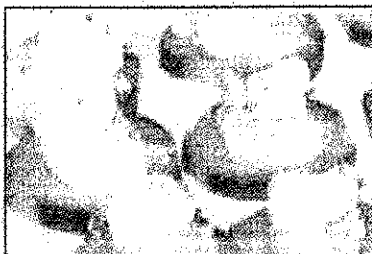


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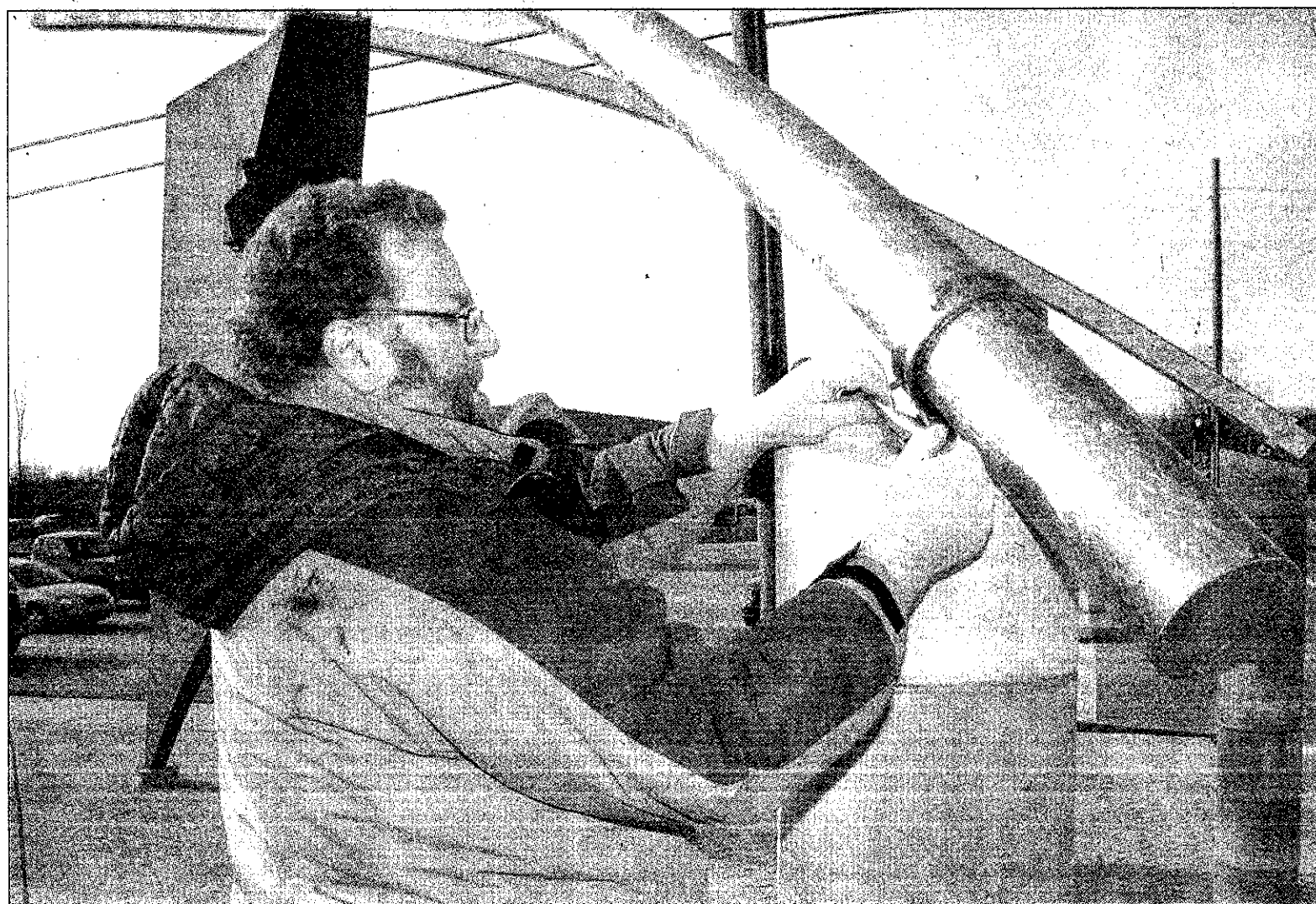
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Monroe County artist Ken Thompson puts the finishing touches on his 20-foot by 30-foot steel sculpture, which was funded by the Canton DDA.

## Canton arch makes its debut on Ford Road

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton DDA has taken a major step in its efforts to enhance Ford Road. After months of anticipation, the township's first permanent piece of public art is on display at the Ford Road/Canter Center intersection.

The steel sculpture, located in front of TCF Bank, was installed earlier this week. "That sculpture is going to outlive me, so I had to make sure everything was just so," said artist Ken Thompson of Adrian. "I spent a fair amount of time wandering around that site to get a feel of the area."

The 6,000-pound sculpture, which doesn't have a permanent name yet, is made of limestone, stainless steel and Cor-ten steel. The DDA approved spending \$57,000 for the project, including lighting.

Although the sculpture symbolizes the area's past, present and future, Thompson said his viewpoint is irrelevant now that it's on display.

"It's whatever (residents) make of it," he said. "Whether they think it's cool or whether they hate it, feelings will be all over the board."

Thompson, who completed the piece in August, said he wanted the sculpture to stand out among the "visual clutter" at the intersection.

"There's tons of signage, trees and lighting right there, so I wanted to make sure people could see it," he said.

While shopping at the plaza across from the sculpture Wednesday, Preeti Bingi of Canton admitted she hadn't noticed the massive structure when she made a left turn onto Ford Road from Canton Center.

"I didn't see it then, but I like it," she said. "If I had been in a different direction, I might have (noticed it)."

The maintenance-free sculpture is the latest piece of public art to hit Ford Road. Temporary art, ranging from a stainless steel dancer in front of Canton Cinema to an abstract piece at the Kohl's entrance, is scheduled to be on display until April.

Township resident Madhu Suri said she's always been fond of the three colorful fishes in front of Target, but likes the permanent sculpture as well. "It looks nice," she said.

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Thompson inspects the installation of the Canton Community Arch at the southeast corner of Ford and Canton Center.

## Union head troubled by sweeps

Leader concerned about 'just cause' for searches

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The head of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association is troubled about due process for teachers as it relates to the recent drug sweeps in the parking lots at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and Starkweather Education Center.

Chuck Portelli said his concerns relate to the search of faculty cars along with those owned by students. During the Dec. 6 sweep at P-CEP, Portelli said one of the dogs sniffed a faculty member's car and the teacher was pulled out of class. However, no violation was issued.

"I'm not in favor of it because I don't see just cause," Portelli said of the drug sweeps involving vehicles belonging to PCEA members. "If there's a reason for doing them, then come to us and tell us and we'll deal with the issue, not just randomly sweep every car. This district has not come to us and

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Salem High School sophomore Michael Asevedo, 16, (yellow shirt) is surrounded by his brother and friends moments after they all shaved their heads.

## Football team goes bald for sick teammate

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

An impromptu barber shop at Mott Children's Hospital specialized in one style Tuesday — bald. Several members of the Salem High School junior varsity football team traveled to the Ann Arbor hospital to shave their heads along with their teammate, Michael Asevedo, who was recently diagnosed with acute leukemia.

"My hair was going to start falling out, so I decided to cut it all off now," said Michael, 16, adding that he's happy his friends went bald with him.

As the first strip of his fleecy brown hair hit the floor, Michael looked up at his friend, Chris Watkins,

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Darcy Monier, who lost a son in Iraq, works as a veterinary technician at Animal Neurology & MRI Center in Canton.

## The high price of war

Woman perseveres despite loss of son in Iraq and husband's deployment

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

As the debate about what should be done about the war in Iraq rages through Washington and around water coolers all over the country, Darcy Monier just tries to go on with the daily grind of life.

It's not because Monier isn't aware of the war. She knows all too well the price this country has paid since we invaded Iraq in March of 2003. Her only son, Donald McCune, a 20-year-old gunner in the Army National Guard, was killed in August 2004 after the vehicle he

was driving in hit an IED (improvised explosive device). And her husband, Ben Lewis, also in the Army National Guard, is currently serving his second tour in Iraq.

But don't feel sorry for Monier. The last thing she is looking for is pity. From a long line of mili-

tary veterans, Monier was devastated when she learned her son had died, but she also knew it was a possibility the day he signed up for the military shortly after graduating from high school in 2002. She says he was well-aware of the

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Coming Sunday  
in Health



The holidays are a good time to talk about family medical history.



**Correction**

Junior guard Amanda Moody and senior forward Jenna Mrljak, both of Livonia Clarenceville, should have been listed as honorable mention selections in girls basketball in the A Galaxy of Stars 2006 Fall Sports All-Area Teams edition of the Observer on Dec. 17.

**Chamber luncheon**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its January networking luncheon 11 a.m., Jan. 10, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

The January luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. with the "Who's Who & What Can I Do!" program.

"We will have information tables set up and staffed by committee chairs, directors and members, allowing you the opportunity to ask questions and get information about our committees, sponsorships and events. You will have the opportunity to interact with the members and sign up for one or more of our committees," said Dianne Cojei, chamber president.

Following lunch, 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou will swear in the chamber's 2007 Board of Directors.

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

for reservations is noon, Jan. 9. For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

**Swing music**

The 19-piece Swing City Big Band will be playing the its brand of swing music from the big band era of the 1940s will perform at 8 p.m., Jan. 5 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The event will feature door prizes, and open dance floor and cocktails. Tickets are \$12. For more information about tickets and the show, call (734) 394-5460, or visit [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater/index.asp](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater/index.asp). For more information about the band, visit [www.swingcity-bigband.org](http://www.swingcity-bigband.org).

**Dueling pianos**

The show Dueling Pianos Michael and Amy -- LIVE from New York is scheduled for 8 p.m., Dec. 23 at the Village Theater.

Michael and Amy have created a distinct and energetic interactive music and comedy dueling pianos side. This dynamic duo has captured the best elements of the wildly popular dueling pianos entertainment concept, mixed in their own premium blend of family-friendly comedy, added their years of theatrical performance and production experience to create a entertainment thrill ride. Come ready to be part of the show. Tickets are \$25 (groups of 15 or more pay only \$22 each). There will be a martini and

Tapas pre-concert event in the Biltmore Studio at 7 p.m. The cost of the event, which is open to persons aged 21 and older) is \$15 per person.

**Tri-City Christmas musical**

The children of Tri-City Christian Center will present the musical drama "The Perfect Neighborhood" at 7 p.m., Dec. 22 at Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton. The children will perform carols, and take a musical journey through what appears to be a perfect neighborhood in this topsy-turvy modern production that explores the real meaning of Christmas.

Admission is free. For more information, contact Sandy Bazner at (734) 397-1777.

**Academic accomplishments**

Local students Andre Bridges and Ashley Hayes have been accepted this fall into the Albion College Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute for Professional Management. Students are chosen annually for the Gerstacker Institute. They must complete degree requirements in economics and management, along with courses in ethics, writing, speaking and management, and fulfill at least two internships in a wide range of business settings.

Bridges is a first-year student majoring in economics and management, with a con-



**Foundation adds board members**

New board members for the Canton Community Foundation include Beth Bland (seated), and (standing from left) Naren Balasubramaniam, Bob Boyer and Hussien Fawaz. Richard Breakie was also appointed. Board members are responsible to set policies and goals for the foundation, as well as monitor the overall financial health of the foundation and approve an annual budget. All the new members have been active in the community. Boyer, a lifelong Canton resident, is owner of Boyer Meat Processing. Breakie owns Complete Infusion Services. Balasubramaniam, a new resident of Canton, is employed by the Henry Ford Health System, and a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Fawaz is employed by Starfire Investment Advisers, Inc., and is a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "Our new group of board members represents the diverse face of Canton," says Joan Noricks, President of the Foundation, "and bring new perspectives to the board. We have many exciting projects coming up and these people will be great additions to the board as we move forward."

centration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. He is the son of Denis and Linda Bridges of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

Hayes is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Roy and Judy Hayes of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

**Artist applications sought**

The application deadline for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition is Monday, Jan. 22. The competition is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Feb. 4 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road in

Canton. The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society recognizes young orchestral talent from greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities. Since 1978, this competition has offered music scholarships to the youth in these areas.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12), and Junior Combined (grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in one of the following school districts: Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or Wayne-Westland. Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola Music are also eligible.

The distribution of scholarship funds for the first place winners in each division is as follows: Senior Instrumental - \$500; Senior Piano - \$500; and Junior Combined - \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged. Applications, available through the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, are due on or before Monday, Jan. 22. Past participants are encouraged to reapply; however, musicians are eligible to win only one First Prize Award in each division. Winners may have the opportunity to perform with the PSO and Orchestra Canton. Applicants must be available to perform at the competition. For an application and/or further information, please contact Ellen Elliott at (734) 451-2112.

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Evelyn M. Gilbert  
Gilbert, 85, of Plymouth, died Dec. 17.

**H**  
Patsy L. Herbert  
Herbert, 84, died Dec. 13.

**L**  
Winifred Hughes Longley  
Longley, 92, of Birmingham, died Dec. 17.

**Q**  
Joan L. Quick  
Quick, 76, of Stuart, Fla., died Dec. 14.

**R**  
Jack W. Reynolds  
Reynolds, 89, of Plymouth, died Dec. 17.

**S**  
Lloyd Allen Rhoads  
Rhoads, 85, died.

**Lindsey Linnell (Penson) Sanders**  
Sanders, 35, of Southfield, died Dec. 13.

**Martin George Stover**  
Stover, 73, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 18.

**Y**  
Billy Joe Young  
Young died Nov. 23.

**Z**  
Norbert R. Zelazny  
Zelazny, 83, of Livonia, died Dec. 8.

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**Physical Therapy UPDATE**  
Hands On Center  
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**DIABETES AS A RISK FACTOR FOR HIP FRACTURE**

Diabetes poses an increased risk for many health problems, among which hip fractures were recently identified. According to the American Diabetes Association, people with diabetes have about twice the risk of hip fractures as the general population. To protect against these fractures, the association suggests that people get the recommended daily amounts of calcium (1,000-1,500 milligrams/day) and vitamin D (400-800 international units). The vitamin D is particularly warranted for those with little sun exposure, as sun exposure helps the body to manufacture the vitamin. Getting regular exercise also helps to maintain bone strength. Such weight-bearing exercise as walking is best for the hips and spine. It also helps maintain muscle coordination and balance, which decrease the risk of falls.

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# Couple try to 'flip' former drug house into nice home

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Four days after purchasing a foreclosed former drug house, Marissa Sarnecky's house flipping plan was in full swing.

Sarnecky, along with her husband, John, are owners of Canton Construction and bought the four-bedroom, three-bathroom Parkwood Estates home on Dec. 14. They've given themselves a three-week deadline to 'flip' the property.

Renovations include new windows, ceramic flooring, bathroom updates, new kitchen cabinets and appliances, and a fresh batch of vinyl siding.

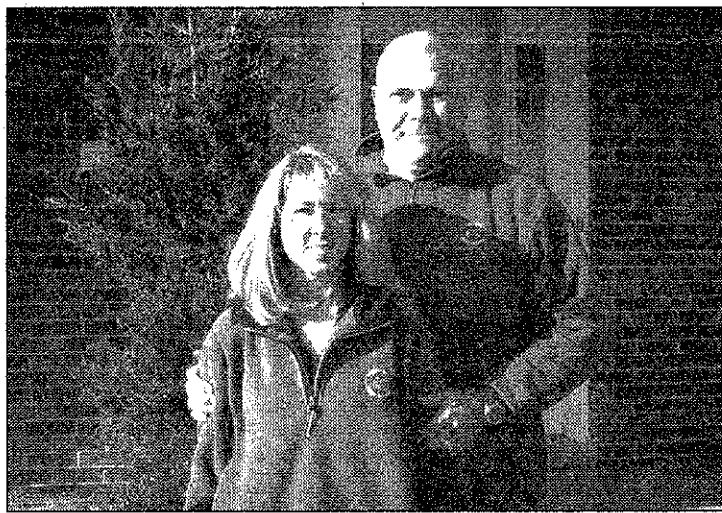
The 2,500-square-foot home, which sits next to Flodin Park, was empty for more than a year and had become an eyesore with unkempt grass, overgrown shrubbery and peeling paint.

"This place was a mess but it's a very nice house," Marissa Sarnecky said. "It just needed someone to take care of it."

Sarnecky, who called "Flip This House" her favorite show, is acting as project manager for the task. The Canton couple paid \$140,000 cash for the two-story property and won't spend more than \$30,000 transforming it.

Adrianna Vazquez, who lives near the house, said it used to stick out like a sore thumb in the quiet neighborhood of manicured lawns and modest Christmas decorations.

"That used to be the most beautiful place," she said. "But when it went into foreclosure, they just let it go. There's was trash left out and the grass was so high."



Marissa and John Sarnecky are in the midst of 'flipping' a former drug house in the Parkwood Estates subdivision.

After previously flipping a house in Lincoln Park, John Sarnecky says he immediately wanted to do the same for the tarnished Canton home.

"I was picking my kid up from soccer one day and noticed how bad this place looked," he said, standing on a blue tarp covering the beige carpet in the living room. "So even if we break even (on the home's future sale), it will have been worth it because this is our community and we care about it."

Kent Field, who lives down the street from the house, said a lot of his neighbors had been concerned about the property's appearance.

"It especially went downhill these last two years," he said, adding that he heard about the Sarneckys' purchase at a Christmas party. "We're all glad they're getting something done."

With a work crew dividing responsibilities and working at lightening speed, the roof was torn down and replaced

in one afternoon, four layers of linoleum and carpet were stripped from the floor and glued-on mirrored walls were removed from the family room and the dining room.

Standing next to the Realtor's lock box still dangling on the front door, Marissa said she's already ordered light fixtures, flooring, cabinets and new windows for the whole house.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed we can make deadline," she said. "We're working really hard."

Potential tenants have already expressed interest in renting the property.

"Buying this house to keep it from becoming a blight issue speaks volumes about how (the Sarneckys) feel about Canton," said Bill Joyner, Canton Construction spokesman. "All it takes is one house to go downhill before it starts moving from one block to another."

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possibility as well. But joining the military was something he believed in.

"Donnie was one of those kids who didn't feel like he fit in in certain places or circles. But he was comfortable being a soldier. That was something he knew he could do and do it well," Monier said. "And from everyone I spoke to who knew him, he did do it well."

At the time of McCune's death, his stepdad and Monier's husband, Ben Lewis, was training at Camp Grayling in northern Michigan. He was getting ready for his second tour, eventually going back just 11 months after his first tour. He volunteered.

"He wanted to go back once he got home," Monier said. "You go over there and you do your job. And then you come home when they tell you to. But he felt bad, because he didn't feel the job was done."

As proud as she is of her son and husband, Monier has made it a point to try and live as normal a life as possible. She works as a veterinary technician at the Animal Neurology & MRI Center on Canton Center just south of Joy. She spends her days doing MRIs on sick dogs and some cats. She also assists in some surgeries.

The Animal Neurology & MRI Center is the only neurology lab for pets in Michigan, so people from all over the state, Canada and Ohio bring their pets in. Monier, who lives in Chelsea, says the place keeps her busy. Besides, working with animals, and dogs in particular, has always been a passion of hers.

In fact, when she's not at work, she runs an animal rescue at her home. And there is



Darcy Monier's husband, Ben Lewis (right), is currently serving his second tour in Iraq. Here he stands with friend Steve Grunwald.

one dog in particular, a pit bull, that she has been training for dock diving competitions. The dog has special significance to her, because it was a dog her son really liked. During their last phone conversation together, Monier said her son joked about the dog, and told her she could never train the dog.

"I vividly remember our conversation," said Monier, who pointed out the dog recently won a competition.

In the months after her son's death, Monier was very distraught. The explanation she received from military officials wasn't enough for her. She wanted to know more about what "Donnie" was doing over there, what happened the day he was injured, and what proceeded afterwards when he was flown to Germany where he died a day later.

So she began sending e-mails - to people who were in his platoon and to the surgeons who worked on him. Soon she had a better understanding of her son and the circumstances that led to his death.

"I just wanted to know he made the right decisions and that he was happy," Monier

said. "Watching all the DVDs of his memorials and talking with the people that knew him, I don't have any doubt in my mind."

She also doesn't have any doubt that her son, or her husband for that matter, would want her to go on and lead a productive life.

"My life just can't stop because of what they chose to do with their lives," she said. "Losing a son is obviously difficult, but I know my son wouldn't want me to mope around because of what he decided to do."

Co-worker Jerri Mach, who has known Monier for seven years, says all the employees at the Animal Neurology & MRI Center just marvel at her strength and ability to go on with her job and life.

"She is extremely strong," Mach said. "She refuses to let her son's wishes and dreams die with him. She feels it is a waste of his life if she were angry or bitter, or by putting blame on people. He died for something he believed in. If we could all do that, we would be very lucky."

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## UNION

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said there's a problem with faculty."

Students who apply for and receive a parking permit sign a document which states "automobiles on school property are subject to search by school officials if there is a reasonable suspicion that illegal or unauthorized materials are in or on the automobile."

However, according to the district's director of community relations, Frank Ruggirello, faculty members don't sign the same agreement to receive a parking permit.

"Teachers don't sign anything that relinquishes their rights," Ruggirello said. "It's not even in their contract, but it's expected they not do anything illegal on our property."

Portelli said his concerns stem from a recent case in which a teacher was arrested in the parking lot at P-CEP.

"He was arrested and gone before I could get there," Portelli said. "If something were found in a faculty staff's car, would they be allowed to get union representation

before being carted off the premises? If we need to get them an MEA (Michigan Education Association) attorney, then that's what we want to do."

The drug sweep at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Canton Township — which houses 5,800 Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school students — resulted in 38 cars being searched, with two high school students arrested and five others ticketed on various drug charges. No tickets or arrests resulted in the sweep at Starkweather a week later.

David A. Moran, associate law school dean at Wayne State University and spokesman for the ACLU, said if consent is part of the agreement to receive a parking pass on school property, it meets constitutional law.

"If as a condition of parking in the school lots students sign something giving consent to cars being searched, then the search is OK," said Moran.

"Locker searches are usually upheld because the school owns the lockers. That's a big difference in the school opening lockers compared to being able to open people's cars."

Moran said there's also the "automobile exception" part of constitutional law when it comes to searches.

"It says if the police have lawful access to an automobile and there is probable cause it has contraband, then — without a warrant — they can open the car and search it," Moran said.

When it comes to the number of arrests and tickets given during the search at P-CEP, Moran said there could be concerns as to probable cause.

"There were quite a few more cars searched than drugs were found," Moran said. "That gives me question as to whether the dog sniffing provided probable cause to open the cars."

Superintendent Jim Ryan said he gave the OK for the canines to sniff every car at the high school, students and teachers alike.

"When we decided to go forward with the drug search, we sent a message by doing every car out there," Ryan said. "It's a drug-free zone and we want everyone to know this is a place of learning and we'll do all we can to protect that atmosphere."

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## Santas in training?

Brooke Morris, 10-months-old, and her brother Luke, 3, of Canton visited Westland Center earlier this week, so they could have their photos taken with Santa.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## TEAM

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15, and joked, "If you cut me, I'll throw you out of the window."

When the top half of his hair was gone, Chris told him to look in the mirror and said, "Mike, this is you in 20 years."

An otherwise healthy and energetic defensive lineman, Michael — known to his family as "Mikey" — began having severe headaches and getting bruises on his body about two weeks ago.

When his mother, Patty Ross, mentioned the bruises to a family member, they said it could be a symptom of leukemia.

Ross, who thought the bruises came from football practice, shrugged off the idea of cancer.

"He's my baby," she said. "I was like 'no way,' but we took him to the hospital (and he was diagnosed). Nobody could believe it."

Unlike chronic leukemia, acute leukemia progresses quickly and causes the formation of immature cells in the marrow and blood.

As a result, the marrow stops producing enough platelets and red and white blood cells. The shortage of white cells hinders the body's ability to fight infections and the platelet deficiency leads to bruising and easy bleeding.

Michael's doctors have said he has an 80-percent chance of recovering.

"Those are very good odds,"



Salem sophomore Michael Asevedo gets his head shaved. He was recently diagnosed with acute leukemia.

said Michael's sister, Jolene Asevedo, 21. "We have a lot of people praying."

In an assembly line fashion, two people shaved heads while Michael's mother fine-tuned everyone with a sleek razor.

"It's so sweet of you guys to do this," Ross told the group. "And, really, everyone looks good."

While watching his wavy hair fall to the floor, Ryan Winkler, 15, admitted he had doubts about cutting his locks, which previously covered his forehead.

"People didn't believe me, but I had to do it for Asevedo," he said.

After all the haircuts were finished, the boys ate ice cream and played football video games.

Dressed in an SHS "Mom" sweatshirt, Ryan's mother, Debra Winkler, shuffled around the room taking pictures and complimenting the teenagers.

"When Ryan came home and told me Mike had leukemia, I stopped him right there because I didn't know if it was a just a rumor," she said. "When I finally got an e-mail from a parent confirming it, I was so sad. He's the kind of kid you have a soft spot for."

With a Christmas stocking bearing the name "Mikey" in gold glitter tacked to the wall, Ross said there's a chance Michael could be back at home for the holidays.

"I think about him all day," she said. "But we're hopeful he'll be OK — we have to be."

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# Police campaign looks to get drunken drivers off road

The Canton Police Department will join nearly 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies during a nationwide "You Drink & Drive. You Lose" drunken driving crackdown that will run through the beginning of the new year.

"The intent of the program is to use aggressive enforcement to proactively address the problem of impaired driving.

Statistics continually show an increase of alcohol-related crashes during the holiday season," said Canton Police Sgt. Jerry Hardesty.


In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunken driving with a .08 blood alcohol level or higher.

A drunk driving conviction carries with it an assortment of penalties, including court costs and fines, increased car insur-

ance rates, legal fees, and \$2,000 for the driver responsibility fees program.

"Outweighing the financial costs are the emotional and psychological impacts associated with drunk driving accidents. Many lives are changed forever when someone is seriously injured or killed in an alcohol-related crash," Hardesty said.

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# Gebhardt appointed Schoolcraft trustee

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Joan Gebhardt says she's an advocate for lifelong learning and that Schoolcraft College will be a major player as area workers return to school for retraining.

On Saturday, Gebhardt was chosen by the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees from eight applicants to replace Trustee Kevin McNamara, who was elected in November to the Wayne County Commission.

