

State of domination Band captures 21st crown with sterling performance

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BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching band continued its tradition of excellence - sweeping all Flight I first-place and caption trophies at competitions this fall.

On Saturday, the marchers capped their in-state season by winning the Flight I state championship title along with all caption awards for Best Music. Best Marching and Best General Effect at the 28th

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Bradford Ragland (left), Anna Yanke, Emily Smith and David Brooks proudly display the Flight I State Championship banner along with a bevy of trophies for first place and captions for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect earned at the Marching Band State Finals held at Ford Field Saturday. This is the 21st State Championship title for the hometown marchers who also achieved the highest score, 91.7, of all 40 top bands in the state.

P-CEP drug sweep nets few offenders

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Canton Police Department, with the help of 21 drug-sniffing canines from 17 law enforcement departments, conducted a sweep Wednesday morning of cars parked in lots at Plymouth-Canton Education



Cyclist killed while riding across Ford Road

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Dwane Eric Carner, 36, died late Friday night after he was struck riding his bicycle across Ford Road east of I-275.

The Canton man, who lived in the Village Squire Apartments, had apparently left a restaurant on the south side of Ford and was making his way home when he attempted to cross to the opposite side of the road and was hit by a vehicle traveling east. Upon contact, Carner was thrown from his bike and landed in the center turn lane.

The driver, whom police have not identified, then pulled over and called 9-1-1.

The cyclist was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where he was pronounced dead.

Canton Sgt. Rock Pomorski said the investigation into the crash could take up to two months.

After the investigation is complete, the Wayne County Prosecutor's office will determine whether charges are warranted.

"The driver and the driver's passenger are fine," Pomorski said. "Our preliminary investigation shows alcohol did not play a part."

Carner is survived by his parents. Pomorski said he doesn't believe Carner had any children.

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Park, resulting in only four misdemeanor charges.

The $1/_{2}$ -hour sweep resulted in 47 cars being searched after positive responses from the dogs. The result was four students being ticketed, one for possession of a controlled substance and three for possession of alcohol. The misdemeanor charges are punishable by a fine and/or court ordered substance abuse treatment, community service and random drug testing.

The sweep was requested by Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators, nearly a year after a similar sweep was conducted last year. "We want to send a message that we're doing all we can to deter drug use at the park," Supt. Jim Ryan said.

Deputy Chief Laura Golles said her department was able to use 21 dogs because more departments had availability this year, compared to the six dogs which conducted last

year's sweep. Golles said the handful of citations is remarkable for the three-high school campus that has approximately 6,000 students. "I think that's fantastic, and speaks volumes to the effort we're making to deter the kids from bringing any illegal substances onto school property," she said.

Last December, Canton Township police arrested two Plymouth-Canton high school students and ticketed five others on various drug charges. No tickets or arrests resulted in the sweep at Starkweather Education Center a week later. Ghassan Igbal plays drums as instructor Bob Myers watches.

Academy reaches out to teach children joy of music



Kire Beasley, 7, practices playing guitar.

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

With a tight grin plastered across her face, Janani Senthilkumar stared past her group of peers and beat on a set of drums for 30 seconds.

After a quick pause, the 11-year-old's expression changed into a serious gaze, she gripped the drum sticks tighter and then played for another minute before standing up and giggling.

"This is super fun," the township girl gushed Tuesday.

Axis Music, in partnership with Canton Leisure Services, has been hosting a music instruction program at The Crossings at Canton apartment complex for three weeks.

The program, which will continue for another week, was created as a test

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ready to pop the cork

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Cheers!

The annual Toast to Canton will pop its cork at 7 p.m. Friday at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

NINTH ANNUAL TOAST TO CANTON When: 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 Where: Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, 42600 Cherry Hill, in Canton Tickets: \$35 in advance (available at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce), and \$40 at the door

The two-hour wine and food tasting event, which is in its ninth vear, will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank, First Step and the Leadership Canton Scholarship Fund.

The festivities are coordinated by Holiday Market and will include 16 tables of wine. Each table will have

about nine bottles. "This is a fun event

for a good cause," said Debbie Zevalkink, township supervisor assistant.

'It's a great networking opportunity and a great evening out."

The event, which will also feature various beers and non-alcoholic drinks, is open to all area residents age 21 and older.

We have a couple less tables than we've had in the past but people will be able to move around better," Zevalkink said, adding that the list of featured wines will please participants. "We have a great selection this year."

Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. They are available at Holiday Market, 520 S. Lilley, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford.

Zevalkink encouraged those that have never participated in the event to attend.

'It's a great evening and a lot of friendly people," she said.

For more information, contact Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

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# 2007 Women's Expo

On Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Canton Leisure Services dedicates a day to women. The 3rd Annual Women's Expo is designed to 🕅 provide women with all of the latest information on women's health and wellness, as well as resources that women can use to help with the challenges of everyday life. The Women's Expo has a new location at Fellows Creek Golf Club, located at 2936 S. Lotz.

The 2007 Expo will feature: Free health screenings (cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar)

■ More than 30 exhibits including food, jewelry, skin care, interior design, health and wellness experts and more

- Continental breakfast
- Door prizes
- Gift bags

Tickets can be purchased at Summit on the Park and are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door at Fellows Creek. For more information on the 2007 Women's Expo, visit www. canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Chamber computer class On Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 6-9 p.m., the Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a How to Make and Edit Videos course at Canton Computers. Canton Computers is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford Road. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2007. These classes are open to chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 9.

Sunflower craft show

# The Sunflower Village Homes Subdivision in Canton is having its Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gainsborough

Clubhouse, 45956 Gainsborough Drive in Canton (located north of Warren Road, half-way between Beck and Canton Center). A variety of crafters will be on hand for your shopping enjoyment. There is no admission fee.

Crafters are still needed. To reserve a table please call (734) 453-2022. The table fee is \$10.

# Home buyers seminar

Join Shore Mortgage and Remerica Reality for a free Home Buyers/Credit Repair Seminar at 7 p.m., Nov. 13 at Remerica Reality, 7277 N. Lilley Road, in Canton. Some of the topics include repairing your credit score, down payment assistance, and the home buying process.

For more information, contact Richard at (734) 776-5635.

# Positive parenting seminar

The Canton Police Department and Canton Leisure Services are partnering together with Community Financial to present a new Positive Parenting Seminar on Monday, Nov. 19, from 6-7:30 p.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park.

This fifth in a series of informative parenting seminars will focus on young people's needs for basic financial skills to enable them to successfully navigate their financial years ahead. Guest speakers Beth Troost and Karen Alexander, education partnership coordinators from Community Financial, will give parents the basic concepts and tools needed to help their children move toward financial responsibility and avoid money problems in the future. They will also discuss appropriate money concepts for ages ranging from preschool to college.



# Don't leave home without it

When Greg Anderson, Judy Cannizzaro and Barbara Weide, all of whom live in Canton, traveled to Peru recently, they took their Canton Observer with them. The trio was on a St. Michael Lutheran Church mission trip July 14-24, along with members from a church in Pennsylvania. The mission team was a construction team which built a dry latrine, installed solar electric fencing, expanded their cistern system (it catches rainwater in the rainy season for use during the dry season), and landscaped the land in front of the church.

"Although the topic varies" from what we have presented in the past, I believe children and young adults with a solid concept of financial responsibility will grow to be responsible adults, avoiding the dangerous and sometimes illegal pitfalls bad money management can lead to," said Sgt. Deb Newsome, who coordinates the parenting seminar series.

Parents attending the presentation are invited to bring their children to enjoy activities and Summit facilities free of charge. Child care will be provided in the following manner: Ages 3 and under will be supervised in the Kids Corner; ages 4-6 may swim as long as an older sibling is present (otherwise, an alternative activity will be provided) and ages 7 and older are welcome to swim. Ages and activity intentions will be asked upon registration.

The seminar is free of charge, but seating is limited. **Plymouth-Canton residents** interested in attending should stop by or call the Summit front desk at (734) 394-5460. by Nov. 15 for reservations.

# Holiday craft show

St. Thomas a'Becket (southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Lilley roads in Canton) will host a holiday craft show from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 1. More than 85 crafters are expected to participate, and there will be a bake sale. Lunch will also be available.

Admission is \$2. Children 12 and under get in free.

sion is free. For more information call (734) 451-7998.

# Chiefettes bottle drive

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

The Canton Chiefettes 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 Chiefette parent Britt Julien at bffm1@sbcglobal.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



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# Civil War round table

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table will host Mr. Rand Bitter of Canton on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m..

Mr. Bitter's presentation will be the subject of his book "Minty and His Cavalry - A History of the Saber Brigade and its Commander". Robert H.G. Minty served with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Michigan Cavalry regiments before being appointed to command a brigade which fought in many engagements ending their service by capturing Jefferson Davis at the end of the war.

The meeting will be held at the Elks Lodge 1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The public is invited, admis-

2 - 4 p.m. Photos of Canton residents who are currently in our Armed Forces will be on dis-

play 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.

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run for a project that Axis hopes to do with the township's teen center, the B.L.O.C.K.

"We want to build a program with B.L.O.C.K. and the overwhelming response here has been great," said Chris Mountz, Axis academy director.

The program, which is available for free to children that live in the Crossings, includes onehour guitar and drum instruction once a week.

The first week of class brought in 20 kids while the second week had more than 40 participants.

"Because the kids here have loved this so much, we would like to do another (program) here," Mountz said.

Senthilkumar, who had never played the drums before, said she's gotten a kick out of the instrument.

"It's so much fun to be here and have something for us that is so near," she said. "This is really interesting."

As more than a dozen kids took turns banging on a set of drums, some approached the instrument with confidence while others expressed doubt about their budding talents. As the instructor called out each child's name,

# **AXIS MUSIC AT THE CROSSINGS AT CANTON**

What: Axis Music Academy has teamed up with Canton Leisure Services to present a four-week free instructional program at The Crossings at Canton When: 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays for residents of The Crossings at Canton

Web site: www.axismusic.com

For more information, call (734) 844-0100.

he offered them encouragement such as "good stick work," "yeah, buddy," "go for it," and "nice!"

Across the hall, a smaller group of children tried their best to master the guitar.

"Parents usually want their kids to play the piano, but kids seem to enjoy the drums and the guitar," Mountz said, as children around him twiddled drum sticks in their hands.

