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Canton resident Anne Marie Graham-Hudak's brother-in-law Mike Wakoski, a San Bernadino National Forest firefighter, has been in the thick of the wildfires that have plagued southern California for several weeks.

## Canton woman's sister survives wildfires

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
 STAFF WRITER

As she dialed the long distance number and held her phone next to her ear for what seemed like the hundredth time that day, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak got worried.

Days later, the Canton woman still hadn't heard from her sister and had begun a flurry of phone calls to other family members all over the country. On any other day, not getting an immediate response from her younger sister wouldn't have been a big deal but last Monday fires were raging near her sister's California home.

"I started calling (last) Monday and I didn't get to speak with her until (last) Wednesday," Graham-Hudak

said. "We all just kept calling because we were so worried."

The Canton woman's sister, Noelle Graham-Wakoski, was safe but with her home filled with evacuated family members, she hadn't noticed that her telephone was mistakenly unplugged.

"She's fine," Graham-Hudak said Monday, still breathing a sigh of relief. "The flames were about 15 minutes away from her house. She could see them."

Coined the "Buckweed Fire," authorities reported Tuesday that a boy, whose name and age weren't released, had admitted to playing with matches and said he accidentally started the 38,000-acre Southern California fire that destroyed more than 20 homes, displaced families and shut down schools.

Last week, the bulk of the wildfires were under control.

Graham-Wakoski's husband, Mike, is a division fire chief for the San Bernadino National Forest. Since the blaze erupted, he has been at the scene.

"He doesn't (go) home until they are all out," Graham-Hudak said.

"But he's pretty fire smart. We know that he knows what he's doing."

Along with her teenage niece and nephew having to stay home from school, Graham-Hudak said her sister has been unable to go to work.

"The last time I spoke to her, she said everything was still up in the air," she said.

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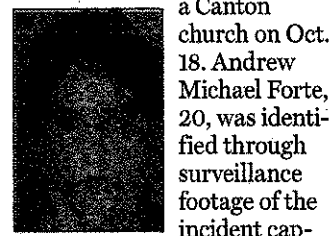
BILL BRESLER  
 STAFF  
 PHOTOGRAPHER

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak talks about her relatives fighting the California fires.

## Canton makes arrest in church break-in

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
 STAFF WRITER

A Garden City man was arrested Thursday night on charges that he broke into



Forte the Good Shepherd, located at 42690 Cherry Hill Road.

He was arraigned Friday in 35th District Court on charges of breaking and entering a building, a 10-year felony, and safe breaking, a felony punishable by any term up to life in prison.

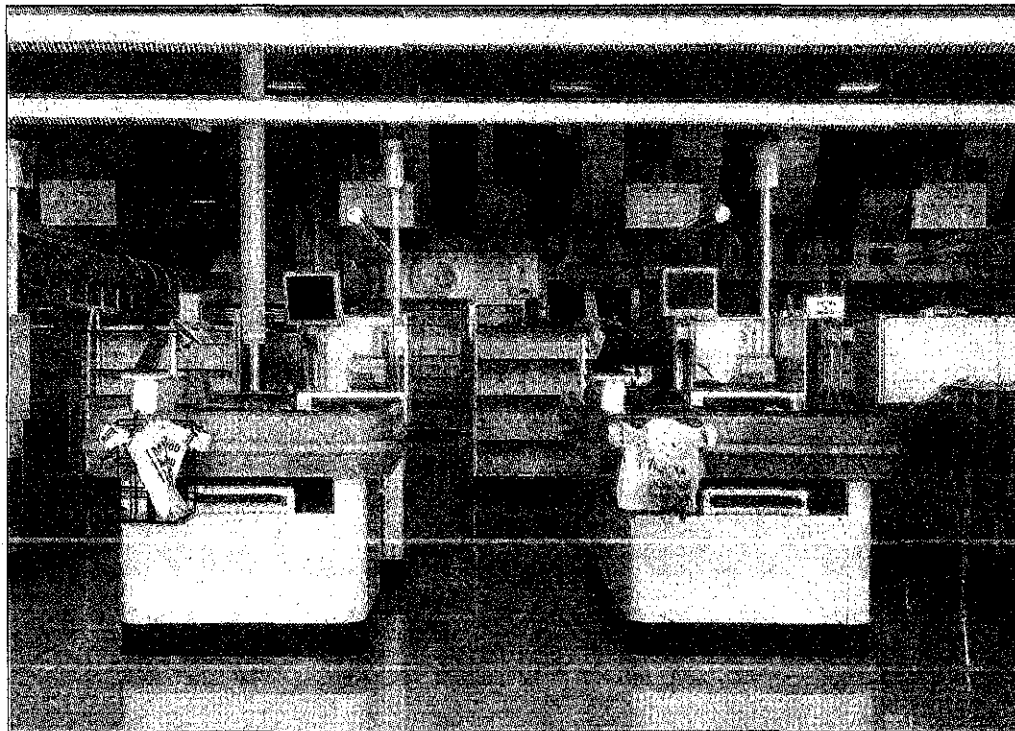
He is being held on a \$50,000 cash bond and is scheduled for a preliminary exam on Nov. 16 at 35th District Court.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the alleged thief was arrested at an Inkster home.

Although Forte, who is accused of stealing an undisclosed amount of money from a collection box, was unsuccessful at breaking into the church's safe, he is still being charged with the crime.

"It's a much more serious offense," Pomorski said, adding that Forte made a statement of guilt to police.

Forte is also suspected of breaking into two Westland churches. Pomorski said he references those thefts in his statement.



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There hasn't been much activity at the former Farmer Jack store located at Joy and Morton Taylor. A deal for Larry's Foodland to move in has fallen through.

## Farmer Jack locations sit idle as Larry's Foodland deal falls through

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
 STAFF WRITER

After the green and white sign announcing the store's pending arrival disappeared, Bob Harmer knew it was safe to say that Larry's Foodland wasn't coming to Canton soon.

The Livonia-based grocer was slated to occupy the former Farmer Jack store on the southeast corner of Joy and Morton Taylor in the Coventry Commons plaza. A Larry's representative declined to offer a formal comment but said a deal between the grocer and the building's owner could not be reached.

Harmer's business, Auction It Today on eBay, is located in the plaza. He said the loss of the development's major

anchor has affected his bottom line.

"The whole month of October was horrible," he sighed. "We've been doing newspaper and television advertising. Before (Farmer Jack left) it was always one or the other not both."

Harmer, who owns the store with his wife, Gerri, said he was banking on the new grocer's arrival in the summer.

"I was really expecting it to get going quickly," he said. "I thought it would only take a month or two. With the way it is now, I can't see anything happening before Christmas."

Talk is swirling of negotiations between the company that owns the building, Nelson Companies Inc. of West Bloomfield, and a major

grocer.

A representative for Nelson Companies declined to offer a comment.

While behind the counter of his empty store Tuesday, Harmer said his line of work relies heavily on walk-in traffic.

"Saturdays used to be our busiest days because people would come over while they were out grocery shopping," he said, adding that he's optimistic another grocer will move into the vacant space. "But I won't be happy until it's open."

Not only were business owners disappointed when talks with Larry's Foodland fizzled, homeowners were upset, too.

Please see **STORE, A6**

## Jury clears day care center director in abuse case

BY BRAD KADRICH  
 STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman who served as the director of the Childtime Learning Center in Plymouth Township was cleared Thursday of failing to report suspected abuse of a 2-year-old girl Canton girl, who later died in the home of her foster parents.

A 35th District Court jury took less than 90 minutes to acquit Jacqueline Hadwin, who was removed as director of the child care center when the state closed it shortly after the girl, Allison Newman of Canton, died in September 2006. Her foster mother, Carol Ann Poole, is scheduled to go on trial for murder in January.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden said she was disappointed in the verdict.

"I was disappointed in the verdict, but I'm glad we prosecuted her," Weingarden said. "It's important for all mandated reporters to take their responsibilities seriously. If they fail to report, a child could end up injured or dead."

"This case serves as a reminder to all mandated reporters that they need to report," she added. "It also should remind regular people they should get themselves involved if they're concerned a child is being abused or neglected."

Hadwin was arrested after workers at the facility



Hadwin

said they'd reported their suspicion that Allison was being abused to Hadwin. Hadwin, however, did not report the suspi-

cions to the state.

Allison's death was not allowed to be mentioned during the trial, as stipulated by both parties. Weingarden said Friday the verdict may have been different.

"But it would not have been fair to this defendant if the jury knew the child was ultimately killed," she said.

Neither of Hadwin's attorneys, Todd Flood nor Gerald Evelyn, could be reached for comment.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said Thursday that the acquittal of Hadwin won't affect the timing or strategy in Poole's upcoming murder trial.

"The Hadwin case was predicated on the defendant's failure to report signs of abuse on the now deceased child," Miller said.

"The Carol Poole case is predicated on the fact that she caused the death of the child."

Childtime spokeswoman Amy Popp said in a statement officials at the center's parent company were "pleased with the verdict."

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**Coming Thursday**

The dinosaurs are coming. Filter talks to actor Jonathan Bliss, a Michigan native who stars in Walking With Dinosaurs: The Live Experience.



### Chieftettes bottle drive

Save yourself the hassle of returning those cans and bottles and support the Canton Junior Varsity Chieftettes PomPon Team at the same time. Donate your returnables to the Canton Chieftettes during their fall bottle drive from 8 a.m.-noon on Nov. 10.

The Canton Chieftettes will be traveling around area neighborhoods in the Plymouth-Canton School District to collect returnable bottles and cans.

Supporters can also bring their bottles and cans to the Canton North Building (also known as Phase 3) between 8 a.m. and noon.

For more information contact Chieftette parent Britt Julien at [bjf11@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:bjf11@sbcbglobal.net).

### Veterans Day in Canton

There will be a Veterans Day Service at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Canton Veterans Memorial located in Heritage Park west of the Canton Administration Building.

Following the ceremony, there will be "Salute to Service" ceremony, in which Canton will honor area servicemen and women who have served and who are currently serving in our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves. The ceremony will take place at the Village Theater, located 50400 Cherry Hill Road from 2 - 4 p.m.

Photos of Canton residents who are currently in our Armed Forces will be on display during this program. The public is encouraged to attend

this free event, sponsored by Canton Township, Canton Community Foundation, and Canton Veteran's Memorial Association. A short program will take place on the Theater's main stage at 3 p.m.

For more information on the Salute to Service ceremony scheduled for Sunday, November 11 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Village Theater, please call (734) 394-5193 or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

### The Sounds of Canton

The Sounds of Canton present "Canton Bandstand: Movin' & A-Groovin' in the 50s" on Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Under the direction of Bernice Russian, the performances will feature music from an era when sock hops and doo wops were all the rage. The audience will have the chance to groove to these oldies but goodies like Pat Boone, Frank Sinatra, Perry Como and Patti Page were at the top of the music charts.

The Sounds of Canton Singers are dedicated senior volunteers from all walks of life. The common thread binding them together is a love of music, fellowship, and the desire to sing. This choral group was originally established in 1977 and is currently comprised of 27 active members all over the age of 55.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$9 for seniors; and \$7 for youth. To order tickets or for more details, visit [canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://canton-mi.org/village-theater) or call (734) 394-

5460. Group rate tickets can also be purchased at the Senior Center for \$8 per ticket for five or more tickets. For more information, contact the Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.

### A Toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting to benefit the Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank, First Step and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 9, from 7-9 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

There will be approximately 20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market is also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests. Tickets are \$35 in advance, and, if available, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

### Women wanted

The Canton Business and Professional Women, whose goal is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women, will host its monthly meeting from 6-8:30 p.m., Nov. 12 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton. Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road and west of Sheldon.

If you are looking for leader-

ship development; informative programs; business contacts networking opportunities; mentor relationships; friendships; community awareness; professional growth; political advocacy; and a voice in women's issues, the group is looking for you.

Women's health will be the topic of the November meeting, which will include free health screenings and a guest speaker from Oakwood Community Health.

For more information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610 2561 or via e-mail at [junenicholas@comcast.net](mailto:junenicholas@comcast.net). Please RSVP for this meeting.

### Poet earns honor

Canton author Cheryl A. Martin's poem, "More than 58,000 Names Etched", has been awarded honorable mention in the "Non-rhyming Poem" category of the 76th Annual Writer's Digest Writing Competition. Her name along with the other winners will be published in a book by Outskirts Press, which will be available soon.

This is the same publisher of Martin's book of poetry, "Woman Reclining", which can be viewed at: <http://outskirtspress.com/> e-copies of her book can be purchased for \$5 on her Web page.

Martin is currently teaching writers and poets how to hone their craft. She has two upcoming classes that she is teaching through Wayne-Westland's Schools. One class begins Friday, Nov. 9, and is titled, "Journaling Your Life Story", which is a three week class for writers of all levels and expertise.



### Fire staff and command graduates

Three command officers from Canton Fire Department recently graduated from Fire Staff and Command School at Eastern Michigan University. Captains Rob Glenn (from left), Mike Caruso, and Tim Dunn participated in their graduation ceremony held Oct. 26 at the Summit on the Park in Canton. They are pictured with Canton Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher and the ceremony's guest speaker, Executive Director of Public Safety and Operations John R. Santomauro. The Fire Staff and Command School is held one 40-hour week per month, for 10 months. This extensive training program is focused on management of fire agencies, planning, analysis and administration of fire personnel. The training is mandatory for all Canton Fire Department command officers, and can be applied toward their 80 hours of leadership training required every year.

It'll meet at John Glenn High School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, 16, and 29.

Please call (734) 419-2426 to register.

For the haiku artist, she has a two week class titled, "Writing Haiku and Poetry", which will be held on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 at John Glenn High-School, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Martin can be contacted further at (734) 397-1626, and through via e-mail at [peroinc5@comcast.net](mailto:peroinc5@comcast.net).

### Job help series

"Personal Finance During Job Change" is the topic for last program in the Job Help series offered by the Canton Public Library.

Beth Troost, Education Partnership Coordinator from Community Financial, and Susan Sherry, Adjunct Assistant Professor at Madonna University, will examine how job change affects personal finances on Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library.

Attendees will learn to set realistic financial goals, find potential sources of money, how job loss affects credit ratings and how the emotional impact takes a toll on you and your finances.

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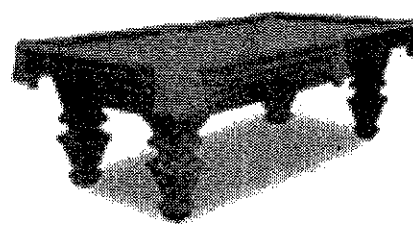
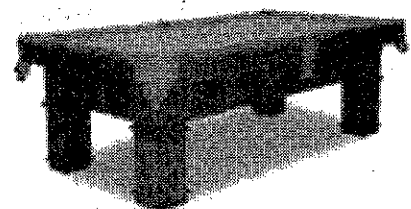
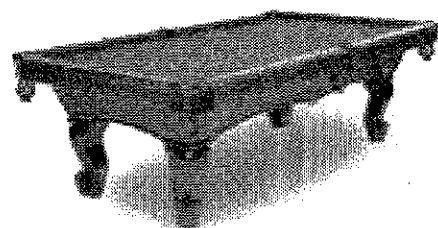
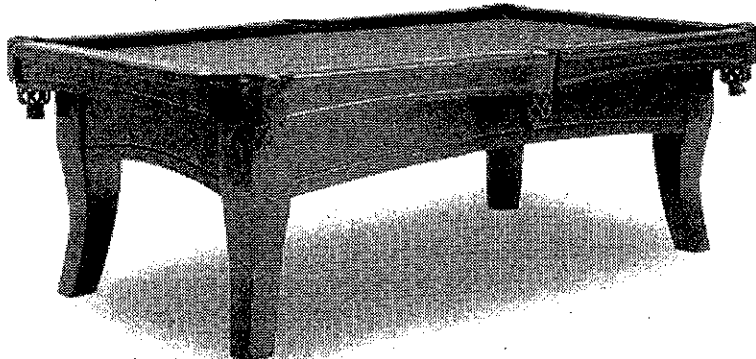
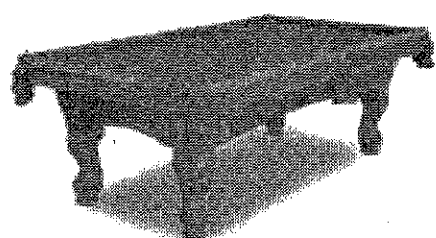
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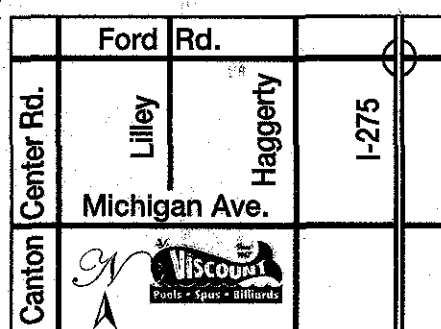
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# Few Canton precincts will be open for Tuesday's election

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Only about 1,500 Canton voters will be eligible to vote in Tuesday's election.

Those voters who reside in precincts 2, 15, 20, 28 and 33 (or within the Wayne-Westland and Van Buren school districts) will only have one item on the ballot to deal with -- a 10-year tax renewal for Wayne County Community College.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said she isn't expecting much of a turnout.

"It's been pretty quiet. Most of the calls we've received have been from people living in the Plymouth-Canton district, who are wondering whether or not they are supposed to vote," she said.

Residents living within the Plymouth-Canton boundaries are part of the Schoolcraft College District and aren't eligible to vote.

Voters throughout the WCCC district, which includes 32

communities, will be asked to renew a 10-year, 1.5 millage tax levy, which won't take effect until 2011, when the current 10-year levy expires. It is not a new tax, nor an increase over the current levy. The tax currently represents 40 percent of WCCC's annual revenue. For owners of homes with a taxable value of \$70,000, the millage translates to \$105 a year.

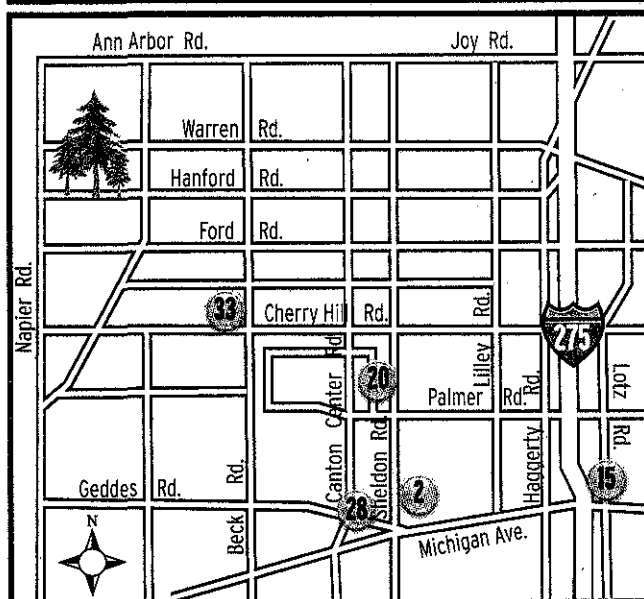
While Bennett doesn't anticipate a busy election, it will be noteworthy because it will be Canton's first election under a new state law that requires voters to show photo identification when they vote.

According to Bennett, voters must have one of the following:

- A drivers license or personal identification card issued by Michigan or another state
- A federal or state government issued photo I.D.
- U.S. passport
- Current student I.D. with photo issued by a high school or accredited institution
- Military I.D. with photo

## CANTON VOTING PRECINCTS

For Tuesday, November 6, 2007



### Precinct and Voting Location

2: Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 S. Sheldon Road  
15: Walker-Winter Elementary School, 39932 Michigan Ave.  
20: Township Fire Station No. 1, 1100 S. Canton Center  
28: Agape Christian Center, 45081 Geddes Road  
33: Dodson Elementary School, 205 S. Beck Road

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If voters don't have any of those, they will have to sign an affidavit.

"If they won't fill out an affidavit, they won't be given a ballot," Bennett said. "Notice to voters, you're Ford Motor I.D. badge isn't going to work."

Polls will open on Tuesday at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. Election results will be avail-

able on the Canton Township Web site ([www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org)) following the closing of the polls.