She will be sworn in Jan. 24 and serve until June 30.

"Ms. Gebhardt is an outstanding addition to our board," said Mary Breen, board chairperson. "She brings a wealth of knowledge of K-12 and postsecondary education, and she has significant experience on other boards of directors."

Gebhardt, 57, of Livonia spent more than 30 years in K-12 education as a teacher and administrator with the Taylor School District. She is currently an adjunct faculty member at Madonna University's education school. She has been politically active in recent years, running unsuccessfully for the Michigan House of Representatives and the Livonia City Council.

She will run for a full six-year term as trustee in the May 8, 2007, election, as required by state guidelines.

"I think we're at a critical part in our history in Michigan because of all the retirements and job changes that people have," she said. "We're becoming a real mobile society and our demographics have



Gebhardt

Schoolcraft because her children, Steven and Jennifer, are students at Schoolcraft. She said their stories were typical of many Schoolcraft students. After graduating from high school, Steven attended

changed. We're on the cusp of creating a new Michigan and a new economy."

Gebhardt said she has a personal interest in

Kettering University with the intention of becoming a mechanical engineer. After a year, he decided that wasn't for him. He is now completing study in Schoolcraft's acclaimed culinary arts program.

Gebhardt's daughter had attended Oakland University, but is now a nursing student at Schoolcraft.

"I think we're in a position to train students and to retrain them," she said. "We have many people in the Schoolcraft attendance area who have received buyouts from Ford's, who have

changed positions and will be going for retraining. What a great opportunity to give them Schoolcraft College."

Gebhardt said women's education will be a particular focus.

"I am sincerely interested in women's rights and getting training for women, especially those women in our society who never finish high school, that have a young family, that are divorced, women that need a jumpstart, that need help," she said. "Schoolcraft does a nice job with that."

Gebhardt said the Michigan

Promise scholarship program, signed into law Tuesday by Gov. Granholm, will have a positive impact on the college.

"I think that Schoolcraft College will have an effect on the young people of this area who are interested in getting that scholarship and who want to put in two years of education to get that scholarship or students who did not do well on the test and need to go to a two-year college to prove themselves," she said.

The other applicants for the position were James Fausone,

an attorney from Canton Township; Joanne Lamar, a nurse manager from Plymouth Township; Sandra Larson, an attorney from Livonia; Charles McIlhargey, a member of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors, of Plymouth Township; Roy Puckett, a former member of the Livonia Civil Service Commission, of Livonia; Ronald Randall, a former registrar at Schoolcraft College, of Livonia; and Dr. Louis Reibling, a former vice president of instruction at Schoolcraft, of Northville.

## Schoolcraft seminar explains federal program

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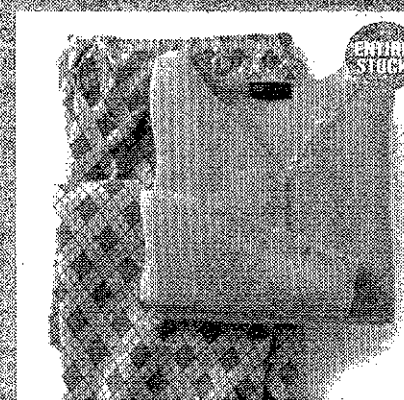
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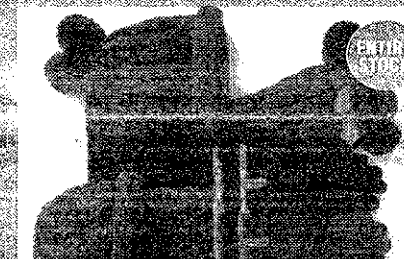
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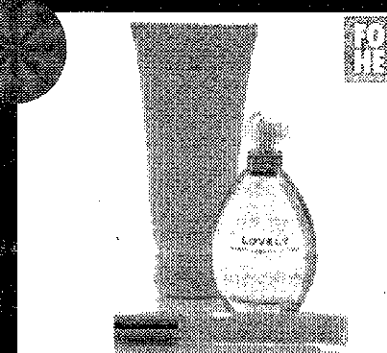


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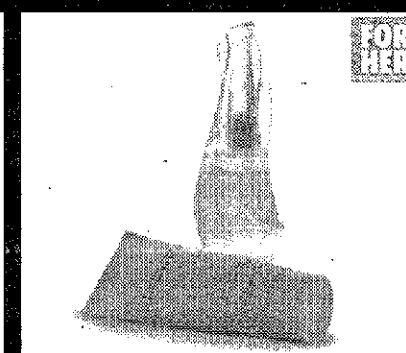


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## OUR VIEWS

### Christmas is time to celebrate humanity

Although you wouldn't know it by the unusually warm weather outside as of late, Christmas time is upon us.

For people of the Christian faith, it is one of the most significant times of the year. It marks the coming of the Messiah — the birth of Jesus Christ. Christians all over the world celebrate this great milestone with prayer and reverence.

But this time of year is also important to the followers of other religions. Jews, for example, are in the midst of celebrating Hanukkah, the eight-day "Festival of Lights," which began at sundown Dec. 15. During these eight days, marked by the candles of the menorah, Jews celebrate their ancient heroes and the survival of their culture with festive foods, games and blessings.

Although Hanukkah is considered to be a minor holiday on the Jewish calendar, it has taken on more significance, especially in America, because of its proximity to Christmas.

It is also at this time of year that many African Americans begin to celebrate Kwanzaa. Although not a religious holiday, Kwanzaa, which runs from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, is a time when followers come together and celebrate family, community and tradition.

So in reality, the Christmas season means different things to different people, especially in America, where so many different cultures have been thrown together. The common denominator seems to be that it is a time of celebration, to hold dear the things that we might take for granted the rest of the year.

In recent years, some people have complained that there has been a war on Christmas. A debate has raged about whether or not the meaning of Christmas has been watered down by political correctness. It's an unfortunate debate, particularly at this time of year, because it seems to run counter to all the virtues that are celebrated during Christmas.

It is supposed to be a time of rejoicing; and a time to reflect on the common bond of man. There are so many people around the globe, including right here in our own backyard, who are not as fortunate. Many who are dealing with poverty, hunger or war.

In America, we are fortunate to have the freedom to celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. That in itself is reason enough to celebrate this holiday season.

So whatever Christmas means for you, please take a few moments during this wonderful season to think of those in the world who are not as fortunate. And give thanks for all that we are blessed with here in America. Merry Christmas.

### What will Santa give your state legislator?

Santa isn't the only one who will be checking his list to find out who's been naughty and nice.

Michigan voters should be closing out the year by doing the same, but it's not their kids whom they ought to have in mind. Instead, it's the Michigan Legislature.

Legislators were largely unproductive, but there are a few examples that merit either a lump of coal or a sweet treat.

**How nice:** Some argue legislators caved in to special interests, but many observers think the Legislature deserves a piece of candy for approving the cable competition bill shortly before ending this year's session. Largely championed by AT&T, the bill allows competitors to provide statewide service without negotiating with individual governments, develop new technology and lower costs.

Yet to be determined is how competitors will be held accountable for their service.

**How naughty:** The Legislature (read Republicans) deserves a whole bag of charcoal for its handling of the Single Business Tax debacle. Legislators ended this session with the job only half done, acting only to end the much maligned tax on business but not to replace the lost revenue. The truth is that no one wants to be labeled as having voted for a new tax with a broader base.

**How nice:** The year wasn't a total loss. The governor was successful in getting a state scholarship program through the Legislature to bolster her contention that it will take a better educated workforce to improve the state's jobs picture and the economy.

Legislators also approved new graduation requirements that will strengthen the future of those students who complete high school.

The Legislature further approved the so-called Jessica's Law, which increases penalties for child predators.

**How nice, and naughty:** While legislators touted passage of a \$210 increase in per pupil funding for education, school district administrators held their collective breath. And well they should have. The money may have been approved, but now it looks like cash in hand isn't going to be able to cover the entire increase. Some folks didn't do their homework.

No doubt voters will have their own items to add to the naughty/nice list. But whatever is on it, they should keep the list around for the next election.



## LETTERS

### Why a menorah?

I am responding to the article in the Dec. 10 edition of the *Canton Observer* regarding the theft of the seven-foot menorah. It was stolen just hours after the tree lighting/holiday celebration at Summit in the Park.

The township bought the item, valued at \$750, a few years ago at the request of a resident. Well, this resident met with Supervisor (Tom) Yack back in 1999 to explore the possibility of Canton having a Christian nativity scene at township hall. I explained that our neighboring communities of Westland, Plymouth and Dearborn have done this for years.

In a follow-up letter to me, Mr. Yack wrote "I have had an opportunity to discuss your concerns and wishes with each member of the Canton Township Board. As a group, they do not support a faith approach to displays."

The menorah is not a religious symbol? What's wrong with this picture? Our government offices are closed in order to observe "Christmas." Why not observe in the tradition of our Christian heritage?

Jesus is the reason for the season!

Barb Schmid  
Canton

### Search was wrong

The recent drug search by Canton police of vehicles at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park certainly did send a strong message to students. It told them that they have no rights to privacy in today's anti-drug obsessed world. They are all assumed guilty unless they prove their innocence. The police and the school administration demonstrated a blatant disrespect for our nation's constitution. They might as well have set fire to the American flag. I was stunned that your paper agreed with their actions.

Also, what a waste of time and money the search was. Aren't there more important things that the police should be doing to protect us? How about targeting all the reckless drivers who fly through town ignoring red lights, stop signs and speed limits? This will make our roads safer and actually save lives. How about a greater presence at retail establishments to help discourage theft?

Canton is a safe community, thanks in part to the work of the police, but releasing the dogs on pot-smoking kids will not make it any safer.

Comprehensive drug education programs, an abundance of after-school extracurricular activities and trusting and honest relationships with parents, teachers, coaches and other respected adults have all proved to be a lot more effective in deterring alcohol and drug use and abuse than random and suspicionless searches of cars and bodily fluids.

Thaddeus J. Hejka  
Canton

### Don't build trail

In regards to a recent column by Kurt Kuban regarding the proposed trail along the Rouge River, I agree that quality of life must be weighed.

It is the sewer that is the reason for the trail. It really is a disgusting response to a very serious problem. The lack of knowledge that Kurt Kuban displayed about the project is a testament to the failure of the local government to provide even the most basic information necessary for residents to

make an informed decision.

The sewer is billed as a "relief" sewer for a partial line that was installed during the 1960s. This is upriver from the intake pipes that are used to draw up our drinking water. The new line is longer and is intended to allow construction of thousands of new houses in the western part of the township. More traffic and less quality of life.

The trail does not connect neighborhoods nor provide an alternative means for citizens to get to places of worship, shopping centers or other locations.

As for the sewer, there is an alternative route that costs the same amount that connects through local neighborhoods and will not disturb the river.

Along the route of the sewer are several locations that had been cleaned up and capped by the Environmental Protection Agency. Digging through that mess may contaminate the river even further and again that material is taken up and delivered into homes through water pipes. Canton is notorious for the number of cases of autism. It's time to consider what causes it.

One local resident stated that the water is "purified" before it reaches homes — but a sand filter and squirting chlorine and fluoride in the water is not "purification."

Dirty politics, dirty dealings all add up to dirty water.

Al Brock  
Canton

### U.S. not occupying

In response to Rifat Audeh and Terry Ahwal's comments.

Let's make one thing perfectly clear about the column, "There can be no winners from war and occupation" (Nov. 26, *Canton Observer*). The United States is not occupying Iraq. Occupation means taking things or resources, and the U.S. is not there to take anything as we have proven in the past, and which is exemplified by the fact we still have troops in Germany, Japan, Korea and other places around the world. As a Vietnam veteran, I find it astounding the level of expertise these people have about the military, yet they have no personal experience with the subject matter.

Rifat Audeh says in the first point that Israel is occupying Palestinian lands, but fails to mention this came about because of the "Six Day War" that was a result of a direct threat to Israel's sovereignty and survival by Egypt, Jordan, and Syria, who were preparing for an invasion. They hadn't counted on the Israelis to be such a formidable foe and consequently were soundly defeated. I find it very interesting how Rifat also points out the suicide bombings didn't start until 1994, but conveniently forgets that Hezbollah suicide bombers killed 241 U.S. Marines in Beirut in 1983.

In point two, Audeh states that Hamas and Hezbollah have no links to the insurgency in Iraq. He has no data to support this claim but one thing we do know, both organizations are ideologically aligned with the insurgency and Al-Qaeda, as they have all publicly stated they want to wipe Israel off the face of the Earth. They also express their hatred for the United States by burning our flag and publicly demonstrating against this country. It seems to me I also recall watching them on CNN dancing in the streets and celebrating the attacks on the U.S. on 9/11.

Point three leaves out the fact the Kurds have been playing a key role in helping and supporting U.S. forces to eradicate any of

the insurgent forces in northern Iraq. Ask any GI that has been there and they will corroborate that along with the fact there is no insurgency activity there because the insurgents get no support in that region. It is a well-documented historical fact that the Kurds have been persecuted for years by the Arabs.

Point five chastises letter writer Dave Dobias for twisting Ms. Ahwal's words while Rifat Audeh does the same to Dobias. The Audeh comments are certainly a biased diatribe equal to Ms. Ahwal's. How would Ms. Ahwal know what the soldiers think or feel? Has she been there to talk with them? I can connect Ahwal and Audeh with a few of them where they can learn the truth.

President Lincoln said, "You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time." For Ahwal and Audeh the truth is these organizations are terrorist groups that have made their goals clear and their strategy for using terrorism to accomplish them a reality.

Gerry Wright  
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### Alternative energy a priority

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**'Higher education is arguably more important today than ever before. With the competitive job market and a struggling economy, we have made it a priority to give Michigan students every advantage we can ...'**

— State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, on why he supported an increase to the Michigan Promise Grant



## Altering state's constitution should be handled with care

Does Michigan's constitution, which celebrated its 43rd birthday this year, need a face lift? Citizens for Michigan, a newly reborn bipartisan group, thinks so — and last week called for a series of mostly sensible constitutional changes.

Those suggestions include:

■ Increasing legislative term limits, currently set at six years for representatives and eight years for senators, to 12 years.

This makes perfect sense — although abolishing the limits altogether would be even better. Term limits have turned out to be a bad idea from the time the voters adopted them in 1992.

Their net effects have been to destroy institutional memory, eliminate the wisdom of experience, trigger a frenzy of campaigning for higher offices and encourage silly short-term thinking in Lansing about long-term issues.

■ Banning out-of-state interests from proposing amendments to the constitution. Or, failing that, requiring that any such proposals be approved in two successive general elections.

This, too, is a good idea. Of all our nation's major states, Michigan is "by far" the easiest in which to propose constitutional amendments, according to John Axe, who chairs Citizens for Michigan and teaches law at Wayne State University.

Michigan is one of only 15 states which allows voter-initiated amendments to its constitution. And we make it a lot easier to get things on the ballot than most of the rest. No matter how wacky any proposed amendment might be, all you have to do to get a statewide vote on it is to gather the valid signatures of a mere 10 percent of the number of votes cast for governor in the most recent election.

For the next couple of election cycles, that now comes to 380,125.

What that means is that Michigan is now an easy target for out-of-state groups looking to advance a cause.

Ward Connerly saw that, and rushed here to fight affirmative action. That, in fact, is also exactly how U.S. Term Limits, a Glenview, Ill.-based outfit, shoved term limits down our throats, putting it on a statewide ballot back in 1992.

In addition to those points, Citizens for Michigan also called for gubernatorial appointment, instead of direct election, of members of the governing boards of the University of Michigan and Michigan State and Wayne State universities.

I'm somewhat conflicted about this proposal, having been elected years ago to serve on the U-M board. But over those years, it's become increasingly tough for candidates to avoid damaging and irrelevant litmus tests imposed on them by the political conventions that select these nominees. Republicans must be anti-abortion, for example; Democrats, acceptable to the big unions.

This, Citizens for Michigan notes, really becomes

a farce when electing members of higher education boards. Voters know virtually nothing about the candidates, their backgrounds and their stances on the issues. The result is an electoral crapshoot.

As for my opinion — on balance, appointing members of governing boards makes sense.

There are a number of other suggestions made by the Citizens for Michigan group; most of them are perfectly reasonable, including allowing local governments the ability to levy taxes for roads and mass transit systems. This introduces the possibility of multi-county or regional transportation departments instead of county road commissions.

But the larger question is whether actually to call a constitutional convention. The constitution approved in 1963 says that voters must be asked every 16 years whether they want a new constitutional convention. That next will be on the ballot in 2010. And the Citizens for Michigan report says it is time for a convention. It argues the existing constitution needs a wholesale makeover that can only be done in full convention.

This, in my opinion, would be a bad idea.

Back in 1962, when delegates to the last constitutional convention were chosen, Michigan politics were managed by a set of very powerful and relatively reasonable godfathers: Walter Reuther, then president of the United Auto Workers union; and Neil Staebler and John Feikens, chairmen, respectively, of the state Democratic and Republican parties.

There were also various powerful business leaders and others who belonged there. There were a few crazies back then, but they were effectively marginalized.

Things are vastly different today. Raging ideologies from all sides infest the Michigan political environment. There are ultra-liberals and hard right-wingers. Right to Life and those who want reparations paid to the descendants of slaves. Worse, we lack powerful, centrist political leaders who can shut the crazies up and keep them from doing damage at any constitutional convention.

The amount of mischief that could be done to our relatively benign constitution is enormous. Far better to persuade the Legislature to put the sensible amendments Citizens for Michigan is promoting on the ballot without risking a no-holds-barred convention.

That said, the Citizens for Michigan report is a valuable contribution to our public dialogue in that it goes well beyond mere baby steps and speaks to consequential matters.

We need far more such discussions if we are to invent and adopt a far-reaching restructuring plan that can help lay the foundation for a vibrant and more prosperous Michigan in the future. Which is exactly what we have to do.

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## Constant delays making it tough to stay positive about underpass

OK, who put that light pole there?

Apparently, someone snuck out to Sheldon Road in the last week and constructed a pole that carries wires to a single commercial business in the CSX underpass project zone, delaying the start of the project once again.

That's the only plausible explanation for why the existence of such a pole should slow down a project that's been some eight years in the making. Are you telling us that pole has been there for eight years — and no one noticed it?

Just days before Wayne County contractors were going to close Sheldon Road — finally — to begin the long-anticipated, oft-delayed, much-debated underpass project came word it was going to have to wait — again — while DTE Energy straightened out the problem with the power lines.

Then, while everybody involved was trying to figure out just how long a delay this one's going to be (and doubting things would get started

before the holidays now), came the news someone in Wayne County had sold a county-owned, 23-acre parcel along Sheldon Road at auction. Now county officials, who thought for sure they had all the loose ends tied up, will have to shell out big bucks to buy the property — which they had already owned — back.

Alan Helmkamp, the assistant Wayne County executive, called the mess "an early Christmas present" for area business owners.

And, on Monday, as expected, the county announced the project wouldn't get started until January.

Helmkamp must be ready to pull his hair out while alternately trying to keep his fingers in the dam. The problem is, he's been doing that for a couple of years now, and he's only got 10 fingers.

You've got to admire Helmkamp, and feel sorry for the guy at the same time. Before his arrival a couple of years ago, you had better chances of winning the lottery than you did of getting hold of a county official to talk about this project.

Helmkamp has changed that. The project isn't running any smoother, but at least you know who to talk to.

"I love Alan Helmkamp," Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said a few weeks ago. "You can always get in touch with him, and you always get an answer from him."

"I don't agree with what he says about half the time," added Dwyer, who is not a big fan of the underpass project. "but you can always reach him."

That must not be true for his own people, because seemingly every time he turns around, there's a delay for one reason or another. Of course, not all of them are the county's own making. It took a large chunk of the intervening time for CSX railroad officials to put their collective name on a contract.

City commissioners have nearly pulled the plug, hedging on whether they were going to pony up the \$503,000 they'd committed. The Detroit Water and Sewer department has held the project back. The latest snafu, the DTE Energy power line, feeds a commercial customer and DTE had to figure out how to move the line without affecting the customer.

Now the county will have to negotiate with a new land baron who will almost certainly cash in on the county's need to get this project done.

All to the continued frustration of some area businesses. Bob Jeannotte Sr., who owns Jeannotte Buick and Pontiac on Sheldon Road, smack in the middle of the construction zone, once entertained the idea of suing to stop the project.

Now, he just wishes the whole thing would go away.

"I was geared for it, but now this is about the seventh delay," Jeannotte said. "I really think they should just scrap the project. When they started this, there were 25 trains a day going by, now there's five. It's no big deal."

While I thought in the beginning the underpass was a great idea and a good project, I'm starting to side more with Jeannotte's view. In slightly more than seven years in the community, I've only been stopped twice that I can remember by a train on Sheldon Road.

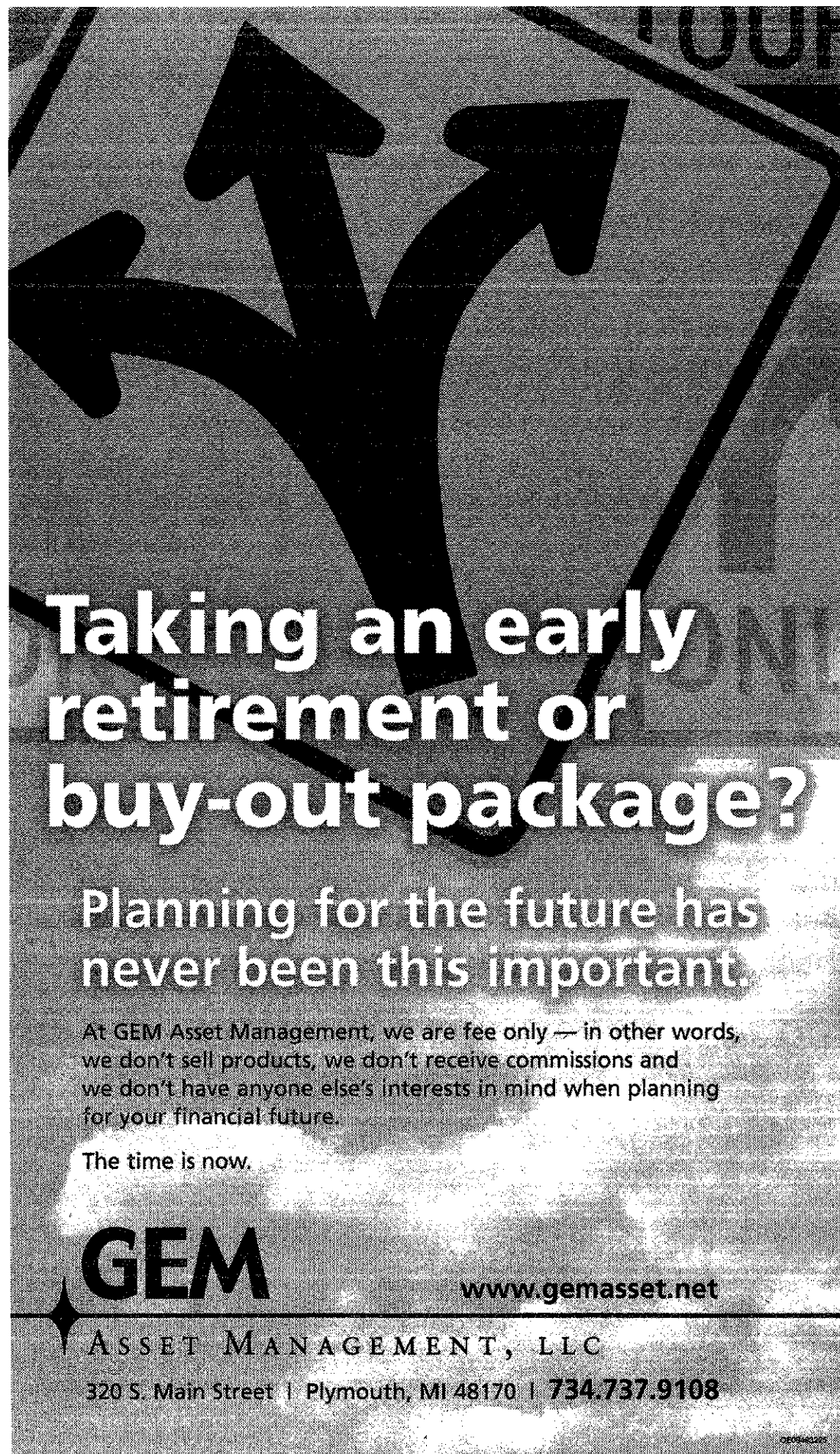
On the other hand, drivers have been amazingly resilient around here. They found their way around a few years ago when MDOT rebuilt Ann Arbor Road. They've been finding their way around all the orange barrels all year during the M-14 construction project.

Sharon Pugh, owner of Sideways on Forest Avenue in Plymouth, said she believes customers will still find Plymouth, even when (if?) Sheldon Road closes.

"It's been hard getting into Plymouth with the M-14 construction, so I think people are used to not coming that way," Pugh said. "If you have what people want, they'll find a way to get to you."

Now that is a positive attitude. If Helmkamp gets any more bad news about this project, maybe he should sit down next to Pugh and let some of it rub off on him.

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# Governor offers a 'Promise' to high school students

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
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Speaking to college-bound students from six different high schools, Gov. Jennifer Granholm unveiled her Michigan Promise Scholarship, available to high school seniors this year.

Gov. Granholm spoke to students in the Center for Advanced Studies and Arts at Ferndale High School Tuesday afternoon about the new program, which will tie good performance on the American College Test to a \$4,000 scholarship.

The program will replace the current Merit Award system which tied scholarships to performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.

Granholm, in introducing the award to the students, said a good education means something to the state as well as to the students who receive it.

"Why do you think Google set up in Ann Arbor from California?" she asked. "They came here because of the resource of educated workers here."

She said as the state generates more educated residents and pours more resources into its educational institutions, businesses needing a smarter workforce are going to come here to set up shop.

Students who perform well on the ACT will receive \$1,000 in their freshman and sophomore years and another \$2,000 after completing two



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Gov. Jennifer Granholm (shown speaking at Birmingham Seaholm High School) carried to Ferndale High on Tuesday her message about the importance of a good education and offering them a 'promise' of help.

years of post high school classes.

Students who didn't perform well on the test can earn the entire \$4,000, if they complete two years of college or technical training and maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

State Rep. Andy Meisner (D-Ferndale), a Ferndale High School graduate, said this is the kind of boost the state's education needs.

