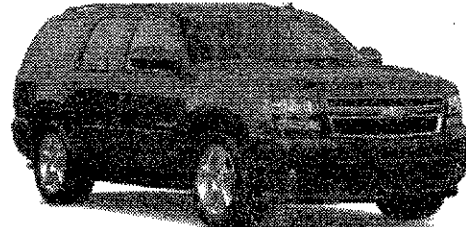


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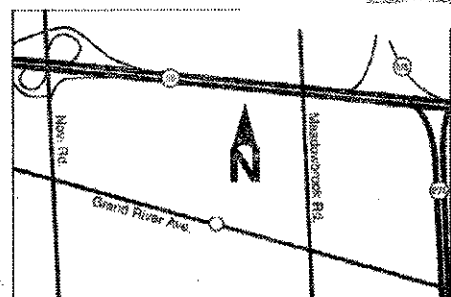


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