# MDOT to hold hearing on Ford/Beck traffic study

The Michigan Department of Transportation will host a public meeting regarding traffic at the Ford Road/Beck Road intersection at 7 p.m., Nov. 6 at Summit on the Park in Canton.

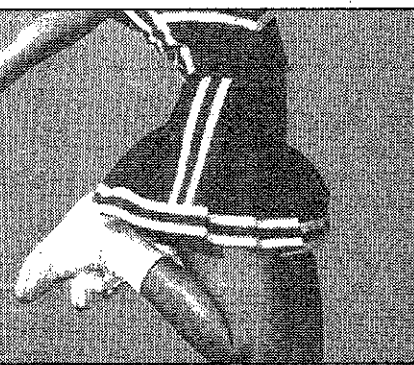
The meeting will be attended by officials with both MDOT and Canton Township.

MDOT is currently study-

ing the traffic operation and safety at the intersection, and is hoping to gain input from residents and business owners about existing observations and future expectations regarding traffic flow at the intersection.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

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# Airport Authority completing work on new Master Plan

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

At the center of Wayne County's aerropolis future is Detroit Metro Airport.

The Wayne County Airport Authority is preparing a Master Plan for the next 20 years that would include expanded terminals, a monorail system, new cargo facilities, a central car rental building and, most controversial, a seventh runway.

Wayne County Airports CEO Lester Robinson is making the media rounds to explain the plan and its importance to the region's economic development.

"Twenty years ago, we did one of these. I wasn't there when it was done," Robinson said at a meeting with *Observer* editors Oct. 18. "If you identify a structure as demand grows, it doesn't mean you need it tomorrow."

But the airport does need to plan far in advance for an operation that represents a major economic force in the community.

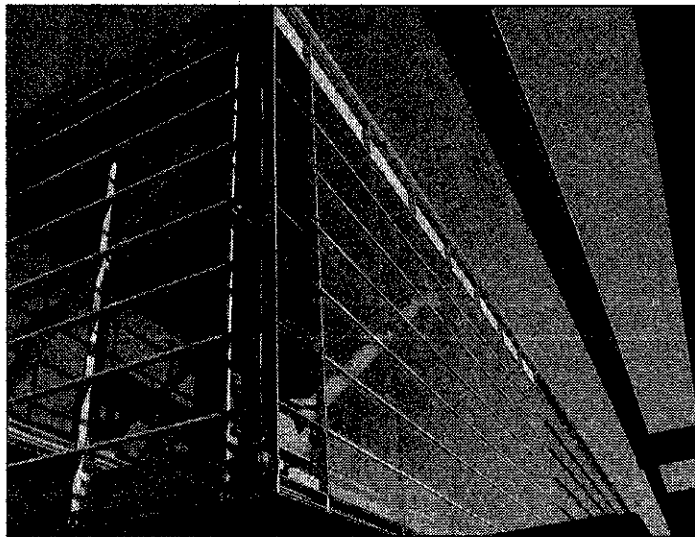
"The airport is important to the southeast Michigan region. The University of Michigan-Dearborn calculated that in Wayne County, the impact is a \$5 billion demand for goods and services," Robinson said: "18,600 people work at the airport, only 730 work for the airport authority."

He said the employment figure is equal to four or five large auto factories. The figure includes employees of airlines, service companies and concessionaires.

A task force chaired by John Rakolta has been working in plans to develop the area around Wayne County's airports, Detroit Metro and Willow Run, both operated by the Airport Authority. Wayne County is developing an area south of airport as the Pinnacle Aeropark project.

## FAA SETS GUIDELINES

The major components of the Master Plan from the mid-1980s have been implemented. They've included the McNamara Terminal on the airport's south end, expanded airfield facilities,



The glass box is in place at the new North Terminal at Detroit Metro Airport, which is scheduled to open in fall 2008.

## PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**What:** Workshop on Detroit Metro Airport Master Plan

**When:** 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7

**Where:** Metropolitan Hotel, 31500 Wick, Romulus

a new control tower and a southern entrance.

The Airport Authority has developed its new Master Plan under guidelines set down by the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA process includes doing an inventory, a forecast of aviation activity, a demand/capacity study for facility requirements, a development of concepts and recommended developments and, finally, implementation. The FAA must approve the plan.

Public hearings have been held and more will be scheduled.

The airport currently registers 18,200,000 enplanements a year with a projected growth to 29,000,000 enplanements over the next 20 years.

"This plan includes an additional runway on the eastern border," Robinson said. "It also plans an intermodal transportation system on the north side of the airport. It plans a consolidated rental facil-

ity, called CONRAC for short, across the freeway from the airport, expansion to the north terminal and it plans significant expansion of the McNamara Terminal. On the west side there is 190 acres planned for cargo."

The North Terminal is currently being built to replace the aging Smith and Berry terminals. It is scheduled to open in fall 2008.

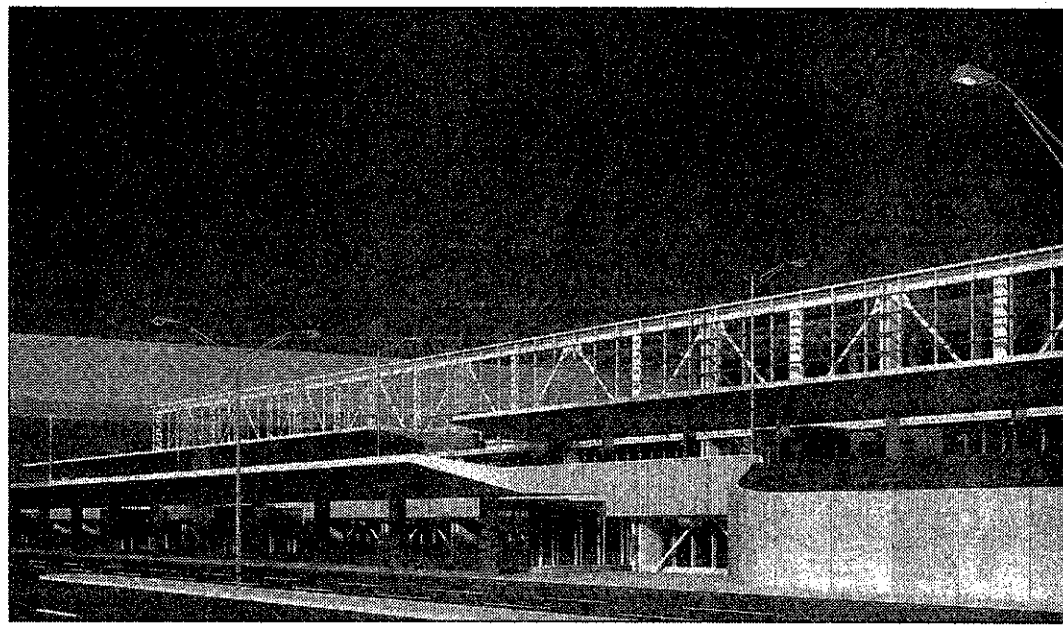
The McNamara Terminal houses gates for the Northwest Airlines and its associate airlines. Detroit is a major hub for Northwest. The new North Terminal will serve passengers flying on other airlines associated with two major airline alliances and small independent airlines.

## RUNWAY CONCERNS

The proposed runway as currently proposed would run north-south on the eastern end of the airport. The runway would cross Middlebelt and Eureka roads into what is now a residential section of Romulus.

Robinson said the actual building of the runway could be 10 to 15 years away but that work needs to start soon. He said an environmental study needs to be made and that could take two to three years to complete.

He estimates that 500 homes would be displaced through



This is an artist's rendering of the new North Terminal, which is scheduled to be completed in fall 2008. It will replace the Smith and Berry terminals at Detroit Metro.

eminent domain to accommodate the runway.

"We're not saying it's not a hardship on the community," he said.

On Sept. 27, Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert sent a letter to Devin Judd, with airport developers Jacobsen Daniels Associates, outlining the city's concerns. Lambert cites among the concerns: the loss of 805 single-family residential properties valued at \$59,108,700; displacement of 11 industrial properties; displacement of 10 commercial properties; and displacement of 3,471 residents, approximately 15 percent of the population. The letter also cites the need to close an elementary school.

Tim Keyes, Romulus economic development director, said the city wants to be sure that the Airport Authority has looked at ways to improve safe and efficient operations at the airport without new land acquisition and expansion.

"The City of Romulus and the airport have a great relationship. It's a great economic engine not only for city but for the state and region," Keyes said. "But the city of Romulus has paid a heavy cost for hosting the airport."

Keyes said the airport represents 20 percent of Romulus land, "the hole in the doughnut." He said its large central position

requires school buses, police, ambulance and fire trucks to take longer routes.

Keyes said the airport could do a better job of handling its current traffic to avoid the stacking of planes. He said he believes the authority has enough land to meet its needs without expanding. The city has suggested alternate runway options.

"We find the authority an incredibly capable group of people to work with and very insightful," he said.

Keyes said Romulus was marketing itself as an airport city long before the aerropolis idea took off. He said they have been at the forefront of discussions and have been actively working to develop ancillary business activity north of the airport. Robinson said the airport doesn't have the expansion room available to airports in Denver and Dallas-Ft. Worth. He said an alternate site farther north would intrude on sections of Taylor and Dearborn.

To pay for the Master Plan improvements, Robinson wants to increase the passenger facility charge to \$7. The current charge of \$4.50 is added to every passenger ticket. The airlines are opposed to an increase.

"The airlines consider it to be a tax and government takes more revenue out of the ticket,"

Robinson said.

Robinson argued that the charge is a "user fee" paid only by those who used the airport. Money raised from the PFC can only be used on capital investments.

The FAA must approve any increase in the PFC.

The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007 (HR 2881) includes a provision to raise the maximum to \$7.

The Air Transport Association of America opposes the increase. Their Web site states: "Airports do not need an additional \$2.2 billion from the airline passengers in order to fund necessary capital improvements. According to the latest financial reports filed with the FAA, commercial airports have more than \$24.8 billion in unrestricted financial assets including cash."

"Passengers want lower fares, and they want to see results for billions of dollars they have already paid. They do not want a \$2.2 billion tax increase."

The Airport Authority is planning more meetings with stakeholders and public workshops. The FAA must approve the Master Plan's Preferred Development Plan before the Master Plan becomes official. The final plan will be provided to the FAA for approval in January 2008.

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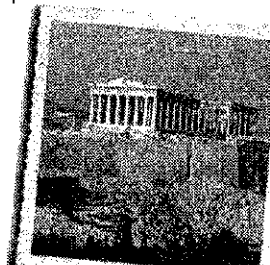
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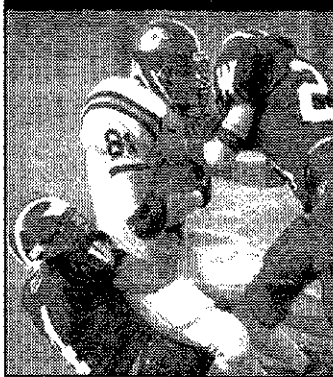
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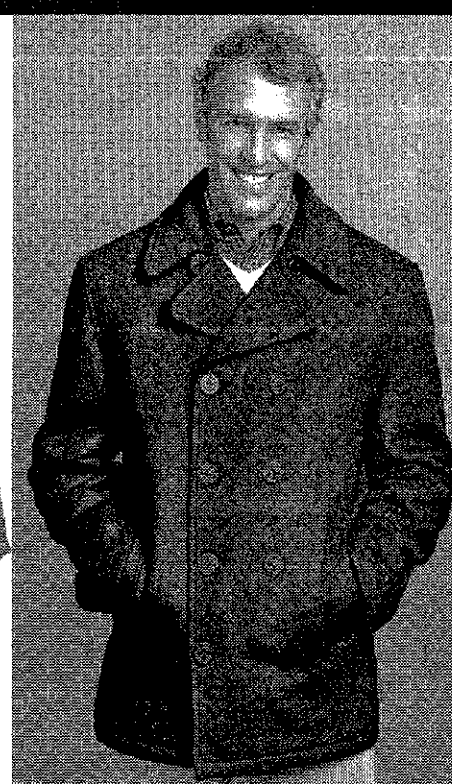
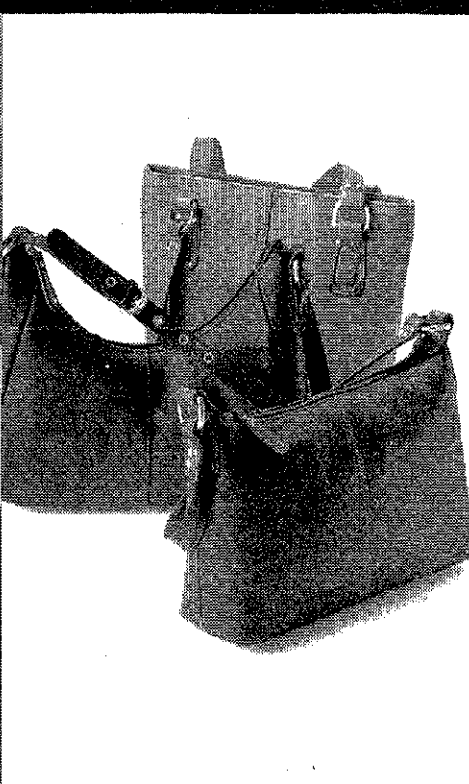
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A sign announcing the imminent arrival of Larry's Foodland was recently taken down at the former Farmer Jack at Joy and Morton Taylor roads.

## STORE

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"We are hurting over here," said Canton resident Robert Poval, who lives within a mile of the shopping center and said he was used to walking to the grocery store about twice a week. "After Farmer Jack left in early July, the banner (for Larry's) went up and then all of a sudden it was gone."

Poal said he called the grocer as well as the Canton Planning Commission to inquire about the empty store.

"We were disappointed to hear about Larry's," he said, adding that he hopes suggestions of another retailer's interest are true. "Any grocer would fill our bill."

In addition to the vacant space in Coventry Commons,

the former Farmer Jack location on Canton Center Road also remains empty. When Farmer Jack's parent company, Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company Inc., closed down its operations, 20 stores were sold off but others, such as the two township locations, went without a buyer.

With CVS leaving Coventry Commons nearly two years ago and the departure of Farmer Jack, business owners expressed worry the plaza would give off a ghost town atmosphere. Poval shared those thoughts.

"I don't see anything happening with the CVS store, so I know the tenants are hurting," he said. "It's the anchor stores that bring in the people."

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## Local kids swamp dentist with 500 pounds of sweets in Halloween exchange

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Instead of screaming "trick or treat," hundreds of area kids made their way to Robison Dental Group Thursday and said "take my treats."

The family-owned dental operation collected about 500 pounds worth of candy in exchange for dollar bills and glowing toothbrushes.

"To be honest, we didn't expect (that much of a response)," said Dr. J.D. Robison. "There were some kids that were reluctant but once they saw the loot, they were all about it."

The dental group offered \$1 for each pound of candy. The collected mass of Starbursts



Dr. J.D. Robison shows off about a third of the 500 pounds of candy that children dropped off at his Canton office on Thursday in exchange for money and toothbrushes. The dental group offered \$1 for each pound of candy turned in.

and Snickers will be sent to soldiers fighting overseas.

"The coolest part was reading what the kids wrote to the troops," Robison said, adding that a few small children scribbled pictures and some older youngsters wrote poems.

"You can't get through them without crying."

Robison, who suggested that kids save a couple of their favorite treats before selling him the rest, said his office will offer a similar program next Halloween.

"Without question," he said. "This was great."

The Robison Dental Group is located at 8504 N. Canton Center.

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## Police recover woman's car stolen by ex-boyfriend

### COP CALLS

were gone. Moments later, she also noticed her cell phone and \$23 had been stolen from her television stand near the front door.

After calling her phone and not getting an answer, she then called police, who entered her car into the system. A while later, Van Buren police contacted Canton police and informed them that the car had been recovered during a traffic stop.

At the time, the car was occupied by two Inkster men and an Inkster teenager. The driver was arrested for receiving and concealing stolen property. Canton police, who were unsuccessful at locating the township man at his residence, contacted the woman and said she could retrieve her car at her convenience.

a deck might have been lit on fire with a cigarette.

When police arrived at the home, no one answered the door. At that point, an officer went to the back of the residence and noted that the deck's wooden stairs and railings had been burned.

### Good samaritan robbed

A good samaritan says she was robbed of \$25 after she let a Canton man into her home.

A 50-year-old township woman reported that the man, 45, knocked on her door during Thursday's early-morning hours and asked if he could come inside because he had been assaulted.

The woman, who let the man in, told police he was holding a towel to his head and was bleeding.

After a couple moments, the woman reported that she went to the rest room and upon her return, the man was leaving and said that he would be fine.

She later discovered that cash was missing from her purse, which had been near the front door.

### Mysterious domestic situation

A Canton man, 59, told officers his neighbors were harassing him after he found them inside his apartment Thursday morning.

As the man, who lives on the 40000 block of Cinnamon Circle, returned home from taking his 13-year-old son to school he found two township police officers in his apartment that were following up on a possible domestic violence complaint. The man's downstairs neighbor had called police and reported loud noises and screaming coming from inside the unit.

When officers arrived at the apartment, they noticed that lights were on but that no one was answering the door. After knocking on the door for 10 minutes, they spoke with the downstairs neighbor who insisted someone was inside the unit because she could hear footsteps.

After gaining access to the apartment from one of the complex's officials, officers went inside to check on the welfare of its occupants and reported that the unit was empty and that nothing appeared out of the ordinary.

As they were preparing to leave, the man arrived home and said there had not been any fighting or yelling in his home. A Plymouth officer was then dispatched to check on the teenager at his school. The boy said he was fine and appeared fine.

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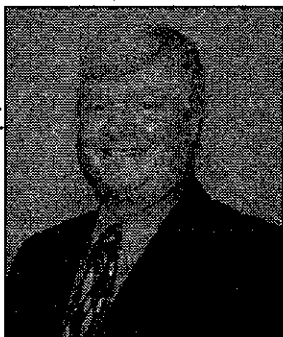
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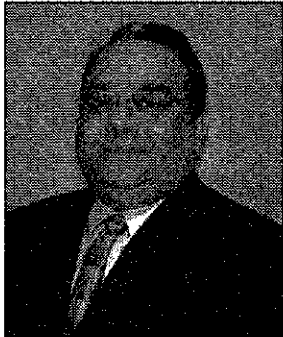
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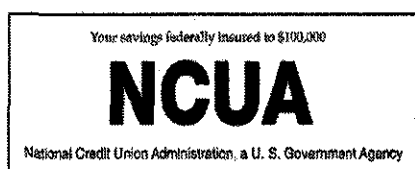
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# Patterson, chamber rally to repeal service tax

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is starting another statewide petition drive to repeal a tax on business services.

Upset over the state Legislature's approval of a 6-percent sales tax on services, Patterson came to Troy Thursday afternoon to promote a Coalition to Ax the Tax.

The press conference, hosted by the Troy Chamber of Commerce, was the second stop on the Patterson-led petition drive. Earlier in the morning Patterson rallied before a couple of hundred supporters on the steps of the state Capitol.

The service tax, which would apply to business consultants and other small businesses and recreational activities — a mix that includes landscaping, fortune telling, salon treatments and snow skiing, but not golf — was part of a \$4.3 billion budget approved Wednesday morning and set to take affect Dec. 1.