"Education is truly everything," he said. "Of all the things the governor can focus on, to focus on this, to have this tool to help is very important."

U.S. Rep. Sander Levin (D-Royal Oak), said the governor has set high goals for the state's

educational system and, in this scholarship, a method as well. He said the federal government would soon be weighing in along the same lines.

"The federal government has to be an active partner, and it hasn't always done well," he said. "In the first 30 days (of the 110th Congress), we're going to cut the interest rate on student loans by half and increase funds to Pell grants."

Of course, there's more than one financial angle to consider.

"Compared to a high school diploma, you will earn more than \$1 million dollars more in your lifetime with a degree," Granholm said. "Be it a two-year, four-year or technical or vocational certification."

It doesn't hurt Lansing's future prospects either.

"We want to make sure when it's your turn to lead, you have an excellent education," she said.

The CASA students who were on hand to hear the governor's address were advanced placement students from Ferndale, Berkeley, Oak Park, Madison Heights, Lamphere and Clawson High Schools.

She spoke to students in Lansing earlier in the day and planned to make similar presentations at schools around the state later in the week. In addition programs were held in other parts of the state Tuesday to mark the signing of the bill, including at Schoolcraft College.

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# County urges Granholm to sign bill on mental health board

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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A bill to amend the mental health code to allow the Wayne County Commission to appoint all 12 members of the county Mental Health Board was approved Dec. 14 by the state House of Representatives.

The House approved 70-32, with eight not voting, Senate Bill 1289.

Now an intense effort is being made to lobby Gov. Jennifer Granholm to sign the bill, which places her in the middle of a dispute between two of her strongest political allies — Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Currently Ficano, with the approval of the Commission, appoints six members of the Mental Health Board, and Kilpatrick appoints six members. Ficano has argued that, since Wayne County provides \$177 million to the Wayne County Health Agency's \$540 million annual budget and the city provides no funding, the county should have a greater representation on the board. At one point he had proposed a 13-member board with the county getting an extra appointment.

In May the county commission supported a resolution favoring a 13-member board.

The bill would create a 12-

member, county-appointed board, but with six members coming from the city of Detroit. The majority of the agency's 47,000 clients come from the city.

"Our concern is that the governor is going to be pressured or inclined to veto because of pressure brought to bear by the mayor," said Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County Executive.

State Sens. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, and Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, have supported legislation to create an independent mental health authority or pressure the county to create an authority.

In November, Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia D. Stephens granted a preliminary injunction to prevent the state from withholding \$3.5 million a month from the Mental Health Agency for each month the county's failed to create a Mental Health Authority. The cuts were part of the state's 2006-2007 budget.

Helmkamp said the approval of a county-appointed board could be the first step toward creating an independent mental health authority.

"We would still have to work out issues like employee rights," Helmkamp said. But he said Ficano is open to

the idea of an authority.

Helmkamp, a Democrat, said the majority of the bill's supporters were Republicans, though suburban representatives of both parties voted for the bill, including soon to be Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, D-Redford.

Helmkamp said he realizes that the bill places the governor in an awkward position, but he cited Granholm's veto of earlier legislation on changing the mental health board because the legislation did not address the six-six split that is addressed in the current bill. He also said that this is not a city-versus-suburbs problem, because Detroit members of the county commission have supported changes in the governance of the board.

The bill has also been supported by resolutions by the Conference of Western Wayne and the Downriver Community Council.

The current Mental Health Board voted 7-5 on Dec. 13 to support the Senate bill. The board had been divided in the past. In August, the six members appointed by the mayor declined to attend a meeting called by county appointees to handle contract extensions.

Bernard Kilpatrick is the chair of the Mental Health Board and the father of Mayor Kilpatrick.

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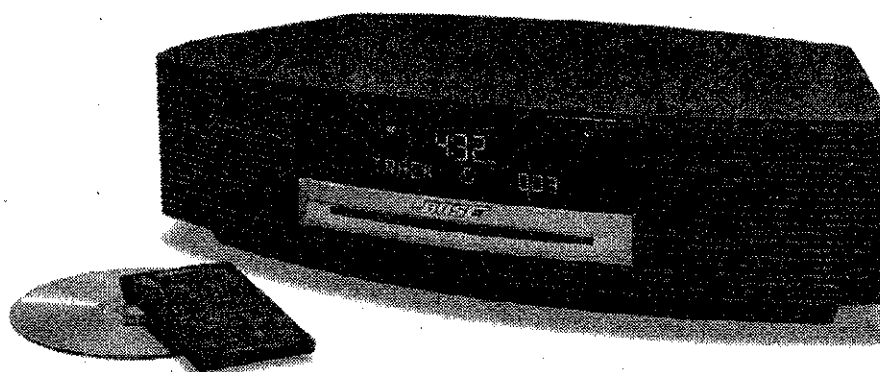
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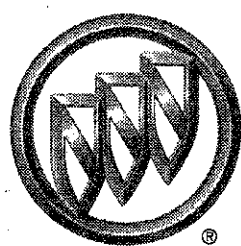
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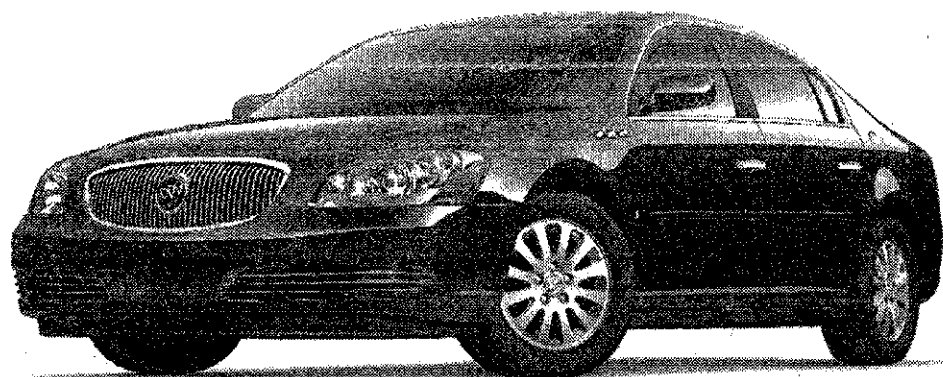
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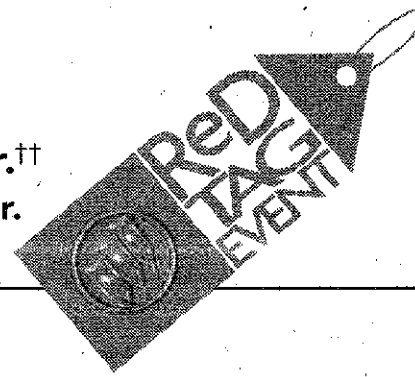
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# Lifelong love of makeup prompts woman to open Merle Norman

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

As a child, Cara Pichler would sit and watch her mother in amazement as she did her makeup. As an adult, she owns a cosmetic studio with her.

"I've loved makeup for as long as I can remember," she said. "I knew this was for me."

Pichler and her mom, Wanda Pichler, run a Merle Norman franchise in the Lilley Plaza in Canton.

"She and I have always had this in common," said Wanda Pichler, who lives in Livonia. "We're both girly."

Cara Pichler, a resident of Redford, began her career as a nail technician and said managing a Merle Norman in Plymouth prompted her to open her own franchise.

"I was there for five years and knew after the first two that I wanted a store," she said. "And there has not been one day where I woke up not wanting to go to work."

When she got serious about opening the business Cara enlisted the help of her mother and her father, Tom Pichler.

"I've always been independent so I was terrified of asking them for help," she said. "But my dad said if we were going to do it, we were going to do it right."

The store sells makeup, cleansers, a men's skin care line and offers free makeovers and facials.

Tom did the bulk of renova-



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Cara Brooks and her parents, Tom and Wanda Pichler, opened a Merle Norman cosmetics store in Canton.

tions to the store, which was formerly a hair salon.

"My dad is a man's man so he won't admit it, but he loves the men's line even though I had to beg him to use it," Cara said. "But I can't talk him into a pedicure or manicure yet."

Recalling the time she did a self-conscious teenager's makeup for a wedding, Cara said her job is about more than putting color on someone's face.

"She had been pulling her eyebrows and eyelashes out from stress, but I took her to the side and worked with her and she walked out of there feeling like a million bucks," she said. "Her mother called to thank me and I just started crying. This is what I love to

do."

With hopes of opening two more Merle Norman stores, Cara said previous customers and word-of-mouth has given her a loyal clientele.

"The support has been unbelievable," she said. "We were definitely worried about the economy when we set out to do this but the support we've gotten really gave me the confidence to go out and do it."

The business shares space with Reflections Hairs Salon. Hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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## Good Samaritans

Hoben Elementary Student Council members (from left) Ryan Kallenbach, Drew Yackie, Ashley Baker, and Erin Winters stand with the gift packages they recently delivered to the Canton Goodfellows. The student council, led by Yackie, a 5th grader and one of the council presidents, sponsored a shoebox drive for the school. Students were encouraged to fill a shoebox with toys specific to a child's age and then wrap it and label it. They collected 150 gifts, which the Goodfellows were scheduled to deliver Dec. 15.

# Family mourns theft of beloved 'Lady Liberty'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

The family of Assim "Bud" Hassien has one thing on their Christmas wish list: the Statue of Liberty replica stolen from his garden on Hillary Street in Canton.

Before dying of a heart attack in September, Bud Hassien dreamed of visiting Ellis Island to see Lady Liberty. He was presented with a 30-inch, 50-pound replica of the famed monument at his 70th birthday party nearly two years ago. The statue was placed on a pedestal in Hassien's garden.

"It would probably be different if he were still here, but it's not just a statue to us," said Hassien's widow, Maureen. "If he were alive, we might joke about (the theft) but since he's not, I'm really angry and offended."

Maureen says she noticed it

was gone Nov. 24.

"I had to collect myself," she said. "I walked the whole yard to see if someone had just moved it, but it was gone."

Hassien's niece Sheri Barber of Westland bought the statue and said she's hurt someone would steal it.

"It's a violation you can't express," she said, wiping away tears. "There was no reason for anyone to take it."

Maureen, who was married to Bud for 32 years, has filed a police report and asked her mail carrier to be on the lookout for the statue.

"He loved that thing," she said.

Barber said the statue holds even more significance to the family because they were planning on visiting the real thing in October.

"He (Bud) called her 'The Lady,'" she said. "He looked up to her because she meant a lot

to our country. We looked up to him because he meant a lot to our family."

Myronie Loeckner, Bud Hassien's sister, said the replica was more than cement to her brother.

"I cried and then I got angry," she said.

Maureen is puzzled the thief chose the heaviest, less colorful item in the garden. She's since placed motion sensors in her yard.

Barber said she considered replacing the statue but decided against it.

"It wouldn't be the same," she said, adding that she's holding out hope someone will return it. "All we want is for her to be back where she belongs."

Those with information on the theft can contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5445.

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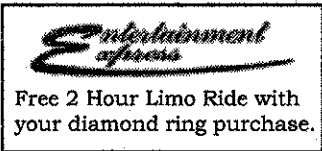
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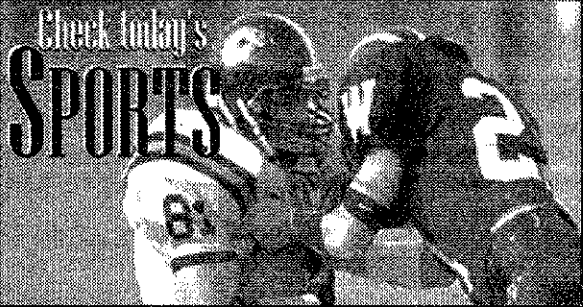


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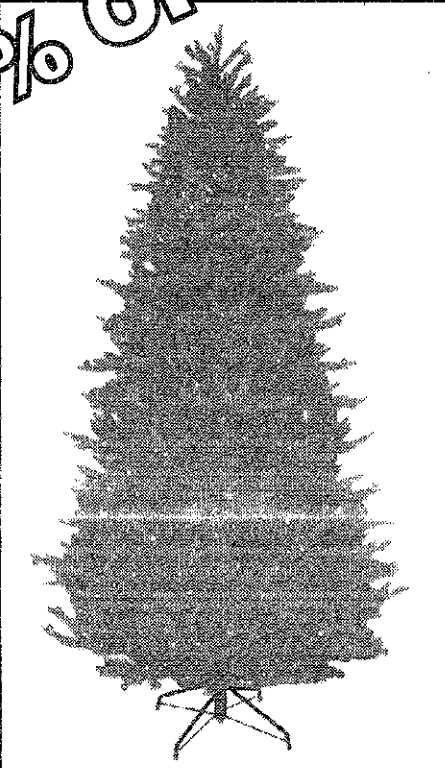
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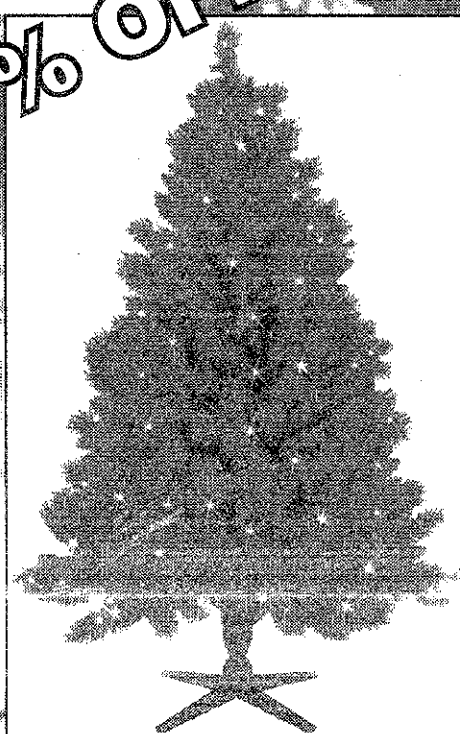
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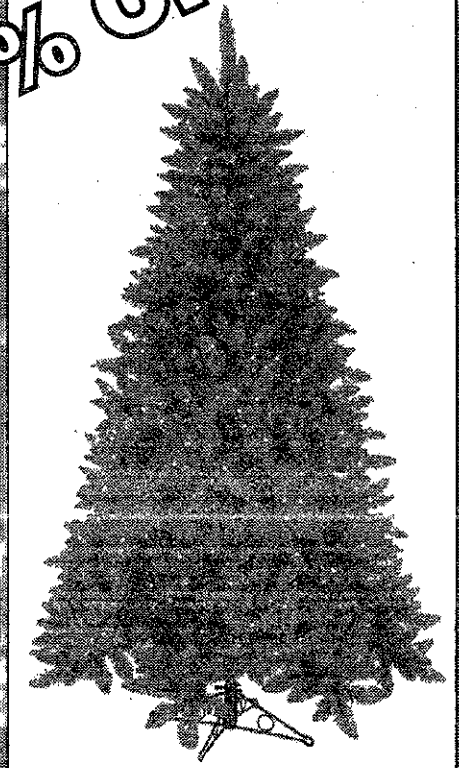
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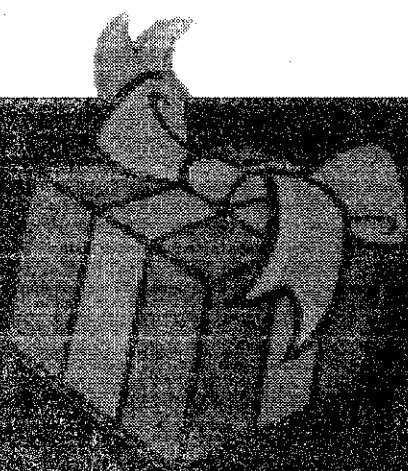
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## DECEMBER

## Christmas caroling

6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at St. Mary's Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. A fun activity presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths,

and Single Place. For details, call (734) 531-9479 or (248) 349-0911.

## Festive Eve Eucharist

6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. Guest organist will be Joan Haggard. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25.

## Services

Worship at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Christmas Eve service with music and readings highlighting the wonderful events surrounding our Savior's birth in Bethlehem 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, in the auditorium at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bible School classes at 9:30 a.m. and

10:45 a.m. as usual. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

## Holiday services

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are both on Sunday this year. There will be one service those mornings at 10 a.m. On Dec. 24 we will observe the fourth Sunday in Advent with Lessons and Carols. Christmas will be celebrated later that day at 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend!

## Sermon series

Presented by Anglican Church of

Livonia (www.HisChurch.us/Virgin) Part 2 is Christmas a fairy tale? 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, Part 3 is God in the flesh 7 p.m. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service. All three parts take place at Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. For more information, call (248) 442-0422 or visit www.HisChurch.us.

## Christmas services

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills, will hold special services on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10 a.m., a family drama at 5 p.m. and traditional candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Day service will be at 10 a.m. to ring in the King. More information available on Web site at www.poplcms.org or by calling (248) 553-3380.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a community site for the American Red Cross blanket drive. New twin size blankets are being collected for the homeless. This campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2007. The Red Cross would like to collect 7,000 blankets. Donations may be dropped off 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Christmas Eve services

9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24; 4 p.m. Family Service with child care provided; 9 p.m. Choir Concert, 9:30 p.m. Festival Candlelight Eucharist, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

## Christmas dinner

Noon to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760. Twelve-step meetings follow the meal for those who wish to attend.

## Christmas services

11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 services feature music by concert violinist Melody Wootton and guest vocalists Jon and Jamie Vandenburg, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. Nursery care provided. For more information, call (248) 646-2000, ext. 0 or 10.

## Christmas Day dinner

Dinner for anyone who is alone or doesn't have anywhere to go on Christmas Day, dinner will be served 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25 (doors open at 1 p.m.) at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1616 Belton, Garden City. There is no charge for the dinner but reservations are necessary. Call Mary or John at (734) 425-3282 for reservations or more information.

## World Peace service

6:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, guest speaker is Robert Weir, Citizens for Peace facilitator for Western Michigan and author of Star of Hope, a biography of John McConnell, the founder of Earth Day, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

## New Year's Eve dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths. Tickets \$35 and available now. First 100 ticket holders will have the chance for a cash prize, drawing will be at the dance. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

## 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.

## 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.

## UPCOMING

## Grief support

Widowed friends, a peer group, is offering a six week series covering phases of grief, dealing with loneliness and coping with the loss of a spouse beginning 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Prince of Peace Parish, 4300 Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. A \$20 fee is payable at the first meeting and covers all materials. Call (248) 681-9424 to register before Jan. 4.

## Monthly dance

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Jan. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

## Christmas concert

Amahl and the Night Visitors, a concert presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's delightful one-act opera featuring boy treble Jonah Yousif in the title role, and the rest of the cast and chorus comprised of members of the Kirk Chancel, Boys and Girls Choirs 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. For details, call (248)

626, 2515, ext. 109. This event is of particular appeal to families.

## A beautiful day

In the Neighborhood features the music of Mister Rogers 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. Mr. McFeeley (David Newell) is joined by local vocalists Judie Cochill, Marc Meyers and Tom Trenney and the Neighborhood Jazz Combo. No tickets required, no admission, but a freewill offering will be collected. Proceeds benefit Variety FAR Conservator, a nonprofit that provides creative arts therapy and recreation services for children with autism and other disabilities. Audience members are also encouraged to bring new or gently-used sweaters to contribute to the Mister Rogers' Sweater Drive for families who need extra warmth this winter. A meet the artists reception follow the concert. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

## 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.

## ONGOING

## Worship services

Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

## Worship service

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

## Adult literacy classes

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## Ladies Bible studies

Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

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

## Personal ministry

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

## Farmington Women Aglow

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

## Scripture studies

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

## TOPS

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

## Learner's Bible study

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

## Church service

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

## Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

## Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church

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

## Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

## Worship services

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

## Unity of Livonia

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

## Shabbat services

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

## Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville.

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## Trinity Episcopal Church

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

## Shabbat Rocks

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

## English classes

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

## Sunday school

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

## Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

## Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

## Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

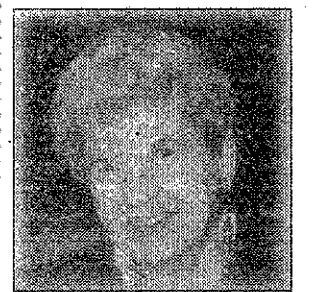
## Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.



## BILLY JOE YOUNG

Passed away November 23, 2006. Memorial service will be held Friday, December 22, 2006, 11AM at Grace United Methodist Church, 400 East Field Ave, Venice, FL 34285. Farley Funeral Home, Venice Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



## EVELYN M. GILBERT

Age 85 of Plymouth, died December 17, 2006. She was born on January 24, 1921 in Dearborn. She was a resident of the Plymouth Community for 48 years and was past President of the National Farm and Garden Club of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late James. Dear mother of Beverly (Michael) Gregory and James R. Gilbert. Grandmother of Timothy M. Gregory and Kristyn (Paul) Mullens and great-grandmother of Emerson G. Wigand and Arianna M. Mullens. Funeral Services were held on Thursday at 11 am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth.

## FRANCES "BETTE" E. MUELLER (nee CHIPMAN)

Age 85 of Rochester Hills, died December 18, 2006. She had lived in the Boulevard Hills Nursing home, formerly Peachwood, for the last 18 years, first in Assisted Living and then in Nursing Care. Bette was born December 16, 1921 in Detroit. She lived and worked in Detroit all her life. In 1955, she married Karl E. Mueller. They spent most of their married life in Royal Oak. Bette worked as an executive secretary for several companies and her husband was a technical writer. Bette was predeceased by her husband in 1987. Having contracted polio at the age of eight, Bette lived with physical limitations caused by leg weakness. During her childhood, she loved the Easter Seal camp and lake vacations with her family. Approximately 19 years ago, she contracted Post-Polio Syndrome. Later, she became wheelchair bound. She was the youngest resident of Borden Court, the assisted living section of Peachwood in Rochester Hills, and was featured in a number of their early ads because she was so attractive and so enthusiastic about her new surroundings and care. Bette had a keen interest in the world around her, politics and nature, and read several magazines faithfully. Bette was a member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham in Bloomfield Hills. She was admired by church members who were her faithful friends and visitors and by others who visited her over the years for the indomitable spirit. Memorial visitation will take place from 10:30 am until the time of the service at 11 am at the Congregational Church of Birmingham on Thursday, December 28, 2006. Arrangements by Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home. Interment will take place at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions can be made to the Easter Seal Society or the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

## JACK W. REYNOLDS

Age 89, of Plymouth, passed away December 17, 2006. He was born November 1, 1917 in Redford, Michigan to Walter J. and Verna E. (Wright) Reynolds. Jack was united in marriage to Janet (Stewart) Reynolds on September 1, 1945. He had been a resident of Plymouth for 45 years, and was formerly of Northville. Jack received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from the University of Detroit and worked in Sales and Marketing for Gulf Oil. He proudly served his country as a Lieutenant (jg) with the Navy during WWII, where he received the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Area Medal, and WWII Victory Medal. Jack was a member of the VFW Post 4012 in Northville. He was an avid golfer, who also enjoyed bowling. He is survived by his sons Jay Reynolds of Birmingham and Jeff Reynolds of Plymouth. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and 1 sister. Private family services for Mr. Reynolds will be held. He will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, 100 E. Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

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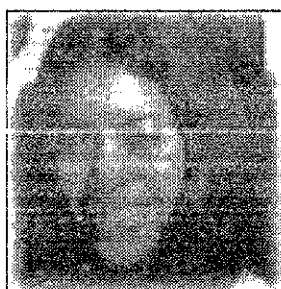
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## JOAN L. QUICK

Age 76, of Stuart, FL., beloved wife of Mack Quick for 54 years, passed away on December 14, 2006. Besides her devoted husband, she is survived by their two children and their families: Greg Quick, his wife Krystine, and their sons Joseph, James & Michael; and Jane Brennan, her husband Henry, and their daughters Kate, Clare, and Margaret. Her great love of children took her into teaching after graduating from Western Michigan University. Whether caring for her own children, her grandchildren, or the children in Indiantown, where she volunteered, Joan's greatest joy came from sharing her knowledge and love with the children. She gave these gifts of herself freely without desire for recognition, knowing the joy of this giving was its own infinite reward. Her genuine concern and caring for others was displayed in countless acts of kindness and in the sharing of her gifts with her many friends as an active member of the communities in which she lived, especially Mariner Sands, where she spent the last 20 years of her life. An unfailing optimist, she faced life's hardships with an uncommon grace and a determination to choose a positive attitude. For this, she earned the admiration and respect of her family & friends. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Martin Funeral Home & Crematory, 961 S. Kanner Highway, Stuart, FL. 1(772)223-5550.



## LINDSEY LINNELL (PENSON) SANDERS

Age 35, of Southfield, daughter of Charles and Carol Penson and wife to Tyrone D. Sanders, Jr. Lindsey was born August 20, 1971 in Southfield. She graduated from Gesu Catholic School, Detroit Benedictine High School, and Michigan State University. On the morning of Wednesday, December 13th, Lindsey passed unexpectedly. She leaves to cherish her life, legacy and memory her loving husband, Tyrone D. Sanders, Jr.; two adorable children, Lauryn Linnell and Bryce Logan; parents Charles and Carol Penson; grandfathers Carroll B. Evans and Isaac N. Penson; in-laws, Troy and Pamela Rambo; grandparents Freeman and Ira Pickett; as well as a host of other family members and friends. Services were entrusted to HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS in Southfield. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, at Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Memory of Lindsey Sanders may be made to the Southfield Community Foundation, 25630 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48075.

Lindsey's Life-Story, Condolences & Directions can be found at www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com

## WINIFRED HUGHES LONGLEY

Age 92, of Birmingham and Grosse Pointe, Michigan, died on December 17 of complications from a broken hip. She had resided at an assisted living community in Woodbridge, Connecticut for the past six years. Mrs. Longley was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, the late John H. Longley. The daughter of the late Frederick and Kathleen Hughes, "Winnie" was a beloved mother, volunteer, artist and silversmith. Her Michigan roots go back several generations and she was well known by many in Grosse Pointe and Birmingham over the 86 years she lived in the area. She was active in The Village Woman's Club, Libri, Ilex, Bayview Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. She is survived by her three sons, James Longley of Olympia, Washington; William Longley of Atlanta, Georgia and John Longley Jr. of Fairfield, Connecticut as well as six grandchildren. Winnifred Longley touched many lives in Michigan and she was loved and admired by all who knew her. She will be remembered for her optimism, consideration of others, generosity and service to the community. A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2007 for Winnie and her husband Jack in Grosse Pointe. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

## LLOYD ALLEN RHOADS

With deepest sorrow we announce the death of Lloyd Allen Rhoads, age 85, wife of 53 years Goldie Lucille (Carter) Rhoads, died Dec. 29, 1994. Survived by son, Larry Rhoads & daughter, Linda Rhoads and his sisters, Exie Manns & Charlotte Bruce. He was a Michigan Technological University graduate, WWII Vet & owned a commercial business building in Detroit. He traveled to Hawaii often and many other destinations. He was a Mason & Shriner supporting Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital. memorial service to be held Friday, December 22, 2006, 7:00 P.M. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave, Farmington, MI.