Kiren Chaudhry of Leisure Services said the test program has been a success.

"They love it," she said. "The weather was terrible today and some of these kids had to walk a nice distance but they are still here. They are committed to this, for sure."

Axis, which is located at 42114 Ford Road, has other locations in Southfield and Macomb Township.

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Axis Music instructor Paul Moore works with student Ohlan Perham on the guitar.

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Guard member Stephanie Rohrbach dramatizes the theme of the Plymouth-Canton competition show, "Out of the Shadows," as she dances past tuba players Scott Hawkins (left), David Goodman and Laura Kirby during the Marching Band State Championships at Ford Field Saturday.



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# annual Michigan Competing Band Association Marching Band State Finals Saturday at Ford Field.

The hometown marchers additionally achieved the highest score, 91.7, for the 10-minute performance of their dynamic, fast-paced show, "Out of the Shadows."

Some 10,000 appreciative fans turned out for the daylong event and cheered on the top 40 competing bands in the state -10 bands in each of Flights I, II, III and IV (flights are determined by school enrollment with the largest schools in Flight I). "I thought our band did fantastic," said an elated Bradford Ragland. The Salem senior shares drum major duties with Plymouth senior Dave Brooks. "There was so much energy in the closer - it was great!"

Salem senior Emily Smith, one of the captains of the 39-member color guard, concurred.

"I felt the band was really strong," she said. "The ending was amazing and it felt like we were really together. It was a good feeling."

There were plenty of good feelings at Saturday's event featuring a host of incredible and entertaining shows with fast-paced marching, creative choreography and music ranging from show tunes to jazz to classical.

Mack Pittard, executive director of the MCBA, is amazed by the teenaged performers' ability to reach lofty performance expectations.

"It's pretty phenomenal when you look at these top-end bands and what they're doing and how well they're doing it," he said.

"Most people can't do what they're doing sitting down."

Other top spots at the championships went to Muskegon's Reeths-Puffer in Flight II with a score of 89.1; Ferndale in Flight III, 86.85; and Flight IV's Columbia Central, Brooklyn, 83.8.

Dur show was really energetic," said



Percussionist Meghan Mund adds the sound of chimes to the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's finals performance Saturday at the Michigan Competing Band Association's State Championships.

seems to be trying hard. It's teaching us to look after each other and become better people as well as performers."

And that's exactly what their band director, Marc Whitlock, is hoping for.

"I am very proud of the kids and all they have been doing," he said after the finals performance. "It was a good performance, but it wasn't great. We played it safe today – they held back a little bit. And while I'm proud we took home yet another state championship (this makes the 21st in the MCBA's 28-year history) we know we've done better and we have to bring that level in front of the fans. That truly is the payoff. Our standard individually should be higher than anyone who watches us or evaluates

The hometown marchers will have the opportunity to rise to that personal best standard at the Grand National Championships in the

# Suburban 'no' votes doom WCCC tax plan

### **BY MATT JACHMAN** STAFF WRITER

Despite support from Detroit voters, a strong antitax vote in the suburbs brought down a Wayne County Community College District millage renewal proposal on Tuesday.

Incomplete and unofficial results from Wayne County on Wednesday afternoon showed 60 percent of voters cast ballots against the WCCCD plan to renew a 1.5-mill property tax for 10 years. With the possible exception of Ecorse, which had not reported results. Inkster was the only one of the 34 suburbs the WCCC district includes, in all or in part, where a majority of voters favored the plan.

In Redford Township, most of which is in the WCCC district, 3,759 people voted against the tax renewal, 754 in favor.

In Westland, a portion of which is in the college district, the vote was 4,521 to 2,081 against the tax. And in Canton Township, a small part of which is in WCCCD, 555 people voted against the plan, 240 for it.

A college spokeswoman blamed the loss on a low voter turnout, Michigan's economy, and what she said was voter

# **CANTON RESULTS**

Only six Canton precincts voted on the WCCC millage renewal. There were a total of 799 votes cast, which equals a turnout of just under 10 percent. Here are the results: YES: 240 (30.19 percent) NO: 555 (69.81 percent) Note: There were four ballots not counted because of over or under votes

backlash against the recent state income tax increase and the new tax on some services.

"I think people are very, very reluctant at this point right now to deal with tax issues on any level," said spokeswoman Tina Bassett. "I think we're having a very difficult time economically in the state of Michigan."

The weather, confusion over the new voter identification law and low voter awareness of the issue also played roles, Bassett said.

"We really weren't able to get our message (out) as strongly as we needed to," she said.

According to WCCCD, the millage raises more than \$40 million a year — about 40 percent of its annual budget of



\$102 million.

The renewal would have taken effect in 2011, after the current 1.5-mill tax expires. The tax means \$1.50 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value — \$105 a year for the owners of a home with a taxable value of \$70,000.

That same home would have a market value of \$140,000 or more.

The renewal plan will go to voters again, Bassett said.

"Without this millage passage, the school could not operate at the level it operates today," she said.

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# 'Kamikaze zone'

# MDOT, residents bat around ideas to fix Ford/Beck intersection

# BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

There wasn't a soul in the room that disagreed on the Why?" but the thoughts varied on the "What?" And that's exactly what Martin Parker had in mind. Parker is a project

manager for Wade Trim, the company that the Michigan Department of ortation (MDOT) has enlisted to conduct an intersection improvement study at Ford and Beck roads. We want your suggestions," Parker explained to a group of residents Tuesday night. "We have an obligation to do something because we have a very serious problem." The busy intersection has been long seen as ripe pickings for accidents and congestion. Parker, who was accompa-nied by MDOT project manager Gorette Yung, told the group of residents that traffic is expected to double at the already-busy intersection in the coming years. "It's critical," he said. During the meeting, residents tossed out ideas for

temporary and permanent solutions for the intersection. Township man Richard

Furnier lives in Sunflower subdivision and suggested a "band-aid fix" of installing a left-turn signal.

"I'm not talking brick and mortar," he said. "Putting in a light is something to help now.

Furnier, who believed that the signal could improve

"If you want to see a wreck, go sit out there for a day," he said. "I've seen two wrecks in the past two days. We've

been reading about (improvements) for the last six years and every year we cross our fingers and say 'Is this the year?" While Beck Road resident

Eric Heussner agreed with Repp that the intersection is an accident haven, he expressed concern about widening the road and suggested diverting traffic away from the area.

"I don't want to live on an ex ressway, ne said. 1 would be looking to move if (the road was widened to five lanes). This is a residential area. Robyn Lamb has lived on Ford, east of Beck, for 40 vears and said conditions at the intersection are tense and dangerous. "I would like to see it safer," she said, adding that she would like to see more law enforcement for motorists driving on the shoulder of the road. "It happens everyday." Those with suggestions on how to improve the intersection are advised to contact Parker at (734) 947-9700 or Yung at (313) 375-2427.





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player Kirk Ellens, a Salem senior. "Everyone

Indianapolis RCA Dome Nov. 15-17.



the problem for five or six years, also suggested that Canton suspend funding the improvements of other intersections through its Intersection Action Committee and focus on Beck and Ford.

The Wade Trim study, which is expected to narrow down a viable option for improving the intersection, is slated to wrap up with a public hearing in January.

With MDOT responsible for Ford and Wayne County responsible for Beck, Yung said the two will work together to come up with funding for the improvements.

Jim Repp has lived near the intersection for 11 years and likened it to a "kamikaze

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# Ten girls to compete for Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss title

Ten high school senior girls from the Plymouth-Canton area will compete in the first Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship program at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at Discovery Middle School located at 45083 Hanford Road in Canton. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10. The winner and first runner-up will travel to Ann Arbor in March to take part in Michigan's Junior Miss contest.

Saturday's contestants are: Erica Straub, Plymouth: Erica is the daughter of Kurt and Diane Straub, she currently attends Ladywood High School. After graduation, she plans to attend Oakland University and earn a degree in nursing. For her talent she will either recite an original poem or sing.

Megan Vish, Canton: Megan is the daughter of Martin and Sheila Vish, she currently attends Divine Child High School. Megan is undecided in her choice of college but would like to major in hospitality. She will be performing a jazz dance.

Amanda Schimm, Canton: Amanda Schimm is the daughter of Curt and Barb Schimm. she currently attends Canton High School. Amanda plans to attend Central Michigan University and would like a career in social work. For her talent she will perform a jazz dance.

Alyssa Coligado, Canton:

Alyssa is the daughter of Anthony and Ann Coligado, she currently attends Ladywood High School. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Michigan or MIT to earn a degree in chemical engineering. For her talent she will sing.

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Lauracindy Plague, Canton: Lauracindy is the daughter of Kerry Plague and Corinne Fine, she currently attends John Glenn High School. Lauracindy plans to attend the University of Michigan to become a psychoneuroimmunologist. For her talent she will sing.

Whitney Askew, Canton: Whitney Askew is the daughter of William and Freida Askew, she currently attends Plymouth High School. She plans to attend the University of Michigan or Purdue to become a biochemical engineer. For her talent she will play the violin.

Erin Wheeler, Plymouth: Erin Wheeler is the daughter of Richard and Patricia Wheeler. she currently attends Ladywood High School. She plans to attend Central Michigan University and earn a degree in elementary education. For her talent she will be performing a jazz dance.

Melissa Klusek, Canton: Melissa Klusek is the daughter of Ken and Aline Klusek, she currently attends Salem High School. She plans to attend Michigan State University, her

Erica Straub



Lauracindy Plague



Katherine Lu Meaghan Priebe

career goal is to work in advertising or public relations for Disney. For her talent she will perform a contemporary jazz dance.

■ Meaghan Priebe, Plymouth: Meaghan is the daughter of Dave and Jill Priebe. She cur-



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Whitney Askew Erin Wheeler



Melissa Klusek

rently attends Plymouth High School. She plans to attend either Wayne State University or Grand Valley to earn a degree in advertising or nursing. For her talent she will perform a jazz dance.

**Katherine Lu. Canton:** Katherine is the daughter of Guozhen Lu and Meiling Gao, she currently attends Canton High School. She plans to attend either the University of Michigan or MIT and earn a degree in engineering. For her talent presentation, Katherine will play the piano and sing.

# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

(313) 586-5234. Suicide Loss Support Group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group. for those who have lost a loved one. to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road.

No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support aroup. 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.gardenersnorthville-novi.org **Heartland Hospice** 

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and day-time classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their endof-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Carol, (248) 449-1480. Singles golf Alyssa Coligado

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Holiday bazaar

The American Singles' Golf Association holds it monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Maples Club located at 31260 Wakefield Road in Novi (off of 14 Mile between M-5 and Novi Road).

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Cocktails and mingling at 6 p.m. with a brief meeting at 7 p.m. followed by a live auction for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For more information about the club, contact Diane at (248) 347-0379. Craft show

Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Dearborn

Heights hosts its 19th annual Arts

and Crafts Show in the church hall,

located at 750 N. Beech Daly, 10 a.m.

The event features a raffle, bake sale,

cabbage rolls and other ethnic food,

all for a \$1 admission. For more infor-

mation, call (734) 522-9653 or (248)

The Oakwood Foundation will hold its

12th annual Wine for the Spirit fund-

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Looking for inexpensive holiday gifts? Try Secondhand Prose, the Friends of the Library's used bookstore. You'll find fiction and nonfiction books for every age group plus CDs, DVDs and other media. Most items are under \$1.

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■ Internet II: Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. Get effective search techniques for the Internet, library catalog and databases. Registration required.

Children's Book Week Program: Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. Storyteller Linda McClure brings stories to life for kids ages 5-10 with caregiver. Registration required.

Create a Holiday Newsletter: Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Use MS Word and graphics to create a newsletter to send to family and friends. Registration required.

■ Mario Party Open Play: Nov. 13, at 6 p.m. Teens can register for Mario Party Open Play.

■ Tai Chi for Teens: Nov. 14, at 4:30 p.m. The first of four Tai Chi classes for teens only. You must plan to attend all four sessions. Registration required. Excel II: Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Use data, graphs and charts and other more advanced Excel features. Registration required.

■ Job Help Series-Personal Finance: Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. Learn how job changes affect personal finance and credit ratings; find alternative income sources, set realistic financial goals. Registration required.

E-mail Holiday Greetings: Nov. 15, at 9:30 a.m. Learn to use e-mail to stay in touch with instruction on signing up for your own free Yahoo! e-mail account. Registration required. Library Board Meeting:

Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Public is invited. Digital Camera: Nov. 17, at

9:30 a.m. Get ready for holiday photo taking, learn to crop, resize and rotate photos, explore uploading and printing sites. Registration required.

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# Wine tasting party

Sammy and Amy Hesano, owners of Discount Beverage (8673 S. Lillev Road in Canton), will celebrate their store's one-year anniversary by hosting a wine tasting party/ fund-raiser on Nov. 15 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Tryst Night Club, 8663 S. Lilley Road at Joy Road in Canton. There will be more than 100 imported and domestic wines and beers to choose from, as well as hors d'oeuvres.

Expand your wine knowledge and speak directly to the distributors.

Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 per person at the door. This event will provide financial support to the University of Michigan graduate program. Ticket bearers must be 21 or older and must provide picture I.D. at the event.

Ticket bearer assumes full responsibility for the consumption of alcohol. Tickets are available at

Discount Beverage, by calling (734) 451-1222, or via e-mail at mikeandnoreen@yahoo.com.

D & M Art Studio is now taking registration for the days after Thanksgiving Workshops, Christmas Kids Only Workshops, Winter Break



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Owners Sammy and Amy Hesano of Discount Beverage.

Workshops and the Special 2 or its latest Southeast Michigan 1 and 1/2 hour Workshops. The workshops will start

with an all day paint "Animal in Art II" on Friday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The other workshop scheduled for the day after Thanksgiving is "Cartooning Capers" from 3-5 p.m., and "Interior Design I" is scheduled on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 3-5 p.m.

For more information, call the studio at (734) 453-3710 or visit its Web site at www. dmartstudio.com.

# Chase opens third Canton branch

Chase Bank recently opened

branch in Canton -- its third in the community. The modern, 4,300-square-foot branch with two drive-up lanes and a driveup ATM is at Michigan Avenue and Old Canton Center Road.

Chase now operates 69 branches in Wayne County, including full-service branches in Canton Township at 45345 Ford Road and inside the Meijer at 45110 Ford Road. The new branch is among a dozen Chase is opening this year in Michigan. Chase now serves customers through 285 branches and more than 425 ATMs in Michigan.

Chase has created a warm branch atmosphere with its blue soffit and currency-green

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walls, said branch manager Andrew Black. Six client-meeting rooms provide private space for personal bankers to have detailed financial discussions with customers, and a large conference room offers additional meeting space.

"We've built the branch in the growing area around Michigan and Old Canton Center to make it even more convenient for customers to bank with Chase," said Anthony Glover, who manages Chase's 285-branch network in Michigan. "Our client friendly retail environment is designed to be more comfortable and open. It includes a large customer comfort zone where clients can relax before an appointment with their banker."

The branch's 10 employees can assist customers with personal and business financial needs, including checking and savings accounts, loans, mortgages and investments. There is a separate counter and lobby area and drive-up lane for business customers.

Located at 45220 Michigan Ave., the branch's lobby and drive-up lanes are open at 9 a.m. six days a week and stay open until 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday. The branch telephone number is (734) 394-3474.

# EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on [Monday, November 19, 2007] Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 P.M.

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# COUNTY NEWS

# New tax laws make year-end planning now essential

f you are thinking of doing any year-end planning, now is the time.

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Year-end tax planning used to be easy, however, laws have changed and have become more complex, so tax planning is more difficult than ever.

To get started, pull out last year's tax return and use it as a guide. Check whether you are subject to the alternative minimum tax and whether you will itemize or take the standard deduction.

If you itemize, it generally makes sense to accelerate deductions into this year. For example, making charitable contributions before the end of the year or paying property taxes this year.

If you are using the standard deduction this year, you would defer deductions until next year. Unfortunately, the only

way to determine whether you will itemize this year is to run through calculations using last year's tax return as a Money Matters guide.

For taxpay-**Rick Bloom** ers who are subject to the alternative

minimum tax year, planning takes on a whole new perspective. Filers subject to the alternative minimum tax in most situations should delay deductions until next year. The alternative minimum tax used to be levied only on the very wealthy. Today, however, even middle-income taxpayers can be subject to the tax. If you are subject to this tax, the services

of a qualified tax expert can be invaluable.

One area many taxpayers will benefit from is a law that 'allows an individual 701/2 and older and subject to required minimum distributions from retirement accounts to donate up to \$100,000 from their retirement accounts to a qualified charity. The distribution counts toward the required minimum distribution. The benefit of this transaction can be substantial.

In the past, filers who used the standard deduction would take the required minimum distribution, pay tax on the distribution and then make their charitable contribution. However, they would not be able to itemize their deductions. Under this law, the individual - by directly transferring money from the IRA to the charity - would not have to pay income tax on the distribution.

This strategy also helps people who are in a high tax bracket and who are no longer eligible to deduct their charitable contributions. They can save a substantial amount on taxes by donating to a charity directly from a retirement account.

Another year-end strategy is to consider whether to convert a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. This allows an individual to convert tax-deferred money into tax-free money. In addition, money in Roth IRAs is not subject to required minimum distributions.

Roth conversions must be completed before the end of the year and they are not for everyone. However, for many individuals doing a

Roth conversion for either all or a portion of their retirement account makes a sense. To qualify, you must have an adjusted gross income of \$100,000 or less.

The key to year-end tax planning is to be smart with taxes and increase your net worth. It's important to recognize at this time of year many gimmicks about taxes start appearing. Ultimately you are responsible for your tax return, and if you get involved with gimmicks, you are the one that will be held responsible. If you do use the services

of a professional, make sure he/she has the professional credentials to be giving you tax advice. If you make mistakes on your tax return, the IRS will be looking to you for any additional taxes, penalties and interest.

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Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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garlic and black olives. Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

test is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16. The winner will be treated

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# Speaker to bring Polish palaces to life

Marion Owczarski, artist-inresidence and director of the Galleria of St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake, speaks at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Owczarski presents a program about Polish manor houses, castles and palaces enhanced with photographs and other visual examples. He is best known for his high impact sculptures in stainless steel.

There is no charge for the program presented by the Friends of the Livonia Library. For more information, call (734) 466-2495.

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# **OUR VIEWS** Kudos to state's best marching band

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Thursday, November 8, 2007

What can you say about the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band that hasn't already been said.

The group continued its dominance Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit, capturing the state title at the 28th annual Michigan Competing Band Association Marching Band State Finals. Amazingly, it is the 21st time that the P-CEP Marching Band has claimed the state title at the competition.

And what a dominating performance it was. The band swept the Flight I competition (against the nine other top bands in its class from around the state) before 10,000 fans. It scored tops in all categories, including Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effects for Flight 1.

Their dynamic, fast-paced performance of Out of the Shadows earned the highest score of the day with a 91.7.

Kudos to Band Director Marc Whitlock, and especially the young men and women in the band and color guard. With dedication and hard work, they have established themselves as the top competitive marching band program in the state. They have also helped create quite a legacy that goes back more than two decades. The program has set the bar high for all other marching bands in the state.

Perhaps next week, they will also set the national standard as well, when they will compete at the Grand National Championships in Indianapolis at the RCA Dome Nov. 15-17.

Regardless of how they end up placing at the competition, we are sure the band will produce another energetic, high quality performance. It is something we have come to expect from this band, and something they expect from themselves. That's what happens when you have sustained excellence for more than two decades.

Congratulations for the big win last weekend, good luck next week in Indianapolis, and thanks for giving the community something to be proud of — year in and year out.

# Protect Great Lakes from thirsty neighbors

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who is currently seeking the Democratic nomination for president, fired off a warning shot recently that should make everyone in Michigan and the Great Lakes region take notice.

At a campaign stop last month, Richardson suggested states in the arid Southwest, like California, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico, should look to the Midwest to help quench their insatiable thirst for water. Richardson said he advocated a system of "water delivery and water production" to move water west, noting that "states like Wisconsin are awash in water."