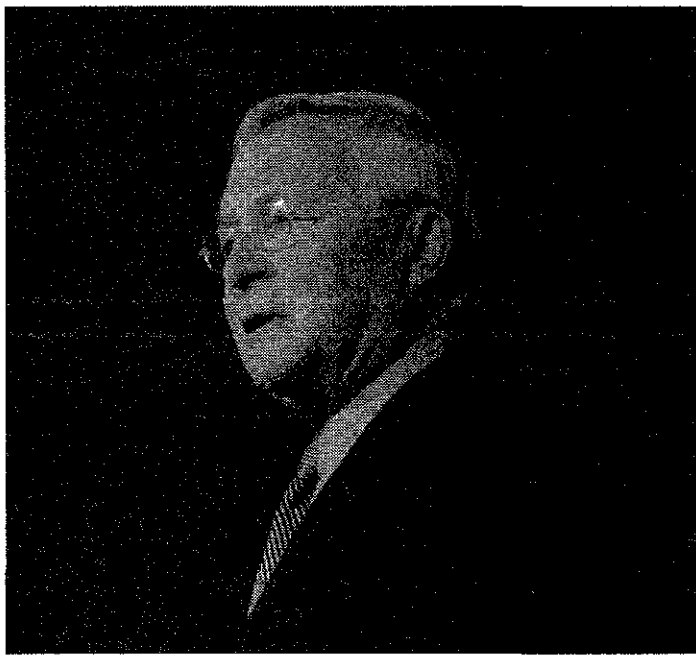
The service tax was initially approved during the early morning hours of Oct. 1 when the Legislature passed a one-month extension to the 2006-07 budget.

"The (service tax was) concocted under the cover of darkness, passed at 4 a.m. a month ago today, and when the light of day hit and the tax was examined, the impact was nothing short of devastating," Patterson said. "The uproar has been loud ever since."

Petition leaders need to gather more than 304,000 signatures to put a statutory initiative on the November 2008 ballot to repeal the service tax.

Actions by the state Senate Thursday indicate the service tax may have a chance to be repealed without a petition drive.

The Republican-majority Senate passed two bills: one to push back to Dec. 20 the start of the service tax to give lawmakers more time to repeal it, and one to abolish the service tax by Dec. 20, according to Sen. John Pappageorge, R-Troy.



Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson wants to see the state service tax repealed.

The bills need approval from the House and Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signature to become law. Removal of the service tax would leave a better than \$700 million hole in the budget that needs replacing.

"Some argue they want to (replace the service tax) with cuts, some all with tax increases," Pappageorge said. "My position is we look at cuts first, not talk taxes until we're done talking about cuts. My first choice is we don't talk taxes until we're done talking about cuts."

The governor has left open the possibility of repealing the service tax through the Legislature but under three conditions, according to her spokeswoman Liz Boyd.

"The governor is open to changes in what was approved but adamant on these three factors: Any adjustment or replacement has to be revenue neutral, has to have bipartisan support and it has to be permanent," Boyd said.

A year ago, Patterson successfully led a petition drive to remove the state's Single Business Tax.

Estimating the "mood of the public and anger of businesses," Patterson predicted there would be no trouble getting enough sig-

natures for the petition drive.

The new budget includes spending increases of \$750 million in the general fund (an 8.5 percent increase over last year), which Patterson characterized as "just obscene." The service tax is estimated to raise approximately \$725 million, but Patterson questioned whether it would generate only half of that.

Patterson said he's in favor of repealing the service tax and replacing the revenue lost with spending cuts.

"We're in a one-state recession and there is no reason for the governor to ask for a dollar-for-dollar replacement (tax)," Patterson said. "She calls that revenue neutrality, I call it greed. (The governor) looks at a 'bipartisan' solution to give her cover for next year — an election year."

Boyd said Patterson's objection to spending is not shared in his party.

"Despite what Mr. Patterson says, the Republicans in the Legislature did not support massive cuts that would be needed to balance the budget," Boyd said. "Together with Democrats, the Republicans approved a 2008 spending plan that is based on revenue that will come with the service tax."

State Reps. Chuck Moss, R-

Bloomfield Hills, and Marty Knollenberg, R-Troy, attended the rally in support of the petition drive. Both were among the majority of Republicans who voted against the service tax.

"This isn't a 'fat cat' tax, this is an ordinary people's tax, a 'Mom and Pop' business tax," Moss said. "What if a single mom is doing people's nails, an independent landscaper or personal trainer gets this tax? The 6 percent kills them."

"(The service tax) was something that wasn't very well thought out, came at the '11th hour,'" Knollenberg said. "Nobody really knew who would be impacted by it, and it's my hope that those members realize they made a mistake and change their minds to vote to repeal this tax."

Knollenberg agreed with Patterson that trimming spending would be the best replacement for the service tax.

"You're going down the wrong path if you want to replace this tax with another tax," Knollenberg said.

"Michigan residents are having a hard time as it is. Salaries are being cut, benefits are being cut, job security is not as secure. To hit them with more taxes, which takes away from their ability to pay fixed expenses, sends the wrong message, especially at a time we're trying to attract new people and businesses to move here."

Matt Friedman, partner in a Farmington Hills communications firm that opened Jan. 2, said a service tax would stunt growth and take business from the state.

"There are Chicago firms licking their chops to come in to Michigan" and take advantage of the service tax, he said. "Out-of-state firms) have a competitive advantage — a 6-percent competitive advantage."

"We should be primed for growth, and now we're threatened from the government that is supposed to create jobs. We have 4,400 square feet of office space ready to fill with employees. A service tax trumps relationships and our collective skills set."

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No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

#### Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardeners-northville-novi.org

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- Excel I: Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. The basics of spreadsheet creation to make a personal budget. Registration required.
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# Federal agency can help track down pension information

**Dear Rick:** I worked for the same company for over 20 years. When I left I was told I would have a pension. The company has been sold a number of times and I have lost track of it. Is there any way to find out if I'm entitled to my pension?

It is not unusual for people to lose track of their former employers. With all the mergers and acquisitions in today's world, it does get difficult. However, there is a way to determine if you are entitled to a pension.

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), an agency of the federal government, insures pensions. Because so many people have not claimed their pension, the PBGC maintains a Web site that can tell you if you are entitled to benefits. Go to [www.pbgc.gov](http://www.pbgc.gov) search.

Unfortunately, not all pensions in the United States are covered by the



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that does not mean you are not entitled to your pension.

Locating the company may be difficult. In addition to using the resources on the Internet, I also recommend contacting the local chamber of commerce where the business was located. Another option is to contact a former employee. He or she may have some information.

**Dear Rick:** I have a financial

PBGC. Therefore, if you believe you are entitled to a pension and you're not listed in the data bank then you have to try to locate the surviving company. After all, just because the company you worked for was bought and sold a number of times

adviser who works on commission. I like him and I think he works for my best interest. He's approached me about buying a fund that has a Class A and a Class B share. Which do you recommend?

Although I am not a fan of commissions in the financial industry, I believe the best salespeople never worry about commissions they worry about taking care of their clients.

It's important to have an adviser you trust and have confidence in and who will work for your best interest. It appears you have that type of financial adviser. Class A shares are issued by mutual funds and have an up-front commission. Commissions can be as high as 8.5 percent but typically a Class A share would be in the 5-6 percent range. The commission comes out of your money prior to being invested. If you invested \$50,000 in a 6 percent Class A mutual fund, \$3,000

would be paid in commissions and the remaining \$47,000 would be invested into the fund. In a Class A mutual fund, like all mutual funds, there is also an ongoing management fee. In addition, some funds charge you commission on reinvested dividends and capital gains.

A Class B share fund has no up-front commission. If you invest \$50,000 typically the entire \$50,000 will be invested into the fund. However, the fund company pays the financial salesperson an up-front commission. In order to for the fund company to recoup these commissions they will charge higher on-going management fees and a back-end redemption fee if the fund is not kept for several years.

Typically, if you sell shares of a Class B fund or the entire fund prior to completing a five-year holding period, a penalty would be assessed against your proceeds. The

typical penalty starts at 5 percent and generally descends by one percent a year. If after two years you decided to sell the mutual fund, your proceeds would be reduced by 3 percent.

In some Class B share funds, after you've held the fund for a period of time they will automatically convert you into the A Share fund which has a lower on-going management fee. The back-end penalties and the higher on-going management fees have the same effect as commissions and that is to reduce an investor's return on investment.

When comparing Class A versus Class B shares, I would typically favor Class A shares.

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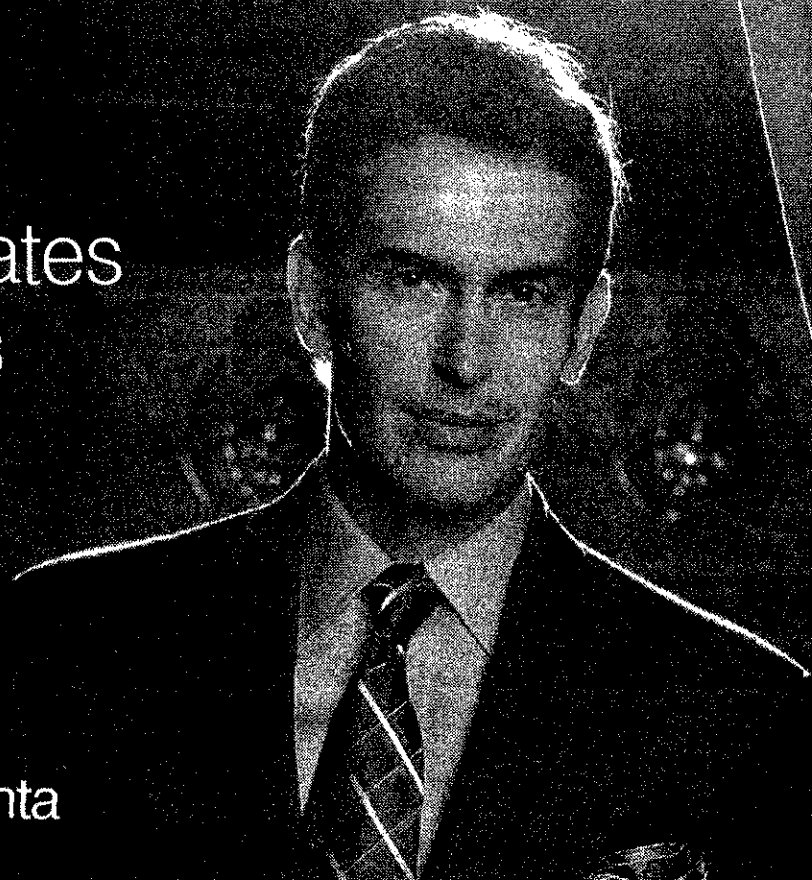
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# Environment a big part of trade mission

## Ficano happy with expanded agenda from 3rd trip

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

While his first two trade missions to China focused largely on the automotive industry, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano wanted the third trip — taken Oct. 11-21 — to expand into other areas.

That's why people from the county's Department of the Environment, the Wayne County Airport and educational fields, including students, made the trip.

And, with four Memorandums of Understanding in hand, Ficano returned and declared the trip a success.

"It's all about building relationships," Ficano said. "We have definitely started to set up circumstances where we know Chinese companies are going to start investing in us."

While there was still some

auto industry representation, much of the work done on the trip involved environmental issues. Ficano walked away with MOUs from leadership in four Chinese cities — Chongqing, Wuhan, Nanjing and Bengbu — who pledged to commit to environmental issues.

### LOCAL EXPERTISE

"The (Chinese) government requested we bring over as much expertise in that area as we could," Ficano said. "They historically saw the challenges we faced, especially in the '70s. They realize the issues and challenges we face (river, air quality, water quality). Now they've asked for companies with technology to help them solve those issues."

According to Plymouth Township resident Kurt Heise, director of the county's environmental department, the four cities who signed MOUs

are all related by the Yangtze River, which makes the issues they face similar to those faced by Wayne County communities hooked into the Rouge Watershed.

Since they represent part of the industrial hub of the country, Heise said, they face many of the environmental problems U.S. industrial areas face.

"I was shocked by the level of air pollution," Heise said. "In some communities, you'd wake up to a nice, pink sky in the morning and by 2 or 3 in the afternoon you're under a gray-silver mud that obscures everything."

Ficano and Heise both said no demands were made in terms of the environment as it related to any business agreements, but that Chinese officials told them they were committed to improving their environmental conditions.

"We don't have standing to impose our environmental



Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township (left), director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, shakes hands with Mingsheng Pan, the director of the Environmental Protection Bureau of Bengbu, China, after signing a Memorandum of Understanding during a trade mission to China.

standards on them," Heise said. "(But) We see China as an opportunity. They want to have a first-class economy, and you can't do that with a fourth-class environment."

"For me that's what made the trip so successful," Heise added. "I was overwhelmed by their enthusiasm to talk about the environment."

### OTHER ISSUES

Wayne County officials also had no standing to demand any improvements in other quality-control areas, but Ficano said issues such as food quality and the recent controversy over tainted toys coming into the U.S. from China were discussed.

"They told us they were recommitting to quality control," Ficano said. "At the same time, they have found in the automotive field those same issues haven't arisen as much as the toys. But they are conscious of it."

Ficano said Wayne County is an attractive landing spot for Chinese business. Already, he said, more than two dozen Chinese companies have facilities in the county, and a few others who are currently renting offices have begun looking



Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township (seated, left), director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, and Mingsheng Pan, the director of the Environmental Protection Bureau of Bengbu, China, sign a Memorandum of Understanding during a trade mission to China.

for permanent homes.

Part of the attraction, Ficano said, is the proximity to Canada and first-rate educational institutions.

"They realize we sit on an international border, our infrastructure is solid and we have a university system that's second to none," Ficano said. "In our area we have U-M, Wayne State and Michigan State, all within close proximity. Those are all assets they find attractive."

With the third one in the books, Ficano has said there will be more trips to China.

"China is the fourth-largest economy in the world, and they could be No. 2 in another five years," he said. "The economy is global, and that's not going to change. Our job is to create an environment where they're willing to invest in this area."

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## OUR VIEWS

## Canton voters should support WCCC tax renewal

While voters will be heading out to the polls Tuesday in many surrounding communities, there won't be much going on in Canton. Only registered voters living in precincts 2, 15, 20, 28, and 33 (within the Wayne-Westland Schools and Van Buren Schools districts) will be eligible to vote in this election — a total of about 1,500 people. And the only thing on their ballots will be a 10-year tax renewal for Wayne County Community College.

Some voters in Canton have been a bit confused about whether or not they are supposed to be voting. All voters living in the Plymouth-Canton Schools district don't vote on the issue, because they are within the Schoolcraft College district boundaries.

It's probably a good thing that there isn't much going on, because this election precedes what should be one of the busiest years in memory for the Canton Clerk's Office.

Depending on what the Plymouth-Canton Schools officials decide as to the timing of their board election, there could be as many as four elections in 2008, beginning with the presidential primary, which could take place in either January or February — depending on what state party officials decide. There could be several ballot proposals during the same election, including a repeal of the recently approved services tax on businesses in the state.

Also, all the positions on the township board will be up for grabs next year, joining what should be an interesting presidential, congressional and state House election in November. So voters should prepare themselves for what should be a very important year at the polls.

As for the few Canton voters who will participate in Tuesday's election, they should approve the 10-year, 1.5 mill tax renewal for WCCC, which will actually take effect when the current levy expires in 2011. It is not a new tax, or an increase. It is one that residents in the college's 32 communities — including Redford and portions of Westland and Canton Township — are already paying.

In the six years since this millage (which represents 40 percent of community college's annual revenue) was first approved, WCCC has made improvements, retooled its curriculum to handle the educational needs of today's students, and improved its facilities and now offers classes both in a traditional classroom and online. And it has developed partnerships with Wayne State University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn to benefit students pursuing four-year degrees.

So we urge residents to vote YES on the request for 1.5-mill renewal, but we also urge college officials to look closely at how they can better serve their suburban population.

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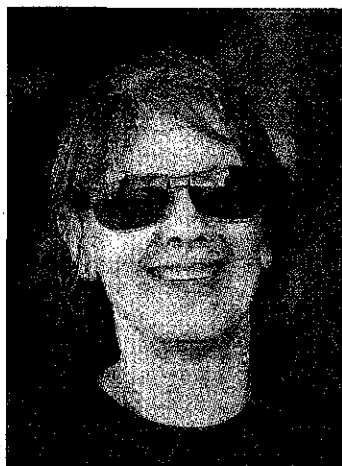
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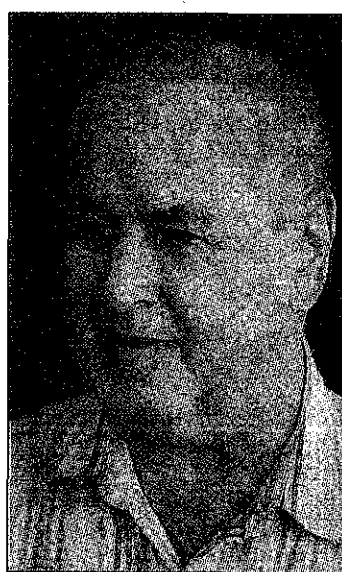
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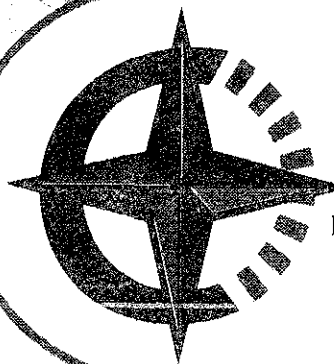
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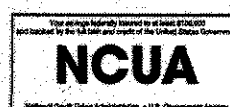
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Plymouth-Canton Steelers running back Dante Collins looks for running room during his team's game against the Canton Lions on Oct. 27. Collins wasn't quite able to turn the corner against the Lions' aggressive defense.

## Sidelines

## MU top 25 vote

The Madonna University men's basketball team received one vote in the NAIA preseason top-25 poll released Thursday, marking the first time ever that MU has garnered a vote in the men's basketball poll in program history.

## Men's All-WHAC

Four Madonna University men's soccer players earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors included defender Pat Kolodziejczak (Livonia Stevenson), goalkeeper Kris Lyons, midfielder Doron Draai and forward Makesi Lewis, who was also voted WHAC Newcomer of the Year.

Midfielder T.J. Djokic (Stevenson) and defender Darrell Quinn were named to the second-team, while Dan Pichler (Stevenson) was named to the WHAC Character of Champions Team.

All-Academic picks included Draai, Quinn and Kolodziejczak.

MU's Tino Scicluna was named Coach of the Year.

## Women's All-WHAC

Madonna University's Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood) and Ashley Stoychoff recently earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors in women's soccer.

MU's Gina Leone was voted to the second-team, while Andrea Johnson (Canton), Rachaelle Mirto and Lia Melasi earned honorable mention.

Champions of Character Team honorees included MU's Rachaelle Mirto, Melasi and Johnson.

All-Academic picks for the Crusaders included Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson), Traci Anderson, Andrea Muscat (Stevenson), Johnson, Mirto and Stoychoff.

## SWEEPING SUCCESS

Football is learning experience for tiny gridders

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

With his team entrenched in a scoreless battle in a Western Suburban Junior Football League junior freshmen game earlier this fall, the 7-year-old rookie center for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers called a heads-up timeout as he and his fellow offensive linemen approached the line of scrimmage prior to a play. "The ref had inadvertently placed the ball with the laces facing down," recalled Steelers head coach Paul Hult, smiling. "The center, who was taught to always have his thumb on the laces when he snapped it, looked back at me and said, 'Hey, coach! What do I do? The ball is upside down!'"

The light-hearted scenario was just one of many that could be found along the looping learning curves of the

Steelers' and Canton Lions' inaugural junior freshmen seasons, which ended with a crosstown showdown Oct. 27 at the P-CEP junior varsity football stadium.

## Winning isn't everything

With an emphasis on learning over winning, no scores were kept in the 7- and 8-year-old full-contact league, however, the first-year gridiron gladiators soaked in several valuable pointers that will benefit them down their sideline-paved football careers.

"Our mission for the junior freshmen program was to give the younger boys an opportunity to learn the rules of the game while also learning about respect, responsibility and leadership," explained Ed Hollingsworth, the Unit Director for the Canton Lions Football Club. "We developed it as an instructional league

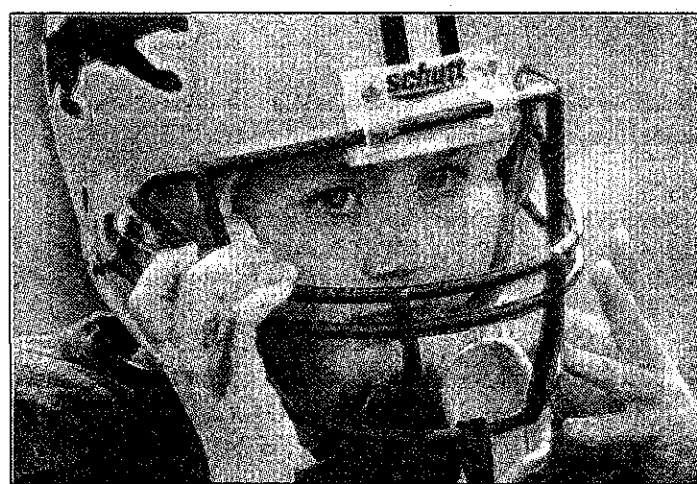
as opposed to a competitive league.