## MARTIN GEORGE STOVER

Age 73, of Rochester Hills passed away December 18, 2006. Mr. Stover owned and operated Stover's Lawn Mowing and Landscaping for 32 years. He was an avid hunter and loved the outdoors. Beloved husband of Lois (nee: Moore) celebrating 52 years. Dearest dad of Richard (LouAnn) Stover, Ron Stover, and Myrtle (Art) Thompson. Dear grandpa of Tim (Cathy) Stover, Anna (Jeff) Matty, Paul (Christine) Stover, Stephanie and Katlyn Thompson. Dear great grandpa of Katelyn Stover and Elora Matty. Visitation will be Thursday 2:00-8:00 p.m. with Funeral Service Friday 10:30 a.m. at The Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Drive in Rochester. Memorials to Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, 201 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1020, Troy, MI 48064 appreciated. Share a memory with the family visit www.mem.com



## PATSY L. HERBERT

Age 84, passed away on December 13, 2006. A native of Louisville, KY, Patsy moved to MI and became an elementary teacher for Inkster Public Schools. During her 37 years of service, she became a vibrant force in the community as well. She retired in 1982 as principal of Carver School, traveling worldwide and staying active in numerous organizations. Patsy has received many honors most recently the YWCA Senior Woman of the Year. Patsy will be missed by her devoted relatives and all of her adoring friends. Services were held at Smith Chapel AME on December 20, 2006 with interment at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

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Winter's breath transformed the landscape. She changed the game plan.

Change came overnight. And winter's approach makes the mind ramble.

Forty-eight hours after that burst of Thanksgiving week warmth, a few confused blabber-mouth spring peepers figured out their seasonal error and fell silent. Within hours, first ice laced shorelines of woodland ponds with delicate design and incredible beauty. And as is their way, coyotes transformed from cryptic roadside scavengers of warm meat to bold, yet wary, open meadow hunters. Autumn's innocence gave way to winter's bite.

At first light I haul firewood from the four-cord pile, brushing off the occasional woolly bear caterpillar that sought



Michigan Naturally

Jonathan Schechter

sanctuary between the oak and cherry. And yes, I gently place the curled up caterpillars back in the pile of split and stacked wood. Will they survive? I have no idea. I do it anyway. A red squirrel watches from a limb, with an apple. My gift.

Wind bites my face in the moments of dawn. I embrace those pre-coffee moments, the wintry breath of a new season looming. I dream of snowshoeing and zombie-like patience, ice fishing for perch with friends who understand. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Nature never wears a mean appearance." Very true: I remember that from hippie days in Vermont.

Nature becomes generous to predators — and naturalists — when first snows lace the land,



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A red squirrel savors an apple.

for she gives up her secrets, betraying the movements of wild creatures.

This is a good time of the year, a woods-walking invigorating time. Intimacy is revealed. A rabbit track leads to a thicket. Meadow mice leave snaking trails under snow. The deep cut of a deer's hoof slices through snow and frost crystals of mud. And our great elusive predator, the coy-

ote, leaves trails and tales for those who can't resist studying the encounters.

Here and there that trail hesitates, as if the coyote wonders if it's too hard to dig out a hibernating woodchuck. It is too hard. And on the early December day I followed the coyote trail from the edge of my barn to the pond's edge, both she and I stopped at the water's edge, 50 feet shy of the snow-capped beaver lodge. She? Males mark to the side of their tracks. Females squat. Look to the urine trail for the gender answer.

I suspect that coyote knows nothing of the green frogs, bullfrogs and turtles at pond's bottom, in states of near motionless. And I wonder if the coyote knows of the treefrogs and wood frogs, frozen like ice cubes in breathless suspended animation under decomposing logs. For me, knowledge of the cryptic creatures of winter is just that, knowledge to appreciate, sometimes to

share. For the coyote: knowledge is life.

As the daylight wanes and a crackling cold night comes to life, a distant hoot carries on still air from the swamp beyond the iced pond. Not the great horned owl of last year, but the melodic melody of an elusive, less common, barred owl.

For that swamp owl and coyote, nature's way in winter is kinder than we think.

Rabbits and mice move about in darkness, across the meadows in their play for

life, search for food and ways to retain body fat. Follow tracks and look for tales in the early days of winter at first light — before rising sun ruins tracks — and the bold story of night predation, belly-happy predators and creatures turned to protein unfolds.

That is winter. But the woods and the ponds are not asleep. Just different.

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# Chiefs pin down title in tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Facing Canton's wrestling team these days is about as pleasant as shopping on Dec. 24.

The Chiefs wrapped up their second consecutive strong weekend Saturday when they captured the Canton Team Tournament by outlasting state-ranked New Boston Huron, 37-28, in the title match. Canton advanced to the final by sweeping Dearborn Fordson (43-28), Ann Arbor Pioneer (51-19), Monroe Jefferson (43-25) and Allen Park (64-11). Two Chiefs — Corey Phillips and Donnie Watkins — went unbeaten while three others — Donnie Laramie, Carl Lucke and Steve Cox — suffered just one setback on the day.

"That was a phenomenal win over New Boston Huron," said Canton coach Casey Randolph, whose team improved to 11-1. "They have several state qualifiers back from last year's team and they're always ranked in the top 10 in Division III. They're an experienced team from top to bottom and they beat up John Glenn pretty good, which surprised me."

"The way we wrestled going into the New Boston Huron match had me doubting whether we could beat them. But I brought the kids together and told them that even though they weren't wrestling up to their capability, they could still win if they wrestled with heart and emotion. They did a good job of gutting it out."

Randolph said the highlights of the title-clinching victory were Joe Sanders' win at 160 and Adam Powers' performance at 189.

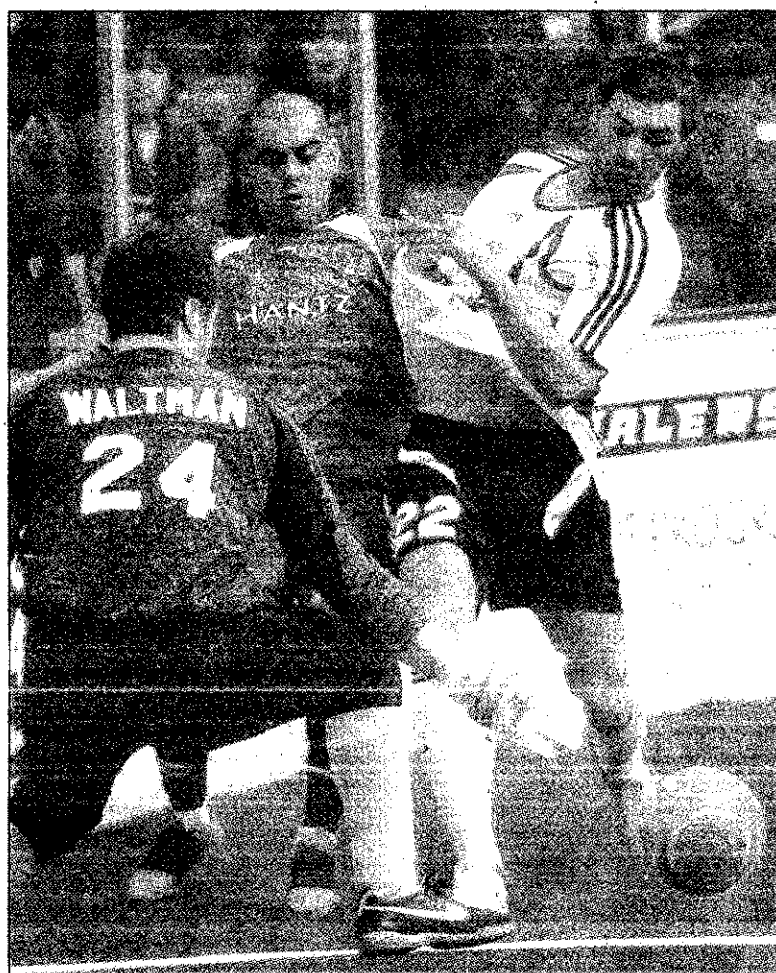
"Joe was losing late in the third period, but he got an escape with less than a minute to go to pull it out," Randolph said. "And Adam pulled out a 14-12 win after trailing in the third."

The Chiefs received some good news earlier in the week when the latest Michigan Wrestling Association polls had them ranked No. 9 in Division I. Davison, who they defeated a week earlier, was ranked No. 3.



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Detroit Ignition forward Bill Sedgewick hits the turf to secure control of the ball from Baltimore's Tarik Walker during Saturday night's 15-4 Ignition victory.



Detroit's Carlos Farias (red jersey) helps Ignition goalkeeper Danny Waltman fend off Baltimore's Jonathan Steele during Saturday night's 15-4 Ignition win.

## JAMARVELOUS

### Beasley's big night leads Ignition to lopsided victory over Baltimore

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Ignition squared off against defending Major Indoor Soccer League champion Baltimore Saturday night with a back-up goalie and an interim coach.

Unfortunately for the Blast, there was no substitute for Detroit's Jamar Beasley. Beasley, the reigning MISL Player of the Week, proved to be a nightmare for Baltimore's defense, which he shredded for four goals and one assist in the Ignition's 15-4 triumph before 3,255 fans at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The victory — coupled with Sunday's 11-7 win at Chicago — propelled the suddenly scorching Ignition to 5-5, just one game behind MISL front-runner Philadelphia. The Blast slipped to 4-4.

"He does what he does," said Detroit interim coach Matt Johnson of Beasley, the league's leading scorer with 43

points. "Jamar is very fast and a great finisher. Tonight he got a lot of chances and he finished them."

Johnson, an assistant coach/player, has filled in the past three weeks for regular head coach Mark Pulisic, who has been sidelined with an undisclosed illness.

"Playing is a lot easier than coaching," Johnson said, smiling. "We'll know more about Mark next week. Hopefully, he's able to return soon."

Danny Waltman entered the weekend with the "backup goalkeeper" designation, but he performed like a seasoned All-Star against the Blast and Storm. On Saturday night, while subbing for first-stringer Sanaldo, who was forced to sit out one game after receiving a red card the previous weekend, the former University of Washington star turned away 20 Baltimore shots, many from close range.

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Plymouth's Jason O'Guinn is slowed down by Livonia Stevenson's Marcus Voran during the first period of Tuesday night's 2-2 tie at Compuware Sports Arena.

## Even-Steven(son): 'Cats, Spartans tie

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

During the even-even moments of Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game, Plymouth played more than even with Livonia Stevenson.

However, a pair of uneven moments — when the Wildcats were killing penalties — prevented the 'Cats from notching a significant victory against a quality opponent at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Spartans scored a pair of power-play goals to forge a 2-2 tie with Plymouth, which now stands at 5-2-2. Stevenson is 5-1-1.

"When it's five-on-five, we can play with the best teams out there," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "But tonight — like we've done a lot this season — we

had too many penalties. Because of the new rules, they're calling the games tighter now and we haven't adapted to it as fast as I thought we would."

The Wildcats were whistled for seven infractions; the Spartans were penalized four times.

Following a scoreless opening period, Luke Merandi gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead when he scored off an assist from Noel Aspenwall. Stevenson grabbed a 2-1 advantage with a pair of second-period lamp-lighters: Sean Lerg from Mike Jahn and Mark Bekkala; and Marcus Voran from Dan Darrow and R.J. Kierdorf.

Plymouth's Nick Cote made it 2-all off an assist from Mark Olivier early in the third period.

"It was a back-and-forth game," said Dubois. "I got a couple calls after the game and they said it was a good

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## Rhyme time: Honoring 2006's brightest prep stars



Ed Wright

Educational Park athletes and teams that excelled in 2006.

*'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the "Park," not an athlete was stirring, the gyms were all dark.*

*Old sweat socks were hung on each locker with care, in hopes that St. Nick*

*would bring a new pair.*

*Swimmer Allison Schmitt, wow, she made quite a splash. If gold medals were money, she'd have tons of cash.*

*She set freestyle records at the D1 state meet; Allison is only a junior: Can you say, "Repeat"?*

*On the wrestling mats, Salem's Henderson did shine; Jeremy won an individual state title at one-eighty-nine.*

*He may not have been the strongest or quickest that day, but with flawless technique he held opponents at bay.*

*Speaking of wrestling,*

*Randolph's Chiefs did well, too; in the Regional final, they made the Shamrocks feel blue.*

*With Konrad and Donnie and Marwan and Corey, the Chiefs earned respect, not to mention great glory.*

*Plymouth's durable harriers enjoyed a memorable year; Coach Shaw was a smilin'; he had reason to cheer.*

*The 'Cats won a league title and moved on to the state, where a 12th-place finish made their season just great.*

*Despite enough injuries to wear out the Red Cross, Canton's gridiron heroes suffered just one solitary loss.*

*With Moores running wild and the D-line crushing backs, the Chiefs racked up TD's, and a ton of QB sacks.*

*Plymouth's gridiron team, it showed plenty of grit; despite heart-breaking losses, the Wildcats never did quit.*

*And their running back, Nate, he could do everything. One night he scored twice and was named Homecoming king!*

*The Park's lady hoopsters outclassed most their foes. The games rarely went down to two late-game free throws.*

*From Houdek to Langham to Haywood to "Mitch," wins came fast and often,*

*their talent was rich.*

*Salem's Rocks lost a legend with the passing of "Mo"; when his wishbone was clicking, his gameplan: "Why throw?"*

*An old school-style coach, Moshimer didn't take any crap, and his teams played all-out from the opening snap.*

*If your name wasn't mentioned and you achieved a great feat, I am truly sorry, but, hey, I have a deadline to meet.*

*On a serious note, I'd like to say thanks for your time; my creative juices are dried up, this is it, my last rhyme.*

*Happy Holidays!*



## IGNITION

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He duplicated the effort 24 hours later when he stopped 17 Storm shots. "Sanaldo has been playing well, so there's nothing I can do but wait for my opportunity," said Waltman a few minutes after he stoned the Blast. "It wasn't an ideal situation with Sanaldo getting the red card, but I was excited to get into the game tonight. I'll take any chance I can get."

"Every time I get out there it's a chance for me to show that I can be a No. 1 guy. It's always up to the coach who plays, but when you're the backup, you have to make a case for yourself every time you get out there."

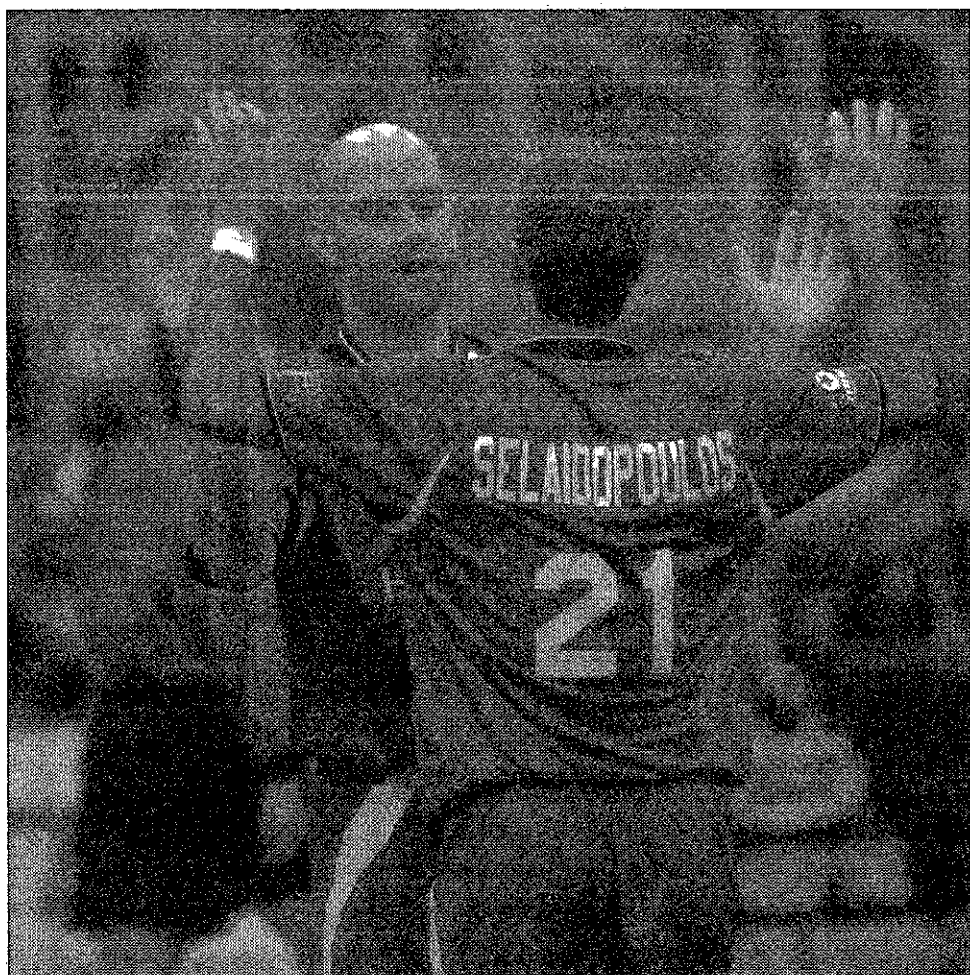
Waltman happily handled about three times as many autograph requests as he did Blast shots a few minutes after Saturday's game. It was hard to detect which he enjoyed more.

"I love it," he said, referring to the autographs. "That was me 15 years ago at Tacoma Stars games. I was the little kid hanging over the railing asking for autographs. After one game, the Stars' goalie, 'Iron' Mike Dowler, threw me a pair of sweaty goalie gloves. That's what made me want to become a goalie."

Waltman was ever so close to registering a shutout, which are about as rare in the goals-happy MISL as snow-less Decembers in Michigan.

The lone ball to get past Waltman was Denison Cabral's PK with 4:08 left in the game. The visitors' other goal — also off the foot of Cabral — came against third-string net-minder Droe Callahan, who filled in for Waltman while he served a penalty.

Detroit scored early and often to secure a comfortable 9-0 lead after the first quarter. Novi Marojevic ignited the onslaught with a three-point goal just 37 seconds after the last note of the



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Detroit's Bill Sedgewick (facing camera) congratulates Kyt Selaidopoulos after he scored a goal in Saturday night's 15-4 victory over Baltimore.

"National Anthem" was delivered. Beasley then strung together three straight two-pointers to put the icing on a lop-sided opening 15 minutes.

The Ignition cushioned their lead to 11-0 5:40 into the second quarter on a textbook goal that included thread-the-needle passes from Marojevic and Beasley, who dished the ball to goal-

scorer Mike Apple 10 feet in front of the Blast net. Apple firmly deposited the ball past Baltimore goalie Sagu and into the back of the net.

Kyt Selaidopoulos and Beasley capped the hosts' scoring with second-half tallies.

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## Penguins derail Cranes

BY ED WRIGHT  
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The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team checked another accomplishment off its "to do" list Saturday when the Penguins knocked off Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, 3-1, in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game played at the Wallace Ice Arena on the Cranes' campus.

It was the first-ever victory PCS registered at Cranbrook. "It was a pretty big deal for the girls since it was the first time we've beat them at their place," said Penguins coach Eric Mink, whose team improved to 6-0-1 overall and 5-0-1 in the league. "Both teams came out skating well. They took a 1-0 lead, but our goalie — Kristie Kowalski — kept us in it with some nice saves and we scored three in

the third to win it."

Following a scoreless first period, Audrey Stapleton, one of the most productive scorers in the MMGHSHL, gave the Cranes' a 1-0 advantage less than two minutes into the second stanza when she slid the puck into the back of the net.

PCS knotted the game at 1-1 with 6:41 left on Katie Zimmerman's goal from Adrienne Cercone and Nikki Songer.

Songer netted the game-winner from Zimmerman and Keely Kowalski with 2:26 left. Edra Burris tacked on an insurance goal 37 seconds later thanks to an assist from Amy Coleman.

Kristie Kowalski recorded 20 saves.

"The key for us was that we were able to kill off a couple of 5-on-3 penalties," said Mink.

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game to watch. I thought we were maybe a little sluggish, a little slow, but it always looks that way when we play on the big Olympic rink. We also seem to play a little tight when we play the Livonia teams."

"For the most part we played pretty well, but it hurts to give up a third-period goal," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz

said. "Hopefully we'll learn from it and get better because of it. But I thought overall it was a pretty good game between two evenly matched teams."

Senior goalie Justin Desilets was stellar between the pipes for the Wildcats, turning away 22 shots.

"Justin played well and I thought Nick Cote had a good game, too," Dubois said.

Stevenson outshot Plymouth, 24-17.

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# Local swim teams set sights on Mustangs, Spartans

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The biggest question facing Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim teams heading into this season is the same as it was last year, the year before that and the year before that: Can anybody challenge powerhouses Northville and Livonia Stevenson?

Salem coach Chuck Olson isn't sure if his team is quite up to the task yet, but he's more than ready to find out.

Although some teams have already opened their seasons with dual meets, the 2006-07 campaign hits full stride Friday with the WLAA Relays at Salem.

"It should be the same old group at the top — Northville, Stevenson and probably Canton — but there should be better balance this year," said Olson.

"We have a lot of new guys on the team who are practicing hard and getting better every day. We have a long ways to go, but the effort is there."

Pacing the Rocks this season will be senior captains Nick Leone and David Olson, both of whom can swim any event Olson pencils them in for.

"I'm looking for Nick to qualify for the state meet in some events early in the season," said Olson. "He should be a strong contributor who has a good senior season."

"David has come a long way since his freshman year, and he'd be the first to admit it," said Olson. "He was basically a non-swimmer when he joined us, but through hard work, he's put up some good times."

Another versatile swimmer for the Rocks is senior Matt Underhill, who racked up big points for the Rocks as a junior.

"Matt is one of our better distance guys," said Olson. "He's also strong in the freestyle events and he's been our best backstroke the past couple of years. Whatever we need him to swim, he does well."

Olson also expects big things out of junior Stan Chen, who has qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the breaststroke the past two years. He also swims the IM and the butterfly, Olson said.

## PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats are coming off the most successful season in the school's short history when they finished third in the WLAAs Western Division and registered an overall record of 4-6. The biggest void coach Doug Schade will have to fill is the one left with the graduation of Andy Knisely, a state-qualifier in three events last season.

"So far, I'm very pleased with this

year's team," said Schade. "They are working very hard and making significant progress in the pool. We've really been focusing on non-freestyle events as we try to round out our team."

"We never have wins and losses as goals. One of our goals is to try to get better every day in practice. Another one of our goals is to compete with great focus and intensity at every dual meet. Lastly, we want to be a team that can swim many different athletes in many different events so we can match up well against other teams in dual meets."

The Wildcats' top returner is Michael Conger.

"He's in great shape right now after spending the fall at the Bulldog Aquatic Club," said Schade. "I look for him to compete pretty much anywhere with great success in our league."

Plymouth's top diver is Justin Magill, whose best score so far is 184.

Other key contributors include Ben Ambrose, Jack Distel, Justin Scaparo, Kyle Wilkenson, Chris Wilson, Ethan Weiner, Jason Oldani, Mike Snyder, Paul Snyder, Tony McLaughlin and Joe Eudy.

## CANTON

Only Northville and Stevenson stood between the Chiefs and a WLAA title

last season. Gone from the third-place unit are Nick Landis, Shogo Uno, Nathan Phillips, Derek Schmitt, Alex Marinica and Dan Anthony.

"We have good strength up front," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "Our top swimmers have some big goals and now's the time to go after those goals."

Serving as captains for the Chiefs will be seniors Matt Carlson, Rob Blaesser and Jon Templeton.

"Matt is a hard worker who is in the best shape he's been in in four years," said Weber. "He's very focused on what he wants to accomplish."

"Rob has turned into a very good leader the past year or two. This should be a good year for him in the freestyles, IM and backstroke. Jon will help us in the 50 and 100 free."

Weber praised the perseverance of senior Ross Schwarz, a freestyler.

"Ross has battled through a lot," said Weber. "The first year he was sick and the second year he broke his arm. Last year, after missing the two previous years, he fell just a couple seconds off the 500 freestyle state qualifying cut. He's healthy now and doing very well."

Other key contributors include Joe Spillane, Russell McBain, Eric Stanko, Kevin Karlinski and Chris McGinnis.

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## SWIM RESULTS

**SALINE 93  
CANTON 92**  
Tuesday at Canton  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Saline (Nick Schneider, Sam Wittig, Noah Whitener, Justin Duong), 1:46.59; 2. Canton (Robert Blaesser, Matt Carlson, Chris Marinica, Chris McGinnis), 1:48.32; 3. Saline, 1:57.95.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Ross Schwarz (C), 1:57.10; 2. Richard Zhang (C), 1:59.29; 3. Alex Wu (S), 2:03.57.  
**200 IM:** 1. Matt Carlson (C), 2:04.17; 2. Robert Blaesser (C), 2:15.03; 3. Sam Wittig (S), 2:18.43.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Noah Whitener (S), 22.46; 2. Justin Duong (S), 23.96; 3. Jon Templeton (C), 24.18.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Joel Chambers (S), 211.35; 2. Andrew Devries (S), 191.30; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 145.75.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Noah Whitener (S), 55.42; 2. Jon Templeton (C), 1:03.41; 3. Jacob Mauthe (S), 1:03.85.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Matt Carlson (C), 51.00; 2. Justin Duong (S), 51.54; 3. Alex Wu (S), 54.02.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Ross Schwarz (C), 5:23.50; 2. Richard Zhang (C), 5:30.40; 3. Travis Littlejohn (S), 5:42.28.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Jon Templeton, Chris McGinnis, Ross Schwarz, Matt Carlson), 1:38.09; 2. Saline, 1:41.60; 3. Canton (Eddie Koelzer, Quest Miller, Chris Marinica, Richard Zhang), 1:46.13.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:00.64; 2. Nick Schneider (S), 1:01.81; 3. Frasier Christie (S), 1:08.21.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:09.64; 2. Sam Wittig (S), 1:09.76; 3. Drew Dakin (S), 1:10.24.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Saline (Noah Whitener, Alex Wu, Daniel Kung, Justin Duong), 3:34.79; 2. Canton (Ross Schwarz, Kevin Karlinski, Jon Templeton, Robert Blaesser), 3:39.72; 3. Saline, 3:51.33.  
**CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 1-1.**

# Hottest team in OHL? Try the Whalers

It's fair to say that the Whalers are playing with a quiet confidence.