Although he referenced Wisconsin, those of us in Michigan should be equally alarmed, especially as more and more people move out West, where there are already major water shortages. It almost defies logic that desert states like Nevada and Arizona are in the midst of population explosions. Take Arizona, for example. Between 1990 and 2000, the state experienced a 40-percent population growth rate, which was three times the national average, and is expected to have 6.4 million residents by the year 2025. The population of Las Vegas, which is one of the fastest growing cities in the nation, is just shy of 2 million residents, up nearly 50 percent since just 1999. Considering their geographic location and this staggering growth, it's not surprising that these places have already tapped out most of their water resources. So the question is, where will they look in the future? Richardson's comments seem to provide an answer. And it's not just the Southwest that is experiencing unprecedented water shortages. The southeastern states of Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia are currently experiencing their worst drought conditions in more than a century. Some cities have used up their water resources and are now having to truck in water to their parched residents. So it's fair to say it won't be long before Michigan and our Great Lakes neighbors have a big bull's-eye on our water resources. That is why we need to put protections in place that will prevent a major water grab by our thirsty neighbors. A good place to start would be for our state lawmakers to pass Great Lakes protection legislation that was introduced in both the state Senate and House back in August, and includes the eight-state Great Lakes Compact and accompanying laws. This legislation will put in place safeguards against water diversions from the Great Lakes basin, which holds 18 percent of the world's fresh water supply. Our lawmakers need to act with some sense of urgency on the legislation, because, as Richardson's comments make very clear, there are plenty of people out there who are thirsting for our water.



# **Goodfellows** need help

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the penny drive for the Canton Goodfellows. We are still taking in pennies and we are over \$1,000 as of this time.

It's the time of year to start thinking about the Goodfellow Holiday Project 2007. We have 569 children in the program this year, all of whom need to be adopted by caring folks in Canton. These children absolutely will not have a happy holiday without help from everyone in Canton. "Angels" who adopt our children buy gifts for the kids to open on Christmas Day. Goodfellows - with a lot of help from our friends - will provide the food and gift certificates for the children and their families.

There are always charities looking for your dollars, but charity needs to begin in our own community. Hunger and poverty live here in Canton, just like they do in Detroit. There are more than n who live the federal poverty guidelines. These are the children and families served by the Canton Goodfellows. We were just amazed to see the pennies pile up the way they did. Now I'd like to ask everyone who has a job, home board election to November. In fact, the and enough food to eat — please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Canton Goodfellows. With 569 children this year - more than we have ever had - we need more help than ever to make sure there's food on the tables and gifts under the trees. Please be a part of the solution. Donations' can be sent to Canton Goodfellows, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48188. If you would like to be an "Angel" and adopt a child or children, please call me at (734) 397-8975 or e-mail at johnancysp@aol.com. Please dig deep and support the Canton children who need all of us to care for them this year. Thanks.

# LETTERS

ber. The last time I heard, they hadn't received a single call - so much for Mexicans stealing jobs.

I am hoping that the people that night were not parishioners nor Catholic. I wanted to tell them if they are so interested in keeping Mexicans and Central Americans out of the U.S., they should consider sponsoring a child through Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). These people do not want to leave their countries. It is a hardship born out of desperation.

**Maureen Anthony** 

Canton

**Jerry Grzesik** 

# **Move elections**

It is time to change the school elections to November and save the money for the schools. More people will get a chance to vote and we will get a broader turn-out. We might even get someone that would know the job actually get elected.

# **Recall is a waste**

I passionately disagree with Mr. John Hett of Plymouth. Political recalls are not for differences of opinions. That is what the ballot box is for.

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If Mr. Hett is for fiscal responsibility, what is his solution to avoid the much larger issue of the impending collapse of the U.S. dollar?

Our country, not just our state, is teetering at the edge of a financial abyss. Mr. Hett need only to look at the national debt, the world trade deficit and the non budgeted "war on terrorism". What will he do when those "bills" finally come due?

Or is he simply a variant of Don Quixote, tilting at the always-present. windmills of taxation with representation?

> Alex Widiger Canton

Canton Improve health care



Nancy Spencer, president Canton Goodfellows Inc.

# **Bishop deserved better**

Thanks to Kurt Kuban for a great editorial ("Too many make immigrants scapegoats for nation's ills," Nov. 1).

I was at St. Thomas a' Becket when Bishop Daniel Flores spoke and was dismayed at the response of the audience. I thought he eloquently described the dilemma — conflicting rights of countries to secure their borders, and the right of man to move for the purpose of feeding their family. This is a complex issue, not easily reduced to right and wrong.

I spend summers in Traverse City where the farmers have been unable to hire enough help to pick their crops. The migrant workers are vital to the U.S. agricultural industry, and the recent tightening of our borders has led to a serious reduction in the workforce. The farmers advertised for farm help with large posters and an 800 phone num-

# **Move school election**

We are in favor of moving the school

Bloomfield Hills model is even better. **Harve and Carol Massey** Plymouth

# Column was off the mark

According to Kurt Kuban's column on illegal immigration, Bishop Daniel Flores was treated rather impolitely after positing that Americans should treat illegal aliens with respect and dignity. With that unrealistic premise. it's no wonder the bishop incurred his audience's wrath. Respect is earned. not given. And making a mockery of this country's immigration laws is not exactly the best way to earn respect from Americans.

In his column, Kuban attempts to play the great humanitarian, performing a little verbal tap dance, with each step geared to obscure the illegality aspect. But illegality is at the heart of this issue. It's not fear of job loss. If that were the case, Americans would decry every single immigrant who steps foot on these shores. It's not racism. No one is bad mouthing Hispanics who are here legally. Does Kuban think that Americans wouldn't be just as furious if it were millions of Norwegians flooding our country while giving the finger to our laws? Indeed, it's illegality that produces animosity toward the trespassers, with the tangential consequences merely adding fuel to the anger.

The most egregious part of Kuban's smoke screen rhetoric was comparing his immigrant ancestors to the trespassers. The analogy was not only an insult to his people, but to everyone who immigrates to this country while playing by the rules.

It is a disgrace that the U.S. is the only capitalist democracy in the world that does not guarantee health care to its citizens. The uninsured are unable pay hospital costs. Many persons cannot and do not receive necessary medical attention. Administrators in nonprofit hospitals earn extraordinary wages. On the federal level, President Bush vetoed a bill which would have provided health care for children, supported by many Republicans.

Democratic candidates for president Clinton, Obama, and Edwards have offered similar plans which would give persons choices: 1. You can keep your current plan if you like it. 2. If you don't like it or are uninsured, you can choose from a list of private plans offered to members of Congress. 3. You can opt for a new public plan patterned on Medicare. Republican opponents including candidates for president, reframe this crucial issue with the words "socialized medicine." I believe they are ethically challenged and morally corrupt.

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# QUOTABLE

"The (service tax was) concocted under the cover of darkness, passed at 4 a.m. (on Oct. 1) and when the light of day hit and the tax was examined, the impact was nothing short of devastating. The uproar has been loud ever since." - Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who is leading a recall effort to repeal a new business services tax approved last month by the state Legislature

# **OTHER OPINIONS**

# won't get us out of hole

he announcement last week of more job losses at Chrysler was just another sign that Michigan's economy is in the toilet.

We also heard last week that Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has started another statewide petition drive to repeal the new sales tax on certain business services that state lawmakers approved in the wee hours of Oct. 1 to avoid a state government shutdown.

Patterson, along with the Coalition To Ax the



Tax, is collecting petitions to get something on the ballot so voters will be able to repeal the new tax, which would apply to business consultants and other small businesses, including landscapers, fortune tellers and hair salon owners. It is part of a \$43 billion state budget. The tax is set to take effect Dec. 1. Patterson says the new ser-

vices tax will be devastating for the businesses - a claim also be made by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, an organization that has never seen a tax it likes.

"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 last week at a meeting hosted by the Troy Chamber of Commerce. 'The uproar has been loud ever since."

Petition leaders need to gather more than 304,000 signatures to put a statutory initiative on a 2008 ballot.

They may not get the chance, however. It seems their threats have gained some traction in Lansing. Leaders in both the Senate and House, fearing public scorn, have said they will introduce legislation to repeal the services sales tax.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has said she is open to having the tax repealed — as long as there is some kind of revenue to replace it. In other words, another tax of some kind.

And that leads us to the big question here: How will lawmakers - if they repeal this new tax before it even kicks in - replace the \$750 million per year it is expected to generate? Granholm doesn't seem to care, as long as any replacement tax is permanent.

If it is repealed, lawmakers will have until Dec. 1 to balance the budget, or they will be right back in the same boat they were in the wee hours of Oct. 1. They won't have a balanced budget, and the government will likely shutdown.

And this brings us back to Patterson, who a year ago, led another petition drive to remove the state's Single Business Tax, which was done without any plan to replace the revenue it produced. Here we go again. In a high risk poker game, Patterson is trying to force the hand of state government.

Right now doesn't seem to be a good time to draw the line in the sand, and force an embarrassing situation where we look dysfunctional to everyone looking in from the outside, including companies wanting to expand operations. Just as importantly, it will also be financially

other ways (funding our public schools comes to mind).

We are in the midst of one of the worst economic times in our state's history. Almost everyone agrees that we are in the middle of a monumental shift in our state's economic history, moving away from our traditional manufacturing base - the Chrysler announcement was just further evidence of this.

I understand Patterson's argument that the tax could really hurt these businesses. However, rather than a repeal, it seems to me the better way to go about this is let this services tax stand on a temporary basis, and get to work at real structural reform of our state government to cut costs so we don't need the tax.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, a Republican from Canton, has been advocating this for a long time. After a couple of years of fighting, he finally was able to get his government efficiency legislation passed and signed into law. The legislation will create a nine-member commission that will look at cutting out the fat in state government.

LaJoy said his intent was to appoint top professionals from corporations around the state who have experience with their own organizations to find ways to be more efficient. He said it is vital that these appointees have no political ties or agendas, but he hasn't received much support on this front, even from leadership within his own party.

LaJoy has become increasingly frustrated, and sent off a terse letter to Republican House leader Craig DeRoche last week, because the commission needs to be selected and have met by the end of the month, according to the new law.

It would be a great shame if the Legislature lets this opportunity slip away, especially when vou hear LaJoy, who has a long career in human resources, discuss all the jobs in state government that are being duplicated. He said each of the government's 17 agencies all do their own purchasing, human resources, and other tasks that he believes could be handled by a single department.