"Prior to this season, only a few 8-year-olds were able to play on our freshmen team, which included 9- and 10-year-olds, and most of them only played five plays per half. The weight limit for the freshmen teams is 125 pounds, so you'd have some 8-year-olds out there who were 65 pounds dripping wet going against players 60 pounds heavier with a lot more speed. With the junior freshmen program, the players are getting an opportunity to play a lot more plays each game against kids their own size and skill level."

## Football Lite

The junior freshmen program could be labeled "Junior Football Lite" as its participants practiced one day less than the boys on the older pro-

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Canton Lions junior freshmen player Mason Copchia, 8, tightens his chin strap before getting sent into action against the Plymouth Steelers on Oct. 27.

## YOUTH IS SERVED

Following are a few of the unique rules for the junior freshmen teams, which are made up of 7- and 8-year-old kids:

- The maximum weight limit is 110 pounds;
- There will be no more than six hours of practice per week;
- Games consist of four 18-minute quarters with a continuous game clock and no timeouts;
- No score is kept;
- There are no special teams; all drives start on the offense's 40-yard line;
- Players shall receive two warnings before their team is penalized for infractions that occur before the play has started.

## Martin shines both on, off court

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you stacked all of Marie Martin's on-the-court athletic feats one atop the other — four varsity years' worth of blocks, kills, layups, rebounds, defensive stops, digs, bumps, assists and steals — you'd have a pretty tall stack.

But it wouldn't be nearly as high the one you could build using Martin's off-the-court accomplishments.

Well-rounded student-athletes like Martin come around about as often as, oh, Haley's Comet. Along with being just a couple of B's from having a 4.0 grade-point average, she's a frequent volunteer at her church, Risen Christ Lutheran



## Prep Profile

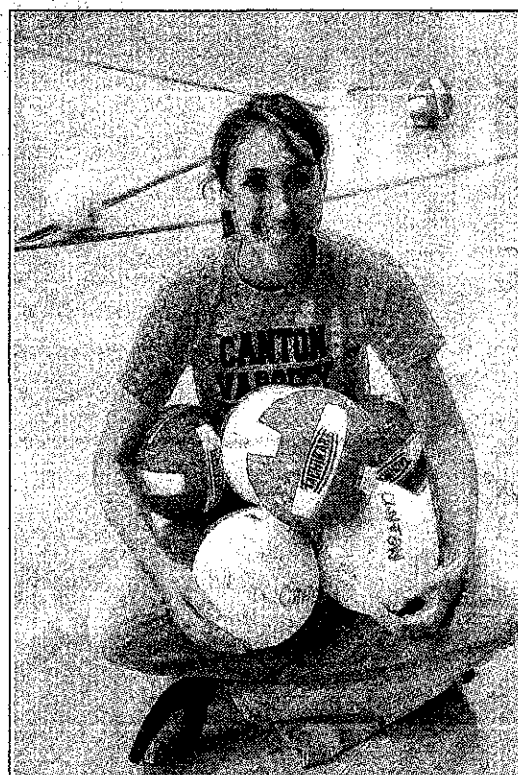
in Plymouth, where her father, David, is the pastor; she sings, plays the piano and writes her own Christian rock songs; and, maybe most importantly, she is a constant provider of encouragement to those around her — whether it's her teammates at practice, a youngster at her church or someone who may be struggling in one of her classes. "Marie is a great athlete,

a great student and a great person," said Canton volleyball coach Jen Barnes. "She's worked very hard for us this year and is one of our captains. When she's playing well, it seems like the team plays well."

"Marie is a very positive person. She never has a negative thing to say and I think the girls respond to her well along with our other two captains. I don't think anybody on our team would say no to her or take what she says in the wrong way."

Martin may be the only student-athlete at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park who has played two varsity sports (basketball and volleyball)

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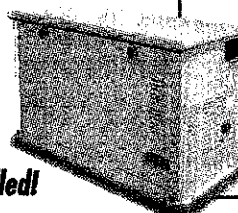
Canton two-sport athlete Marie Martin shines on the volleyball and basketball courts as well as in the classroom. The senior recently signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Madonna University beginning next fall.

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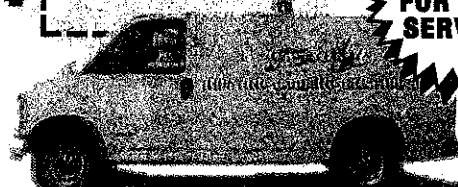
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# Local volleyball teams ousted from District tournament

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Less than 24 hours after executing like a well-oiled machine, Canton's volleyball team resembled something in need of a tune-up Friday night in a Division I District semifinal contest against Northville.

The Mustangs wiped out the bad taste of three regular-season losses against Canton by shocking the Chiefs, 25-16, 25-16 and 25-18, in the single-elimination format.

The setback left Canton with a season-ending record of 32-12-2. Northville advanced to Friday night's District final against Novi.

The Chiefs played without the front-row services of outside hitter Lauren McPartlin, who missed Thursday's quarterfinal against Plymouth and the semifinal match against the Mustangs due to undisclosed reasons.

On Thursday night, Canton flashed displays of brilliance all night while disposing of crosstown rival Plymouth in



Salem's Nicole Merget (facing camera) gets a hand on a shot by Novi's Sarah Robb during Friday's District semifinal match at Northville High School.

three games, 25-12, 26-24 and 25-20.

On Friday, the Chiefs were inconsistent at best and led just once — 2-1 at the outset of Game 3 — the entire night.

Northville, on the other hand, was clicking like a

brand-new Rolex. Doing the most damage for the Mustangs were front-row aces Kelly Maise, Krysta Cicala and Megan Hofmeister.

Canton senior Marie Martin, playing in her final high school game, notched 10 kills and three blocks.

Northville set the tone early by reeling off the first seven points in the opening game. Outstanding serving by junior Claire Wixted ignited the early-game run.

The Mustangs eventually stretched their advantage to 18-9 before putting the Chiefs away, 25-16, on a pair of Sarah Koupal kills.

Game 2 was nip-and-tuck throughout, but Northville snapped a 19-all deadlock by notching six of the final nine points to garner the victory.

Game 3 was knotted at 4-all before the Mustangs took charge for good. Their biggest lead besides the final seven-point margin came two-thirds through the game when a Koupal kill made it 19-12.

## Salem out in semis

In Friday's first semifinal match, Novi, which has earned honorable mention consideration in the state polls, ousted Salem in four games, 25-16, 25-17, 20-25 and 25-20.

The Rocks were suffering from a series of ailments that ranged from a burst ear drum to shingles, but they hung tough against the more-experienced Wildcats.

"I thought we played exceptionally well tonight," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "I had three freshmen who played pretty much the whole game, so next year's another year."

"Novi is a good team. They've played together for a long time and they capitalized on our mistakes."

Overall, Suder said she's ecstatic with the potential of her up-and-coming team, which finished with a 32-12-3

mark. "Overall, we were over .500 most of the year after losing most of our key players from last year's team," said Suder.

One of Suder's two seniors, Alyssa Matchette, closed out her career in style, registering a team-high 18 digs. Kelly MacDonald was Salem's best all-around player as she recorded 16 kills and 15 digs.

Junior setter Jordan Falcusan shined despite suffering the effects of a burst ear drum, notching 12 assists, two aces and 11 digs.

The most noteworthy characteristic the Rocks displayed was not giving up when they were down two games to one. They came back to win Game 3 before battling to within three points of the Wildcats late in Game 4 before falling by five.

In Thursday's quarterfinal match-up, Canton defeated Plymouth for the third time this season in sweeping fashion. It was the Chiefs' first action without McPartlin, who was a big part of the front-row.

"We were using a new line-up, so it was a little nerve-racking," said Barnes. We had to make a couple of little changes that had to be made."

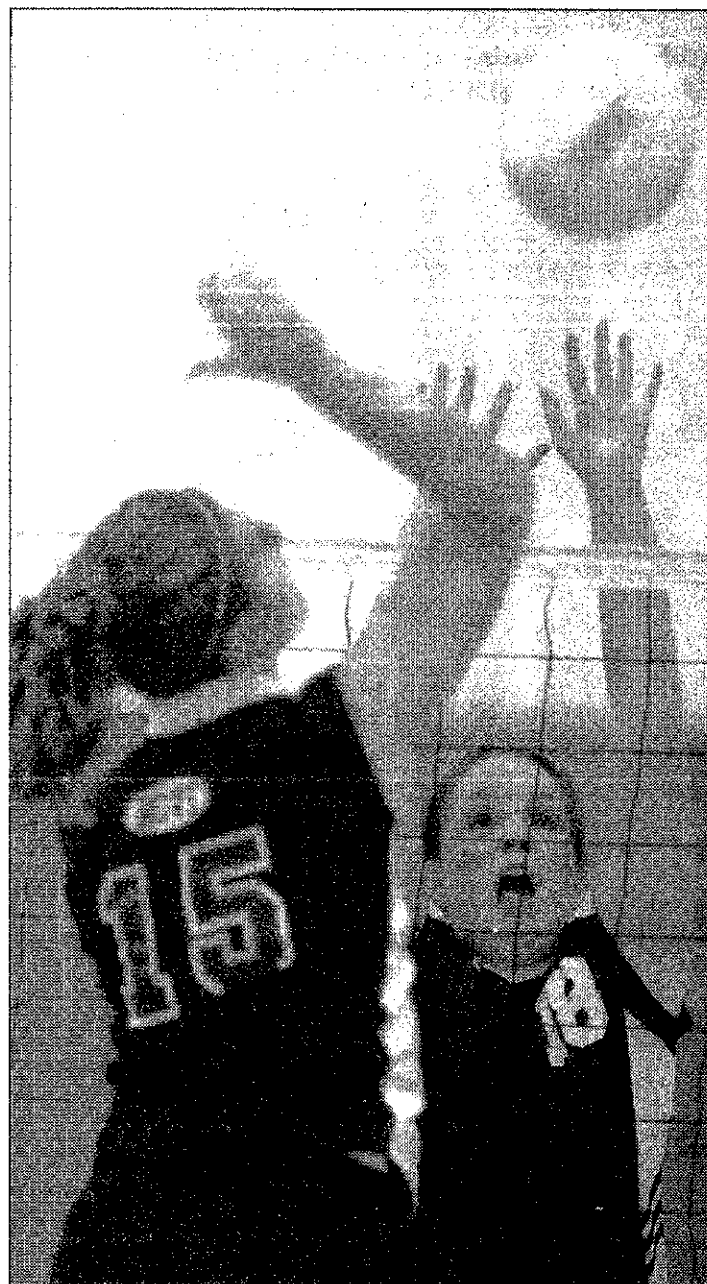
Jordan (Kielty) was the key. She had 18 kills and no one else came close. She really stepped up when we needed her. I told her before the match that we'd need her everywhere tonight and she did everything she was asked to do — and more."

Kielty also dug out 16 balls as did Hannah Mills, the Chiefs' Libero.

Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland said her team's rough start spelled doom.

"We started very slowly," said McCausland. "Our offense wasn't working at all which put us in a rut from the very beginning. We started the same way in Game 2, but we were able to bounce back and get it going."

"Give Canton credit,



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Salem's Jill Slabey looks to get a hand on a shot by Novi's Stephanie Cripps during Friday's District semifinal game at Northville High School.

though. They were on top of their game. I respect their program. They did a few more things better than we did."

Senior Rachel Heaton led the Wildcats in kills with 17. Briana Beyer compiled 28 kills and Kate Spangler registered 17 assists. Kelly Smoltz had a nice blocking night with four. Meghan Quinlan added three blocks.

"I'm very proud of this team and the way they hung together and never quit," said McCausland. "We lost five seniors but we have a lot of girls coming back who saw time this year. I think we have a lot of potential."

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grams and their games were more like controlled scrimmages than actual games. Two coaches from each team were allowed on the field during the games to help with the play-calling and to sharpen up formations that may have slipped out of whack on occasion.

While the rules were altered slightly due to the players' ages, once the ball was snapped, there was no mistaking the fact that it was football being played. Pads cracked, blockers created running lanes for speedy ball carriers and defenders pursued runners with Brian Urlacher-like determination.

"The junior freshmen program was a great experience for all the kids," said Canton resident Jeff Arnold, whose son, Jason, recently finished his first season with the Lions. "As 7- and 8-year-olds, they really learned a lot of fundamentals of the game of football, they made new friends and had a ton of fun. We were really proud of the way all the kids got used to the hard work and discipline expected in the game of football. They all came together to form a camaraderie that you don't see in most other sports."

The hardest-working junior-freshmen Steeler was rewarded each week with an award that was worth more than its weight in gold. "Every week, we'd pick out one player who got to take home the 'Blue Collar Award,' which went to the hardest-working player that week," said Hult. "All's it is is a mailman's lunch box, but the kids absolutely loved it. If they won it, they got to take it home and then bring it back after a week."

The first-year program was



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An unidentified Canton Lion ball carrier is brought down by a pack of Plymouth-Canton Steelers during the Oct. 27 game played at the P-CEP junior varsity stadium field.

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CANTON RESIDENT JEFF ARNOLD, whose son, Jason, recently finished his first season with the Lions.

an overwhelming success, Hollingsworth concluded.

"The kids learned everything from how to get in a three-point stance to being responsible for taking care of their equipment and how to respect their coaches," he said.

And, last but not least, how to overcome upside-down footballs.

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Steelers running back Lou Baechler keeps churning his legs during a run against the Canton Lions on Oct. 27.

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Tickets for the event can also be purchased online by visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township, between Five Mile Road and M-14.

The event features NABO Cruiserweight champion Johnathon Banks (17-0, 13 knockouts) as he takes on Derrick Brown (13-3-3), of New York, N.Y.

Also headlining the event

is Ireland's Andy Lee (12-0, nine knockouts) as he opposes Brad Austin (8-3) of Johnson City, Tenn.

Steward was asked about the attraction of holding the event at Compuware Arena in Plymouth — the first boxing card the facility has ever hosted since it opened in 1996.

"We are impressed with the facility and the people who run it," Steward said at a press conference held last week at Compuware World Headquarters in Detroit. "And (Compuware Founder and CEO) Peter Karmanos has always supported our fights, whether they're at Joe Louis Arena or the Palace of Auburn Hills. It's time to move out to the suburbs."

Other fighters scheduled to appear in the undercard include Kronk Gym's Octavio Lara, Jason Cintron, Erik Deleon, J'Leon Love, Leandre White and eight-year-old Ghieth Mohammad.

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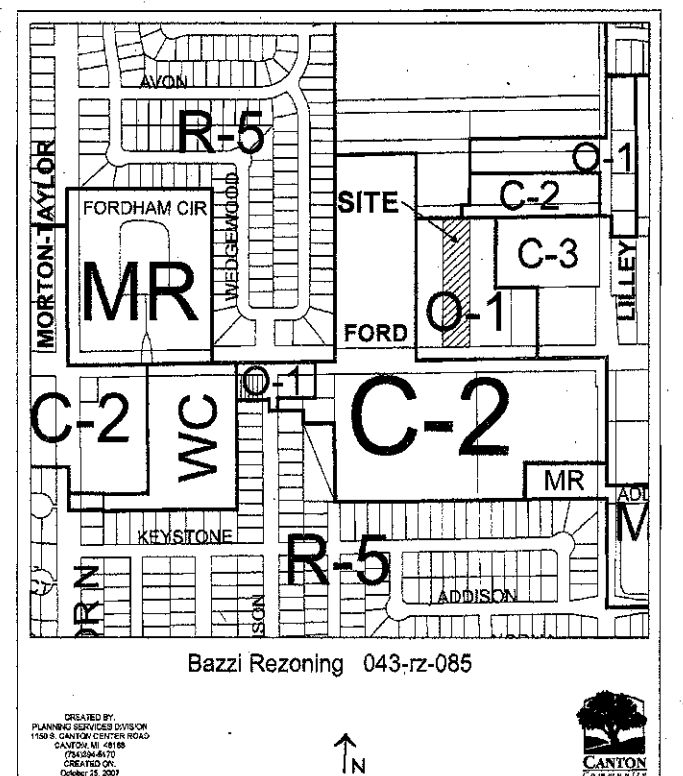
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**BAZZI REZONING** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 043 99 0007 001 (42680 FORD RD.) FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located north of Ford between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 15, 2007 to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Vic Gustafson, Chairman



Bazzi Rezoning 043-rz-085

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## Charter Township of Plymouth Notice of Budget Public Hearing November 13, 2007

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2008 at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 on November 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerks Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 during normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

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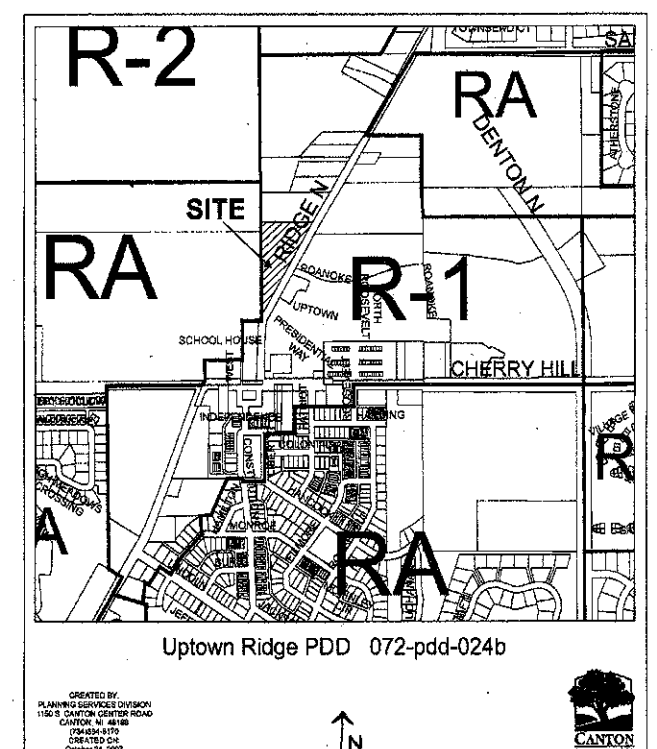
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**UPTOWN RIDGE MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD)** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A MINOR PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 072 99 0011 000 (425 RIDGE N., 525 RIDGE N.). Property is located west of Ridge and south of Cherry Hill Road.

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Uptown Ridge PDD 072-pdd-024b

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET NOVEMBER 13, 2007

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year of 2008. The public hearing will be held at the Charter Township of Plymouth Offices located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 on November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ARTICLES 6.03, 11.02, 12.00 AND 13.02 ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR ADULT ACTIVE COMMUNITIES, AMEND ARTICLE 6.03F, RELATIVE TO SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL USES, ARTICLE 6A RELATIVE TO DEFINING MENU BOARDS AND, AMEND SECTION 26.00 RELATIVE TO SETBACKS ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL USES.

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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# Franklin gridders continue fairy-tale season

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin continues to prove that regular season records don't mean much.

The upstart Patriots used timely plays once again to come up with another playoff win Friday night when they defeated host Dearborn Fordson, 20-8, in the Division 1-Region 4-District 2 championship game.

The victory sets up an all-Livonia Region 4 title game match-up this Friday night when the 7-4 Patriots travel to 11-0 Stevenson in a rematch of Week No. 2 of the regular season (won by the Spartans 38-26). Stevenson, meanwhile, advanced with a 42-21 win Friday night at home over Novi.

"We're accustomed to being the underdog and that's fine with us, we'd like to keep it that way," said an elated Franklin coach Chris Kelbert, whose team pulled off Week 1 playoff shocker against top seed Monroe, 39-38, in double overtime.