Plymouth swept through an Eastern Ontario road swing last weekend, winning three games by identical 5-1 scores last Thursday in Peterborough, Friday in Oshawa and Sunday in Brampton. The Whalers' victories — coupled with Saginaw's 5-3 loss to Oshawa on Sunday — moved Plymouth (22-10-1-1) into a first-place tie in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with the Spirit.

Plymouth has gone 14-1-1-1 over its last 17 games, picking up 30 out of a possible 34 points since Nov. 10.

Evan Brophey's power play goal at 14:04 of the second period snapped a 1-1 tie on Sunday and the Whalers pulled away from Brampton. Besides Brophey, Vern Cooper, Dan Collins, Joe McCann and Andrew Fournier scored for the Whalers.

Brophey had another hot weekend with two goals and six assists for eight points over the three games. The Chicago Blackhawks' draftee now has 14 goals and 46 assists, which is good enough for fifth in the OHL scoring race.

Plymouth is currently playing without James Neal (18-21-39), who made Canada's National Junior Team and will be committed to that team through early January.

The Whaler power play continues to be a factor over the last month. Plymouth scored three power plays goals Thursday night in the victory over Peterborough, added four more power-play goals against Oshawa and had a power-play goal against Brampton.

The Whalers have moved up to 12th overall in the OHL on the power play at 18.5 percent.

The Whalers continue to lead the league in penalty killing,

going into the Christmas Break with an 86.9 percent success ratio.

"The key for us is we're play with a lot of confidence," said Whalers captain Steve Ward. "We're going into games now with a bit of a swagger knowing we should win if we work hard. That's been the key — we know if we work hard, we have enough skill to win most of the time."

Although Brownstown's Jeremy Smith and Neuvirth are rookies, they've provided Plymouth with strength in goal. Plymouth leads the OHL in team defense, allowing 93 goals through 34 games.

"Right now, we have a ton of confidence in them," Ward said. "They're both playing unbelievably well, and they're both a huge part of our success. We've been playing great team defense and they've been coming up with the big saves when we need them. I think that's been a big key."

# Zinn brothers lead PCA to victory

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## PREP HOOP

Oh, brothers!  
That's what Macomb Christian must have been thinking late Tuesday night after dropping a never-in-doubt 72-23 decision to Plymouth Christian Academy. The Eagles were led by the Zinn brothers — Brent and Trevor, who scored 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Matt Saagman (eight points) also had a solid night for the winners as did Ryan Govan, who led the team in rebounds.

The victory was the fourth straight for PCA after its opening-night setback to Lutheran Westland.

"Our intensity was great tonight right from the start," said PCA coach Dave Yost. "The kids played hard the entire game and all 12 players got to play a lot."

"Brent Zinn had an exceptional game coming off the bench. He was very unselfish with

the ball and he made some nice passes. Devyn Govan was a force inside, too."

The Eagles raced to a 23-5 lead after one quarter and 46-13 halftime advantage. They led 60-17 with eight minutes to play.

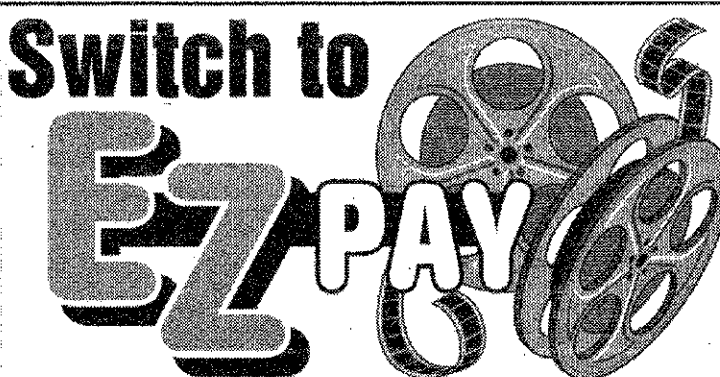
**A.A. PIONEER 62, CANTON 47:** On Tuesday, the visiting Pioneers bolted to a 17-6 lead after one quarter and never looked back to improve to 3-1. The Chiefs slipped to 0-4.

Pioneer led 35-19 at the half and 47-30 with eight minutes to play.

Senior center Ryan Waidmann paced the Chiefs with 17 points, six rebounds and four assists. Seniors Eric Thornton and Steve Paye both chipped in with seven points a piece.

Kevin Keeler led Pioneer with 18 points. Matt Pettit had 17 and J.T. Knight netted 10.

Canton hit 9-of-13 free throws (69.2 percent) and 19-of-42 field goals (45.2).



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# Polar opposites clash as Lions host

The Chicago Bears are 12-2. The Detroit Lions are 2-12. The Bears are going to the playoffs again. The Lions are going to watch the playoffs again. The Bears may be going to the Super Bowl. The Lions may be going to the Super Bowl if they can find airfare to Miami and good tickets to the game.

Nightmare Part Six is the best way to describe this disaster of a season for the Lions. Since 2000, they have played 94 football games and lost 71 of them. Short of shutting out the Bears and the Cowboys in the final two weeks, there really is nothing the Lions can do to salvage anything from this hideous '06 campaign.

"This has just been awful and I am tremendously disappointed how things have gone," cornerback Dré Bly said. "We'll just try and finish strong and get ready for next year."

The numbers speak for themselves. A 1-18



Mark Wilson

"They're playing hard and doing things right, but I am looking for that guy who can win the game for us when it counts," first-year coach Rod Marinelli said after the 17-9 loss to the Packers.

In the last six games, the Lions have scored five touchdowns. They got three Jason Hanson field goals at Lambeau Field. The last time they

record in the division on the road during the Matt Millen era is an absolute horror story. The loss to the Packers last Sunday in Green Bay stretched the losing streak in Wisconsin to 16 consecutive games. Overall since that 2000 season, the Lions are 5-42 away from Ford Field. In 2000 alone, they went 5-3 on the road.

scored more than one TD in a game was against Atlanta way back on Nov. 5. It's also the last time the Lions won a football game. In contrast, San Diego's record-setter LaDarian Tomlinson has scored 16 touchdowns by himself the past six weeks for the Chargers. Like the Bears, San Diego is also 12-2.

If you can't get into the end zone, you can not win games in the National Football League - bottom line.

"The effort and the energy was there, the execution was not," Marinelli said. "It was not good enough."

The Bears beat the Lions back in Week 2 at Soldier Field. That's the game where Chicago led 24-0 at halftime and coasted to a 34-7 victory. Detroit had just 46 yards rushing that day. Compared to the last few weeks, 46 yards on the ground seems like a dream. Quarterback

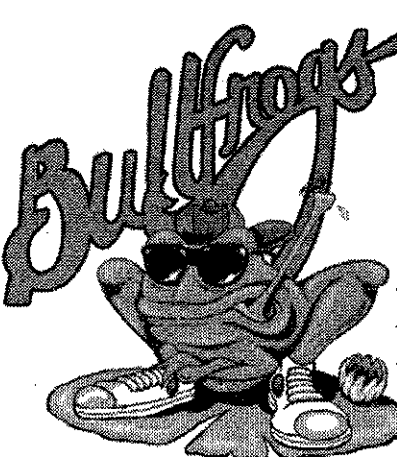
Jon Kitna was the Lions' leading rusher Sunday, but he went backward more than he went forward against the Pack.

"Let's be honest, we caused our own problems," Kitna said after that game in September.

That could have been a comment from any game in the past six weeks, heck any game all season. The turnovers continue to mount; three more against Green Bay. Thirteen turnovers the past three games are not going to get it done. Kitna has fumbled, had balls tipped and intercepted and generally not played near good enough to win games.

One touchdown a week or less is what got Steve Mariucci fired last season. Mike Martz's offense has not been an image of his "Greatest Show on Turf" moniker in St. Louis. Losing running back Kevin Jones against Minnesota didn't help, but they weren't winning when K.J.

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# Bears in Sunday's 2006 home finale

was healthy. The offensive line has struggled to keep healthy bodies around the two anchors, Dominic Raiola and Jeff Backus. New guys should wear "Hello, My Name Is ..." stickers.

"We just won't use injuries as an excuse. Injuries happen across the NFL and you just have to play above it," Marinelli said.

It's not clear what kind of a game the Bears will bring with them to Ford Field in the home finale this Sunday. They have already clinched home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. Coach Lovie Smith could recruit former Bears Gale Sayers, Dick Butkus and Doug Buffone to play and it wouldn't matter. All three of those guys are in their 60s.

"We're not going to shut down our team. We have a few things to correct heading into the playoffs," Smith said to reporters after the Bears beat Tampa in overtime last Sunday.

Yeah, those two losses really stink. Lions' fans feel so bad for Chicago that they couldn't win them all. Even with 12 wins, the Bears have a quarterback issue with Rex Grossman. It's something All-Pro linebacker Brian Urlacher takes exception to.

"We're 12-2; we have home-field advantage in the playoffs ... what more do you want from us at this point in time?" he said.

Twelve wins. As it stands now, the Lions have won 12 games over the past three years. Six consecutive 10-plus loss seasons is the second longest streak in NFL history. It's sad when you start longing for the days of 5-11. If they lose to the Bears and then to Dallas in the season ender New Year's Eve, it will only be the Lions' third 2-14 record in team history.

Speaking of eves, this will be the second straight season the Lions play on Christmas Eve.

Last year, they beat the Saints in San Antonio on that last-second Hanson field goal. New Orleans had been displaced from its home by Hurricane Katrina. The Saints have turned around their fortunes in one year under new coach Sean Payton. They have won nine times and are heading to the postseason. In fact, seven first-year head coaches with new teams have won four or more games. The only two who haven't are Marinelli and Art Shell in Oakland.

Welcome to the battle for the first overall pick in the 2007 NFL Draft. The Lions and Raiders are both 2-12. Don't for a minute believe the Lions are going to tank the final two games to get that top choice. There are 53 guys in that locker room that couldn't care less about the No. 1 pick next April. They may not be here to see it. It's no motivation for any man playing for a contract.

"I don't think about that at all. It never enters my mind about draft picks. I am here to win games and play for my future; that's it," Bly said.

The fans could get ugly this Sunday. Rumors of a planned walkout during the game have been floating around the Internet for weeks. It was bad last season during the final home game against Cincinnati. Pride is all the Lions have left to play for against the NFC North champion Bears.

Let's hope the Lions actually have some pride left.

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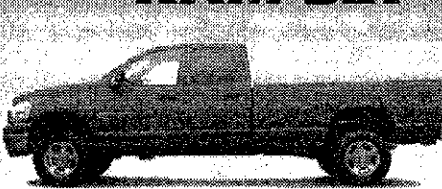
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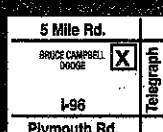
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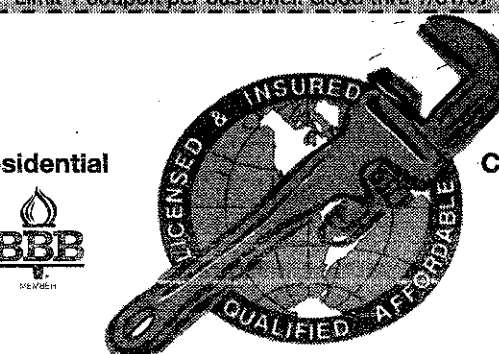
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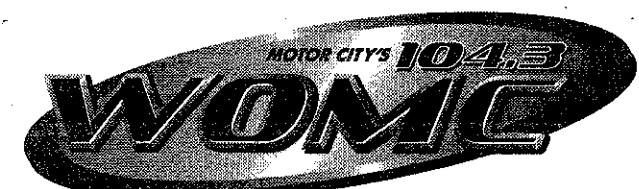
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-  
December 12, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Executive Director Santomaro, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Director Eva **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended removing Board Study Minutes, December 5, 2006 from the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of November 28, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments:** Pat Winters, 42109 Cherrylawn Court, is concerned with the increase in water bills due to no pump pump. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for December 12, 2006

General Fund	101	\$ 561,698.48
Fire Fund	206	37,553.32
Police Fund	207	105,414.27
Summit Operating	208	23,243.84
Street Lighting	219	18,121.04
Cable TV Fund	230	2,219.40
Twp Improvement	246	154,311.01
E-911 Utility	261	10,234.85
Auto Forfeiture(wva)	267	5,546.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	1,290.00
Auto Theft Grant	289	45,555.70
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	25,487.48
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	1,190.00
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	115,475.39
Bldg Auth Construction	469	147.00
Golf Fund	584	2,757.18
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,132,704.85
Trust & Agency Fund	701	5,445.00
Construction Escrows	702	90.00
Post Employ. Benefits	736	6,070.56
Koppnick Corporate	852	77.00
Tonquish Creek Storm	854	98.00
S. Haggerty Rd. Paving	865	175.00
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>2,254,905.37</b>

**PRESENTATION: Item 1. PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION BADGES.** Clerk Bennett presented Lieutenant Robert Glenn, Lieutenant Craig Poike, Lieutenant Thomas Lutkehoff and Lieutenant Paul Pavloff with their Lieutenant badges.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER TO GADAREN LLC. DBA GINGER RESTAURANT, AT 8465 N. LILLEY ROAD (PARCEL ID# 71-00699-0004-001), CANTON TOWNSHIP, CANTON, MI. 48187, WAYNE COUNTY. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to open the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. to consider the transfer of a Class C liquor license currently held in escrow at 14850 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate, MI, to Gaderen LLC/DBA Ginger Restaurant, located at 8465 N. Lilley Road, Canton Township, Canton, MI 48187, Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m., to consider the transfer of a Class C liquor license currently held in escrow at 14850 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate, MI to Gaderen LLC/DBA Ginger Restaurant, located at 8465 N. Lilley Road, Canton Township, Canton, MI 48187, Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to transfer a Class C liquor license currently held in escrow at 14850 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate, MI, to Gaderen LLC/DBA Ginger Restaurant, and also a new Sunday Sales Permit and an official Permit for the Sale of Food on Sundays between the hours of 10:00 am. And 12:00 noon, located at 8465 N. Lilley Road, Canton Township, Canton, MI 48187, Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the following appointments to the Senior Advisory Council for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009, and the Alternates to a one (1) year term, January 1 - December 31, 2007. One (1) nominee will be appointed to fill the remainder of an existing term that expires in December, 2007. Pioneer Club Marie Davis (current member whose term expires 12/06) Jean Suttle- Alternate Royals Club Barbara Kulp (current member whose term expires 12/06) Carol Evans and Audrey Linn- Alternates (current members whose terms expire 12/06) Zester Club Evelyn Aksamit (current member whose term expires 12/06) Martha Krochmal - Alternate (current member whose term expires 12/06) Katie Magloci - for a term to expire in December, 2007. Ms. Magloci is replacing Stella Gzesik who resigned). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. AUTHORIZE TRANSFER FROM PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND TO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PAVED SURFACES. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the transfer of \$240,000 from the Public Improvement Fund to the Community Improvement Fund to provide funding for paved surface maintenance and repair on Township property. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. AUTHORIZE TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO SOUTH HAGGERTY ROAD PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND DEBT SERVICE FUND. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of \$241,400 from the General Fund to the South Haggerty Road paving special assessment debt service fund. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this transfer: GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance	101-000-699-0000	\$241,400
Increase Appropriations:		
Transfer to Special Assessment Funds	101-959-965-8000	\$241,400
This budget amendment increases the Transfers Out Division budget from \$4,267,822 to \$4,504,222, and the General Fund budget from \$28,248,309 to \$28,489,709. SOUTH HAGGERTY ROAD PAVING DEBT SERVICE FUND: Increase Revenues:		
Transfer from General fund	865-000-676-1010	\$241,400
Increase Appropriations:		
Transfer to Fund Balance	865-905-999-0000	\$241,400
This budget amendment increases the South Haggerty Road Paving Special Assessment Debt Service Fund budget from \$215,350 to \$456,750.		
Construction Fund summary:		
Special assessment bond issue	\$2,140,000	
General Fund contribution	74,800	
Interest income	138,015	
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>\$2,352,815</b>
Project costs	\$1,874,171	
Bond issuance costs	51,878	
Transfer to General Fund	81,651	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,007,700</b>

Balance transferred to debt fund	\$ 345,115
Debt Service Fund summary:	
Special assessments	\$1,611,648
Interest on assessments	499,307
Transfer from construction fund	345,115
Interest income	
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$2,497,379</b>

Bond principal costs	\$2,140,000
Bond interest costs	595,461
Bond trustee costs	3,325
<b>Total bond costs</b>	<b>\$2,738,786</b>

Funding shortage \$ 241,407 Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS THROUGH THE END OF 2006. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the payment of the Township's bills on December 29, 2006, as normally scheduled, subject to prior review by the Clerk and Treasurer. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item 5. APPROVE WAIVER FROM PURCHASING POLICY REGARDING CAPITAL SPENDING. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the Township's purchasing policy requirement that capital funds must be expended by September 30, 2006 and to approve the low price quote of \$5,000, submitted by Ponds Painting for painting the Cady-Boyer Barn. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. REAPPOINTMENT TO CDBG ADVISORY COUNCIL. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to reappoint Susan Woolley to the CDBG Advisory Council for a two-year term, effective January 1, 2007, and expiring December 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER CANTON TECHNOLOGY REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution rezoning request of Truman Timmis. Motion carried by

all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezonning Request of Truman Timmis** WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 22.53 acres located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Beck Road be rezoned from LI-2, Light Industrial 2 District to LI-1, Light Industrial 1 District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos. 131-01-0001-000, 131-01-0002-000, 131-01-0003-000, 131-01-0004-000, 131-01-0015-000 and 131-01-0023, including the general common elements for the pond and roadway, from LI-2, Light Industrial 2 to LI-1, Light Industrial 1 District. **Item 2. CONSIDER GRIGORIAN REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution rezoning request of Sharon Grigorian. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezonning Request of Sharon Grigorian** WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 1.51 acres located on the south side of Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road be rezoned from GI, General Industrial District to C-3, Regional Commercial District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP No. 132-99-0002-002 to C-3, Regional Commercial District. **Item 3. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS TOWER. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use for a Wireless Communications Tower. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use for a Wireless Communications Tower** WHEREAS, Canton Township has requested special land use approval for a wireless communications tower to be located at the Public Works facility on the east side of Sheldon Road south of Michigan Avenue; and, WHEREAS, the requested use WOULD be in conformity with all of the requirements for communications towers in the zoning code; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request for a special land use to locate a wireless communications tower on Parcel No. 136-99-0018-702 as proposed, based on the above analysis. **Item 4. AWARD BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 100 FOOT AERIAL PLATFORM TRUCK. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for a 100' Aerial Platform truck in the amount of \$818,565 to Halt Fire, Inc. 50168 West Pontiac Trail, Unit #5, Wixom, MI 48393; to be paid out of FY2007 Fire Capital Outlay account # 206 336 977 0000 (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. AWARD BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE FLOOR AT THE RANGE BUILDING. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for the range building floor replacement to J.M. Eadeh Building Co., 49311 N. Hampton Ct., Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$7,455 to be paid out of Police FY2008 Maintenance and Repair of Grounds and Building Account #207 301 930 0000 (Cost Center P00049 0194 0083). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION. (PSD)** WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Supervisor is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2007, the salary of the office of Supervisor shall be as follows: Supervisor \$123,372 salary (not directly performing assessing) The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Bennett Supported by board member Treasurer Kirchgatter Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: - Aye - Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nay - None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Resolution #2 WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Clerk is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2007, the salary of the office of Clerk shall be as follows: Clerk \$100,708 salary The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Bennett Supported by board member Trustee McLaughlin Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: - Aye - Bennett, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nay - LaJoy. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Resolution #3 WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Treasurer is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2007, the salary of the office of Treasurer shall be as follows: Treasurer \$100,708 salary The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Bennett Supported by board member Trustee Zarbo Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: - Aye - Bennett, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nay - LaJoy. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Resolution #4 WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Trustee is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2007, the salary of the office of Trustee shall be as follows: Trustee \$12,172 salary The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Bennett Supported by board member Treasurer Kirchgatter Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: - Aye - Bennett, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nay - LaJoy. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. **Item 7. CREATE AND FILL NEW POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the creating and filling two (2) police officer positions for 2006 and three (3) positions for 2007 for a total of five (5) new police officer positions. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. REQUEST TO CREATE AND FILL AN EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR PARKS. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to create and fill for an Equipment Operator for the Parks Division. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB REMODEL COSTS. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to increase the following projects for Fellows Creek Golf Club with all expenses charged to Account # 469-900-975-2110, Buildings-Golf Course: Approve the increase of \$1,750 to the original Purchase Order No. 61898 for Ponds Painting for a total purchase order of \$14,950. Approve the increase of \$2,760 to the original Purchase Order No. 62144 for J.M. Eadeh for a total purchase order of \$9,789.61. Approve the increase of \$1,500 to the original Purchase Order No. 62504 for Rule & Associates for a total purchase order of \$15,406. In addition, I further move to waive the September 30th deadline date for capital projects. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF NEW STEAM ROOM GENERATOR - SUMMIT ON THE PARK. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the emergency purchase of a new steam room generator in the amount \$8,605 to Campbell Inc., 661 Airport Blvd. Suite 5, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Funds are available in account #208-757-975-0000 Electrical Improvements, Line Item #1 and account #208-757-977-0000 Leisure Pool Play Features, Line Item #3 and New Vacuum Line Item #5. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND LEASE OF CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS EQUIPMENT. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to waive the bid requirement for the capital purchase of fitness equipment as Fitness Things, Inc. and All-Pro Exercise are sole source providers for Cybex and Precor fitness equipment. I also move to waive the September 30th capital purchase deadline. I move to approve the purchase of six pieces of cardiovascular fitness equipment from Fitness Things, Inc. 1160 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI. 48170 in the amount of \$26,529.30. I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for this purchase: Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance	101-000-699-0000	\$ 26,530
Increase Appropriations:		

Capital Outlay-Equipment-Gen Gov't Dept.	101-200-977-0000	\$ 26,530
This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$684,980 to \$711,510 and the General Fund budget from \$28,248,083 to \$28,274,613. I also move to authorize the lease of six pieces of cardiovascular fitness equipment from National Equipment Leasing, 4644 Mt. Brighton, Brighton, MI 48116 in the amount of \$28,465. Motion carried by all members present. <b>Item 12. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF CARRYALL BEVERAGE CART. (CLS)</b> Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of a Club Car Carryall Turf II gas utility vehicle with canopy and hinged windshield from Club Car, Inc., 11878 Brookfield Avenue, Livonia, MI. 48150 in the amount of \$7,229. I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this purchase: Increase Revenues:		
Refunds, Rebates-Insurance Claims	#584-000-687-1000	\$ 6,229
Appropriation from Fund Balance	584-000-699-0000	1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 7,229</b>

Increase Appropriations:		
Capital Outlay-Equipment	#584-756-977-0000	\$7,229
This budget amendment increases the Golf Course Fund budget from \$2,389,574 to \$2,376,803. Motion carried by all members present. <b>Item 13. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - YTD REVENUES/EXPENDITURES. (FBD)</b> Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to adjust revenue expenditure line items that are projected to vary from the amount budgeted by \$10,000 or more: Increase (Decrease) Revenues:		
Current taxes	101-000-403-0000	(\$56,550)
Interest & penalty on delinquent taxes	101-000-445-0000	(34,650)
Building Permits	101-000-478-0000	10,100
Federal Grants-Stormwater	101-000-532-1200	26,800
Federal Grants-Emergency Preparedness	101-000-545-0000	(29,250)
State Grants-Municipal Transportation	101-000-571-0000	70,250
State Shared Revenues-Sales Tax	101-000-575-0000	(109,150)
Stormwater Permit Fees	101-000-620-0000	(100,000)
Tree Fund	101-000-628-1000	(55,000)
Sewer Inspection Fees	101-000-629-0000	(32,000)
Engineer Review Fees	101-000-631-0001	348,000
Building Plan Code Review Fee	101-000-634-0000	(29,200)
Court Fines	101-000-644-0000	(175,000)
Miscellaneous Recreation Revenues	101-000-650-1000	(10,900)
Athletic Fees	101-000-651-0000	(14,950)
Fitness Program Fees	101-000-651-3000	(41,450)
General Program Fees	101-000-651-4000	19,100
Special Event Program Fees	101-000-651-7000	(18,400)
Teen Program Fees	101-000-651-8000	10,500
Therapeutic Recreation	101-000-652-5000	13,250
CSC-LeagueS	101-000-653-0000	23,000
Forfeited Bonds & Deposits	101-000-663-0000	27,750
Interest-Accounts Payable Disbursement	101-000-665-0000	14,400
Interest-Bank Savings	101-000-665-2000	47,000
Interest on Tax Savings	101-000-665-4000	97,850
Rental Income	101-000-669-0000	(10,400)
Rental-CSC Cellular Tower	101-000-669-1000	13,600
Contribution from Private Sources	101-000-675-0000	33,700
Reimbursement from CDBG Fund	101-000-676-2740	(255,000)
Appropriation from Fund Balance	101-000-699-0000	15,070
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$(201,530)</b>

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:		
Audit Fees-Township Board	101-101-802-0000	\$ 20,700
Community Promotion-Township Board	101-101-880-0000	(15,000)
Printing & Publishing-General Gov't	101-200-900-0000	(30,000)
Salaries-Finance & Budget Dept	101-223-705-0000	(19,750)
Capital Outlay-Computer Equip-IT Services	101-258-977-2580	(76,000)
Capital Outlay-Buildings-Facilities Maint	101-265-975-0000	(17,950)
Capital Outlay-Equipment-Building Services	101-371-977-0000	(25,000)
Capital Outlay-Computers-Building Services	101-371-977-2580	(13,450)
Engineering Fees-Public Works Division	101-441-803-000	(30,000)
Salaries-Engineering Services Division	101-447-705-0000	114,150
Fringe Benefits-Engineering Services Division	101-447-720-0000	38,950
Contracted Services-Engineering Services Division	101-447-818-0000	(37,050)
Charter Bus Expenditures-Senior Citizens	101-672-830-0000	(11,500)
Salaries-Recreation Division	101-691-705-0000	20,650
Fringe Benefits-Recreation Division	101-691-720-0000	8,300
Program Activities-Admin-Recreation Div	101-691-742-0000	(12,450)
Program Activities-Therapeutic Rec-Recreation Div	101-691-742-1000	(22,300)
Salaries-Leisure Services	101-750-705-0000	(20,650)
Fringe Benefits-Leisure Services	101-750-720-0000	(8,250)
Utilities-Sports Center	101-755-920-0000	(10,000)
Arts Council-Village Theater	101-760-882-0000	(12,000)
Capital Projects-Travis House (Barn move)	101-803-976-0000	(56,900)
Homeland Security-Capital Outlay	101-860-977-1600	(73,800)
Transfer to Community Center	101-959-965-2080	103,785
Transfer to Road Paving Fund	101-959-965-4000	(33,200)
Transfer to Post Employment Benefits Fund	101-959-965-7360	62,600
Contribution to Special Assmt Funds	101-959-965-8000	(45,415)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$(201,530)</b>

This budget amendment decreases the General Fund budget from \$ 28,449,839 to \$28,248,309 and increases (decreases) the following department/division budgets:

DEPARTMENT/ DIVISION	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
Township Board	\$ 439,197	\$ 5,700
General Government	714,980	(30,000)
Finance & Budget	990,011	(19,750)
IT Services	926,583	(76,000)
Facilities Maintenance	1,727,563	(17,950)
Building Services	1,464,127	(38,450)
Public Works	598,314	(30,000)
Engineering Services	1,267,967	116,050
Senior Citizens	293,916	(11,500)
Recreation Division	2,217,135	(5,800)
Leisure Services	523,617	(28,900)
Sports Center	508,166	(10,000)
Performing Arts	829,088	(12,000)
Historic District Commission	135,037	(56,900)
Grants	101,450	(73,800)
Transfers Out	4,180,052	87,770
Budget Amendment Total	\$	\$(201,530)

Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. BUDGET AMENDMENTS - FIRE FUND, POLICE FUND - YTD REVENUES/EXPENDITURES. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendments to adjust the Fire and Police Fund revenue and expenditure line items that are projected to vary from the amount budgeted by \$10,000 or more: FIRE FUND: Increase (Decrease) Revenues:

Current Taxes	#206-000-403-0000	\$( 71,300)
Rescue & ambulance service fees	206-000-688-0000	60,000
Interest on investments	206-000-664-0000	130,000
Interest-bank savings	206-000-665-2000	11,000
Appropriation from fund balance	206-000-699-0000	151,700
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 281,400</b>
Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:		
Salaries-Fire	#206-336-704-0000	\$ 509,100
Salaries-Civilian	206-336-705-0000	(19,200)
Overtime-Fire	206-336-708-0000	168,250
Overtime-Civilian	206-336-709-0000	(10,100)
Vacation pay expense	206-336-710-0000	(15,750)
Holiday pay	206-336-718-0000	13,200
Fringe benefits	206-336-720-0000	150,700
Uniforms	206-336-722-0000	(13,300)
Transportation (motor fuel)	206-336-860-0000	16,300
General insurance	206-336-911-0000	(28,200)
Transfer to post employment benefit fund	206-336-965-7360	(176,600)
Capital outlay-buildings and improvements	206-336-975-0000	(281,400)
Capital outlay-equipment	206-336-977-0000	(31,600)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 281,400</b>

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# New coach revives Chief spikers' optimism Canton gymnasts open with win over Vassar

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't necessary to give the new Canton volleyball coach a tour of the facilities when she was hired this past summer.