According to LaJoy, there are currently 2,356 government employees who are earning a total of almost \$230 million. He thinks this could be significantly trimmed. Ultimately, he feels this new commission could save the state "hundreds of millions of dollars."

Even if LaJoy is overestimating, it seems to me this is the kind of reform - real nonpartisan reform — our state lawmakers should be looking at. The partisan demagoguery that has taken place up to now has been embarrassing to watch. It would be comical if there weren't so much at stake.

I certainly agree with Patterson that real reform can't take place under the cover of darkness with a state government shutdown looming. Unfortunately, that's exactly where his latest attack on state government is going to take us.

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# **Repealing new services tax** Hunting down those elusive **Michigan legislators**

e stopped off at Plymouth Orchards, our favorite cider mill, in Superior Township this past Sunday. We took the trek out from church in Canton and were glad to see neighbors while out there. It was the final day the larger cider mill building was open for this year, so we wanted to get all our goodies.

A news tip came my way. It seems the



Michigan Legislature won't be in session Nov. 9, tomorrow, until the Tuesday after I'm not a hunter and the purpose of this column isn't to debate the pros and cons

of hunting. It seems to be, however, that if Mr. or Ms. Legislator were a hunter, a

break of two and a half weeks wouldn't be needed to head

North and view late fall's splendor. The Legislature's been in the news a lot lately, what with budget battles and

now recall actions against Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and other Democrats. My news source suggested, and I agreed, that a lengthy break right now isn't really such a good idea. Christmas will be here soon enough and presumably there'll be even more time off then, some of it certainly justified as we non-legislators get to spend time with our families and friends then as well.

Back in the 1950s, my dad served in the state Legislature, representing a portion of Oakland County as a Republican. He was paid \$5,000 a year. There were no legislative staffs, but rather a secretarial pool for each political party where necessary correspondence was taken to be typed and mailed.

It's been 50 years since then and there's no doubt our state has grown and changed. Still,

The people's business can hardly be conducted while in the woods around Gaylord or Petoskey, and the legislators belong at their desks and offices in Lansing, as do their staffs. People in the private sector manage to find time for short hunting treks, and our representatives in Lansing can certainly do the same.

it seems we could learn something from those simpler times about downsizing.

A lot of our state legislators are good about constituent services, keeping in touch with the common man and woman by hosting regular coffee hours at the local library or a coffee shop or restaurant. This is certainly a good use of a legislator's time. Many are good about making the rounds of service club meetings, taking time to keep residents and business people up to date on legislative/government affairs.

I think a case can be made for an aide or two, now that our state's grown in population and prominence. Still, there's a great need to make budget cuts and to get down to business.

The people's business can hardly be conducted while in the woods around Gavlord or Petoskey, and the legislators belong at their desks and offices in Lansing, as do their staffs. People in the private sector manage to find time for short hunting treks, and our representatives in Lansing can certainly do the same.

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# ---- Detroit Ignition 17, Philadelphia Kixx 6

Detroit Ignition midfielder Kyt Selaidopoulus outraced a Philadelphia KiXX player to the ball during the second quarter of Saturday's 17-6 victory. Selaidopoulus notched the game's final goal, an empty-netter with 2:57 left.

# Brazilian duo, new keeper shine in season opener

**BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

Late Saturday night, it appeared as if the Detroit Ignition had registered a statement-making, out-ofthe-gate 17-6 victory over the defending Major Indoor Soccer League champion Philadelphia KiXX in the season opener for both teams.

Less than 48 hours later, it turned out the win was also a going-away present of sorts for head coach Mark Pulisic.

On Tuesday, the MISL club announced that Pulisic had relinquished his job behind the bench for the newly formed position of Director of Soccer Operations. His former role will be filled by recently hired assistant coach Bob Lilley, a nine-year veteran head coach in the United Soccer League.

"Bob has a great soccer coaching mind and he relates extremely well with the players," Pulisic noted in a press release that was distributed Tuesday morning. "The Detroit Ignition, as an organization, is quite fortunate

to have him as their head coach."

If the Ignition plays as well for Lilley as it did for Pulisic on Saturday, he's in for a glorious tenure. With the majority of the roster intact from last season's runner-up finish in the MISL, Detroit played a nearly flawless first half before subduing a late KiXX rally.

New first-string goalkeeper Danny Waltman was stellar between the pipes, shutting out the KiXX over the opening 30 minutes. Offensively, the winners

were paced by a pair of native Brazilians – Hewerton Moreira and Ricardinho who each tallied a pair of net-finders.

'To win the home opener in front of a big crowd is always special," Pulisic said following the game. "The guys know how important it is to get that first one under their belt. We were very good in the first half. In indoors, the momentum can change a bit in the second half, which it did tonight, but we held on

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# **Blazing times**

# Canton captain's work ethic matched by talent







# Callahan lauded

**Detroit Ignition** defenseman Droo Callahan was named the Major Indoor Soccer League's Defensive Player of the Week Tuesday after he recorded four blocks and a three-point goal in a 17-6 triumph over the Philadelphia **KiXX** in Detroit's season opener Saturday night. Callahan ranked second on the Ignition in blocks with 37 during the 2006-07 regular season, and posted two blocks in Game 2 of the 2007 MISL Semifinal against the Milwaukee Wave.

# Rocks shine

A pair of Salem girls cross country runners earned medals at the Lakeland Freshmen-Sophomore Invitational at Lakeland High School on Oct. 30.

The two medal winners were Jordyn Moore, who placed sixth with a time of 20:54 and Shannon Griffiths, who crossed 14th in-21:54.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

It didn't take Canton girls swimming and diving coach Molly Raines very long to realize Monica Blaesser was captain material.

"Monica was one of those girls that you could tell by the way she worked in practice her freshman year that she was going to be a captain some day," said Raines. "She set goals for herself her first year and through hard work and working with her coaches, she's reached most of them." As Blaesser's brilliant high school swim-

ming career nears its final touch, her ultimate goal is still ahead of her - excelling at next week's Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University.

The four-year letter winner will have four opportunities to go out in a blaze of glory as she's qualified individually in the 400- and 200-yard freestyle relay foursomes. Next week's DI finale will be

her third - a feat few swimmers have matched.

"Swimming in the state meet is both exciting and nerve-racking at the same time," she said. "Usually, once I hit the water, the nerves go away."

Blaesser's first taste of competitive swimming came when she joined the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers at the age of 10.

"I was horrible at first," she remembered, smiling. "But I started making a lot of friends through it, I kept going and really started to enjoy it."

One of those friends was current teammate Allison Schmitt, who is one of - if not the -- best swimmer in the state. Coincidentally, Schmitt's best two

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DENNY BARNES

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central guarterback Ryan Houska (11) hands off to running back Cory Amble during a game against Orchard Lake St. Mary's earlier this year. Houska, a resident of Plymouth Township, and Amble, from Canton, have been instrumental in the Shamrocks' turnaround season.

# Local players spark resurgent Shamrocks

### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

For three straight autumns earlier this decade, Cory Amble sat in the Pontiac Silverdome stands and watched his older brother, Drew, help lead Detroit Catholic Central's football team to back-to-backto-back Division 1 state championships.

At the same time, he dreamed of the day when he would have the opportunity to follow suit.

That day may not be far off thanks to

the efforts of Amble and several other Plymouth and Canton residents, who have played major roles in the Shamrocks' return-to-prominence season.

After missing the playoffs two of the past three years, CC has churned out a 9-2 record, which it will take into Friday night's Division 1 quarterfinal game at unbeaten Holt.

'This team has really stuck together and believed it can win," said Amble, a

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The two medalists performances helped the Rocks place third with 107 points. Novi won the meet with 46 points, 23 points ahead of runner-up Lake Orion (69).

Other Salem competitors were Alex McHugh (28th in 22:33), Kara Booms (29th in 22:38), Phoebe Vanhoof (30th in 22:41), Kristina Klusek (32nd in 22:46) and Alyssa Calkin (36th in 22:52).

# Vipers fund-raiser

The Canton Vipers 13U travel baseball team will be holding a bowling fundraiser Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The cost of the event is \$20. which includes three games of no-tap bowling, two slices of pizza and a pop. For more information, contact Joel Thompson at (734) 634-4963.

Canton's Monica Blaesser has been a solid four-year contributor to the Chiefs' swimming and diving program. The senior is also one of the team's captains this season.







# LOCAL SPORTS



GREGORY SHAMUS

Detroit Ignition forward Ryan Mack advances the ball up the field during Saturday night's season-opening 17-6 victory over the visiting Philadelphia Kixx.



for a nice win."

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Pulisic had high praise for Waltman, who served as the primary back-up for Sanaldo last season.

"Danny's a very good goalkeeper," said Pulisic. "He was very focused tonight and he had a solid game. We were very proud of him."

Detroit's initial goal of the season was one for the highlight reel. Hewerton threaded a cross-field pass to Ricardinho, who tapped a no-look backward dish to Jonathan Greenfield, who rifled a low, hard laser past KiXX net-minder Peter Pappas to make it 2-0 just 2:25 into the contest.

The Ignition padded its lead to 5-0 with one tick left in the first quarter on a three-point goal by Hewerton that came off a free kick. Ricardinho notched the assist.

Hewerton (from rookie Vahid Assadpour) and Ricardinho (penalty kick) tacked on second-quarter goals to expand the Ignition's halftime advantage to 9-0.

Waltman preserved his shutout — at least temporarily — with an incredible save of a rebound shot off the foot of Philly's Sammy Castellanos. Ricardinho made it 11-0 with 5:41 to go in the third when he beat Pappas with a ground-skimming bullet after securing a pass from Hewerton.

The KiXX finally dented the scoreboard with 2:40 left in the third when Tony Donatelli converted a penalty kick.

Philadelphia generated some momentum early in the fourth with back-to-back goals from Angel Rivillo to cut its deficit to 11-6, however, the KiXX pulled their goalie for an extra attacker with 4:54 left and the Ignition answered with two quick scores from Droo Callahan (a three-quarters-length-of-the-field triple with 4:02 left) and a long three-pointer off the foot of Kyt Selaidopoulos.

The Ignition's depth was reflected in the fact that Jamar Beasley — the MISL's MVP and leading scorer last season — was held without a goal or assist.