Big and odd plays dictated the outcome in what was primarily a defensive struggle.

With 3:53 left in the first quar-

ter, Franklin senior defensive end Jeff McCullough picked off a Fordson middle screen pass and returned it 21 yards for a touchdown. But the score remained at 6-0 when the Patriots failed to convert the extra point.

Fordson answered quickly, only 1:29 later in the period on an strange turn of events on first down from their own 32.

Quarterback Mohammad Bazzay threw a lateral pass that fell to the turf. With the Patriot defense assuming the play had been blown dead as a result of a forward pass, Fordson's Adam Hammoud alertly scooped up the ball, hesitated, then picked up a wall of blockers and raced untouched 70 yards for a TD.

"It was a backwards pass and our sophomore (No. 19) was smart enough to pick it up and he was able to encourage his teammates to go with him and that the play was still alive," Fordson coach Fouad Zabab said.

The play had Kelbert scratching his head.

"I thought the ball was tipped at the line (of scrimmage) and the official on the far side said the ball was kept in play," he said. "Personally I've never seen that

play before. Our guys apparently thought the play was dead. You've got to play until you hear the whistle."

The Tractors then broke the 6-all deadlock when Hassan Amen ran in for the two-pointer following a pair of Franklin offside penalties while Fordson was lining up for the extra point.

After Franklin went three-and-out, punter Jesse Carpenter pinned the Tractors down on their own 1.

Amen, who rushed for 124 yards on 11 carries, then squirted away from a sea of Franklin tacklers at the line of scrimmage and raced 99 yards into the end zone, zig-zagging his way down the field.

But the play was called back to the Franklin 33 after a Fordson player was detected for clipping with 18.6 seconds left.

But the Tractors couldn't capitalize on their deep field position and punted to the Franklin 9.

That's when junior tailback David Fortin, the hero in last week's win over Monroe, continued his postseason magic when he busted through the Tractors' line and raced 85 yards up the gut for what proved to be the game-winning TD with 9:33 left in the first

half. Carpenter's extra point made it 13-9 and the score remained that way until the fourth quarter.

Late in the third quarter, however, and with Franklin driving, Fordson defensive back Abdallah Alhrifeh picked off a Carpenter pass and returned it to his own 49.

The Tractors then drove down to the Patriots' 19 and were faced with a fourth-and-one.

Franklin's defense, which limited their opponent to 243 total yards, then came up with a key play when 6-foot-4 Israel Woolfork, who also plays wideout, shot in from his safety spot and denied Amen on fourth down.

"Israel (Woolfork) came off the edge and stopped him," Kelbert said. "He's been a key player for us on both sides of the ball."

Franklin then put the game away with following the critical fourth-down stop as Carpenter came out of a Fordson injury timeout and hit Brian Humenay in stride over the middle for an 82-yard TD pass with only 9:07 remaining. Carpenter converted the PAT to make it a 12-point cushion, 20-8.

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## MARTIN

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since her freshman year. That's saying something considering the three-school campus consists of over 6,000 students.

She made a sudden impact in volleyball when she played for Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth and for the Michigan Elite travel team.

"When I joined Michigan Elite, it was the first time I had actually played intense volleyball," said Martin. "The training was a lot more intense, too. We practiced three times a week with tournaments on weekends."

"I love the quick tempo of volleyball. I love blocking and hitting the ball down on the other team. I love how you have to come together as a team if you want to be good."

The Chiefs' volleyball season ended Friday night with a three-game setback to Northville in a Division District semifinal game.

That means she has one week to rest up and chill out before basketball starts on Nov. 5.

You'd think the break would be a welcome relief to Martin, but that isn't necessarily the case.

"I love always having something on my schedule," she said. "I like being busy, so I'm excited to be starting basketball next week."

One of the perks of play-

ing basketball for Canton last season was the opportunity for Martin to play alongside her sister, Kaylie, who is a sophomore this year.

"It was great because we were always on different teams growing up because of our ages," she said. "We're pretty close. We talk about the games and what went right and what didn't afterwards."

Martin also has two younger siblings — Michael, a sixth-grader at Pioneer Middle School; and Hannah, a fourth-grader at Tonda Elementary School.

Martin's hard work on the volleyball courts the past several years have paid off in the form of an athletic scholarship to Madonna University. Along with playing volleyball, she'll work a degree in elementary education.

"I went to one of Madonna's practices when they were recruiting me and I loved it right away," she said. "It's going to work out perfectly because I wanted to go to a college that was nearby my home. Now, my parents can come see me play and I won't be too far from my brother and sisters."

"I really enjoy working with kids, so I think I'd like to be a teacher," she added.

Martin's career choice seems to be an ideal fit.

After all, can you think of a better mentor for your kids than Marie Martin?

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## Turning white

### Book uncovers reporter's struggle with skin disorder

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Lee Thomas's new book marks a turning point in his struggle with the skin disorder, vitiligo (vit-ill-EYE-go). For nearly 15 years the Fox 2 Detroit entertainment reporter has not only battled to regain pigmentation in his skin but the emotions that come with the autoimmune disease that triggers stares.

Although not life-threatening or contagious, vitiligo changed Thomas's life. At age 25 he was an aspiring feature/entertainment reporter for the flagship station of the American Broadcasting Company in New York City when a dermatologist told him there was no cure for his vitiligo. Thomas first became aware of the white spot on his scalp while working as an entertainment reporter in Louisville, Ky. He had dreamed of interviewing celebrities since he was a 5-year-old growing up in Oklahoma.

His new book, *Turning White: A Memoir of Change*, relays the conversations with his ceiling about whether to continue his career. Thomas has always been a positive person. He decided to wear makeup on camera for the Fox 2 morning news program in Detroit, but not color the growing areas of white on his face, ears and neck when going about daily life.

Although he went through three years of light treatment, three times a week, Thomas says he probably would not again because while skin does repigment the color soon starts to fade.

"Michael Jackson has vitiligo but most people don't believe it. Vitiligo is not publicized because it's not life-threatening," said Thomas, 40. "It's an emotionally devastating situation to deal with. I've talked to people who haven't been out of their homes for months. The book is an unbelievable thing because it helps me help people. Everybody has their thing. You can just see mine. One of the things I struggle with is evident. I can be an example of living through struggle."

While Jackson made a fashion statement by wearing only one glove, Thomas chooses not to cover his white hands. Photographs in the book reveal the loss of pigmentation on not only his face, but arms, legs, and chest.

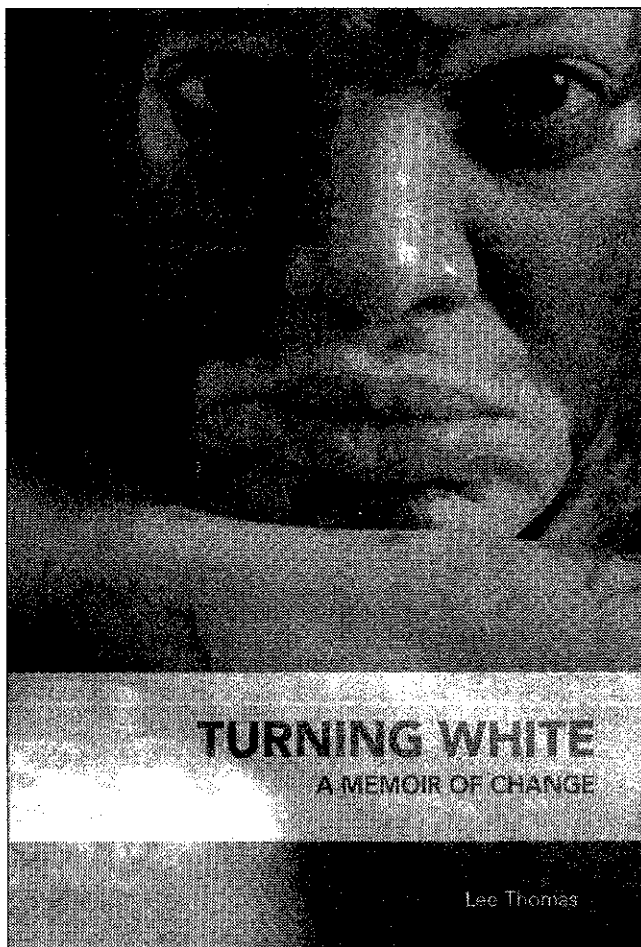
Instead of continuing light treatments, Thomas is living a healthier lifestyle, avoids alcohol, coffee, beef and pork, and eats fruit, vegetables and fish, drinks water and natural juices. In 2005 he was diagnosed with Crohn's, a digestive disease for which he takes no medication only cod liver oil pills and probiotics. For exercise he plays basketball a couple of times a week.

When he spoke at the National Vitiligo Foundation annual meeting Oct. 27, his message was for patients to live their lives.

"The audience was half scientist, half patients, I told the patients don't disengage, show up," said Thomas, a four-time Emmy Award winning broadcaster. "I wanted doctors to understand how difficult it is for patients to leave their house, drive to their office. They need to have compassion for this plight. To patients I looked into their eyes. They see that I understand and they're not alone. The way out is sharing. Engage people because that's what life is all about."

Thomas originally revealed his struggle with vitiligo to viewers in 2005 after a young man asked Thomas to share his story. Since then, Thomas has made a documentary which airs on Fox 2 and myfox-detroit.com 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4. National Vitiligo Foundation statistics estimate 1 to 2 percent of the U.S. population or 2 to 4 million people have the disease which affects Caucasian as well as African American skin.

Dr. Henry W. Lim began treating vitiligo patients 10 years ago. Over the last decade, he says many more treatments have become available including ointments and creams, different types of light, and laser with success rates ranging



from 50 to 70 percent. According to Lim, skin on the face responds best to treatment, tips of toes and fingers the least. The Henry Ford Multicultural Dermatology Center treats patients of all races dealing with vitiligo and other skin disorders.

"Many of the treatments do work quite well. For a long time we used to tell the patient to live with it. Now we offer treatments that are successful with the majority of patients in color coming back," said Lim, chairman of the Henry Ford Hospital dermatology department.

"Scientists are beginning to look at the gene. It's still very early, in the experimental stage of looking at a susceptible gene."

In the meantime Thomas established the Turning White Foundation (www.

turningwhite.com) to provide emotional support for vitiligo patients. Together with the Henry Ford dermatology department and National Vitiligo Foundation, Turning White held its first support meeting in September.

"I met a lady who hadn't been out of the house in two months," said Thomas.

"The room was for 75 to 80 people and it was full. The most important thing is for people to look at the pictures (in the book). Next time they see someone like me to give them a little bit of compassion. By writing the book I feel I'm actually helping people. I got letters from kids with autism, from parents with a Down's child. Whatever you have you can get through it."

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## Panic attacks could mean trouble

Marilyn from Waterford e-mails about her panic attacks. She finds they are so severe she has a hard time breathing. She wants to know how concerned she should be?

Marilyn, you need to really keep an eye on those attacks. They could cause



**Peter's Principles**

Peter Nielsen

more trouble down the line. A study of more than 3,000 older women found those who reported at least one full blown panic attack during a six month period were three times more likely to have a heart attack or stroke over the next 5 years. Experts say panic attacks may trigger heart rhythm problems and stress hormones

released during an attack may harm the heart. If you suffer with panic attacks, talk to your doctor about the risk of heart problems.

Jeff from Commerce e-mails asking about getting a flu vaccine. He is 70 years old. How important is it for him to get a vaccine?

Jeff, getting that flu shot could actually save your life. Researchers studied data from more than 70,000 people each flu season. They found seniors who got the flu vaccine cut their risk of dying from the illness in half! It also reduced their risk of hospitalization from pneumonia and the flu by 27 percent.

Some 36,000 people die each year in the United States from the flu, most of them are elderly. Only 65 percent of people over age 64 get a flu shot each year.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site [www.peternielsen.com](http://www.peternielsen.com). Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

## Enjoy an afternoon of chocolates while helping Alzheimer's Association

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

If you love chocolate you won't want to miss the 23rd annual fund-raiser for the Great Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association noon Sunday, Nov. 18, at The Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The Chocolate Jubilee begins with a gala luncheon followed by the chocolate tasting 2:30-4 p.m. Thirty chocolatiers and pastry chefs provide the goodies this year.

Tickets are \$150 for the entire event, \$50 per person for the Jubilee chocolate tasting only. Reservations requested by Nov. 7, by calling (248) 351-0280.

Supporters of the Alzheimer's Association can participate in the fund-raiser in many ways. A 50-50 raffle ticket costs \$50 and offers the chance to win 50-percent of a more than \$10,000 pot.

During the luncheon listen to the story of keynote speaker, Richard Taylor, a former psychologist, who was diagnosed five years ago at age 58 with dementia, probably of the Alzheimer's type. Taylor's book, *Alzheimer's from the Inside Out*, reveals his thoughts, fears and frustrations of living with the disease that is robbing him of his mind. A collection of

more than 80 short essays published by Health Professions Press, the book covers topics ranging from loss of independence to communication difficulties with caregivers, and the uncertainty of his future. For more information, visit [www.healthpropress.com](http://www.healthpropress.com).

"I've read parts of it and met with him," said Mark Berke, the chapter's development director. "It's very powerful. You're receiving insight from someone going through the disease. It's from a different perspective."

Come as early as 11:30 a.m. and take your Sweet Chances to purchase items valued up to \$1,000 for only \$25 or \$75 (for a gift bag including certificates, items donated by businesses. This part of the fund-raiser closes at 3 p.m.

"People love it," said Berke. "We saw auctions were struggling. This is a twist on that. You know you're going to get something. People buy multiple bags. It all goes to help fund the Great Michigan Chapter. It is a first class event but we run it as lean as possible."

85-percent of the funds from the event go to support services for Alzheimer patients and their families. A \$500 donation provides one-hour counseling sessions for five families.

"The goal this year was to

gross over \$1 million and we're at \$1.3 million. We're thrilled. The event accounts for about 25 percent of our overall operating budget," said Berke.

"We provide core services, a 24-hour help line seven days a week, a wide variety of support groups, individual and family counseling. We have a counselor on staff who can assess the needs of the family and coordinate care. We offer in-home respite programs and two adult day care facilities, one in Southfield and one in Southwest Detroit. It allows a family to bring their loved one to a nurturing environment whether they have to work or go grocery shopping."

The Alzheimer's Association also provides education and training for caregivers and health care professionals. That need is expected to grow as the population ages.

"We're starting to see an increase right now. The Alzheimer's Association estimates there are over 5 million Americans with the disease and it's expected to quadruple by 2050," said Berke. "This benefit is vital. There's no cure for the disease right now. We're here to take care of people with the disease and their families."

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### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### NOVEMBER

##### Vegetarian extravaganza

20th annual Holiday Tasting event takes place 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the Metro Adventist School Gymnasium, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Cost is \$14 adults, \$5 for ages 6-12. For information, call the Hotline at (248) 446-9176.

#### Flu shots

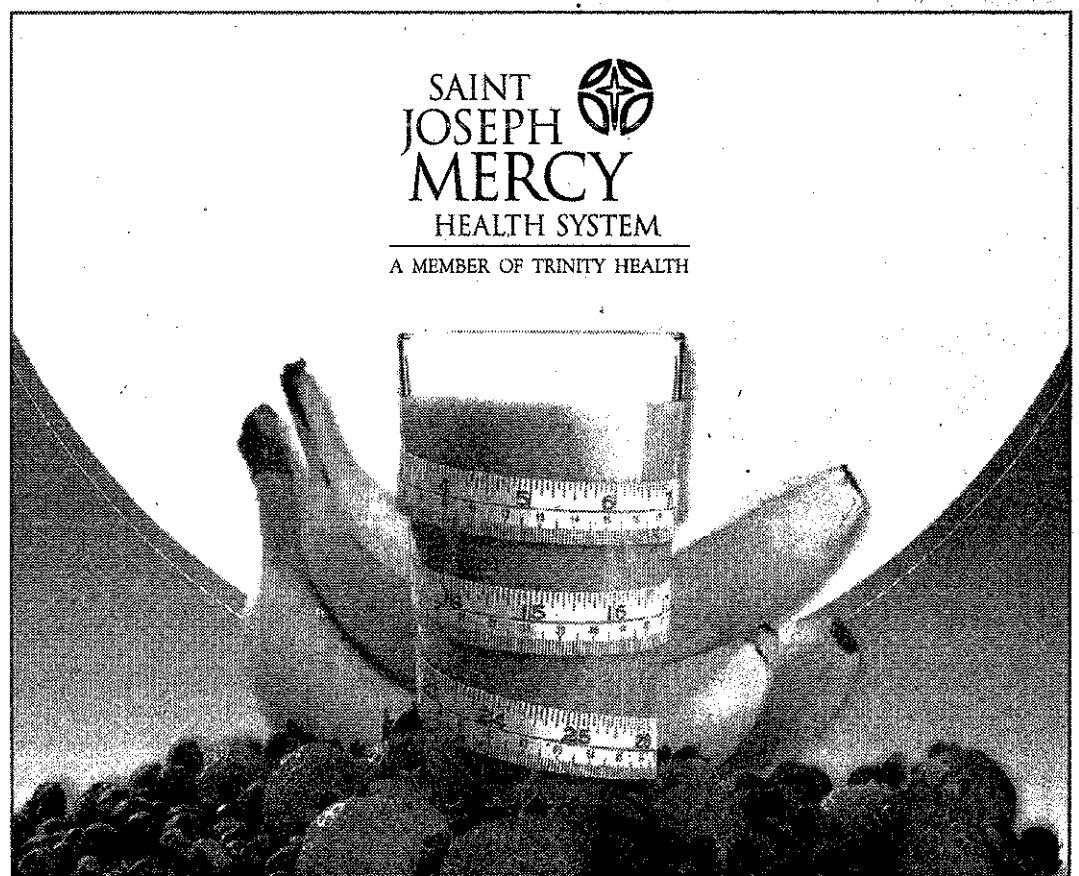
St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering flu shots for ages 6 months to 18

#### Team in training sessions

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's

years, 1-5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, and for adults 1:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, in Classroom 11 of the Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (south entrance of the hospital). For directions or information visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). Appointments required due to limited supply of doses for children and adults. There is a \$22 fee. Call (734) 655-8950 for appointment or information.

Team in Training offers informational meeting (all begin at 7 p.m. except where noted) Monday, Nov. 5, Courtyard by Marriott, 17200 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia; Wednesday, Nov. 7 (noon, lunch provided), Troy Sports Center, 1819 E. Big Beaver; Thursday, Nov. 8, Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow; Saturday, Nov. 10 (9:30 a.m.), Oakland University Recreation Center, 2200 N. Squirrel, Rochester, and Monday, Nov. 12, Troy Athens High School, 43333 John R. For information, call (800) 456-5413 or visit [www.teamintraining.org/ml](http://www.teamintraining.org/ml).



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## Baseball academy

Velocity Sports Performance in Canton has announced the opening of the Velocity Baseball Academy, which will be located on the second floor of the Arctic Edge Arena on 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The head academy instructors will be former Detroit Tiger Bruce Fields, who is currently a coach in the Cleveland Indians organization, and Kenny Howell, who enjoyed a lengthy Major League pitching career with the Los Angeles Dodgers. They will be joined by other area collegiate and high school coaches.

The academy's open house is set for Sunday, Nov. 4, from 2-5 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 485-2561; or visit [www.velocitysp.com/canton](http://www.velocitysp.com/canton).

## Canton Leisure Services offerings

A family bowling bonanza will be held Nov. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Each group will receive two-and-a-half hours of bowling for up to six people. Shoes, pizza and give-aways

are included in the price. Pre-registration is required by calling the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

An indoor volleyball league will be offered beginning Nov. 9 through March 21 at the Summit on the Park. League matches will be held on Friday nights beginning at 6 p.m.

The leagues — both recreation and competitive will be offered — will be co-ed and for individuals aged 18 and up. The fee for residents is \$250; non-residents will be asked to pay \$295. The schedule will be round-robin with awards for league and playoff champions.

The registration fee does not include officials' fees, which are \$10 per match.

The Elks Hoop Shoot Contest will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, at 9 a.m. at the Summit on the Park. The competition is free for all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13.