Jen Barnes knows her way around the school's Phase III building as well as anybody, and for good reason. She's a 1997 graduate of Canton, where she excelled in both volleyball and softball, and she's coached the Chiefs' junior varsity or freshmen volleyball teams the past four years.

Barnes' leadership credentials are impressive as she has led several teams to shining records since she put on her first whistle in 2002 — from summer AAU squads to the Chiefs' junior-varsity contingents, which finished with over 30 wins last season.

"I'm very structured when it comes to coaching," said Barnes, whose young team placed third at the season-opening South Lyon Invitational Dec. 9. "Myself and my assistants attend several coaching clinics so that we can learn new drills and strategies that we can pass on to the team. Plus, the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams will all be doing the same things this year. They won't be off on their own like they were the past couple of years."

"We have a very young team — we only have one senior — and it will probably take some time for them to get used to a new way of doing things. But we have some very skilled and talented young players, so I'm excited."

The Chiefs' lone senior is outside hitter Joellen Heldt, who led

## PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

the team in kills at this past weekend's Birmingham Groves Invitational.

"We're going to be looking to Joellen a lot this year for leadership," said Barnes. "She's one of our captains because of the way she leads and because she is very talented."

Joining Heldt up front will be 6-foot-1 junior Marie Martin, who is starting her third year on the varsity.

"Marie has a great attitude — she's always positive," said Barnes. "She's a very smart player who can hit the ball wherever it's set. She's probably our most effective blocker."

Sophomore Kacy Moran will be handling the bulk of the setting for the Chiefs. Despite the fact she's just a 10th-grader, Moran brings a wealth of high-competition experience to the court — and the skills to match.

"I was lucky enough to coach Kacy last year on the junior varsity squad, so I know what a great player she is," said Barnes. "She has great hands and she can set the ball from any spot on the court. She's played a lot of club volleyball, so she has a lot of experience. She's one of those girls who will stay after practice to work on her game."

Freshman Jordan Kietly (5-9) is an all-around skilled player who will start the season as an outside hitter. "Jordan is an unbelievable addition to our team," said Barnes. "She has as much talent as any freshman I've seen. You tell her something one time and she gets it."



MAUREEN ALEXANDER

The Canton volleyball team, pictured above at the South Lyon Invitational earlier this month, is already showing signs of promise for the 2006-07 season. Pictured (l-r) are Jordan Kietly (7), Hannah Mills, Joellen Heldt, Marie Martin (back to camera) and Gina Waite (5).

Junior libero Hannah Mills will share the captains' duties with Heldt. "Hannah can dig out any ball," said Barnes. "She's very quick and she's very smart. Liberos will be allowed to serve this year, which helps us because she's one of our best servers. Hannah will have a big role on this team."

Barnes is also looking for big things from junior middle hitter Lauren McPartin, who saw considerable varsity action as a sophomore, and sophomore Gina Waite, who Barnes touted as the Chiefs' best defensive player.

"Gina is a great serve receiver," said Barnes. "She also came in a lot during the off-season to work on setting, so she'll serve as our back-up setter this year. She's a tremendous player."

Junior Laura Daniels (5-6) may be the team's most versatile player, in Barnes' estimation.

"Laura is an all-around player who I'm comfortable with up front or in the back," said Barnes. "She was an outside hitter on JV last year, but she'll move around more this season."

Providing valuable depth for the Chiefs will be juniors Ellie Kenny, Johanna Alexander and Rachel Kain; and sophomores Shelby Anthony and Janelle Burdiss.

"We've already set individual and teams goals for the season," Barnes said. "Among the team goals is to finish first in our division. It won't be easy with Northville and Plymouth in there with us. Among are individual goals is to improve our serve-receive."

The Chiefs' open the home portion of their schedule Jan. 8 against Walled Lake Northern.

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Canton's gymnastics team opened the season Saturday with an impressive 134.3-116.25 victory at Vassar.

The Chiefs swept the top four spots in the all-around: Kate Staley (35.00), Jessie Murray (34.75), Chelsea Selden (32.65) and Andrea Houdek (31.85).

Murray and Staley tied for top honors in the vault with 8.9's. Olivia Stephens was second (8.5) followed by Chelsea Selden (8.25) and Courtney Ward (8.2).

Staley's 9.05 won the uneven bars competition. Stephens and Murray tied for second at 7.9 while Selden finished third with a 7.5.

Selden turned in a gold-medal effort on the balance beam (8.9), just ahead of teammates Houdek and Staley (8.8's) and Murray (8.65).

Murray (9.3) and Ward (8.55) went 1-2 in the floor exercise fol-

lowed by Vassar's Hillary Opperman (8.5) and Lauren Kasper (8.45).

Kylie Hakala shined for the Chiefs' "B" team, placing first in the vault, bars and floor. Mallory Hudak was first all-around thanks to a first on the beam and seconds on the vault and floor.

**SALINE 125.50, PLYMOUTH 110.50:** The short-handed Wildcats lost a hard-fought meet against the visiting Hornets Monday night.

Freshman Erica Kosmalski got her high school career off on a high note when she finished fourth in the all-around with a 30.95. Kosmalski racked up big points in the vault (tie for second), uneven bars (tie for second) and beam (third).

Other high-placing Wildcats were Kasey Zehbari (tied for second on the vault and fourth on the balance beam); and Danielle Gormick (third on the floor).

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### TENNIS CAMPS

A series of tennis camps through the Plymouth-Canton Community Ed after-school program will be held throughout the community in the coming weeks. Following is the schedule:

■ **Tuesdays, Jan. 23-March 6 at Isbister Elementary:** Intro to Tennis (grades 1-5, 3:45-4:40 p.m.; Intro to Tennis II

(for those who have completed 'Intro to Tennis') from 5-5:55 p.m.;

■ **Thursdays, Jan. 25-March 8 at Workman Elementary:** Intro to Tennis (grades 1-5, 3:45-4:40 p.m.; Intro to Tennis II (for those who have completed 'Intro to Tennis') from 5-5:55 p.m..

For more information, call (734) 416-2937.

# Salem spikers down Wildcats for MU title

The final match of Saturday's Madonna Invitational volleyball tournament had a definite local flavor to it.

Salem opened its season in grand fashion when it outlasted cross-campus rival Plymouth, 25-23 and 25-17. The Rocks advanced to the finals by going 4-0-1.

"Overall, it was a very good day for us," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We seemed to play better as the day went on. It's a nice way

to start the season."

Among the Rocks who enjoyed a stellar day were Lauren Kurtz (60 kills and 10 blocks), Courtney Seiler (nine assists, 41 digs), Jansan Falcusan (98 assists, 15 digs) and Nicole Mersch (24 kills and 21 digs).

Brittany Hengesh paced the Wildcats with 27 kills. Other Plymouth standouts were Rachel Heaton (15 kills, 31 digs), Chelsey Quinlan (18 kills, 32 digs) and Courtney Buttermore (34 digs).

## Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2500 S. Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor, MI 48104 on 1/2/07 at 2:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

1029- Ben Hartline- Kitchen cabinets  
1045- Matthew Stiffler- dresser, tv, boxes  
2070- Deana Jordan- TV, love seat, Couch  
3023- Robert Ford- Power tools, totes, boxes  
4100- Alireza Mohammadimehr- Tires, custom rims, tool box  
5002- Mary E Lawal- bags, clothing, chairs  
5075- Gillian Barclay- TV, totes, boxes

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 21

Zoe Christian at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian, 7 p.m.  
PCA at Calvary Christian, 7 p.m.

### PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Dec. 22

Dearborn United at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.

### W.L. Central at Canton

at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.

### BOYS SWIMMING

Friday, Dec. 22

WLA Conference Relays at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

### PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Dec. 21

Canton Agape at Inter-City, 6 p.m.

## Please recycle

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This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$10,264,772 to \$10,546,172. **POLICE**

FUND: Increase (Decrease) Revenues:

Current Taxes	#207-000-403-0000	\$ ( 75,700)
Federal Grants-Community Policing	207-000-505-1000	15,750
Federal Grants-Bulletproof vests	207-000-542-0000	12,150
State Grants-911 PSAP Training	207-000-545-9110	13,000
Public Safety Grants	207-000-582-0000	21,250
Charge for services	207-000-637-0000	15,000
Gun range revenues	207-000-650-0000	30,000
Payment for training classes	207-000-652-4000	33,150
Interest on investments	207-000-664-0000	225,000
Interest-bank savings	207-000-665-2000	15,000
Special operations team	207-000-674-5000	10,500
Refunds and rebates	207-000-687-0000	32,150
Total		347,250

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

Salaries-Police	#207-301-704-0000	\$ (139,500)
Salaries-Civilian	207-301-705-0000	249,600
Overtime-Police	207-301-708-0000	142,350
Fringe Benefits	207-301-720-0000	61,800
Legal Fees-labor	207-301-801-0001	(10,000)
Care of prisoners	207-301-828-0000	(21,200)
Care of animals	207-301-829-0000	(35,350)
General insurance	207-301-911-0000	(113,600)
Maintenance/Repair-Buildings/Grounds	207-301-930-0000	(18,400)
Maintenance/Repair-Equipment	207-301-932-0000	22,150
Conferences/seminars	207-301-951-0000	(11,800)
Transfer to post employment benefits fund	207-301-965-7360	165,650
Capital Outlay-Equipment	207-301-977-0000	(31,150)
Capital Outlay-Computers	207-301-977-2580	(37,600)
Transfer to Fund Balance	207-301-999-0000	124,300

Total \$ 347,250 This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$14,175,565 to \$14,522,815. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GOLF COURSE FUND - YTD REVENUES/EXPENDITURES. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendments to adjust the Golf Course Fund revenue and expenditure line items that are projected to vary from the amount budgeted by \$10,000 or more: Increase (Decrease) Revenues:

Driving Range Fees	584-000-651-1000	\$ ( 166,100)
Green fees & cart rental	584-000-651-2000	( 71,600)
Interest-bank savings	584-000-665-2000	19,000
Food & beverage concession	584-000-699-1000	( 157,000)
Appropriation from fund balance	584-000-699-0000	136,600
Total		\$ ( 239,100)

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

Depreciation Expense-Fellows Creek	584-697-968-0000	\$ 17,550
Part-time/seasonal wages-Pheasant Run	584-756-706-0000	( 49,000)
Food/beverage -Pheasant Run	584-756-741-0000	( 42,350)
Depreciation expense-Pheasant Run	584-756-968-0000	281,650
Capital outlay-land and improvements	584-756-972-0000	( 11,800)
Bond Principal	584-756-991-0000	(435,150)

Total 239,100 This budget amendment decreases the Golf Course Fund budget from \$2,369,574 to \$2,130,474. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 16. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TRAINING COUPONS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the expenditure of \$ 6,825 (Training #101-258-952-0000) for 21 training coupons from New Horizon of Livonia, MI. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 17. APPROVE BID FOR PRINTING THE 2007 SERVICE DIRECTORY AND CALENDAR. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the bid submitted by S&N Graphic Solutions in the amount of \$12,250 (Communications Account #101-240-900-0000 Printing and Publishing) for printing of the 2007 Service Directory and Calendar. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated the next regular Board meeting will be January 9, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. The Administration Building will be open for business on December 27th and 28th and closed on December 25-26 and 29th for the Holidays. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2007 for the following:

### PRINTING, SORTING & MAILING OF THE LEISURE LINK NEWSLETTER

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

**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 45229 Michigan Avenue, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 397-0082 on 1-2-2007 at 12:30PM;

Personal property described below in the matter of:

5316	Angie Baker	Suitcases, TV, golf clubs
4275	John Pope	Speakers, couch, chair
5204	Mark Manning	Shelves, boxes, bicycle
5151	Ed Clay	Boxes, totes, bags
4247	Leslie Lester	Boxes, totes, bags
2015	Christine Hlavacek	Ford Probe vin # 1ZVCCZB9PS144025
		Exercise equipment, chair, stereo
2024	Morgan Holliday	Hundai Tiburon
3033	Christopher Hahn	vin # KMHHN65F76V191045
		Boxes, stools, box spring
4209	Darrel Bryant	Chairs, mattresses, table
4216	Steven Leach	Washer, couch, chair
4211	Debra Tamey	Dryer, washer, boxes
6004	Sheila Scott	Dressers, table, mattress
1120	Life Changing	

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 2101 Haggerty Rd, Canton, MI, 48187, (734) 981-0303 on 1-2-2007 at 11:30 AM;

Personal property described below in the matter of:

3046	Edna Smith-Gordon	Bag, mattress, chair
3048	Daniel H. Smith	Couch, bookcase, mattress
4004	Kenneth Marshall	Chair, dresser, totes
4008	Christopher Rice	Mattress, box spring, desk
4026	Kenneth Marshall	Clothing, bike, boxes
4028	Kelly Mikoloff	Boxes
4036	Jeff Malek	Boxes, clothing, TV
4205	Dianne Croskey	Boxes, computers
4241	Dorothy White	Bed, bag, boxes
4294	Diane Jacobs	Boxes, clothing, totes
5229	Harold Greene	Totes, couch, box
5249	Dennis Hollingsworth	Chest, rocking chair, kitchen chair
6016	Mammoth Video	Displays, rack, wood
6053	Richard O'Connell	Commercial cameras
6208	Jennifer Jendrusik	Desk, dresser, mattress
6211	Valarie Williams	Lamp, boxes
6224	Mark Mayo	Totes, boxes, bags

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● **HAPPY FEET (PG)**  
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# Thursday

## PUZZLE CORNER

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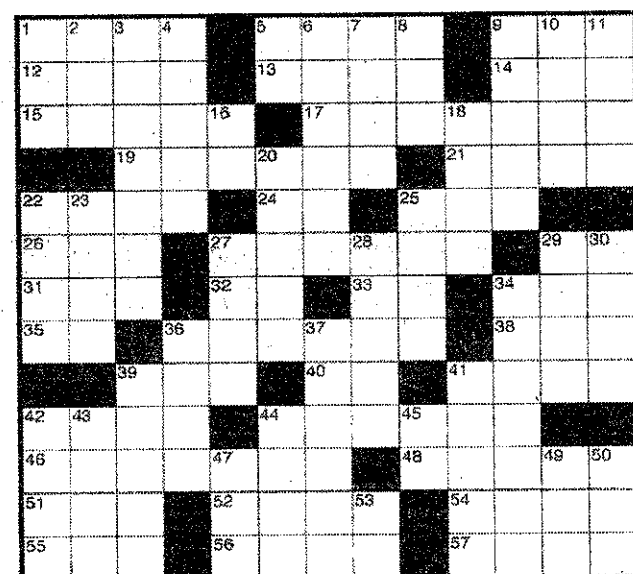
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- 55 Play on words
- 56 Black gemstone
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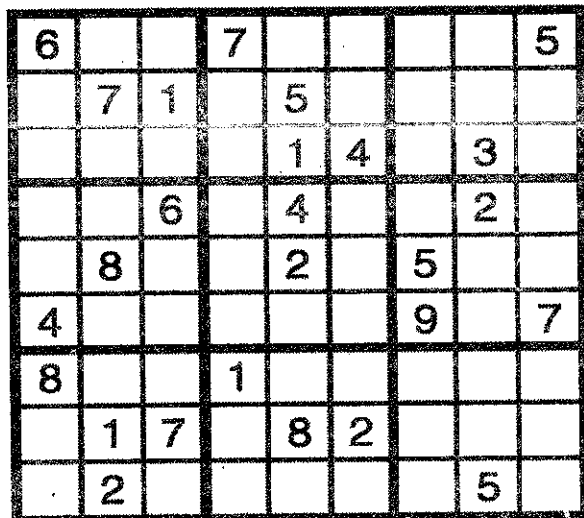
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### SUDOKU



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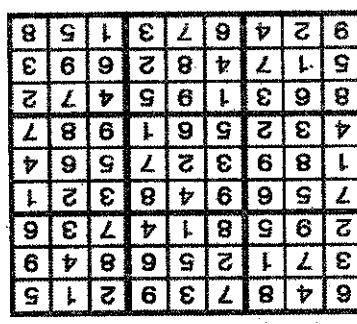
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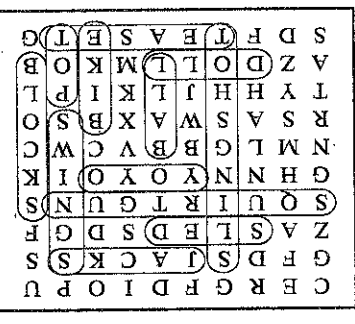
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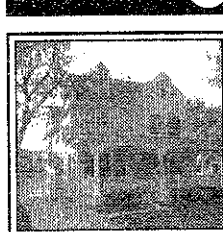


# Real Estate

## 3000's Real Estate

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| 3030...Open Houses            | 3380...Salem-Salem Township         |
| 3040...Ann Arbor              | 3390...Southfield-Lathrup           |
| 3043...Auburn Hills           | 3400...South Lyon                   |
| 3045...Belle Isle & Van Buren | 3405...Stockbridge-Unadilla-Gregory |
| 3047...Berkeley               | 3410...Troy                         |
| 3048...Beverly Hills          | 3415...Union Lake                   |
| 3050...Birmingham             | 3420...Walled Lake                  |
| 3055...Bloomfield             | 3423...Waterford                    |
| 3060...Brighton               | 3424...Wayne                        |
| 3070...Bryn Mawr              | 3430...West Bloomfield              |
| 3080...Canton                 | 3440...Westland                     |
| 3090...Clarkston              | 3450...Whisper Lake                 |
| 3095...Clawson                | 3460...Williamston                  |
| 3100...Cohasset               | 3470...Wixom-Commerce               |
| 3110...Dearborn               | 3480...Ypsilanti                    |
| 3115...Dearborn Hgts          | 3490...Grosse Pointe                |
| 3120...Detroit                | 3500...Livonia                      |
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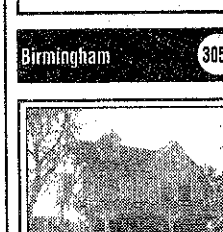
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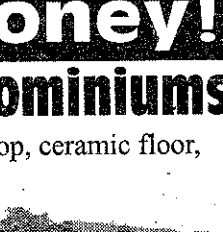
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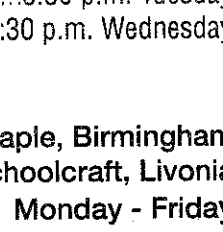
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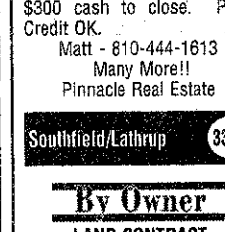
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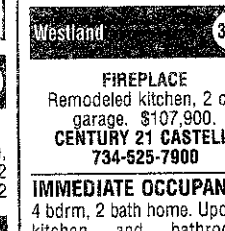
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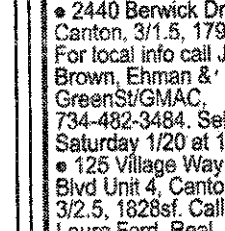
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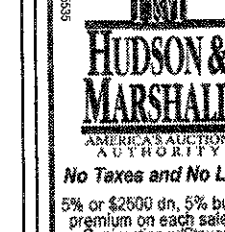
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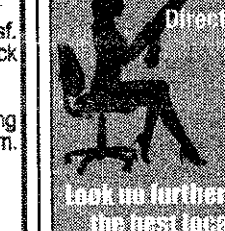
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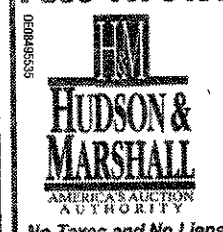
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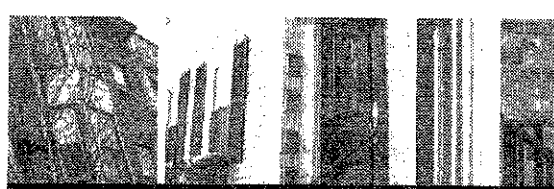
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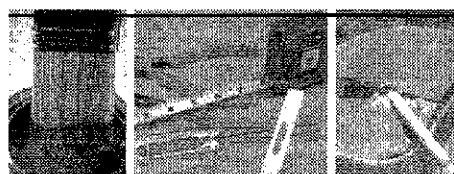
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## WORKWISE(r) by Mildred L. Culp MARINE CORPS ENCOURAGES RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

What does it mean to be serving in the United States Marine Corps in Iraq at this time of year? You might be surprised at the diverse forms of belief and the support within the Corps for all of them.

Navy Lt. Thomas Cook is the chaplain for Combat Logistics Regiment 15 in Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq, where he's responsible for 1,144 Marines and sailors with so many different belief systems that it would be impossible to name them all. For example, Sgt. Jeremy Priest, a Marine, is a Sumerian pagan. "It's a faith of ancient Iraq," he says, "the oldest religion in the world, a form of polytheism (affirming) belief in the divine, but not one sovereign God over everyone. We believe that people are here to serve God." Lance Cpl. Jesse Schick is an independent-spirited Lutheran. "I try to do my own thing," he comments. Chaplain Cook demurs when asked about his religious tradition, pointing out that Navy chaplains represent a

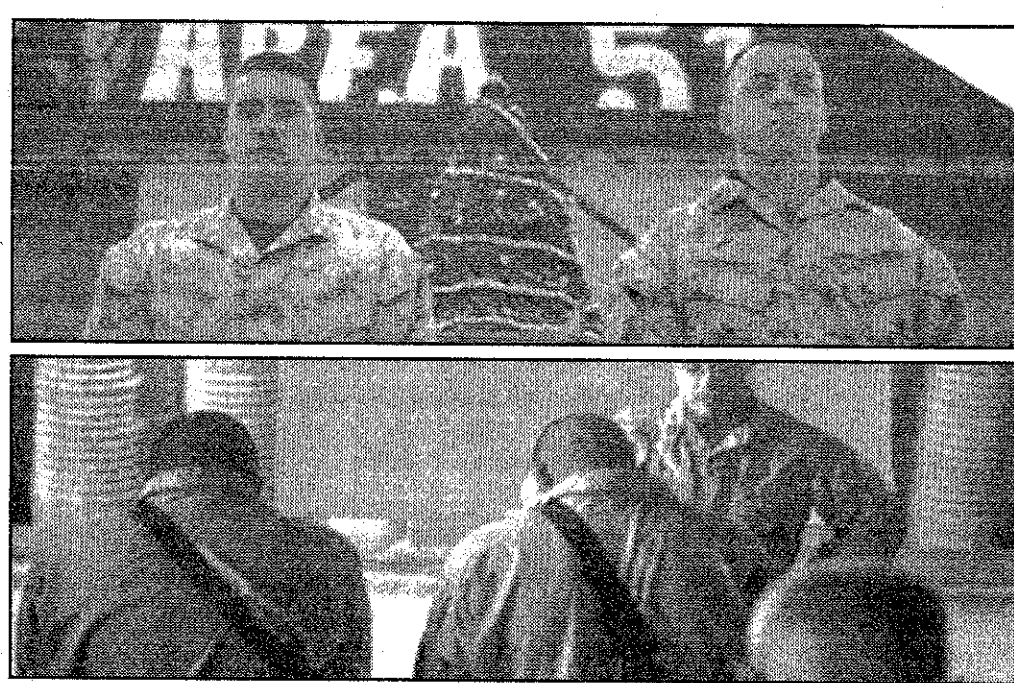
denomination, but that their function is paramount -- to "provide protection of the First Amendment right to free practice. We help in the practice should they need space or gear."