"After being the leading scorer in the league last year, Jamar is going to be marked a bit tighter this year," said Pulisic. "He's going to have guys double-teaming him all the time, which means we're going to have to get contributions from everybody on our roster this year — from one to 20 — if we're going to be successful."

After one game, they did and they were.

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# PCA sweeps to 5th straight District volleyball crown

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Losing was not in the Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team's vocabulary at Saturday's Class D District tournament at Washtenaw Christian.

The Eagles continued their late-season surge by sweeping all three teams they faced and claiming their fifth consecutive District title.

Coach Missy Henry's spikers kicked things off with a 25-7, 25-12, 25-6 triumph over crosstown rival Canton Agape in a quarterfinal match.

They then bumped the host Wildcats, 25-15, 25-18, 25-14, before ousting Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner in three: 25-19, 25-15, 25-12.

PCA will now take its 22-12 record into Saturday's Class D Regional tournament at Lutheran Westland. It will face off against No. 2-ranked Hillsdale Academy at 10 a.m.

"The girls were very focused and very confident all day long," said Henry, who is coaching her final season at PCA. "We didn't play great in the final match, but they did enough to get the job done.

"The first match was nice because everybody got to play a lot. We have a few girls on the team who usually don't see a lot of time, but they did in that



Pictured above are members of the Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team after their title-clinching victory at Saturday's Division 4 District tournament at Washtenaw Christian.

match."

Several Eagles soared in the championship effort. Senior setter Sara Ross was nearly flawless as she racked up 55 set assists, 33 digs, 18 kills and 28 service points. Also making major contributions were junior middle-blocker Megan Greve (23 kills, eight blocks and 10 points), junior libero Miriam Monroe (55 digs and 38 points) and senior allaround player Jenna Misch, who notched 49 digs, 12 kills and 14 points.

"Last year was supposed to be my final season of coaching because I was moving down to Indiana, but I ended up putting it off and staying one more year," said Henry. "I'm glad I did because this has been a great group of girls to work with."

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# Hawks fly high

The U-15 Michigan Hawks won the Michigan State Cup Championship last month. The Hawks defeated the Novi Jaguars FC, 4-0, in the title match. Pictured (bottom row from left) are Lisa Vogel, Lindsey Roy, Allyssa Haney, Bronte Payne, (middle row from left) Mika Bussey, Gabby Gauruder, Kirsten Evans, Kaitlynn Clemens, Taylor Jahnke, Melanie Pickert, (back row from left) coach Tim Ernst, Katie Brown, Rebecca Gebhard, Mary Kathryn Fiebernitz, Payj O'Shea, Tayler Ward, Taylore Peterson and Jordan Rakas. Not pictured is Aliina Weykamp.



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Pictured are members of the Salem, Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Christian Academy girls cross country team who qualified for Saturday's Division 1 and Division 4 state meets: Jordyn Moore (Salem), Molly Slavens (Plymouth), Kelly Hahn (Plymouth), Rachel Rohrbach (Canton), Katy Galm (Canton), Bianca Kubicki (Canton), Sarah Thomas (Canton), Katie Rymond (Canton), Erica Eimers (Canton), Chelsea Smith (Canton) and Armila Francis (PCA). Not pictured is Plymouth's Beth Heldmeyer.

# THE BEST IN THE LONG RUN

# Area's cross country runners make a 'State'-ment at final meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Led by All-State performer Kevin deBear, Salem's boys cross country team capped a stellar season Saturday afternoon with a 13th-place showing at the Division 1 state meet held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

deBear's personal-best time of 15:55.2 was good enough for 14th place and All-State honors, which go to the first 30 finishers.

"Kevin worked hard for everything he got this year,' said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "This tops off a great season for him, being All-State and running under 16 minutes at the state meet.

"These kids amaze me every year the way they train and prepare themselves to run their very best at the end of the season. It's really a testament to the hard work they put in all year.'

Salem finished with 404 points, six fewer than 14thplace Canton, which was paced by junior Duncan Spitz, who placed 40th in 16:25.4.

# Canton girls 21st

Led by junior Sarah Thomas's All-State effort, the Chiefs finished with 494

points. Thomas crossed the line in 30th place with a clocking of 18:56.8. The top 30 finishers earn All-State



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Pictured are members of the Canton, Salem and Plymouth boys cross country teams who qualified for last Saturday's Division 1 state meet: (front row from left) Justin Huev (Plymouth), Kyle Clinton (Canton), Jason Smith (Salem), Matt Devey (Salem), (back row from left) Greg Reed (Canton), Josh Osinski (Canton), Zack Spreitzer (Canton), Aaron McClellan (Canton), Derek Hoerman (Canton), Duncan Spitz (Canton), Kevin deBear (Salem), Rob Curtis (Salem), Craig Cowing (Salem), Justin Kane (Salem) Michael Charara (Salem).

honors.

Four of the Chiefs other six runners were freshmen, a fact that should make Canton one of the area's top teams in the fall of 2008. Joining Thomas were

Bianca Kubicki (88th in 19:51.4), Rachel Rohrbach (94th in 19:56.6), Katherine Rymond (135th in 20:47.8), Katherine Galm (147th in

20:57.8), Chelsea Smith (170th in 21:33.6) and Erica Eimers (180th in 22:53.0).

A trio of Plymouth runners competed in the year's biggest race: Molly Slavens was 96th with a personal-best clocking of 19:35: Beth Heldmever was 140th with a time of 20:10 and Kelly Hahn. who was hampered by a pulled calf muscle, placed 156th place in

20:26.

"For a girl who came into the season with a stress fracture, Molly Slavens sure came on strong at the end," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "We had a great year as a whole. I am excited for next year already." Salem's lone qualifier,

Jordyn Moore, placed 123rd in 19:54.0.



"Duncan got his season best time and was one second off his career best, but he still wasn't real happy about his performance," said Canton coach Bill Boyd. "It left a taste in his mouth that makes him want to do better next year."

As expected, Pinckney won the state title with 124 points, 17 fewer than runner-up Saline. Two Pirates placed in the top seven — winner Brian Hawkins (15:26.9) and seventh-place Mike Katsefaras, who crossed in 15:50.2.

Along with deBear, Salem received strong efforts from Rob Curtis (49th in 16:28.7), Craig Cowing (101st in 16:59.5), Jason Smith (112th in 17:09.1), Matt Devey (128th in 17:17.0), Justin Kane (135th in 17:19.0) and Mike Charara (176th in 18:06.8).

Running well for Canton along with Spitz were Kyle Clinton (58th in 16:33.4), Derek Hoerman (60th in 16:34.5), Greg Reed (119th in 17:13.4), Josh Osinski (133rd in 17:19.3), Zach Spreitzer (140th in 17:23.0) and Aaron McClellan (157th in 17:43.0).

Justin Huey, Plymouth's lone representative, placed 166th in 17:10.1.



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HELO DWF, 57, 54*, 180lbs, size 16, attractive redhead, ratired RN, homeowner, smoker, loves cooking, movies, good company, conversation and travel. Give me a call. All call returned 17229066 COULD U BETHE ONE 4 ME?

Active SWF, 52°, blonde, fun-loving, nurse likes boat-ing, traveling, sports, dancing and dining, seeking a SWM, 70-78, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more, 12231724

GETTO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 19963760 LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL Attractive SWF, 50s, 577, 155 bs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality, Masters heiping protes-sional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. 27892242

capin, etc. 0785/242 HERE I AM GUYS Loving, saxy SBF, 34, caramet complexion, 5'5", 156lbs,brown eyes, independent, employed, secure, Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-mind-ed man who wants to share something real. 07238307

ed man who wants to share something real. \$238307 SEARCHING FOR A MAN... 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and prefty. Only Jewish men please. \$3962317 SHORT GUYS A PLUS SWF, 46, petite, attractive, nature girl, looking for life partner, who's life is as together as mine. Someone who's 40-50, and looking for a great girl for LTR. \$113552

DO YOU EXIST? DWF, 58, 57", slender, very attractive, college-edu-cated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, din-ing and travel. Seeking widdweddiwcroed WPM, 55 63, athletic, healthy, tail, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. 72/20/296 PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL

SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. Reg1047 2891247

SWEET SEXY LADY WANTS... to be swept off my feet! Very pretty SWF, 42, brunette, 56°, 133bs, N/S, seeks good-locking, tail SWM, 40-45, honest, medical professional, college-educated, romantic, sensual, for friendship first, possible LTR. **2235306** 

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION LOOKING FOR A COMPANION Tall, attractive WIWF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide ver-ity of interest to share all life offers. 32236418 AWATTING YOUR CALL Honest, attractive SBF, 25, 572, 150bs, mother, employed, baring, looking to meet outgoing, child-riendly, respectful Christian man to enjoy dinner dates, good taks, tamily, friendship and tun. 32237322 ERIENDS EIRST

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FRIENDS FIRST WIWF, 68, 5'6', 1450s, healthy, honest, happy, likes corredy films, country cooking. Looking for autoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. 37139719 WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE I am in my early 60s, 5'2', brown/brown, i enjoy danc-ing, outdors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. 3782305 WID SCUIL More is two marks

and maybe a relationship. Please call. 12192305 VOUR SOULMATE IS WAITING SBF, 27, 5'4", chocolate complexion, pretty brown eyes, dimples, thick build, looking for SBM, 28-80, for friendship and possibly more. 1222022 VERY CUTE SBF, 56, 53", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident mate, 45-56, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special 131398

ARE YOU SEEKING? DWF, 63, 52°, Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincare, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, trav-el, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves fam-ily, for dating. Tat630808

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3', 156bs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest l/Mng, parity refree, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open.