Boys and girls will compete in the following age divisions: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Registration begins in the Summit gymnasium at 9 a.m. The actual free-throw contest will commence at 9:30 a.m.

The annual "Turkey Trot For a Cause" will

be held Nov. 22 at 8:30 a.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. The fee is \$20 and anyone 4 years old and older is welcomed to participate. The traditional 5K walk/run winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course. All proceeds are donated to the Epilepsy Foundation. A custom T-shirt is included in the entry fee.

For more information on these events, call (734) 483-5600.

## Wrestling club

Registration for the 2007-08 Canton Wrestling Club is set for Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 8:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Canton High School North building (Phase III).

The cost for each participant is \$75. Checks should be made payable to the "Canton Wrestling Club." The fee includes a T-shirt, shorts and a MYWAY membership.

Practices for the club will be held Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Canton wrestling room.

Beginner (two years of experience or less) practices will be held from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

while advanced practices will be held from 7:15-8:30 p.m.

The season will run from Nov. 26 through May 3. A parents meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 28.

For more information, visit [www.chief-swrestling.com](http://www.chief-swrestling.com); or contact coach Casey Randolph at (734) 582-6885 or at [randolc@pccs.k12.mi.us](mailto:randolc@pccs.k12.mi.us).


The Canton Wrestling Club is a member of MYWAY (Michigan Youth Wrestling Association), the MMWA (Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association) and Michigan USA Wrestling.

## Salem hoop tryouts

Tryouts for Salem High School's varsity girls basketball team will begin Monday, Nov. 5, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

All tryout participants must have a recent physical on file with the athletic department.


Tryouts for the Rocks' junior varsity and freshmen teams will begin Nov. 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Salem gym.



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Concerned Brother in Garden City

It sounds like you care a lot about your brother! It must be hard to watch someone you love harm himself and shorten his life. Unfortunately, I don't have any magic words that will make your brother quit smoking. But, I can tell you that it's important to tell your brother that you love him and you don't like seeing him hurt himself by smoking. Simply tell him you want him to live and that you don't want him to die because of tobacco. You can also ask him not to smoke around you. That way, you'll keep yourself safe from second-hand smoke and send a strong message to your brother that smoking is harmful. You might also want to check out the tobacco companies' Web sites. They are required, thanks to a class-action lawsuit, to provide free information about quitting smoking and ways to keep teens from starting to smoke. The Phillip Morris Company has a great Web site with a Parent Resource Center and a section on quitting. Check it out at [www.philipmorrisusa.com](http://www.philip Morrisusa.com). The Web site might give you some suggestions on what to say and how to help your brother.

How can I better balance school, sports, and a job? It just doesn't seem like I have time to get everything done.

No Time in Garden City

It's that time of year, isn't it? Schoolwork is piling up, tests are looming, and fall sports are in full swing. And then there's the job ... if it seems like you don't have enough time to get everything done, you might actually be overbooked. Or, it might be a time management issue. If you're not keeping a planner or calendar up-to-date, my guess is that you're having a time management issue. By effectively managing your time, you might actually "find" extra time to relax or do things you enjoy as a way to reduce stress. Reducing stress will help you stay calm and feel less overwhelmed (which add to the feeling of not having enough time). Record all your school due dates and tests, sports practices and games, and work hours in a planner or on a calendar. Check it often and add to it when needed. Schedule time to study for tests prior to the test date and write it in the planner. And my best advice for improving time management is: Don't Procrastinate. Don't decide to do a task later when you have time to do it now ... this will just cause a traffic jam when "later" comes up.

If you do have an up-to-date planner that has every day booked with something to do and you can't squeeze in some down time, I would say you are definitely overbooked and don't have enough time to get everything done! You might have to look at your schedule and decide what you can do without. This is tough; some part of you wants to do each and every activity you signed on for while still doing well in school. You'll need to decide what's most important to you, then decide what's next important to you, and then next, etc. ... whatever turns up at the bottom of the list is the first place you should look at toning down. Life seems to be getting tougher and more stressful — but we can do something about it ... Relax and smell the coffee once in a while!

I have problems focusing in school. My grades aren't so good anymore. How can I pay better attention and learn to put school first so my grades won't suffer?

Distracted in Garden City

Putting school first isn't so much about learning to do it as it is choosing to do it; you have to make the choice to put schoolwork first before doing anything else. If you're having problems paying attention during class, you might not be getting enough sleep at night. Or, it could be a sign that you're under an unusual amount of stress. Try going to bed earlier and reducing the amount of caffeine you have during the day — especially at night! And this goes for those energy drinks that are being marketed to teens, too! As for stress, you should ask yourself if you're worried about something or if you're feeling a lot of pressure about something. If you are, you can work on some relaxation techniques to de-stress. Things like deep breathing and visualization can help. Hopefully, this will lead to better concentration during school and better grades!

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Monica Fulton

## Thriller unveils religious persecution in China

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Deep inside a Chinese prison, a Roman Catholic bishop endures torture and deprivation with a stoic determination to keep his faith. Even when the government turns on his flock, the bishop remains steadfast and faithful.

Thousands of miles away, an ailing pope honors this brave man by keeping him always in his heart and, to save him from more danger, elevating him to cardinal *in pectore*, in his heart without revealing it to any but a few close advisers.

This is the volatile setup for *The Secret Cardinal*, Tom Grace's fifth international thriller featuring Nolan Kilkenny, a former Navy Seal and technology wizard, whom the pope implores to rescue the bishop from the communist prison.

### THE DETAILS

Title: *The Secret Cardinal*

Author: Tom Grace

Publisher: Vanguard

Press

Price: \$24.95 hardcover, also available in unabridged audio CD from Brilliance Audio at \$36.95.

Available: At all area bookstores and online.

Grace, who grew up in Livonia's Kimberly Oaks subdivision, is taking his Kilkenny techno thrillers into a real life political situation, the suppression of religious organizations in China.

"Back in March 2000, I caught a fragment of reporting about Joseph Lieberman and it got me intrigued as he was talking about a secret cardinal," Grace said. "I'm a cradle Catholic and I'd never heard the term secret cardinal before and I didn't know where it came from."

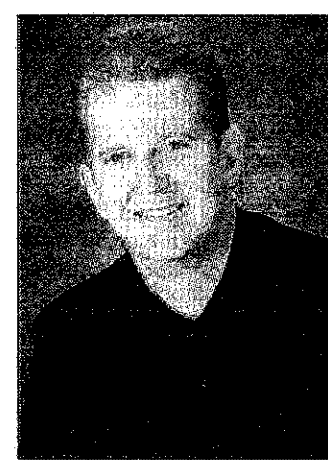
Lieberman's speech on the floor of the Senate was a tribute marking the death of Cardinal Ignatius Kung Pin-Mei.

"It was a case of state-sponsored religious persecution on a par with what the Romans were doing when Christianity first rose up," Grace said. "I'm used to thinking when people are being martyred, it's something that happened 2,000 years ago, not in the 20th century. I was interested in the whole political thing between the Vatican and China."

*The Secret Cardinal* follows two parallel stories — Kilkenny's attempt to rescue the Chinese bishop and the death of the pope and election of a new pope in Rome.

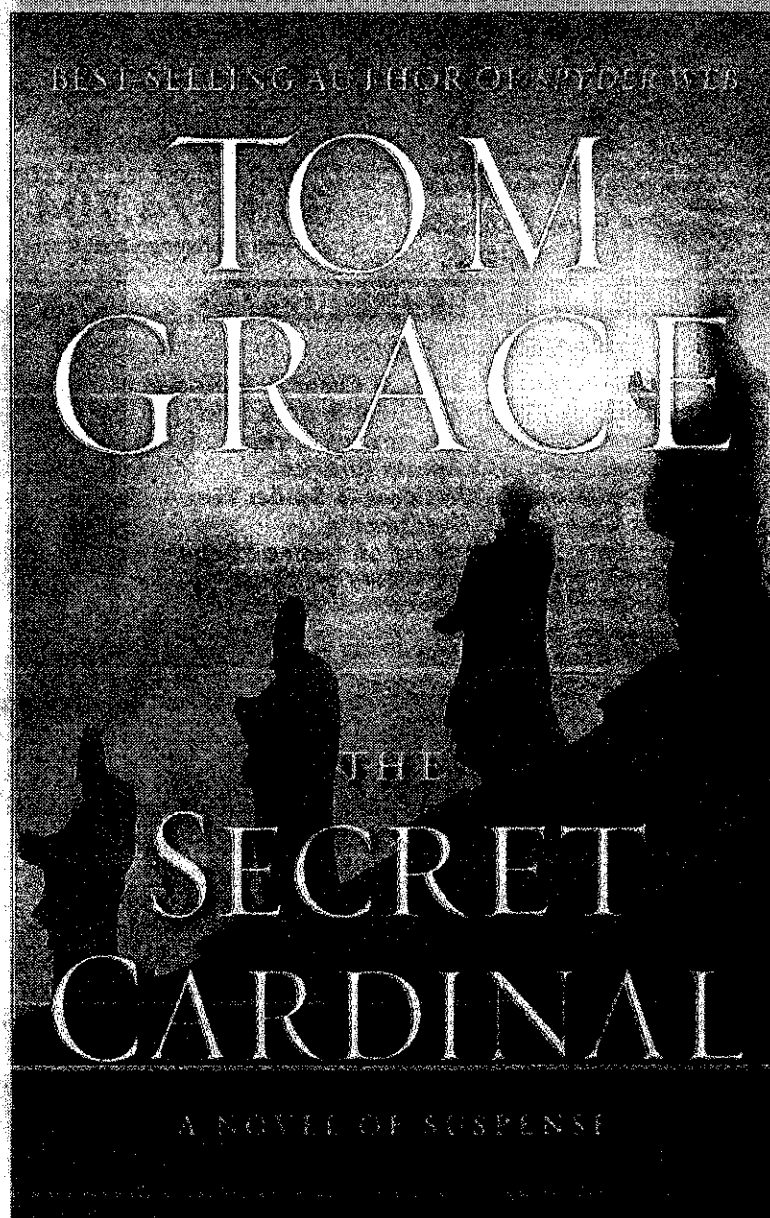
"It took a lot of research on both the Vatican and Chinese side," Grace said. "I

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TOM GRACE, author of *The Secret Cardinal*.



## Literary publisher sets up shop in Westland



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Publisher Dan Wickett shows three of Dzanc's new titles.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

For years Dan Wickett was a numbers guy.

"Numbers were always more interesting to me when I was growing up," he said.

He earned a master of science degree in statistics and worked in quality control in the auto industry using his math skills.

But there was another side to Dan Wickett.

"I've always liked reading. My parents are voracious readers and my sister and I followed suit," he said.

The word side is winning out. Last year Wickett co-founded Dzanc Books, a literary publishing company based in, of all places, Westland.

Wickett works out of his Westland home as executive



The first offerings from Dzanc books include a novella by Roy Kesey and short story collections by Kesey and Yannick Murphy.

director and publisher of Dzanc, founded with writer and philanthropist Steve Gillis of Ann Arbor. He is the only full-time employee.

"It's weird but it makes sense for stuff to be sent to me," Gillis said.

"It reads odd. Ann Arbor based sounds normal, makes more sense and people have heard of it." But Wickett has lived most

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# Alternative fair offers gifts that keep on giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Burger School for the autistic have been busy for weeks baking dog cookies. The all-natural goodies were a popular seller at last year's Alternative Christmas Fair at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

This year nearly 40 nonprofits offer a variety of items for holiday gift giving Saturday, Nov. 10. In addition to dog cookies, Burger students are making chocolate turkeys, cat treats, soaps, and Christmas bags and tags. Make-a-Wish Foundation, Paws With A Cause, Providence Center for Healing Arts, Seedlings Braille Books for Children, Sweet Dreamzzz, Donate Life Coalition, Lutheran Adoption Service, Heifer International, and Haven are among the organizations selling Christmas ornaments, jewelry, handmade silk scarves, dry soup

## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

**What:** A fair featuring holiday gift items from nonprofit organizations  
**When:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10

**Where:** Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills

**Admission:** \$1. For information, call (248) 553-7170

mixes, holiday cards, Zambian/African goods, work by Mayan artists, children's toys, and items too numerous to mention. Heifer International allows gift givers to buy chickens and goats that will provide food and income for a family in need.

"This is the second year as part of our micro enterprise class each class has a product that they make and sell. They pay back the cost of the product or supplies and then pay themselves," said Rebecca Viola, a teacher at Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. "Students work as a team, determine a product and look for a market. I bought some items

at the craft show last year and came back with a couple of ideas for us. We're always on the look out for new ideas."

Hope Lutheran Church searches for new ideas to keep the fair fresh and profitable for participating charities. Last year, \$26,000 was distributed to 43 organizations.

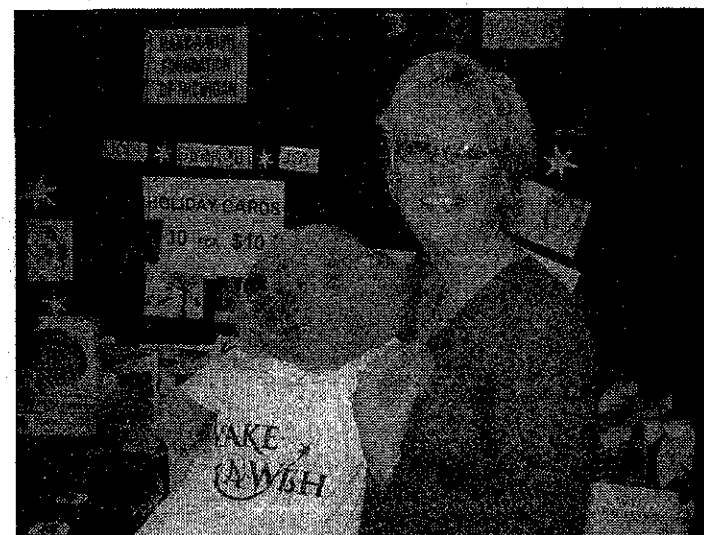
"One of the things I'm most excited about is this year we're working with St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills," said chairwoman Jessica Beamer. "We've made sure that the leadership is an ecumenical group. The fair is non-denominational. It's based on service and reaching out to the com-

munity. This year we have two churches leading it together. We hope next year to make it three. We want to see this as a community, not a church event."

"This year Forgotten Harvest is new. They collect food and get it into the hands of who need it. The Hope Lutheran Lap Quilt Group benefits Project Compassion, a nursing home ministry in Detroit. They'll have lap quilts, scarves, home made bears. I gave my new nephew one last year."

Beamer could go on endlessly about the nonprofits in the show.

"M.I.N.D.S., Mental Illness Needs Discussion, does programs to educate youth about mental illness and suicide prevention. Our children's craft is to benefit them this year, and as part of their booth they'll have a manger and holiday scenes to take pictures and they'll receive the professional photo in the mail," said Beamer. "Equal Exchange offers fair trade products. The farmer is getting a fair percentage. Our church sells Equal Exchange coffee, tea all



Robin Danko holds one of the bears in the Make-a-Wish Foundation booth at the Alternative Christmas Fair in Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

year round."

The Salvation Army World Services assists people wherever and whenever needed. This year volunteers sell lapel pins, stocking stuffers, candy cars and trains for kids packages, and lighted glass blocks that look like gift packages.

"Many people don't realize that The Salvation Army is a church," said Debby Drake, a Farmington Hills resident. "The money goes for world services, missions around the world to

help feed and clothe people, to orphanages. We're in more than 150 countries. Our people went to Sri Lanka after the Tsunami. We donate our time and money to make things for the fair. 100 percent goes to the organization. It's a different type of fair. Whatever you're purchasing you're helping an organization as well. You're going to buy a gift anyway so why not buy a gift for a friend and make it more meaningful."

Bruce Calderwood will be at the fair once again selling mixes for soups, brownies, cookies, and cornbread for Motown United Ministries, a collaboration of the Detroit Rescue Mission; MCREST, a collaboration of 84 churches in Macomb County that take turns housing homeless people, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica. A favorite stop for shoppers, the booth features a new tortilla soup. The items are packaged by members of Trinity and shelter residents. Proceeds go to Motown United Ministries which is comprised of shelters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The Detroit Rescue Mission provides about 3,500 meals and 1,200 beds a day.

"The mixes are another way to get people thinking about someone not having warm soup today," said Calderwood. "Last year we dispersed about \$17,000 to shelters they wouldn't have had. It goes for heat, water, soap and towels. All those towels taking up space in your closet, hotel soap, collect it and we'll be thrilled to take it, canned food, all kinds of stuff."

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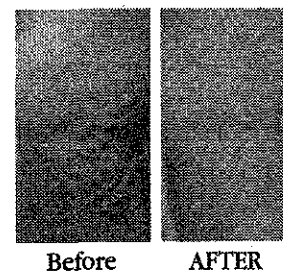


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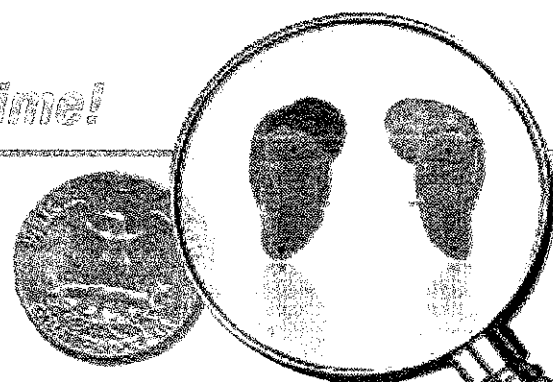
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## DORIS H. AMOS

Age 89, of Plymouth, passed away November 1, 2007. Loving wife of the late Harold. Devoted mother Irene (Jimmie) Davis and Carole (Joseph) Martin. Proud grandmother of Debra Botts and Denise Gerke. Great grandmother of Leslie, Austin, and Deirdre. Dear sister of Glenna Synder and Howard Munn. Private family services were held. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com. Memorials may be made to In-House Hospice Solutions 24293 Telegraph Rd., Suite 102, Southfield, Michigan 48034.



## SUSAN NERTNEY KOLAR

Detroit Who Loved Obituaries

Susan Nertney Kolar, died October 27, 2007 at age 77, at her home. Born in Detroit Michigan during the Great Depression, she was the only child of Mary O'Brien and Patrick S. Nertney, a prominent trust and estates attorney. Sue was fortunate to spend much time in her early life with her extended family, including her grandparents, the late Judge Patrick H. O'Brien and Bessie Kelly O'Brien, her aunts and uncles, and her beloved cousins: Patrick H. O'Brien II, the late Sharon (O'Brien) Carron, and the late Gerald K. O'Brien Jr.; Alan O'Brien and Barrie O'Brien; Daniel P. O'Brien Jr., Diane (O'Brien) DuShane and Kerry O'Brien; and her paternal cousin Molly (Lardine) MacDonald. Sue completed grade school and high school at the Convent of the Sacred Heart on Lawrence Avenue in 1948; she then attended Barst College of the Sacred Heart, transferring later to the University of Detroit, where she was graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree Social Work in 1952. While in college, she met (the late) John Francis Kolar, a young business major and later, law student, who was destined to become a highly successful manufacturer's sales representative in the automotive industry, and part-time business school professor; they married in 1952. Upon graduation, Sue embarked on a professional career that would shape her interests throughout her life: she began working for the government as a social worker, concerned with senior citizens' health and social security coverage, as well as social needs assessments. It was through her early career that she developed a lifelong passion for reading the obituaries, and to this end, we pay to her this final tribute. Through reading obituaries, Sue gained a wealth of knowledge about the families and social fabric of greater Detroit, a subject she followed closely throughout her life. She was a strong believer in the city and supporter of many of its cultural organizations, including the Detroit Institute of the Arts and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and numerous social service organizations including the Christ Child Society, Focus Hope, and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. She was an active alumna of the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, through which she had made many life long friends and where her daughters were third-generation students. Highly influenced by her grandfather, who was the first Judge to uphold and recognize the rights of miners to strike, Sue believed so deeply in the democratic process that at age 74, she traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio with her daughter Kathleen and worked with the American Bar Association and ElectionProtection.org to safeguard the national elections. Sue and John Kolar have five surviving children and seven grandchildren: Kathleen Susan Kolar of Boston; Sally Kolar-Marx and husband Ron Marx, and their three children Sarah, Emily and Molly all of Bloomfield Hills; John Kolar and wife Dr. Carolyn Easter of Birmingham; David and Nancy Kolar, and their two children Quinn and John David of Troy Michigan; Kelly Kolar-Eyman and husband David Eymann, and their two children Adam and Audrey of Cincinnati, OH. Sue's life was focused around her love of her children and grandchildren. A tireless homemaker, she raised her family, cared for her aging relatives, volunteered at Birthright, was a founding member of the Crazy Ladies, and still kept her husband "Big John" (somewhat) in check. Her involvement with her grandchildren and their activities was unending, as she followed their academic activities and attended numerous sporting events including soccer and swimming. Her spirit and devotion has instilled in each of them a special love for her and for our family and its traditions. Sue had many interests, including gardening, bridge and cooking. She traveled the US and abroad widely with family and friends including Sally Grierson, Bob and Mary Jo Henry, and Geri and the late Paul Toeppe, visiting Alaska, India, Australia, Europe, Russia, Vietnam, and Hong Kong. She also loved art, antiques, garage sales, was an avid reader of all things related to her Irish heritage, and was an inveterate clipper of newspaper articles. An avid recycler, Sue enjoyed a good martini served in a Dannon Yogurt cup. She loved her cottage on Mullett Lake, a place where her friends and family gathered each summer to enjoy the sunset, and to skip stones. She will be missed greatly by all her friends and family, but her memory will continue to be celebrated through the deep love, faith and rich traditions which she has instilled in each of us. Funeral Services were held Friday at Holy Name Catholic Church in Birmingham. Memorials appreciated to the Christ Child Society, 15751 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan 48228, Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304 or charity of donors choice. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660.