### DIFFERENCES

The stereotype of similarity among Marines breaks down when they're asked about religious differences. Priest says that while he doesn't need a set service "to do what I need to do. I'm a man of faith and take everyone else's very seriously. I allow them the right to exercise their right to faith. On Sundays, especially, I make sure people get to chapel." Schick is easy-going when he encounters Marines whose celebrations differ: "If I can be invited, I'll join," he says. "If they want to be left alone, I'll leave them alone."

Clearly, Marines notice differences and accept them. They definitely react to the religiosity of Marines they meet. On the one hand, Cook is constantly amazed by their religious spirit. Priest, on the other hand, is constantly confounded by Catholicism: "The more I see, I understand half of what it is. For me, Christmas is an excuse for me to spend money on my family. The religious side doesn't apply." Schick says that he doesn't ask people questions, but when they approach him, he listens.

Marines do get each other's attention in matters of faith. Priest explains that the creation story is about the defeat of evil over good. Schick "gets them agitated, just because I don't stand with a certain one God or many types. I'm believe there's



something out there, but I'm not certain what or where." The chaplain turns heads at convoy briefings when he prays, "because I'm pretty specific in what I'm praying for. They're surprised in the common way that I express my prayers to God for them for blessings upon the convoy, and for Marine and sailor safety. I remind them that they're not promised safety but pray that they'll have victory over the enemy, and that, in the face of the enemy, they'll protect themselves and each other."

Schick believes that religious diversity contributes to cohesiveness, that there would be much more dissension if

everyone shared a belief system. Priest is grateful for experiencing the religious and racial diversity in the Corps, which is quite different from that among the small-town southern Baptists of his childhood. Cook points out that Navy chaplains (and, by extension, the Marines) "represent a myriad of denominations while serving in the capacity of religious, ethical and moral advisers -- including the job of reminding command of First Amendment rights so they can practice their faith."

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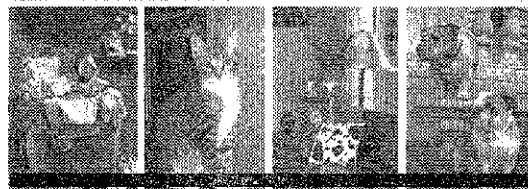
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WIAF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

#### HI EVERYONE

SF, 18, seeks nice, easygoing guy who knows how to have fun, and knows how to treat a lady. Friendship first. ☎142588

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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, H/W, 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

#### 59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

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

#### 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

#### 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

#### COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

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

#### 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

#### 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

#### TALL, MUSCULAR SWM

47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

#### HI LADIES

Sweet, genuine SBM, 38, 6', 320lbs, good-looking, warm smile, enjoys writing, reading, drawing, music and much more. Seeking real, fun, open-minded lady to share the good times. ☎152105

#### SHARP

Easygoing SBM, 39, enjoys movies, music, long drives, gourmet tea, live music, much more. Seeking spontaneous SWF, 37-50, for friendship good times, good talks and maybe more. ☎152047

#### A GOOD CATCH

SBM, 35, 5'8", 220lbs, dark complexion, shaved head, mustache, correctional officer, father, looking for a loving, good-hearted, child-friendly lady with whom to share life and all it offers. ☎144595

#### WHAT R U WAITING?

Very good-looking SBM, 42, 6'4", medium brown complexion, enjoys sports watching/playing, togetherness, nice dinners, good talks, romance and affection. Seeking special lady to share the good things in life. ☎144729

#### ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE

DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and life's daily adventures. ☎146279

#### 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. ☎869189

#### SINCERE AND LOVING

Retired, 70s, DWPM likes classy, educated woman, 60-70, 5'3"+, likes family, church, gardening, conversation, winter sun areas. ISO romance leading to loving committed LTR. ☎459777

#### YOU INTERESTED IN ME?

SBM, 50, 5'8", medium-build, N/S, fun-loving personality, likes dancing, movies, dining out. Seeking passionate, sexy SF, 28-50, small-to-medium build, race open, kids ok, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎946417

#### READ THIS AD!

Handsome SBM, 29, seeks SW/BF, 21-40, must be energetic, mature and kind-hearted, for dinner dates, outdoor activities, conversation, or watching a good movie. ☎152773

#### HOPE TO 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

#### HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR

SWM, 6', medium build, independent, N/S, seeks SF, 22-50, N/S, slim-average build, d/d-free, must be trust-worthy, honest and mature, for companionship, romance and more. ☎148763

#### LET'S BE FRIENDS

SBM, 5'10, 205lbs, N/S, enjoys riding bikes, walking in the park, rap music, sports and working-out. Seeking SW/AF, 36-42, for companionship, romance and more. ☎149349

#### IT COULD BE YOU

SWM, 42, 5'11", 185lbs, looking for fun-loving, easygoing SF to enjoy talks, casual times and then who knows. Let's talk. ☎150204

#### JUST A CALL AWAY

SBM, 36, 6'1", medium build dark complexion, shaved head, almond shape eyes, down-to-earth. Looking to meet similar lady to share a little love and romance. ☎151282

#### 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

#### A SPECIAL GUY

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

#### HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

#### TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME

Sexy SBM, 6'1", 198lbs, enjoys soul food, R&B/rap music. Seeking attractive, mature SF, who is goal-oriented, D/D-free, for friendship maybe more. No head games. ☎146128

#### WAITING FOR LOVE

SWM, 28, 5'11", brown/hazel, honest, romantic, trust-worthy and mature, seeks SF, 18-40, with same qualities, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎149422

#### HERE COME LOVE

SWM, 53, cheerful, loving, enjoys scenic rides, cooking, movie theaters and long walks. Seeking a loving, caring, honest SF for companionship, romance and more. ☎149642

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER

SM, 5'8", professional body builder, N/S, N/D, enjoys bowling, playing billiard and being adventurous. In search of a mature, confident, vibrant woman, to fill the missing piece in my heart. ☎150885

#### LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 185lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

#### SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special person 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. ☎92943

#### 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

#### WORTH A CALL

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

#### ARE U THE ONE?

SM, 6'1", red/blue, independent, enjoys the outdoors and gardening. Seeks SF, 18-65, for dinner dates, possibly LTR. ☎145379

#### DO YOU LIKE ROMANCE?

DWPM, 60ish, N/S, D/D-free, honest, caring, humorous and romantic, in search of SF, 50-70, with same qualities, for conversation, friendship or romance. ☎146036

#### CALL ME

SHM, 23, 5'7", 190lbs, black/brown, looking to meet a cool, easygoing, real lady to get to know, share good times. ☎147347

#### HEY LADIES

SM, 22, brown/green, 185lbs, student, employed, looking to meet a nice, fun-loving SF for friendship, dates, talks, and then who knows? ☎147388

#### CALL ME SOMETIME

Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to motown, and much more. ISO affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friendship/LTR? ☎146467

#### YOU COULD BE MINE

SBM, 56, 5'11", 200lbs, N/S, seeks SF, 25-65, N/S, to go to the movies with, have dinner or good conversation, for friendship, romance or casual fun. ☎148705

#### WAITING FOR YOU

SBM, 5'11", cute dimples, mustache, independent. Seeking honest, slender, attractive SBF, 18-20, for friendship, romance and more. ☎149097

#### 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

#### SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE

SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

#### NICE GUY

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

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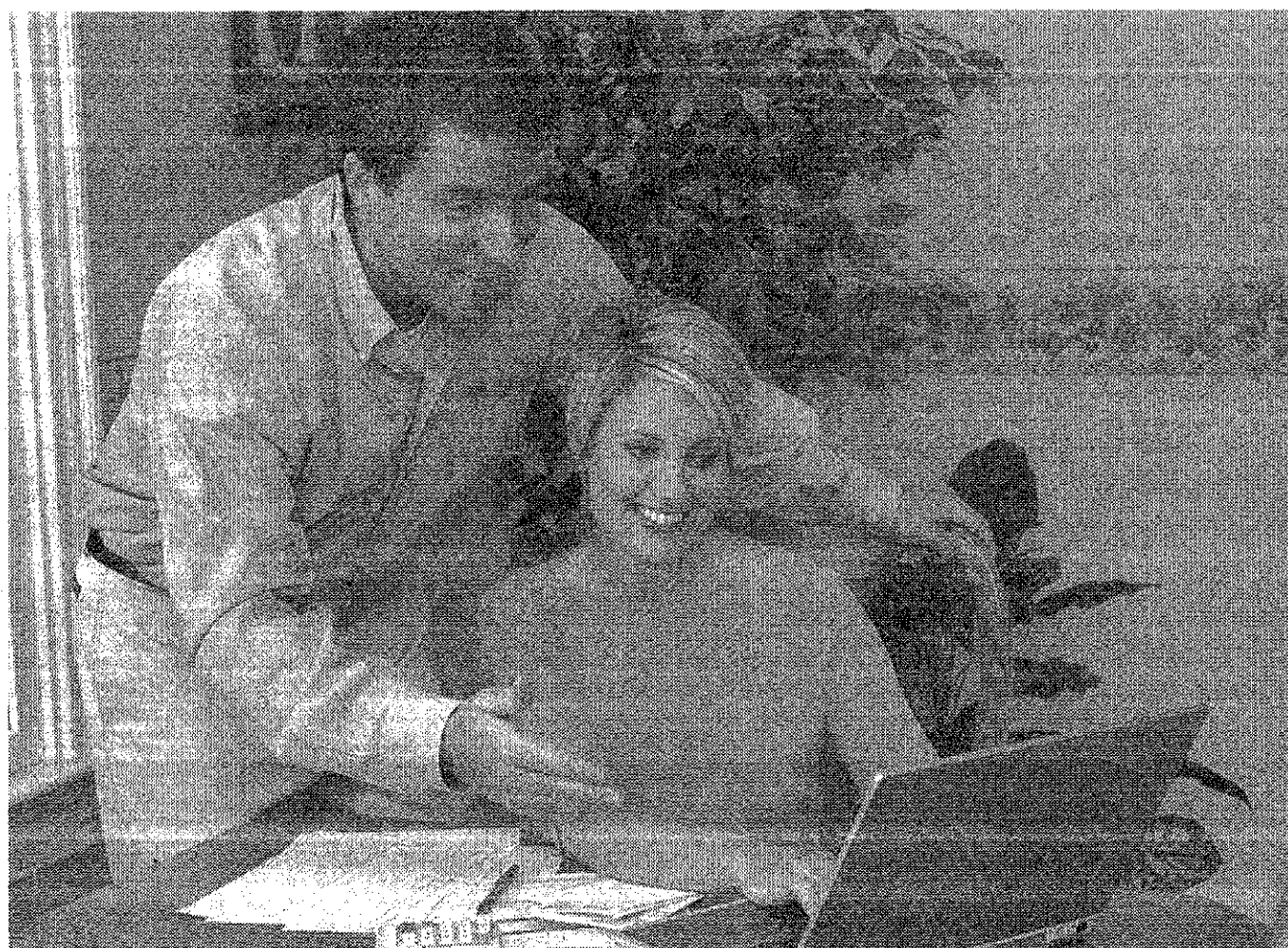
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**By Wendy Clem  
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The ads say: Take the lead, adventure will follow. The 2007 Jeep Patriot evokes all the red-white-and-blue images, with the exception of an apple pie on the front seat. Proud. Authentic. Resourceful. Capable. A real 4x4 Jeep vehicle, with all the bells and whistles. At an affordable price.

Yes, Jeep may signify a way of life for many, but today's Jeep products are filled with new luxuries and extras not offered with the original. This new Patriot is one of those, and just recently debuted.

It's what Jeep considers its gateway vehicle for first-time buyers. By establishing brand loyalty with the young and upwardly mobile buyers - those who like SUV looks but need a family-versatile transport - Jeep will lock them in for decades to come.

Patriot is Trail-Ready to go off-road. It offers three drive configurations: Front-wheel drive, Freedom Drive I, and Freedom Drive II Off-Road Package.

The former entails a full-time, active 4-wheel-drive system with Lock mode, and the latter a full-time, active 4-wheel-drive system with low range that provides the Trail-Rated ability.

That means that Freedom Drive I engages the rear wheels when the front ones slip, as in most SUVs. But it's the Freedom Drive II package that serious off-roaders will want - it includes Hill Descent Control, skid plates and tow hooks, 17-inch wheels and tires, and off-road anti-lock brakes. Freedom II drivers also sit an inch higher than with the standard features.

Standard features include brake assist, anti-lock brakes with rough-road detection (modifying operation of the wheel slip by directly sensing the road conditions), side-curtain airbags, electronic brake traction control module (the sharing of the brake actuator and the wheel-speed sensors with the anti-lock brakes) a sensor that uses information to deploy airbags in certain rollover and side-impact situations.

An AM/FM single disc CD radio with auxiliary audio input jack, outdoor temperature display, Vinyl Tech seats, manual windows, tilt steering wheel, rear defogger, adjustable center console (the armrest moves 3 inches to allow for the driver's size, however diminutive), rear 60/40 seats that fold down, and 12-volt power outlet round out more of the Patriot's



**2007 Jeep Patriot. Vehicle class: Sport-utility vehicle. Power: 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 25 city / 30 highway. Where built: Belvidere, Ill. (engine in Dundee, Mich.) Base price: \$15,985**

standard equipment.

By altering the seats - including the fold-down front - the total cubic cargo feet is 62.7 in the Patriot. An available rechargeable flashlight/cargo lamp is ingenious, and the vinyl "Ultra Floor" in the cargo space holds up to 250 pounds and is washable and removable. The Limited Patriot features even more with standard: dimming mirrors, speed-sensitive power locks, air conditioning, power windows and fold-away mirrors, fog lamps, Remote Keyless Entry, all-season floor mats, 115-volt auxiliary power outlet, tire pressure monitoring system, YES Essentials fabric on the cloth low-back seats, deep-tinted sunscreen glass, a fold-flat front passenger seat and passenger assist handles, temperature and compass gauge, reclining rear seat, to name just some.

The additional Boston Acoustics Premium 458-watt sound system has rear lift-gate speakers that swing down to get tailgate parties started, or assist considerably.

Choice of two trims rolls into the two models, the Patriot and the Patriot Limited, with 4x4 features for both trims.

With a 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine with Variable Valve Timing (for fuel input and exhaust output), the Patriot offers 172 horsepower with 165 foot pound of torque. The VVT produces better fuel use and more Patriot power. Upgrades are also possible.

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A Jeep for smooth surfaces? Why? Well, Jeep realizes not everyone lives in the backwoods and many actually

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An optional towing package allows the Patriot to haul about one ton; without the extra, however, towing ability hovers around 1,000 pounds - or roughly the equivalent of a pop-up camper or trailer with a motorcycle, compact boat or all-terrain vehicle.

A power sunroof is another available choice, as are heated leather seats and lumbar support. Eight exterior colors, all geared to withstand years of exposure to sleet, rain and snow are part of the deal.

Chrysler's new soil-repellant fabric, YES Essentials, is in the Patriot and is anti-microbial, resistant to stains and odors, and discoloration.

The boxy shape is still there, as is the macho image. But new efficiency and the ability to veer off-road at any moment abounds, as an adventure waiting to happen for drivers - even if they spend the majority of their time veering through rush-hour, bumper-to-bumper. And the base price is under \$16,000 for an entry-level chance at Jeep ownership.

It's the promise of the unexplored, the unknown, the expansive adventure to conquer that will keep buyers interested. Owning this truck will be like living a dream: the all-American, Patriotic dream.

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# A very veggie holiday



BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

People often look confused and ask, "What do you eat, especially during the holidays?" when I say I'm vegan.

My response: "Same things you do, minus the flesh." Simple. If my family has turkey, mashed potatoes, yams, salad and green beans, I eat everything minus the turkey.

If my family eats pasta with meat sauce, eggplant, artichokes, nuts and kale, I simply change the meat sauce to marinara or garlic and oil. I use tofu in place of ricotta in lasagna, seasoned with garlic, and everyone's happy.

Veganism is easy for first-generation Mediterranean households because we primarily eat fruits, grains, nuts and vegetables anyway.

(FYI: Vegans don't consume any animal products including fish, dairy and gelatin. Yes, we eat chocolate, minus the added milk.)

Being vegan, even during the holidays, is easy, and there's little worry about weight gain.

Nor do I fret about protein because, as the American Heart Association and *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* said this year, Americans eat way too much of it.

If you have a vegan in your life, you've probably had the same discussions.

Switch chicken broth with vegetable

Try these recipes for your vegan guests

Top cucumbers with hummus for another meat-free appetizer.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray 12 muffin cups well with non-stick spray. Lightly spray a non-stick skillet with olive oil. Sauté garlic, bell peppers and mushrooms over medium heat until the mushrooms begin to exude juices. Stir in chives, rosemary and freshly ground black pepper and remove from the heat.

Place remaining ingredients into a food processor or blender. Process until smooth. Add tofu mixture to the vegetables and stir to combine. Spoon into the 12 muffin cups; it will fill regular muffin cups about halfway.

Put the muffin pan into the oven and immediately reduce heat to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Bake until the tops are golden and a knife inserted into the middle of a quiche comes out clean - about 25-35 minutes. If you're using a metal pan, check it at 20 minutes. Remove and allow to cool for 10 minutes.

Source: www.fatfreevegan.com

broth in recipes. Use soy margarine instead of butter, and silken tofu or half a banana can substitute for an egg in nearly any recipe.

## MINI CRUSTLESS TOFU QUICHES

- Olive oil spray
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- ½ cup bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh chives (or one green onion)
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary (or ½ teaspoon dried, crushed)
- Black pepper to taste
- 1 12.3-ounce package light firm silken tofu, drained of water
- ¼ cup plain soy milk
- 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast (Find this at any natural food store. It has a nutty flavor, is high in B vitamins and helps thicken recipes.)
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon tahini (preferred; it's a sesame oil that's used in hummus and other Middle Eastern recipes) or cashew butter
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon turmeric
- ¼ teaspoon salt

## THAI BEAN CAKES

- Makes 12-15 2-inch cakes.
- 1 400g tin of butter beans
- 1 large spring onion (scallion), chopped
- 1 big handful fresh coriander (cilantro), roughly chopped
- 2 teaspoons Thai red curry paste
- ¼ cup shredded coconut
- ¼ cup flour
- Salt and pepper
- Lime wedges (optional)
- Olive oil

PLEASE SEE VEGAN, D2

## Make Christmas brunch, 3 ways

BY T. SUSAN CHANG  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you have the time to do some preparation on Christmas Eve, a make-ahead brunch is an easy and impressive way to feed a crowd.

Everything comes down to reheating or preheating the oven. A last-minute green salad would round out this meal.

The rolls can be prepared a day or two ahead and kept covered in the back of the refrigerator until you're ready to bake. The soup can be prepared entirely the day before and reheated Christmas morning; the flavors will only deepen.

### CRANBERRY NUT BREAKFAST ROLLS

- ½ cup orange juice, strained
- ½ cup sweetened dried cranberries
- ½ cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted and cooled, plus 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick), softened
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 large eggs
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 3 cups bread flour
- ½ cup coarsely chopped roasted pecans or walnuts
- Vegetable oil or nonstick vegetable oil spray
- Zest of 1 orange, removed in strips and finely diced
- ½ cup heavy cream (optional)

### For the icing:

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- ¼ teaspoon pure orange extract

For the rolls, in a small saucepan over medium-high heat, bring ½ cup orange juice to a boil. Place the cranberries in a bowl. Once the orange juice has boiled, pour it over the cranberries and let stand 10 minutes. Strain the berries, reserving the liquid. Set both aside.

In the microwave or on the stove, combine the melted butter and buttermilk and gently heat until warm (no more than 115 degrees Fahrenheit). Transfer to a large mixing bowl. Add the eggs, ¼ cup sugar, salt and yeast. Mix well.

Add the flour and knead until the dough is cohesive. Knead the strained cranberries and nuts into the dough. Continue to knead until the dough is smooth and elastic.

Use the vegetable oil or cooking spray to lightly coat another large mixing bowl. Shape the dough into a ball and place in the bowl, turning to coat with the oil. Cover

PLEASE SEE BRUNCH, D3

## Use these Web sites to help yourself, others

It's time for another round of insanely useful Web sites.

This batch helps you share big files, stay organized, find an honest mechanic and even support worthy causes.

### HACK YOUR LIFE



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

The word "hack" gets a bad rap. Witness Lifehacker.com, which aims only to help you live, work and compute better.

Each day the site serves up dozens of tips, tricks, how-to's, software recommendations and more. Topics range from do-it-yourself wrapping paper to a site that lets you save YouTube videos.

In the interest of full disclosure, I'm one of Lifehacker's contributors. But trust me when I say this is one site worth bookmarking.

### SHARE LARGE FILES

Most e-mail systems won't let you send attachments larger than 10 megabytes (MB). So what happens when you need to send someone a really big file?

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After you've uploaded your file, GigaSize will e-mail a link to the intended recipient, who can then download it. It doesn't get much easier than that.

### MANAGE YOUR TASKS

Not good at staying organized? Always forgetting birthdays and other important events? Need an easy way to manage your task list? Look no further than Remember The Milk (rememberthemilk.com).

This free site lets you build to-do lists, add due dates, categorize items, and much more. You can print your list in a handy weekly-planner format or access it right on your cell phone.

Even better, you can add tasks to your list just by sending an e-mail to a special address. And RTM will send reminders via e-mail, text message or even instant message. It's the ultimate site for the chronically unorganized.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2

## New naturalization test makes grade

Purtan's Person Wendell Ledbetter has agreed to buy a copy of today's *Observer & Eccentric* on the condition that we allow him to write this column.

Recently, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service announced plans for a new naturalization exam to be given to prospective citizens.

Apparently, they lost the old one.

The updated questions are designed to test the knowledge of those wanting to make the U.S.A. their home, and include queries such as, "George

Washington is known as the father of our country. How many other countries has he fathered?" and, "After Paul Revere rode through the town warning the Colonists, what singing group did he then join?" (Hint: We play their songs on the Motor City's 104.3 WOMC - a shameless plug, but I digress.)

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There are also some multiple-choice questions. For instance, "The first Thanksgiving was held in 1621. For what were the Colonists giving thanks?"

- A) The harvest.
- B) Good health.
- C) That there was no Lions game on that day.

Another is, "After Herbert Hoover left the presidency, he ..."

- A) became a senator.
- B) retired.
- C) went into the family vacuum cleaner business.

And, "Who said, 'Our long national nightmare is over?'"

- A) Gerald Ford after Watergate.
- B) Woodrow Wilson after World War I.
- C) Britney Spears after her breakup from Kevin Federline.

Other multiple-choice questions facing our future citizens include, "The Pilgrims came over on the ..."

- A) Mayflower.
- B) Pinto.
- C) Bob-lo.

And, "Which of the following was used to get us out of the Great Depression?"

- A) Pharmaceuticals.
- B) Electro-shock therapy.
- C) A government-sponsored work program.
- D) The Dick Purtan radio program (sorry, last plug).

Other questions are designed to make the test taker do some thinking.

For instance, "How many illegal aliens does it take to screw the national treasury?" Or, "If George W. Bush had been president during the Civil War, what would he have called it?" (Please, no letters.)

It's important to know history or we will be doomed to repeat it - like I had to do in the 11th grade!

Even the word "history" has an interesting etymology. (The most sophisticated word I know. I hope I used it right. I guess that's why they pay editors.)

"History" can be broken down into "his" and "story." Get it? His

story! They would have called it HER story except that when said rapidly, it sounds like you have a bad lip. (Try it!)

Now, a few more questions need to be included in the revised citizenship exam, such as, "Who said, 'The only thing we have to fear is Doctor Kevorkian?'"

And, "In the Bill of Rights, does the right to remain silent apply to mimes?"

And finally, "President Lyndon Baines Johnson had a wife named Lady Bird and a daughter named Lynda Bird. What's with the ornithological fascination? Was he just trying to feather his nest?"

Becoming a new American citizen is a very joyous day in the life of an individual, right up there with the day you get married, the day your child is born or the day you heard that you could buy cheese in a can!

Dick Purtan answers your questions from 5-10 a.m. every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC. Off the Air with Dick Purtan & Purtan's People will return Jan. 11. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.



# Cordless power tools make good gifts

Holiday shopping is just about to be wrapped up (no pun intended). Unless, of course, you are like me and it is just about to begin.

One suggestion I like to make for holiday gifts is cordless tools, and now is a good time to buy them.

Like so many other electric and electronic gadgets, the prices of cordless tools have come down while the quality, power and availability have risen. Holiday sales are also in full swing. Almost any corded tool made is now available in cordless models.

They are available in many power ranges, weight ranges, quality ranges and price ranges. Because of this, it can be very confusing to figure out what is the best tool to suit your needs.

This will be a basic guide to what tools are essential, "nice to have" as well as a guide as to what to look for in cordless power tools.

The most popular cordless power tool is the drill/driver, so called because it is used as often to drive screws as it is to drill holes.

Behind the drill are light duty saws, both circular and reciprocating. Finish nailers have become very popular.

Like so many other electric and electronic gadgets, the prices of cordless tools have come down while the quality, power and availability have risen.

Holiday sales are also in full swing. Almost any corded tool made is now available in cordless models.

They are available in many power ranges, weight ranges, quality ranges and price ranges. Because of this, it can be very confusing to figure out what is the best tool to suit your needs.

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Although the prices of cordless power tools are getting more reasonable, they still can range from just under \$100 to \$1,000 and up for a combo kit.

The 14.4-volt tools are available usually for \$70 to \$100, where the 18- and 24-volt range tools will cost a bit more. The 36-volt tools tend to be very expensive.

Though kits tend to be quite expensive, if you plan on a wide variety of projects, a cordless power tool kit may be a good consideration. Kits contain several tools with a shared battery pack and charger. Although they can initially be costly, the cost per tool will prove to be a value.

The real benefit of a kit is that it shares the battery. Batteries are often the most expensive part of the tool. Kits usually come with a carrying case and flashlight that works off the battery.

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Lithium-ion batteries are often used in cell phones and laptop computers. They have improved the performance of nearly every cordless power tool in use today.

They pack more voltage into smaller cells. This means that higher powered tools can be made much more manageable and lighter. Li-on batteries also recharge faster than NiCads.