COULD IT BE YOU? SBF. 44. profe indep

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SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoya church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and consider-ate, to share all life has to offer, 22235986

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND... a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 57", 120bs, long dark curry hair, ND, NS, DD-free, never married, no children. Interested? Calil **12**224748

HEY GUYS SBF, 28, mother of 3, dark complexion, 5'4", 120lbs, red/brown, likes chilling at home, hanging with friends. Looking for a loving SM, to get to know. 12/234676

GOOD TIMES Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 39, educated, DD-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. **22**159358 LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SBF, 19, full-figured, 5⁴⁴, caramel complexion looking for a good man to enjoy talks, hang out with and just get to know. **27**230300 CREATIVE MAKEUP ARTIST Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5%, 124bs, pro-fessional attractive, intelligent and educated, lovee music, dancing, outdoors, cooking, movies and cre-ative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. TD/20791

with like 12/230791 NEW BEGINNINGS

Attractive, 5'5", mid 50s, lady, with many interests, seeks mature man, with a SOH, and a warm smile, frishd, companion, 60+, all serious replies answered 2233677

COULD YOU BE THE ONE? SBF, 27, self-sufficient, up front and real seeks employed, respectful, nice man independent and not about games, to get to know and have a good time. 22231868

POSSIBLE LTR SWPF, 58, 57, attractive, slender, athletic, IVS, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-82, IVS, college degreed, heatthy, SOH, possible LTR. 27993381

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SWF; 59, 54", easy on the eyes, full-figured, nice per-sonality, D/D-free, enjoys camping, music, tootball, casinos, cocking and much more. ISO god-natured SWM, 55-71, with same interests. 17220957 SF, 65, employed, outgoing, honest and fun-loving, Libra, wishing to meet a southern gentleman, social drinker with good sense of humor, to share at life offers. 2226704

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SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enloys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities, 27164114 COULD IF BEYOU? Employed SWF, 50, 5/3", blond/hazej enjoys day

trips, quiet times, getaways, sightseeing, window shopping, trying new restaurants, moonlight strolls. Seeking like-minded gentleman who would appreci-ate the same. 22:27075

OUTGOING AND OUTSPOKEN SBF, 19, 510°, likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over dinner. 12208077 QUEEN SEABCHING FOR KING

QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING SWF; 23, seaching for a SBM, 25-35, outgoing, sen-sative, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. **12**/208814 **NURSE** Attractive SWF; 64, 57, 13/50s, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for N/S, honest genteman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and homa life **12**/09879 home life. 22409879

SBF, 33, 5'5", 160lbs, caramet complexion, brown eyes, looking for a loving SM, to share talks, good times, shopping, dancing laughter and simple times.

22213013 WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for triendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's gst together and get to know each other. 12:217234

Know each other, 122/7/24 SEEKING MR, RIGHT Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60, Im a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who en(oys a variety of activities, liyoure seeking your soul-mate, why not try me?, 12985/794

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER SBF, 56, looking for a cultural man who enjoys restau-rants, cales, the Arts, French culture, etimulating con-versations, reading, cooking and more. Lets meet and see if we connect. 32226494

FUN AND SIMPLE SBF, 19, dark complexion, artsy, easygoing, passion-ate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. 12222583

Stangeness. Quirky, compassionate SF, 27, mother with 11 month old who is my world, loves reading, friends, animals, and exploring life. Seeking someone compassionate to share a friends first relationship.

READY FOR A FRESH START?

HEADT FOR A FRESH START? DWF, 47, 55, 120bs, long blond¢bius, weii-propor-tioned, very faminine, attractive, self-amployed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 61°+, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, encretetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentieman. ©592549

INEED A LOVE... to keep me happy, Attractive, classy, delightful, cham-ing WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. 2358059

CLASSY LADY SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. 207254



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SBM, 46, looking for that special persons for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, inde-pendent and know what you want in life. **27**692418

A TERRIFIC GUY SWM. 45, 6', blue/brown, 200lbs, N/D, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, IVD, nutworthy, 35-55, in good shape, w/similar interests. Possible LTR, 2224408 LETS GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 22128302

TALL, ATHLETIC TALL, ATHLETIC SWM, 48, 6'2', 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blus, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys out-doors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open, TDS31308

LONELY & READY SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 455, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. 27950305

HI LADIES! DHM, 48, kind, hard-worker, NS, seeks a HWF, 37-57, NS, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. Possible LTR. 2216527

russible Li H. Taz 1052/ ISO MY COUNTERPART Adventurous, energetic, handsome, laki-back SWM, 48, tooks younger, 5117, NS, enjoys traveling, dining out. Seeking fit, energetic, pretry woman, 28-59, NS, with same qualities, and Interests, for LTR, 172216526

SEEKING A TRUE HEART SECTIVE A INCENSION AND A TOTE REPORT SM, 44; self-employed, honest and hard-working, mod-est and humble, loves music, long walks, parks, movies, dinners, plays. Seeking a kind,like-minded woman to share companionship, happiness, maybe love. 2231534

INVE. TATA'1534 BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE SWM, 35, IVS, good-looking, trustwarthy, enjoys boat-ing, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 2640, race unimportant, for infendiship leading to possi-ble LTR. 20205048

LIFE IS BEST SHARED Secure, employed, independent SWM, 39, sociable, affectionate, kind, seeks similar lady who likes sports, theater, romance, to share the finer things in life, laughter and anything that comes our way. T232808 CUTE, CUDLY COWBOY Wise and kind SVM, 48, enjoys simplicity, and tairs, fiea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests T2200459 ENUMY THE VERSE

ENJOY THE VIEW Romantic, thoughtful SVM3, 93, Is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuidding, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. 20113835 WORTH THE CALL

WORTH THE CALL Healthy, romantic, happy, reliable SWM, 38, weil-built, attractive, open-minded, likes bowling, movies, good talks and laughter. Seeking similar, commitment-minded SF, into having a good time, to share friendship maybe more. 12:235780

HELLO SEXY LADIES Romantic, honest SBM, 36,brownbrown, 165/bs, look-ing for stim,attractive sociable, open-minded SF commi-ment-minded and caring who knows how to enjoy life to the fullest and appreciates a good man. 37235940

HEY SWEET LADIES Loving, respectful SBM, 29, looking for a good woman with a good heart and warm smile who know show to treat her man right and loves a little romance. 17236647

WHAT'S UP LADIES SBM, 31, 61", caramel complexion, 205lbs, cool, down-to-earth, employed, open-minded, available and tru, locking for a saxy lady, to get to know, kick it with and have a good time. T236685

WORTH A SHOT Easygoing honest, fun-toving guy, 36, 6'2', 250lbs, for-mer Marine, father of 2, ISO romantic, outdoorsy, sen-sitive, sweet, child-fitnolly lady who can make me laugh and smile, is it you? 12237256

CARING AND COMPASSIONATE Goo-looking SWM, 82, good listener, enjoys cards, travel, the arts, walks and more, offering a good friendship to a warm-hearted woman, with inner/outer beauty. 22233588 A GREAT GUY

Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, fiea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversa-tion and connection. 27176478

TRY ME SWM, 200, likes playing sports, time with friends, movies and more. Seeking a cool, fun SF into the same. Hope it's you. 2234425

GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS Cool, classy, attractive SWM 50s, HIV+ seeks spe-cial lady for dating and possible LTR. 1235509 DON'T KESITATE .... Call for a date! SWM, 55, happy, healthy, N/S, enjoys reading, cooking, home life, road trips, seeks SWF, 40-59, for companionship, maybe more. 20992956

WANTED: A GOOD WOMAN

SBM, hardsome, intelligent, D/D-free, enjoys having fun, exploring new things, casinos, concerts, seeking a W/HF 25-60, pretty, for good times, conversations and LTR. 12/235522

HANDSOME MALE BBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, consid-erate, confidence, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. 12984967

GOD FIRST

SBM, young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250hs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, sport bikes, movies. Seeking a SF, 30-45, race open, N/S, whols caring, hon-est and laid-back with sense of humored. **13**221121

est and laid-back with sense of humored. 15221121 MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC Tail, athletic SWM, 48, 627, 2001b, brownblue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-c.t., good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fan. Age/coation open. 1558/7540 SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE SM, 51, 5'11', 1851bs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, car-ing SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. 12146012 UFE DOESN'T END AT 60.

LIFE DOESN'T END AT 60... It starts' SWM, 62, enjoys meting new people, trying new things, laughter and living life to the fullest. Seeking active, happy lady who feels the same. Friendship, fun, LTRY 32228516

LOOKING FOR YOU LOOKING FOR YOU SBM, 20, 6', full-time student, enjoys singing and song writing. Seeking creative, lovely lady, beautiful inside/out, with a warm heart, big smile, and passion for music, to share file. 17235228

WORTH IT SM, 63, blond, 6', 200ibs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keep-ing active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, energetic, attractive lady wispontaneous streak, who enjoys the same.

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND SWM, 28, tooking for sociable, fun-toxing SBF; 22-30, no kids, smoker ok, active and open-minded, for shar-ing friendship, fun times and possibly more. 2232910

VOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short tips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. 22176497

NICE GUY

SWPM is looking for a companion, SWF, 50-65, to enjoy each other's company. I like movies, sports, and other things, I'm 68, 155lbs, 5'6", and an active profes-

AWALK AND A TALK Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and coh-certs. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. 12/200890

GOOD BETTER BESTI SWM, 49, 59", 195ibs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF; to have and hold. 17992943

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LET'S TALK SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantio weiks, dining and more, seeking a tail, caring SBM, 54-59, honest, respectful, who enjoys the same, for friendship, maybe more. No head games/drama, 20190972

ITALIAN/SICILIAN MAN ... IIALSAVSTICILEAN MAR... warted. 40-year-old SEF, 55° looking for handsome, fun, older Italian or Sicilian Male, 40-55 years old. I like shopping, movies, and cooking. \$218523

HTHERE SBPF 35, 5'8", 135lbs, sexy, curvy, golden-brown complexion, long hair, beautiful smile, seeks SWM, 45+, to share life and all to fores, 1 enjoys water sports, travel, fine dining, art. **17**218966

BF SEEKING MR. RIGHT SBF, 38 mother, N/S, seeking WM ,40-60, N/S, for a friendship that could turn into something more. I enjoy life, reading, travel, camping, fishing and trying new things. 22232181

COULD YOU BE THE ONE Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pret-ty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, whos looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2** 230694

CALLING ALL GOLFERS

WiWF, 61, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, NS, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay

### call now. 2297691 CLASSY AND ATTRACTIVE

SBF, 40, curvy, seeking a SBM, 40-50, masculine, who likes walks, movies and having fun. No head games. 2217813

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU WWF; 57, homeowner, independent, a little tonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good talks and togeth-emess. Seeking a kind man to share these. 2211330

HITHERE SWF: 46, blonde/blue, 5/5', slim, enjoys outdoor activ-liles, sports, Nascar, cooking, reading and animats. Seeking compatible man to share talks, casual dates and then who knows? 12228166

SEEKING FRIEND DWCF, 70, 52°, tooks much younger, N/S, N/D, brownfowm, very easy to get along with, seeks SWM, 59-75, who loves sports, drives and holding hands. 37656264

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Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplifting. 40-50. 27147056

SBF, 36, 5'3', NS, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more, **21**(92050

HELLO GENTLEMAN SBF, 36, 5'2', 135lbs, looking for SWPM, to hang with, get to know and just have some fun. Interested? 17213418

Very cute 48-year-old SWF; could easily pass for 35, 5', 115lbs, long brown wavy hair, looking for some-one to spice up my life. 12230116

LOOKING FOR ME? SBF. 37. attractive attractive, trustworthy, down-to-earth, with hikes walks, movies, dinners, park, music.