## CAROL JEANNE PETERSON ROSSO

October 30, 2007, age 77. Beloved wife of John M. Rosso for 52 years. Mother of Sarah (Peter) McCaughey, Abbey Rosso, and John (Kate) Rosso. Special grandmother to Emily, Andy, Jennifer, Laura, and Caitlin. Known for her strength, wisdom, sense of humor and generous nature. She enjoyed sharing her love of sports, cards, Northern Michigan, birds and flowers. Many will miss her great cooking and fun tailgates. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Friday 3-8 PM. Memorial Service Sunday 2:30 PM at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham (248-646-1200). Memorial Tributes: Grass River Natural Area, P.O. Box 231, Bellaire, MI 49615. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

## GAYLORD STASHUK

October 30, 2007, Age 86 of Rochester. Beloved husband of the late Rachel. Dear father of Gaylord (Deanna) of Metamora. Grandfather of Eric, Daniel and Kristan. Mr. Stashuk was a retired machinist from National Twist Drill. Funeral service Saturday 2pm at the Lake Orion Chapel of the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home. Family will receive friends Saturday 12pm until time of service. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. A Guest Reflection can be made @: www.sparksgriffin.com



## MARY ALICE WOJCIECHOWSKI

November 1, 2007 Age 71. Beloved wife of Stanislaus. Dear mother of Walter (Gail), Matthew (Amy) and Rose (Paul II) McKeever. Grandmother of Wendy, Gregory, Kyle, Kimberly, Paul III, Ian and Liam. Visitation Sunday 1-8pm at Quierfeld Funeral Home, 1200 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. In state Monday 9:00 am until funeral liturgy at 9:30am from Divine Child Catholic Church, 25001 Hollander, Dearborn, MI, 48128. Memorials to Karmanos Cancer Institute appreciated. www.quierfeldfh.com



## DAVID W. WRIGHT

David Wade Wright was born on April 3, 1947 in Hamburg, New York, lived most of his life in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area and passed away on October 9, 2007 at the age of 60. Dave graduated from Bloomfield Hills Andover High School in 1965, and completed his undergraduate studies at Western Michigan University. He obtained his law degree from the Detroit College of Law and was admitted to the Michigan Bar Association in 1974. He practiced law in and around the Detroit metropolitan area until shortly before his passing. David is survived by his children: Christina Wright of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and John David Wright of Richmond, Virginia; his sister Laurie Kingsley of Solvang, California; his brother Richard Wright of Farmington, Connecticut; his aunt Kate Wright of Hamburg, New York and his mother Barbara P. Wright of Williamsburg, Virginia. A memorial reception will be held at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham on December 8, 2007. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in David's name to The Parkinson's Institute, 675 Almonor Ave., Sunnyvale, CA, 94085 (www.thepi.org)

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## ENGAGEMENTS

### Russell-Jaczynski

Albert and Pam Russell of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Tasha Russell, to Stephen Jaczynski, son of Stanley and Stephanie Jaczynski of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Garden City High School and has attended Eastern Michigan University and Schoolcraft College. She is currently a student and working as a nanny.

The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Dearborn High School. He attended Central Michigan University and is a 2006 graduate of Eastern



Michigan University. He is employed by the University of Michigan Hospital Department of Safety.

A Dec. 7, 2007, wedding is planned for the Connection Church in Canton.

### Cain-Venier

David and Patricia Cain of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Renee Cain, to David Alfred Venier, son Ann Venier of Berkley.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by Teach for America in Philadelphia while attending the University of Pennsylvania toward a master's degree in education. She will graduate in 2008.

The future groom is a 2001



graduate of Berkley High School and 2006 graduate of Oakland Community College. He is attending Drexel University while working for Health Care Information Systems.

A July 18, 2008, wedding is planned at St. Raphael Church

### Karbo-Conradi

Richard and Mary Ann Karbo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Catherine Karbo, to Mark Daniel Conradi, son of Robert and Louise Conradi of Saline.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is a special events coordinator at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

The future groom is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of



science degree in environmental economics and policy. He is a departmental analyst for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

An April 26, 2008, wedding is planned for the Inn at St.

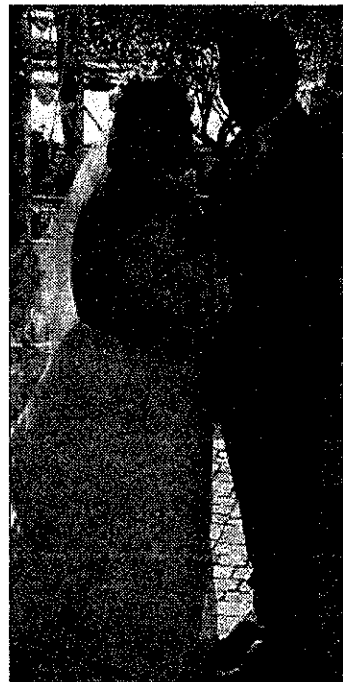
## WEDDINGS

### Karasinski-Fuoco

Christina Maria Fuoco of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Westland and Berkley, and David Brice Karasinski, also of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Basingstoke, England, were married March 3, 2007, at the Las Sendas Trailhead Members Club in Mesa, Ariz. David Kaminski officiated the ceremony. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Judith Fuoco of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Novi and Westland, and the late Peter Fuoco. The groom is the son of Robert and Molly Karasinski of Newbury, England. The maid of honor was Cathy Sanchez of Waterford, Mich. The best man was Jason Babien of Nampa, Idaho.

The couple honeymooned in California. The bride, a former journalist for *The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*,



is a writer/editor with WorldatWork in Scottsdale, Ariz., and a freelance music journalist.

## CLASS REUNIONS

### Berkley Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at the Birmingham Community House. For information, www.bhsreunion1987.com for event details, to register and pay for your ticket.

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A 10-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, at The Sea Grille in West Bloomfield. For more information and to make reservations, call Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or email rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

# PUBLISHER

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of his life in Westland. He was 5 when his family moved to the city in 1971. He, his wife and three children have lived in Westland for the past 6½ years.

Dzanc, which takes its name from the first letter in the names of Wickett's three children and Gillis' two children, is a nonprofit publisher of literary fiction, a promoter of literary journals and an educational program to introduce students to creative writing.

Wickett had taken some writing classes at the University of Michigan. One of his professors was writer Alyson Hagy. In 2000, he became excited by a new novel by Hagy and sent out an e-mail review to family and friends. That was the beginning of the Emerging Writers Network, an online program Wickett has run for seven years.

"Through that I became friends with Steve Gillis, who is an author based in Ann Arbor," Wickett said. Gillis had also funded 826 Michigan, a mentoring program for children 8 to 18 years old.

"We are interested in really literary fiction, great writing," Wickett said. "Books we have published are books that floored us immediately. The ones that have been right for us, we've known within a day and a half. We thought, oh my god, we love this."

## TAKING CHANCES

Dzanc's first publications this year are a short story collection, *All Over* by Roy Kesey, and a reprint of a novella by Kesey, *Nothing in the World*. Next year they will release *In a Bear's Eye*, a short story collection by Yannick Murphy, a novel by Peter Markus, a Best of the Web collection of stories originally posted on Web and other books.

"They're not similar either," Wickett said. "The Roy Kesey book is very playful with language, different ways he tells stories. The other collection by Yannick Murphy, she tells stories in a more straight forward way. The language is almost poetic."

Kesey, who lives in China with his wife, a Peruvian diplomat, is on a book-signing tour of the United States. He likes the special attention of working with a small publisher.

"In general, I think each book (and each author) gets a great deal more attention at a small press than it would at a big one," he said. "And because *All Over* is Dzanc's first book, everyone involved in the project is bringing a great deal of intensity and enthusiasm to the table. It's a terrific feeling."

*All Over* is not the kind of book that would usually interest a large publisher. "The more experimental a book is in terms of diction or form, the less likely the big publishers are going to want to take it on," Kesey said. "Dzanc, on the other hand, like many smaller-scale presses, is willing to take a chance on work that is out closer to the edge."

Kesey, no relation to counter-culture writer Ken Kesey, said Dzanc is able to take works that have appeared in small literary journals to a wider audience.

"Collections can be arranged such that interesting echoes occur between or amongst the stories they contain, echoes that make each individual story feel richer and fuller than it otherwise might," Kesey said.

Wickett and Gillis recruited writers they knew, combed literary journals and talked to editors about promising manuscripts that were being ignored by larger publishers. They have a part-time editor, publicist, art director and five interns working with them.

"We're a pretty virtual company, we don't have a building. Steve works out of his home and I do as well," Wickett said.

Wickett said Barnes & Noble and Borders have each taken orders in addition to several independent bookstores. The books are also available through Amazon.

In addition to publishing, Dzanc is providing a promotional umbrella for small literary magazines. Wickett said they are gathering information on the magazines and distributing it to 50 libraries, academic and public, throughout the country to encourage them to take subscriptions.

The company also has developed a writer in the schools program working with schools in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Brooklyn, N.Y. The project emphasizes individual mentoring and held a student reading at Ann Arbor's Shaman Drum Bookstore. Wickett said he would like to extend the program to Wayne County schools.

Of course, Dzanc has its own Web site at [www.dzancbooks.org](http://www.dzancbooks.org).

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## THRILLER

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can't acknowledge the number of people I talked to, particularly on the Chinese side. It's too dangerous to do so. There are seminarians in the United States illegally."

Grace said the religious persecution in China is not restricted to Catholics and other Christians, but also involves Muslims, Buddhists and others. China recognizes religious freedom, but requires that believers belong to a state-operated church.

"It creates an Alice in Wonderland situation, a government running a religion," he said.

For the Vatican side of the story, Grace said he received help from both the Lansing and Detroit dioceses and from people who have lived in Rome and could give him an insider's view of the city.

Grace presents a detailed and politically contentious account of a papal election.

"There is politics, there is betrayal; no organization is perfect," he said. "This book is a story about honor, loyalty and faith. The fact that this man endured what he endured in a Chinese prison."

Grace said the bishop was a composite of several bishops in China who continue to resist.

### A PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Kilkenny uses his technological knowledge in his efforts to rescue the bishop. High-tech equipment, combined with martial arts expertise, has been the base for the previous four Kilkenny books, beginning with *Spyder Web*.

Grace, a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, is a professional architect. He began writing his first novel during lunch breaks while working at his alma mater, the University of Michigan. The Dexter resident now works for an Ann Arbor architectural firm.

"I was always told that everyone has a book inside them, the trick is to make it come out," he said. "I am an avid reader and I've always enjoyed writing, but never thought of it as a career."

He set a goal of writing a novel, just to see if he could do it. Then he set out to market

his first book, which led to the series.

Kilkenny shares Grace's Irish Catholic background and his love for technology. Kilkenny even lives in Dexter, but there are differences.

"Nolan Kilkenny is a venture capitalist in his mid-30s. He's a bright guy, he went to the Naval Academy did a stint with the Seals, about six years," Grace said. "He did his master's work at MIT and then came to the university (of Michigan) to work part time for his father's company."

This is the first novel to deal with a real world political situation. The first four novels were about technology. In those novels, a new technology or scientific idea was the main object of contention.

"In this book, it's a person and what the person symbolizes," he said.

Grace has considered the possibility of optioning his books for movies, though he said "no one's written me a

check." The Web site for the book [www.tomgrace.net](http://www.tomgrace.net) features a movie trailer for the book, in case any producers are interested.

He said his books are cinematic and could easily be translated to the screen.

"The odds of getting a book made into a movie are extremely long," he said.

Meanwhile, he has other ideas for new books, with and without his Nolan Kilkenny character.

Grace said his books have been modestly successful, but he's keeping his day job while he writes his novels at night.

"When everyone is in bed, I have free time," he said. "It's time for Leno to come on and I can either do that or work on my book. This is what I do to relax."

Grace and his wife, Kathy Hopps, have five children, four daughters and a son.

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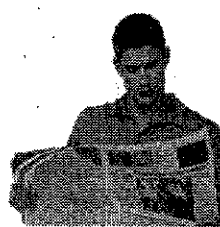




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The program includes String Quartet Op. 10, No. 1 in G Major, Onslow; String Quartet Ainsl La Nuit, Dutilleux, and String Quartet in F Major, Ravel.

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# Angela Hospice '60s Bash raises \$125,000

Hippies, go-go dancers, Sgt. Pepper, and even Jackie Kennedy came out to support Angela Hospice at its "Groovin' and Cruisin' through the Sixties" Light Up a Life Benefit. The event took place Saturday, Oct. 13, at Rock Financial Showplace-Diamond Center in Novi. With auctions, raffles, and a diverse cast of costumed guests, the event raised over \$125,000 to support the organization's programs for patients and their families.

"I am grateful to all who helped make this event possible. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by over 400 people," said Angela Hospice president and CEO, Sister Mary Giovanni. "One hundred percent of the proceeds will go toward enabling us to care for more terminally ill patients and their families."

Ron T from WOMC 104.3 FM emceed the event, and guests enjoyed performances from The Stubbs Girls and The Reflections, who played before a packed dance floor.

When the band took a break, it was time for the best dressed contest. Nancy Chapman of Canton wowed the crowd with her Jackie Kennedy ensemble; Mike Quinn from Bloomfield Hills took first place for men with his nerd outfit, complete with twin slide rules; and Joe and Sandy Consiglio of Northville won best dressed couple as Sgt. Pepper and Cher.

The evening also included the drawing for the 1969 Buick Electra 225 convertible, donated by Classic Auto Rentals of Birmingham. A Livonia businessman won the classic car which was displayed in the ball room during the benefit.

"This was our most exciting event yet," said Alice Barringer, development manager for Angela Hospice. "We were so happy to have such a positive response from our sponsors and guests."



Matt and Kathy Ward of Redford and Sandy and Joe Consiglio of Northville enjoy a performance by The Stubbs Girls. The Consiglios won the contest for best dressed couple.

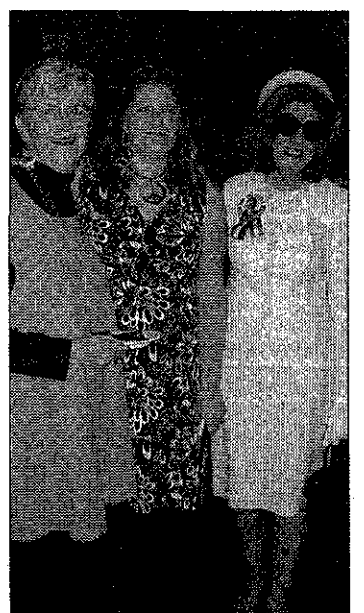


Syndie Best of Westland, Georgia Scappaticci of Plymouth, and Bruce and Debby Gearn of Dearborn show off their groovy style at the Light Up a Life Benefit.

The event was co-hosted by Lear Corp. and The Riley Foundation. Other sponsors included Chris Furniture of Livonia, and Ron and Deborah Oye.

Angela Hospice's next fund-raiser will be the annual Tree of Life at

Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The opening ceremony, featuring a performance by the Angela Hospice choir, will be held Saturday, November 17, at 11 a.m. next to the Von Maur entrance. For details visit [www.angelahospice.org](http://www.angelahospice.org).



As a member of the Light Up a Life committee, Volunteer Gerry Besh of Northville coordinated the donation of jewelry items for the silent auction. She is pictured with her daughter Dina Sowers of Commerce Township and fellow committee member Nancy Chapman of Canton. Chapman won best dressed woman with her Jackie Kennedy ensemble.

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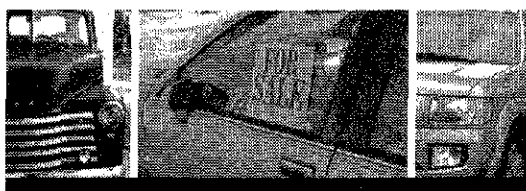
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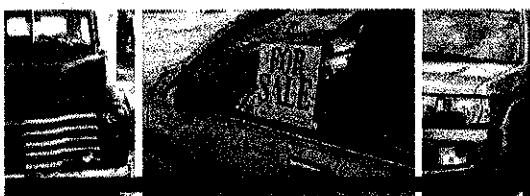
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### WORKWISE

by  
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comes down to making people feel comfortable. The same concept applies around people with disabilities, but some details may be new.

Consider the informative, entertaining "Disability Etiquette: Tips On Interacting With People With Disabilities," by Judy Cohen, available in English and Spanish. It is published by the United Spinal Association in Jackson Heights, N.Y., which was established by veterans of World War II to help people with spinal cord-related conditions lead fulfilling lives. However, the brochure covers a wider range of disabilities than you may know exist. Its main message is that you need not feel uncomfortable among people with disabilities, but if you're "unsure about what to do or say... just ask!"

Here are some of its suggestions:

- "Ask before you help." In other words, allow the person a chance to be independent, just as you would anyone else.

- "Be sensitive about physical contact." This, again, is true with anyone, but it's particularly important among people with a disability, because contact could throw the person off-balance.

- "Think before you speak." Don't strike up a conversation about a person's disability. While it may be visible to you (or not), it's the person's private matter. Again, the first thing you say to a person you meet doesn't delve into his innermost thoughts, does it?

- "Don't make assumptions." Give people with disabilities free rein in deciding what they can and can't do, just as you would anyone else.

- "Respond graciously to requests." A request for an accommodation at work indicates a degree of comfort that you'd want anyone to have.

### A BETTER WORKPLACE

Tucson-based Dan Barrett is global co-chair of Raytheon Persons with Disabilities. Legally blind since birth, he prides himself on improving processes as one method of demonstrating that removing a barrier for a person with a disability removes barriers for all.

He wants people to "acknowledge the value a person brings to the team or the company, because sometimes (their disability allows them) to bring a different set of tools," he says. "For instance, in my past job, I often had to modify screens and systems to be able to enter data at a quicker rate. I'd set up a platform and cut-and-paste.

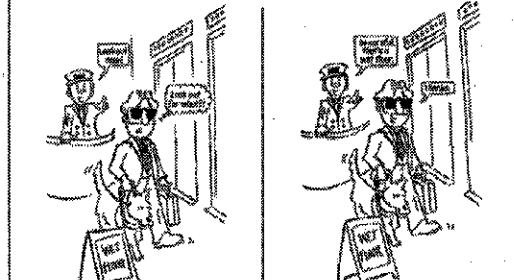
(Using this method), my co-workers became more efficient, too."