## WHERE TO GET POWER TOOLS

Of course the big box home improvement stores are a good source for cordless power tools. There are also many sources on the Internet.

If you have questions about what tools are appropriate to buy, I suggest it is best to shop at a power tool specialty store such as Marsh Power Tools in Livonia. Specialty shops have very knowledgeable staffs and good selections.

Cordless tools make great gifts for any homeowner, male or female. Cordless drills make a great starter. If your budget allows, consider a combination kit.

I wish you all the best of this holiday season.

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I'd prefer it if GoodSearch relied on Google instead of Yahoo, but that's not going to stop me from supporting worthy causes.

## FIND A GREAT MECHANIC

I know plenty about technology, but almost nothing about cars. That's why I listen to Car Talk on NPR, and why I use the new mechanic-database on the show's Web site ([www.cartalk.com/content/mec/hx/find.html](http://www.cartalk.com/content/mec/hx/find.html)).

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In the meantime, what Web sites do you find most useful? Write me at the address below and tell me about them.

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Your vegan guests can try these mini crustless tofu quiches.

## VEGAN

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Drain beans and place in a food processor with the spring onion, coriander, red curry paste and coconut. Chop until you have a chunk puree. If you don't have a food processor, a stick blender or a potato masher will also work. Add the flour, season, and mix further until it's the consistency of mashed potatoes.

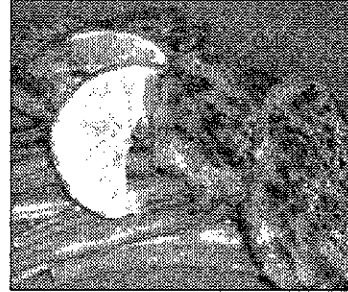
Put a tablespoon or two of olive oil in a nonstick pan and turn flame to medium-high. When oil is hot, drop dollops onto the pan, making sure that the cakes don't touch. Shallow-fry until golden brown, then flip and press down to flatten. Cook another few minutes until both sides are golden brown. Serve with lime wedges or sweet chili or peanut sauce dips.

### STUFFED MUSHROOMS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 large flat mushrooms
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 crushed garlic clove
- 1/4 cup rolled oats
- 1 8-ounce can chopped tomatoes with herbs
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/4 cup diced pecans or pine nuts
- 1/2 cup soy parmesan

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Use a small amount of oil to grease a shallow baking dish large enough to hold a single layer of the mushroom caps and set aside.

Remove the mushroom stalks, chop, and set the caps aside. Sauté the onion, garlic and mushroom



These Thai bean cakes take on a zesty flavor with red curry paste, coconut and cilantro.

stalks in the oil until lightly browned. Stir in the oats and sauté for another minute. Add the tomatoes and hot sauce.

Arrange the caps with the hole side up in the prepared baking dish. Divide the stuffing mixture between them and layer on the nuts and soy cheese.

Bake for 25 minutes, allow to cool, and serve.

Source: Vegetarian Resource Group

### MY EASY CHOCOLATE NO-BAKE CHEESECAKE

- I promise it's one of the easiest desserts you'll ever make.
- 2 containers Tofutti Better Than Cream Cheese (It's dairy-less cream cheese, and it's at most natural food stores like The Good Food Company and some Kroger stores in the natural food aisle.)
- 2 packages of Jell-O Instant Chocolate Pudding
- 1 container of vegan non-dairy vegan whipped cream (optional, but I like it)
- 1 large graham cracker pie crust

Soften the Tofutti cream cheese in the microwave, or leave it at room temperature for a few hours. Make the instant pudding.

With an electric beater, blend the Tofutti for about a minute until it starts to smoothen. Add the pudding and blend for about 30-40 seconds. Gently stir in half of the whipped cream.

Add all into graham cracker crust, refrigerate and enjoy.

### HUMMUS-STUFFED CUCUMBERS

- 15-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 clove of garlic, chopped
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons tahini
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- Kosher or other large crystal/flake salt
- 1 large seedless cucumber
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds (optional)

Toss the chickpeas, garlic, lemon juice, tahini, olive oil, cumin, one-quarter teaspoon salt and two tablespoons water in a food processor. Process until smooth.

Wash the cucumber and chop off the ends. Peel, but skip spaces to create a striped pattern. Then slice into 1/2-inch slices. Use a small spoon or melon baller to put hummus on each cucumber slice.

When finished, sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds.

Recipe adapted from [www.visual-recipes.com](http://www.visual-recipes.com)

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## BRUNCH

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with a damp cloth and let rise until doubled, about 1 hour.

Meanwhile, oil or spray two 9-inch cake pans and set aside.

Once the dough has risen, divide it in half. Roll one half into a 12- by 8-inch rectangle. Spread 3 tablespoons of the softened butter over the dough. Sprinkle with half of the orange zest and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of the sugar. Roll up the dough from the long side. Dampen the edge of the dough with water and press to seal the seam. Cut into 12 even slices.

Place the rolls, cut-side down, into one of the prepared cake pans. The edges of the rounds should touch. Repeat this process with the remaining dough. Cover the pans with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. The rolls can be refrigerated up to four days.

When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

Remove the dough from the refrigerator and place in a warm place to rise until the rolls have doubled, about 30 minutes. For a creamier roll, drizzle  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup heavy cream over each pan of rolls. Bake for 20 minutes, or until golden brown.

While the rolls are baking, prepare the icing. In a small bowl, combine the powdered sugar, orange extract and orange juice. Whisk until smooth. To ice the rolls, place the rolls on a cooling rack over a tray or foil to catch any drips. Use a brush or spoon to spread a thin coat of icing over the tops of the rolls. Transfer the rolls to a plate and serve warm.

Makes 24 rolls. Recipe time, start to finish: 2 hours, 1½ hours active, plus overnight rise. Recipe from Carol Gordon's *Sleep on It*, Hyperion, 2006, \$39.95.

## BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND ROASTED APPLE SOUP

1 large (4 to 5 pounds) butternut squash  
3 tart apples (such as Granny Smith), peeled, cored and quartered  
1½ pound shallots  
Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper  
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves  
1¾ cups apple cider  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into small pieces  
4 cups chicken or vegetable stock  
1½ teaspoon ground coriander  
Freshly grated nutmeg, to taste  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
1 cup heavy cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a baking sheet with foil.

Cut the squash in half down its length and scoop out and discard the seeds. Place the halves cut side down on the baking sheet and roast until very tender, about 1½ hours. When done, the neck of the squash will feel soft to the touch, the skin will be wrinkled and browned in spots, and the juices will have caramelized on the pan. Leave the squash on the pan until it is cool enough to handle.

Meanwhile, combine the apples and shallots in a roasting pan. Season with salt and pepper and the thyme. Pour in  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cider, then dot with the butter. Cover the pan with foil and roast for 1 hour.

Remove the foil from the pan and roast the apples and shallots another 30 to 45 minutes. When done, the shallots should be very tender and most of the juices should be absorbed. Let cool for several minutes.

Use a food processor to puree the shallot and apple mixture, in batches, until smooth. Transfer to a large stockpot.

Cut the peel off the squash and puree the flesh, in batches if necessary, in the food processor. Add the pureed squash to the stockpot.

Whisk the stock, the remaining cup of cider, the coriander and nutmeg into the vegetable puree. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Add the cream, then return to a simmer. Cook for 1 minute. If desired, serve garnished with croutons.

Makes 6 servings. Start to finish: 3 hours, plus 30 minutes to reheat.

Recipe from Roy Finamore's *Tasty*, Houghton Mifflin, 2006, \$30.

## WILD MUSHROOM AND GRUYERE TART

For the crust:  
1½ cups flour  
1 stick unsalted butter, cold and cut into  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch chunks  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt



$\frac{1}{2}$  cup ice-cold water

## For the tart filling:

1 tablespoon olive oil  
3 shallots, thinly sliced  
12 ounces mixed mushrooms (shiitakes and creminis work well), sliced  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick (about 3 to 4 cups)  
Leaves from 2 sprigs fresh thyme, chopped  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup white wine  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup coarsely grated Gruyere cheese  
3 egg yolks  
1 cup heavy cream  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

To make the crust, in a food processor combine the flour, butter and salt and pulse briefly, or until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. The largest chunks in the mixture should be the size of small peas.

With the food processor pulsing, drizzle in the water. Stop adding water as soon as the dough comes together. Remove the dough and carefully form into a disk. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate while preparing the mushrooms, about 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. When the oil begins to shimmer, add the shallots and saute until just translucent, about 4 minutes. Add the mushrooms and thyme and saute until the mushrooms are wilted and have lost their moisture, 15 to 20 minutes.

When the mushrooms are nearly dry, deglaze the pan by adding the wine and scraping the skillet with a wooden spoon.

Remove the dough from the refrigerator and quickly roll out. Set the dough into a 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom, carefully pressing it into the edge and up the sides.

Line the dough with foil or waxed paper. Fill the tart shell with dried beans or pie weights, then bake for 10 minutes. Remove the weights and foil and bake another 5 minutes, or until pale gold.

Scatter half of the cheese over the bottom of the tart shell. Spoon the mushroom mixture evenly over the cheese. At this stage, the tart can be refrigerated overnight.

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a small bowl, whisk together the egg yolks and cream, then drizzle over the mushroom mixture. Scatter the remaining cheese over that. Bake for 35 minutes, or until just puffed and golden brown. Serve hot.

Makes one 9-inch tart. Start to finish: 90 minutes.

## QUICK AND EASY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Many perfectly satisfying brunches are just variations on eggs and toast. This dressed-up version would be even better with country ham to serve with the biscuits. Warm up a big bowl of apple sauce spiced with cinnamon sticks and cloves to provide a sweet side.

This full-flavored frittata has only one tricky spot — flipping it to cook the other side. A lightweight nonstick pan makes a big difference. This recipe also is easily doubled (be sure to use a larger skillet).

If you happen to have access to good-quality lard, it gives these biscuits incomparable texture and flavor. They also are good made with butter or shortening.

## ZUCCHINI AND MINT FRITTATA

1 tablespoon olive oil

$\frac{1}{2}$  yellow onion, finely chopped  
1 clove garlic, peeled  
1 large zucchini, thinly sliced  
Coarse salt  
4 eggs  
Peperoncino or freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint  
1 tablespoon calciocavallo or pecorino cheese, grated

Heat the oil in an 8-inch skillet, nonstick skillet over a medium heat. Sauté the onion and garlic clove (whole) until the onion softens, but does not brown, about 10 minutes. The garlic adds a subtle flavor.

Add the zucchini and sprinkle light with salt. Sauté 10 minutes, or until the zucchini slices have softened but still retain their shape. The seeds should appear swollen and almost translucent.

In a small bowl, beat the eggs, then whisk in a bit of salt, the peperoncino or black pepper, mint and cheese.

Reduce the heat under the skillet to low, then pour the egg mixture over the zucchini. Cook for 10 minutes, gently shaking the pan now and again, or using a spatula around the edges to make sure the frittata is not sticking.

The bottom of the frittata should be golden and firm, but the center should still have give. Remove the skillet from the heat.

Put a plate over the pan and quickly invert so the frittata slips out upside down. Carefully slide the frittata back into the pan (the top of the frittata now should be on the bottom) and cook another 5 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes 2 servings. Start to finish: 1 hour

Recipe from *Clarissa Hyman's Cucina Siciliana*, Interlink Publishing Group, 2002.

## BIRD-HEAD BUTTERMILK BISCUITS

2½ cups sifted cake flour (or 2 cups sifted bleached all-purpose flour), plus more for your work surface and hands  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon salt  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cold and cut into several pieces  
2 tablespoons lard or vegetable shortening, cold and cut into several pieces

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup whole or lowfat buttermilk, cold

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a medium bowl, use a fork to mix the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Transfer the mixture to a food processor fitted with the chopping blade. Add the butter and lard and pulse the mixture in 2-second increments until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs with a few pea-sized pieces, about five pulses.

Transfer the mixture back to the bowl, pour the buttermilk over it and mix with the fork until the dough just comes together, about a minute. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface. Knead with floured fingers once or twice.

Fold the dough into a 6- by 10-inch rectangle about 1 inch thick. Fold the rightmost third of the rectangle over the center third, then fold the left third on top. Turn the dough a quarter turn, pat it into a 6- by 10-inch rectangle, and fold it upon itself in thirds again. Repeat one more time, then once again pat the dough into a 6- by 10-inch rectangle about 1 inch thick.

Using a floured 2-inch biscuit cutter, cut the biscuits from the dough and place them about 1½ inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until the tops just begin to brown. Serve the biscuits warm.

Makes about 16 biscuits. Start to finish: 30 minutes

Recipe from *Matt Lee and Ted Lee's The Lee Bros. Southern Cookbook*, W. W. Norton, 2006, \$35.

## NO-COOK CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Sometimes it's too much of an effort even to approach the stove Christmas morning. So it's good to have a plan that requires little more than a

knife and a chopping board. The citrus salad can be made the night before. The yogurt and granola parfait can be assembled up to two hours before and kept chilled without resulting in a soggy granola.

The original *Gourmet* magazine recipe for the crispbread with smoked salmon includes directions for making your own crispbread crackers, but there's no need to bother with baking; packaged crackers do just as well.

## CITRUS SALAD

4 navel oranges  
2 grapefruits  
2 tangelos or 3 mandarins  
Sugar, to taste  
2 tablespoons orange liqueur (optional)  
Chopped mint (optional)

Grate 3 tablespoons zest from the oranges. Place the zest in a medium bowl. Set aside.

Section the oranges, or peel and cut into bite-sized pieces. Add the oranges and their juices to the bowl with the zest.

Section or peel and cut up the grapefruits and tangelos or mandarins, removing any seeds. Combine with the oranges.

Gently stir in the sugar and liqueur, if using, to taste. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. If desired, sprinkle with mint.

Makes 6 servings. Start to finish: 20 minutes.

Recipe from *Joy of Cooking: 75th Anniversary Edition*, Simon and Schuster, 2006, \$30.

## CRISP BREAD WITH PEPPER-DILL CREME FRAICHE AND SMOKED SALMON

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup creme fraiche  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill, plus additional sprigs  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  freshly ground black pepper  
24 flatbread or crispbread crackers  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  pound sliced smoked salmon, cut into 1-inch pieces  
1 teaspoon finely grated orange zest

In a small bowl, stir together creme fraiche, 2 tablespoons dill, salt and pepper. Spoon  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of the creme fraiche mixture onto each cracker. Top each cracker with 1 piece of salmon and a sprinkle of orange zest. If desired, add additional dill sprigs as garnish.

Makes 24 crackers. Start to finish: 20 minutes.

Recipe from *Gourmet* magazine's *The Gourmet Cookbook*, Houghton Mifflin, 2004.

## YOGURT AND GRANOLA PARFAITS

1 quart raspberry yogurt  
4 cups granola  
1 pint fresh strawberries (hulled and sliced), raspberries or blueberries

In four tall parfait glasses, alternate layers of yogurt and granola, for a total of about four or five layers, starting with yogurt. Top the parfaits with berries and serve with long spoons.

Makes 4 servings. Start to finish: 15 minutes.

## Champagne: Wine from a unique place

Champagne comes from the region in France known as Champagne. No other sparkling wine, originating from another place, can legitimately be labeled champagne.

Larry Mawby makes delicious sparkling wines from grapes grown on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula. Why would he label them from Ohio, New York or Champagne? Michigan cheese is not labeled Vermont and Wisconsin cheese is not labeled Michigan.

An appellation defines a wine's origin. Because Champagne is universally respected for its quality wines, others have attempted to use the name Champagne to enhance the image of their product. Since some sparkling wines in the U.S. are incorrectly labeled Champagne, you should read labels carefully.

## CHAMPAGNE - THE REGION

The principal cities of the Champagne region are Reims, centered around the 13th century cathedral that has hosted the coronation of most of the French kings, and Eprenay, completely surrounded by vines and known as the capital of Champagne. Both cities are home to many prestigious champagne houses, names that you recognize. In Reims there's Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, Piper Heidsieck, Mumm, Roederer and Taittinger while Eprenay is home to Pol Roger, Moët & Chandon, Mercier and Perrier Jouët. Many are open to visitors.

Located 90 miles east of Paris, the Champagne region uses only pinot noir, chardonnay and pinot meunier grapes, grown in four major growing areas known as the Montagne de Reims (pinot noir), the Vallée de la Marne (pinot meunier), Côte des Blancs (chardonnay) and Côte des Bar (pinot noir). Within these four regions, there are 15,000 growers living in 320 villages that grow grapes for champagne production. Of these villages, 17 are entitled to grand cru designation, while 44 are designated premier cru. To complicate things further, some are awarded grand cru or premier cru for red grapes but not white and vice versa. Using three grapes varieties from 320 villages explains why the blending process or assemblage requires so much skill.

## THREE VARIETIES

Soils of the Montagne de Reims and Côte des Bar favor pinot noir which provides structure and depth of fruit in a cuvée (blend). Côte des Blancs, with predominantly chalk and limestone soils, is most hospitable to chardonnay, which imparts a bright, crisp elegance to young

## WINE PICKS

Recommended CHAMPAGNES by style:

## NON-VINTAGE

Chartogne Taillet Brut Cuvée Sainte Anne \$42  
Bollinger Special Cuvée \$50  
Taittinger Brut La Française \$35

## TETE DE CUVÉE AND VINTAGE CHAMPAGNES

1997 Bollinger Grande Année \$120  
1996 Pommery Brut \$70  
1996 Pol Roger Brut Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill \$206  
1998 Nicolas Feuillatte Chardonnay Blanc de Blancs \$45

## ROSE

NV Perrier-Jouët Brut Rosé Blason \$76  
NV Taittinger Cuvée Prestige Rosé Brut \$60

## DOMESTIC SPARKLING WINES

2002 Domaine Carneros Brut Cuvée \$25  
1999 Domaine Carneros Le Reve Blanc de Blancs \$59  
Domaine Carneros Brut Rosé Cuvée de la Pompadour \$34  
NV J Brut Rosé, Russian River Valley \$32  
2001 J Vintage Brut, Russian River Valley \$32  
2000 Etoile Brut \$28 (new, easy-opening crown cap)

wines, is very ageable and provides a refined fruitiness to aged champagnes.

Pinot meunier is grown primarily in the Vallée de la Marne. It provides an early maturing richness and fruitiness to non-vintage champagnes and is meant to be consumed young, but is usually not included in vintage wines destined to be aged.

Although most champagne is a creation of the blender's talent, using all three varieties from 60 to 70 different Champagne villages, there are wines that emphasize one grape variety or one appellation. Taittinger's Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs emphasizes elegance, grace and longevity since chardonnay from the grand cru villages of the Côte des Blancs dominates the blend. On the other hand, the wines of Bollinger are full, round and complex since they grow 80 percent red varieties, the best from the Montagne de Reims, which dominate its blends.

Champagne Salon Le Mesnil is made from chardonnay grown in one of the best crus in the Côte des Blancs, Le Mesnil-sur-Oger. This very expensive and distinctive wine is the equivalent of a single vineyard champagne, made only in top vintages.

This column about champagne is the second in a series. The third part will run Dec. 28.

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## Haute Holidays

'Tis the season for festive parties and elegant evenings. What's a girl to wear to all the cocktail hours, social soirees and office parties on her calendar? We turned to always fashion-forward and affordable TJ Maxx for some ideas on how to look pulled-together even as you're being pulled in a thousand directions.

A great L.B.D. can take a gal anywhere. Wear it with a blazer to the office, then throw on a dash of red and you're ready for happy hour.

Prefer to stay casually cozy? A quilted jacket with knit accessories will keep you warm whether you're skating, shelling or last-minute shopping.

Make like tinsel and add some sparkle to the season with a dash of metallics.

Show spirit at work with a bright red sweater paired with a tweed skirt and boots. A flower pin and belt tied in a bow add detail to this sweet seasonal look.

If you haven't already, it's time to splurge on a pair of skinny jeans that flatter your figure. Amp them up with a white blouse and leopard shrug for parties, then wear them all year long.

For formal occasions, pick a frock that blends comfort and style. A cocktail dress with ruched overlay looks elegantly simple, especially with an essential clutch.

## That's a Wrap!

### Waste not, want not on Christmas Day

First comes the fun part — oohing and aahing over your gorgeous gifts. But then, you're left to clean up all the gift wrap that was torn off and cast around the room.

What do do with all the crumpled paper, ribbons and ornaments that adorned your presents? Make it easy on yourself and the environment with these recycling tips from Lisa Gleeson, owner of Lisa's Gift Wrappers and ReadySetWrap.com in Royal Oak:

#### Ornaments

Your very best glass ornaments should be protected with bubble wrap, but rather than send all the colorful, crumpled wrapping paper to the local landfill, smooth it out and put it aside till you take down your tree. Use that paper to wrap your ornaments, making sure the white side of the paper is against the ornament so that humidity and heat do not cause the ink on the paper to bleed onto your

ornaments. The main thing is to provide enough cushion between them to eliminate breakage, but you'll also have fun next year remembering what came wrapped in each paper design! Shred the leftover papers for more cushion between your ornaments in their storage boxes.

#### Cards

Save the ones you like. Cut off the back half of the card, and store them in a box with your papers and ribbons. Next year, glue them on the top of your packages as decorations, use them as nametags or let the kids use them to make ornaments. Alternatively, donate the cards to your local school, or craft-related organizations to be used in art projects throughout the year.

#### Ribbons

Pieces that are too small (less than 12") to make a bow or wrap another box can go along with your cards to places like artsand-scrap.com in Detroit, or you can give them to your scrapbooking friends or art teachers

for use in smaller projects.

#### Bows

Those beautiful silk and wired ribbons and bows can be attached to an ordinary coat hanger with safety pins and saved for next year. Once you've hung them, cover them with the plastic drape from your last dry-cleaning job, and hang them in your closet.

#### Kid's Stuff

Those little paper-and-glue ornaments your kids make in elementary school may not take your breath away, but they are made with love. Take the time to add a little extra glue, a new ribbon hanger or just reinforce the ornament, then store it carefully. Someday, your adult child will be thrilled to receive a box of all the little things they made for you over the years, and put them on their own tree with childish delight. Build a holiday trousseau for them!

## pink picks

### Wear It!

Red!

### Eat It!

Panera Holiday Bread

### DON'T Wear It!

Holiday sweat-shirts with flashing lights

### Drink It!

Silknog

### Tote It!

My Flat in London Argyle series

### Tivo It!

Heroes

### DVD It!

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

### Click It!

[www.cafetraditions.com](http://www.cafetraditions.com)

### See It!

The Pursuit of Happiness

### Kick It!

Puma sneakers — comfort for last-minute shopping!

### Experience It!

Not leaving home on Christmas Day!

### Indulge It!

Candy Cane Dreams spa package at Tamara Spa + Wellness in Farmington Hills

### Do It!

Recycle your wrapping materials (or save them for next year!)

## pinklist

### Teen Holiday Fashion Challenge

Use your holiday break constructively and sew up your knowledge of fashion with a three-day *Project Runway*-style challenge at Haberman Fabrics in Royal Oak. Teens will be challenged with new projects each day, and enjoy friendly competition against their fellow designers. Cost, \$175, includes a \$60 fabric voucher and daily snack. Prior experience necessary. Noon-5 p.m., Dec. 27-29. Call (248) 541-0010, [www.habermanfabrics.com](http://www.habermanfabrics.com).

### Michael Werdiger Trunk Show

Just because you've waited until the last minute, doesn't mean you can't find a gift with 'wow.' You can't go wrong with jewelry. Bailey, Banks & Biddle at the Somerset Collection will host a Michael Werdiger trunk show Dec. 21-24. The event kicks off on today with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Call (248) 649-2008.

### A "Green" Christmas

Visit Greenmead Historic Village in Livonia for a romantic Christmas past. The Livonia Historical Commission is hosting Christmas Candlelight Tours in the historic

village Dec. 26-27. Tour buildings in candlelight glow, then enjoy hot cocoa, tea and cookies in the Friend's Meeting House while listening to the Livonia Civic Chorus. Tours, at 6 and 8 p.m., are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. While you're at Greenmead, pick up the second annual Christmas collectible ornament from Historic Greenmead, a replica of the Newburgh Church. The ornaments, finished in gold and gift-boxed, are \$15. Also available are Christmas cards featuring the Shaw House Door, 20 for \$16, and Hill House in the Snow, 10 for \$10. All proceeds benefit Historic Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Call (248) 477-7375.

### Target Helps

Salvation Army Visit [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) and purchase a virtual ornament for the Angel Giving Tree to benefit the Salvation Army. Personalize the color, wing shape and wing pattern of your online ornament knowing your

donation will provide new clothing, toys and food to families in need. Or, visit your local Target store and purchase a limited-edition Harvey Lewis angel ornament accented with red Swarovski crystals. The ornaments (\$9.99) also benefit the Salvation Army.

### A Birmingham

Holiday Santa has moved into Shain Park, and will be accepting visitors through Christmas Eve. See Santa on Saturday from 1-5 p.m. and on Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to noon. Birmingham also will offer free carriage rides on Christmas Eve from 10 a.m.-noon. The Carriage boards at the southeast corner of Henrietta and Martin. Enjoy the beautiful window displays and holiday lights downtown on a romantic horse-drawn ride. For more information go to [www.enjoybirmingham.com](http://www.enjoybirmingham.com) or call the Principal Shopping District Office at (248) 433-3550.

### Great Lakes Crossing Rewards

Each day during the holiday season, Great Lakes Crossing will randomly present gifts to shoppers with a minimum \$50 value. Goodies include prize packs from AMC Theatre, Crabtree & Evelyn, Saks Off 5th, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Sanrio, Hot Topic, Harry & David, Neiman's Last Call and more. Visitors also can experience "Happy Feet," a 20-foot walk-through snow globe promoting the hit movie. On select days, visitors to the Pistons Holiday Village can meet players, dancers and Hooper the Mascot. For a complete list of holiday activities, visit [shopgreatlakescrossing.com](http://shopgreatlakescrossing.com).

### Taubman launches "My Mail"

Strategize last-minute shopping right from your desk with a new online service. Detroit area Taubman centers are offering "My Mail," a free Web site feature that allows you to create online shopping lists, sign up for e-bulletins from your favorite stores, and stash coupons, exclusive offers and more in your very own virtual shopping file. Log onto [www.shopfairlane.com](http://www.shopfairlane.com), [www.shopgreatlakescrossing.com](http://www.shopgreatlakescrossing.com) or [www.shoptheveveoaks.com](http://www.shoptheveveoaks.com), click "My Mail" and let your fingers do the shopping.

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