The same inclusiveness for which he strives in training Raytheon employees is evident in conversation with Charles Roman, a graphic designer. He has muscular dystrophy, which requires him to use a motorized wheelchair. Working since 1990, he recalls matter-of-factly that his previous employer "asked me for my advice about (renovating) the bathroom." His spirit is such that it inspires you to think of him only as a person, for whom his disability is a secondary fact. He works today at United Spinal Association.

In countering stereotypes, Roman comments, "We can produce just as much as an able-bodied person relative to the job. Don't judge us by our wheelchairs or walking aids or whatever we use to get around our disability. A disability isn't irrelevant, but some people might think it relevant to your level of production. In some cases it is relevant. I've been able to find jobs where I can not be given favors as such, and am treated equally relative to my production and efficiency." Barrett concedes that he's worked himself to a comfortable spot: "I don't deal with a lot of people who don't have a clue, because we've worked to increase awareness."

To their credit - and to the credit of the workplace - both Barrett and Roman have to think hard about examples of when they, personally, educated someone about their

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particular disability, and were heard. They go way back into their work histories - Barrett to a job one summer before he went to college and Roman to his previous workplace, when he enlightened a salesman, who thought MD gave license to stay home from work because of snow.

"Disability Etiquette," or "Reglas de Etiqueta frente a una Persona con Discapacidad," is available free at [www.unitedspinal.org](http://www.unitedspinal.org) or 1-800-444-0120 (single copy only). Multiple print copies, at \$1.25 each, plus shipping and handling, may be ordered by calling 1-800-444-0120.) (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2007 Passage Media.)

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## Dodge Sprinter: weird name, big van

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**By Dave Menard**  
Avanti News Features

I would have liked to be in the meeting in which Dodge decided what to call its commercial passenger/cargo van. The name the company chose - Sprinter - couldn't be less fitting, unless it was called the "Shrimp."

About the last thing this van does is "sprint" anywhere, but, then again, commercial vehicles usually don't. What the 2007 Dodge Sprinter does do is move cargo (people or other types), and it can do so in a variety of ways.

You won't see many Sprinters in the driveways of America; it's targeted to commercial-type customers, and, unless you're the Brady Bunch, you won't need to move 10 people at once. The Sprinter can be set up as a 10-passenger van or with no rear seats to haul cargo. Set up as a cargo van, the Sprinter can haul up to 600 cubic feet of cargo, and can handle a payload of up to 5,770 pounds. My colleagues in Michigan tell me they see Sprinters all the time, though, so they're obviously very popular with metropolitan Detroit small business owners.

If this thing were to appear in your driveway, as it did in mine, the first thing that would strike you is just how big it is. It comes in three vehicle lengths - 233, 273 and 289 inches - on two wheelbases (144 inches, 170 inches or 170 inches with extended with 15-inch longer rear overhang).

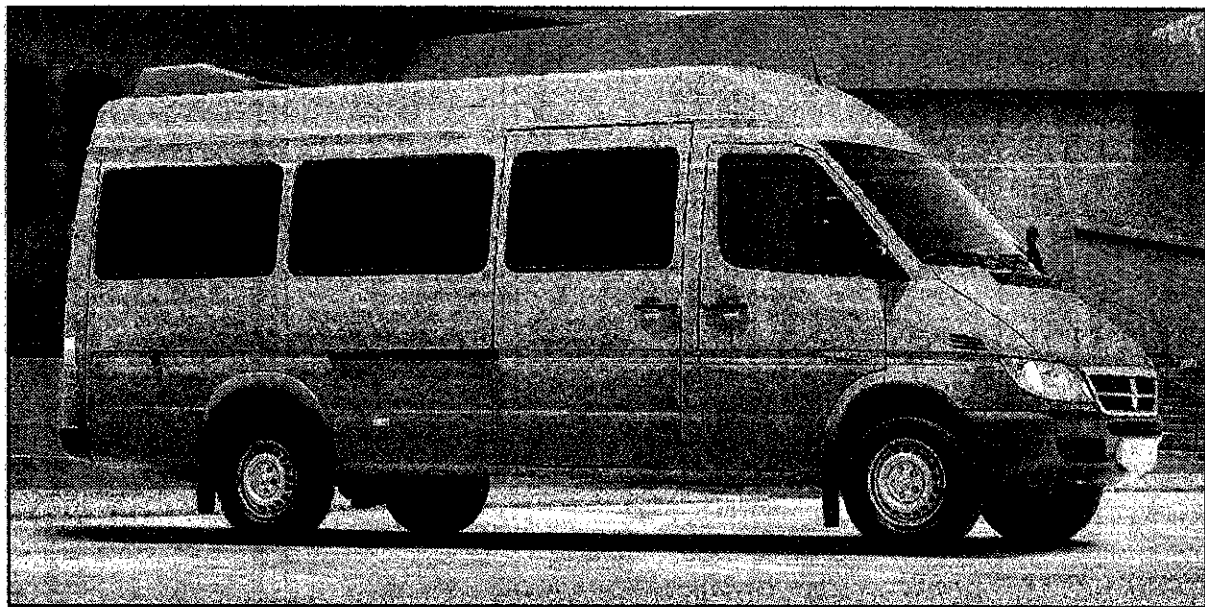
Standard roof height is 65 inches, but you can get the Sprinter in 73-inch and 84-inch heights, as well. Be careful going through drive-through windows, and low clearance garages - make sure you can actually get through.

I know that driving out of my subdivision I scraped the branches of a tree each and every time. I just kept forgetting how high that roof line was.

The test vehicle was set up in the 10-passenger configuration, with the 144-inch wheelbase and the high roof option. Rather than go through all the available options for each configuration, I'll concentrate on the setup I had.

There's not much to say about the styling of the Sprinter. It seems silly to even think about it. This is a working van, not something you show off to your buddies. Even so, for what it is, it's not bad-looking. It's just so darn big.

The high roof means 6-footers can actually stand up inside the van's passenger area, and that can come in handy. It's fairly easy to get people in and out - that's what it's designed to do. In the driver's seat, you'll find the seats are



2007 Dodge Sprinter is built to move cargo - people or other types!

fairly comfortable and provide good support. You'll also feel like you're driving a bus. You're obviously in a higher driving position than in a standard van.

You can get upgraded seats for the driver and front passenger, along with what Dodge calls "comfort headrests," and the seats can be heated. The instrument panel is complete, with a tachometer, temperature gauge, voltmeter and oil-pressure gauge.

The Sprinter comes with air conditioning, rear window defroster, but most everything else you have to add as part of a package. The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system; you can upgrade the audio system to one that includes a six-disc changer and telephone connection. Cruise control, rear door windows with wiper/washers, courtesy lamps, reading lamps, fog lamps, headlamp washers, power locks, keyless entry and power windows are available as parts of packages.

If you are getting the 10-passenger van version of the Sprinter, be sure to get the optional heavy duty rear air conditioning.

One of the other packages includes safety equipment like a security alarm, first-aid kit, road hazard warning lamp and supplemental front seat and side curtain front airbags.

Driving the Sprinter can be an interesting experience. It's powered by one of two available engines - a 3.0-liter V6 diesel or, like the test vehicle, a 3.5-liter V6 gasoline engine that's rated at 254 horsepower. That engine is mated with a five-speed automatic transmission that shifts well-enough. You're not looking to win any races, and you won't in the Sprinter, but you won't be holding up traffic, either.

The good news - the engine only requires oil changes every 10,000 miles and maintenance intervals of 30,000 miles. The Sprinter also come with a tool kit, hydraulic jack,

an automatic transmission cooler and auxiliary heater.

The Sprinter handles like you'd expect a vehicle of its girth to handle -- ponderously. It never lets you forget it's a cargo/passenger van.

It does come with traction control and adaptive Electronic Stability Program. The adaptive ESP includes sensors to take into account how the vehicle is loaded and adjust the center of gravity accordingly. The Sprinter comes with power rack-and-pinion steering, and it does a good job of controlling the vehicle.

Parking is always an issue. Between its bulk, its height and its large turning circle, it's an adventure in parking. Plan ahead and don't count on squeezing between cars at the mall.

The Sprinter starts at a little over \$34,000. "Packaged-up," the test vehicle checked in at about \$45,000. That includes most of the options discussed here, plus a larger battery and alternator.

I wouldn't want one as my everyday vehicle, but the Sprinter is a versatile, hard-working cargo/passenger van and should rate a look if you're carrying lots of people, or their stuff.

Now about that name ...

Dave Menard, who also sometimes handles ponderously, can be reached at avanti1054@aol.com . He is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures. @2007, Fracassa Communications LLC.

2007 Dodge Sprinter

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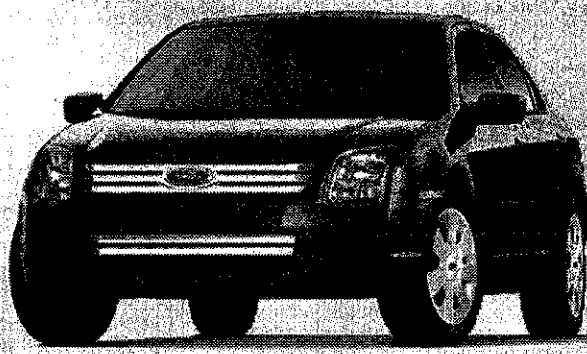
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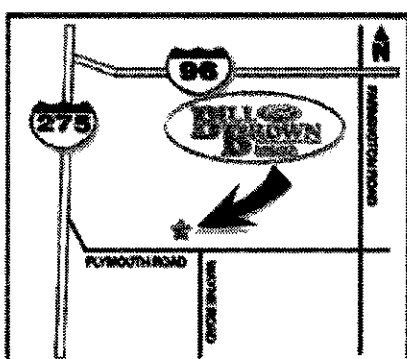
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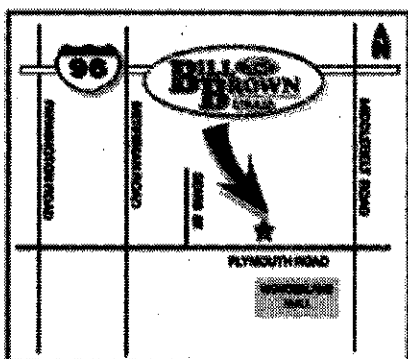
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## Small's anything but when it comes to style and comfort

The country-styled two story Small (407-49) meets the needs of a growing family, as well as the parents whose children come to visit. It has 2,484 square feet of living space on two floors, with a storage area of 405 square feet, and a two-

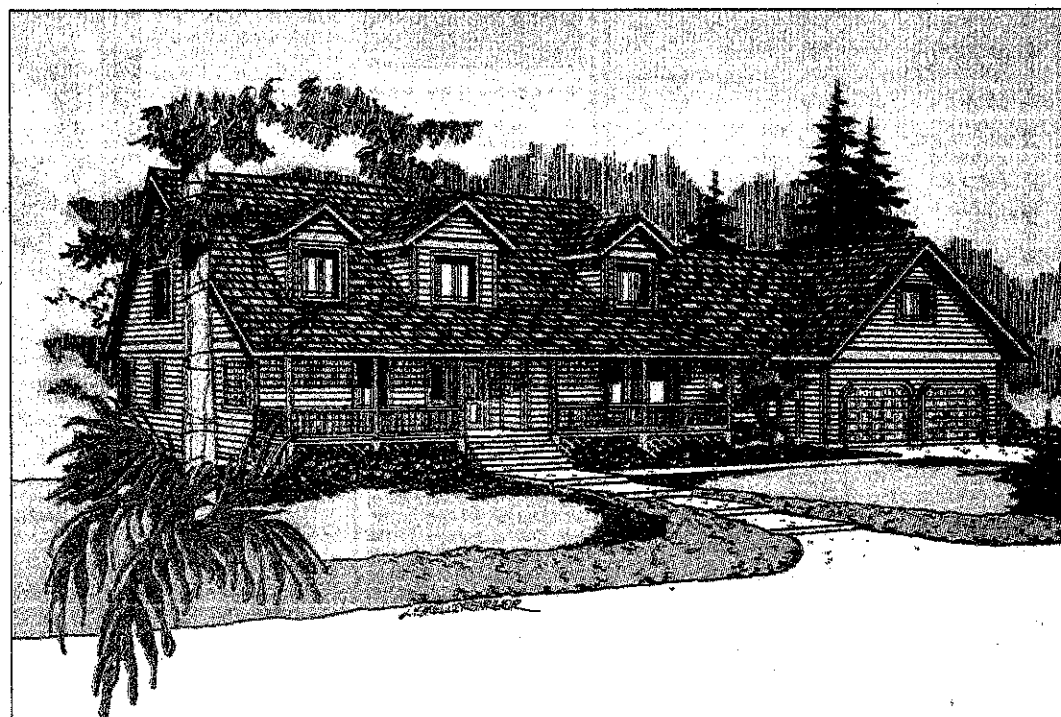
car garage. The exterior has dormers across the front and a covered porch.

Inside the large entry, an archway beckons towards the living room. To the left of the entry is a coat closet with bypass doors, and an archway

leading to the private quarters of the home. U-shaped stairs on the right lead upstairs to bedrooms and storage areas. The living room, with French doors leading onto the deck, is separated from the breakfast nook by a wide arch.

A bay style nook with three windows opens up the kitchen for a bright, sunny atmosphere. This space is perfect for entertaining guests on an informal basis, with a conversation/eating bar opposite the range. The kitchen has an efficient work triangle with plenty of natural light flooding the sink and adjacent counter surfaces. Double doors separate the kitchen from the clothes center, three quarter bath, and garage entry. A formal dining room near the front of the home offers a built-in storage cabinet, bay window, and a pocket door access to the washroom and utility.

The master suite is located on the opposite side of the home from the garage. It has French doors opening onto the deck in back, a large walk-



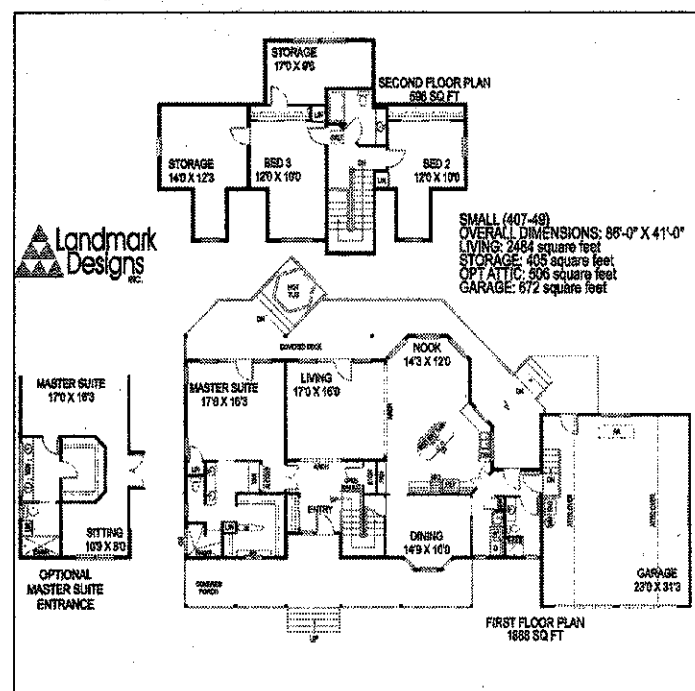
in closet, two vanity sinks, a large walk-in shower, and a linen closet. The library, located opposite the suite entry is ideal for relaxing and reading one's favorite novels. As shown in the optional master suite entrance, this room could be combined with the master suite. Upstairs, there are two bedrooms with a shared bathroom. Each bedroom has its own linen closet and wall closet. The bedrooms are uniquely shaped with dormer windows for extra light. There is a sky-

light in the hall area near the stairs. Storage is necessary and there are two finished areas off bedroom 3. One can be accessed through a closet and the other through a door.

A home needs to reflect your style of living and this one definitely does that with the feel of comfort, relaxation and openness. This openness, with little effort, could be expanded to make this home wheelchair accessible.

For a study plan of the SMALL (407-49), send \$15

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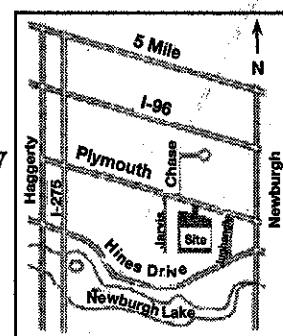
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Steve Van Pelt  
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FARMINGTON HILLS  
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OPEN SUN 1-4  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
OPEN SUN 1-4  
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## Livonia 3250

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## SOUTHFIELD

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## SOUTHFIELD

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## SPACIOUS HOME

located on 1 acre lot. Open island kitchen w/doorwalk to large deck. 1st floor master w/jetted tub & walk in closet. Entertain in the finished walk-out with full bath & bdrm. Extra large 3+ garage & circle drive. \$350,000 #27187129  
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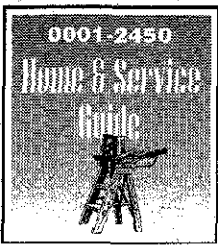
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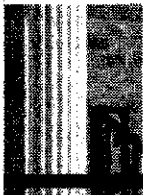
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**WATERFORD** - 1st Mo. Free! 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, bsmt, garage. Park view. Close to golf course & Union Lake. \$1100/mo. 248-535-2900

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** - 3 bdrm ranch, 2 1/2 attached car. Appliances incl. Secluded home. \$1500/mo. 248-361-7703

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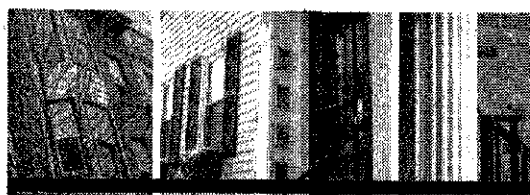
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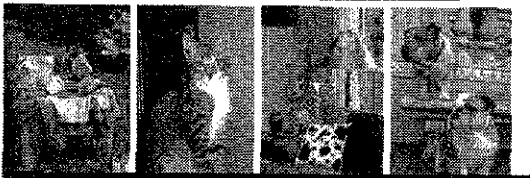


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Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Rd. 1 blk. S. of Ford Rd. 734-421-7620 <b>Holiday Bazaar &amp; Crafts</b> Find the perfect gifts for everyone on your list! Saturday, November 10 from 10am till 5pm. Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Rd., Westland, MI 48185.	<b>Auction Sales</b> (7060) The following parcels will be held for Auction on Nov. 22, 2007 at 14701 11 Mile Rd., Oak Park, MI 48237 at 10AM. Lot 1- Clothing & soft goods of M. George; Lot 2- Clothing & soft goods of D. Hardy & P. Bouyer; Lot 3- Clothing & soft goods of K. Mitchell; Lot 4- Clothing & soft goods of H. Kozalits; Lot 5- Clothing & soft goods of A. Byars; Lot 6- Clothing of soft goods of L. Oliver; Lot 7- Clothing & soft goods of G. Ryder; Lot 8- Clothing & soft goods of J. Roberts; Lot 9- clothing & soft goods of D. Tatum; Lot 10- Clothing & soft goods of M. Jones; Lot 11- Clothing & soft goods of A. Lasenby; Lot 12- Clothing & soft goods of Dr. W. Belenky. <b>Rummage Sale/ Flea Market</b> (7080) <b>HUGE RUMMAGE SALE</b> Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Rd Bloomfield Hills, Friday, Nov 9, 9-4 & Bag sale on Saturday, Nov 10, 9-12. 248-646-5886 <b>7100 Estate Sales</b> (7100) <b>CLARKSTON LIVING ESTATE</b> I-75 S to Clarkston/Davison exit, go right to Maybee Rd. left to Chestnut Hill Drive and follow bright green and pink estate signs. Entire home contents incl appliances, housewares, Thomasville Furniture, china cabinets, office equip, pool table, big screen TV, media center, electronics, snowmobile and personal watercraft with trailers. Snow blower, lawn tools, business attire, designer purses, antiques, old post cards. Sat Nov 10, 9-5. Sun Nov 11, 9-2. Visa/MC accepted. PERSONAL ASSISTANT ESTATE SERVICES hometownlife.com	<b>7100 Estate Sales</b> (7100) <b>LIVONIA - HOUSE FULL OF FURNITURE FOR SALE!</b> 6 months old. 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