Seeking BM, 36-55, for friendship, possible

Seeking BM, 36-55, for triendship, possible romance. \$2220303 HEY GUYS SBF, 20, 5'9", slim, long black hair, enjoys movies, concerts, and just having fun, looking for a nice, respectful man, to enjoy talks, casual dates, and see what happens next. \$2235810

LADY IN THE WOODS SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, homeowner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. 22210247

In life. Livingston county, 122/10247 HOW ARE YOU? SBF, 29, mom of 2, IV/S, furt-loving, caring, compas-slonate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness, 12/200770

# NO DRAMA SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. **2**172726

# MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gournet cook-ing, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. 2151943

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independ-ent and shapely. Sericus replies only, 17684501

LOCKING FOR MZ RIGHT WIWM, 45, 5117, 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking enjoys a variety of activities, inductionated for LTR, with the right person. 12265340

CALL THIS MANI Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 27112288

Warring FOR YOUR CALL Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9', 210lbs, dark brownbrown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life. 27238130

how to enjoy life: 27238130 A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 510°, handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wisense of humor, who enjoys travel, candle-light dinners, plays, dancing, concorts, boaling, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR, 17269646 ABM, 511°, likes swimming and having fun, searching for a down-to-earth woman, 21-30, to enjoy what life has to offer 2721235

has to offer 2212235

WANTS A LADY TO LOVE WANTS A LADY TO LOVE SWM, 47, 5'10", 170lbs, N/S, sincere, loyal, honest and warm-hearted, enjoys dining out, walks, the zoo and weakend getaways. tooking for LTR with sincere, sweet woman. 12231715

SHEEF HOMAIL BEST FOR SHM, 62°, 155lbs, enjoys the arts and more. Would like to meet someone with the same interests, like to me 22233914

### FRIENDLY AND FUN

SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere, warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-60, to get to know and share all the good times in life. \$235738

LET'S TALK SOMETIME pepper/brown, looking for a loving, sweet lady to share fall fun and friendship. 12/236283

TAKE A CHANCE SBM, 46, on disability, enjoys romance, having fun, hockey( playing, watching). Seeking a loving, kind, tuthful woman, 37-46, who loves to have a good time in ife, **T2**236575

LOOK NO FURTHER SBM, 43, 5'11", 190bs, N'S, ND, d'd-free, attractive, honest, independent, open for activities. Seeking SBF, 20-35, for possible LTR. 2222101

EASYGOING Sharp, sociatile SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun motor sports etc. times. 2187614

WORTH IT Loving, retired senior, former educator, wishing to meet ayouthui, active SF, 59-72, who loves movies, dancing, romance and laughter. Could it be you? \$2236410

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily adventures. 2146279

tures. **1**146279 COUGAR LOVER Some things get better with age. Blue-eyed hand-some man, mid-40s, physically/philosophically fit, laid-back, secure, good-humored, w/cougar loving aide, seeks woman with like qualities and interests of travel, music, fitness etc. **1**230057

MAN WITH OUTE DIMPLES Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of a easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. \$195436

COULD IT BE YOU? COULD IT BE YOU? SBM, 48, 612°, brown complexion, wavy hair, mus-tache/goatee, employed, mature, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys soutbod, good company, romance. ISO very attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth and inde-pendent tady, for life and love. 27189723 GOOD LOCKING

COOD LOOKING. SBM, 36, 59°, average, construction by trade, likes movies, night clubs and more, seeking a SF, 25-45, independent, caring, honest, to spend quality time with. 22192696

WANT TO JOIN ME? SWM, 38, social dirinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, tun lady with like Inter-ests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. 22200127

I'M YOUR MAN SWM, 39, 5'9", brown/brown, stocky build, seeking a woman, 18+, to spend time with. \$2214317

HOPE TO FIND U SCOM HOPE TO FIND U SCOM SBM, 5'11", 1701bs, black/brown, brown complexion, erioys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays, more, Looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lacky, good-natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. **2**216113

### HI LADIES

Simple, honest SM, 35, 5'6", brown/nazel, medium

Simple, honest SM, 35, 5'6', brown/hazel, medium build, seeks ritice, kind-hearted, non-judgmental woman to share talks detes, fun and more. 2217053 WORTH YOUR TIME Attractive, clean-cut SM, 46, 5'11', 155ibs, self-employed, respectful, open-minded, enjoys cooking, music, movies, comedy shows. ISO attractive, pleas-ant SWF, 28-42, DD-here, stender-medium build, classy, kind, compassionate and caring, for friend-ship1.TR? 3217334

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TRY THIS ONE Loving, young-looking SM, 36, 59', 200ibs, well-groomed, health-conscious, likes action and horror films, seeking, a rice, cool, honest lady who knows what she wants in life, for friendships and fun. 2219704

SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seek ing a nice woman, Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! \$133382

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# LOCAL SPORTS

# MU cagers boast 1-2 combo

# BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference teams had better be prepared for a lethal one-two punch coming out of Livonia this winter.

Madonna University's men's basketball team will feature a deep, experienced lineup led by seniors Jon Battle and D.J. Bridges — who were the top two scorers in the WHAC in 2006-07, albeit for different colleges - along with senior forward and defensive stalwart Mike Rashad and senior point guard Charlie Henry.

Battle comes over from Indiana Tech after leading the conference in scoring with 20.2 points per game, while Bridges (19.8 ppg for MU) recently was selected preseason Player of the Year by WHAC coaches.

"I think we're excited about the whole aspect of having, finally, six seniors and three juniors," said fourth-year Madonna head coach Chuck Henry. "This is the first time since I've been here that we have such a strong nucleus that's in the upperclass.

"From my experience here, you recognize that teams win with strong juniors and seniors."

That strength throughout the lineup indicates the Crusaders will jump up in the standings. Last season, MU finished 12-19 overall and 8-6 in the conference (fourth place). Pre-season polls have Madonna picked for third, with Bridges the favorite for player of the year.

But coach Henry recognizes it might take a little while for his team to click. There are several newcomers, including Battle and all-around junior wing guard Cedric Sims (a Canton alum who was redshirted last season at Wayne State).

"Right now, we're really working on playing at a quick tempo, fast-breaking at every opportunity and I'm hoping we're going to play both ends well, offensively and defensively," he explained. "But again, that's a process. It's tough at this time because of the newness of everybody.

"It's hard to put a character to this team yet. We're still finding out."

One player Henry knows plenty about already is Bridges, who also led the Crusaders in 2006-07 with seven rebounds per game.

"D. J.'s what I call a warrior," Henry said. "He's an undersized post player (6-3) who gets it done with tremendous work ethic and strength.' Meanwhile, also having

Battle in the lineup will give opposing teams' defenses fits trying to keep everybody in check.

"He's really a good scorer, he's physically a very, very strong kid," said the Madonna coach about Battle. "He was red-shirted for a year, so that gives us a kid who's 23-yearsold. He's fully developed, fully matured and strong with a lot of basketball background behind him."

Distributing the ball will be fourth-year point guard and co-captain Charlie Henry (Canton/Agape Christian), while former Schoolcraft player Sims will be a threat at the other wing guard position.

"He (Charlie Henry) knows the game very well," the coach said. "His aspiration is to

become a college coach, so he's been a student of the game for many, many years." Sims "is really a dynamite

defensive player and an explosive scorer too," Henry continued.

"We really benefited from both of those guys (Battle and Sims) transferring in," he said. ... Those two kids can score, defend and rebound. They've got a complete game."

Also up front will be 6-4 senior forward and co-captain Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial), who tallied eight points and five boards per contest last year.

"Mike's really a great rebounder, a very quick jumper," Henry said. "He's an adequate scorer but his forte is (defense), he was on the alldefensive team last year in the WHAC."

Madonna's solid depth will be spearheaded by senior guard Keith Hearns (Livonia Stevenson, 5.8 ppg), 6-7 freshman forward and Canton alum Ryan Waidmann, junior shooting guard Kevin McLoughlin (a transfer from Alpena) and 6-8 freshman center Geoff Gaylor.



Waidmann will see plenty of

minutes from the get-go. "We're real excited about the career he's going to have at Madonna," Henry said. "He's going to be a contributor."

When MU will need a key defensive stop, Gaylor might find himself in the fray despite being fresh out of high school. "He's probably one of the best shot-blockers I've ever seen."

Freshman point guard Bryant Slaughter (Westland/ Cherry Hill Academy) will also be in the mix while Henry expects injured senior guard

Karvens Paillere to return before December.

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(CP)

Besides having several newcomers to the team, another wrinkle early on for the Crusaders is having to deal with multiple practice sites. Water damage necessitated the installation of a new floor at MU's activities center, so the Crusaders essentially will be a road team until December.

And they have had to handle preseason workouts off-campus, either at Livonia's St. Edith School or Redford's Our Lady of Loretto.



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starting fullback who wears his brother's old No. 17 jersey. "This group of seniors has known since our freshman year that we were good, and this year we're finally proving it.

"Last year (when CC finished 4-5), it seemed like the ball never rolled our way. This year, we worked our tails off in the off-season to make sure that didn't happen again."

# Local connection

Two of the Shamrocks' four captains are local residents: starting quarterback/free safety Ryan Houska (Plymouth) and starting middle linebacker Chris Fischer (Canton).

Among the other locals who have made significant contributions are senior defensive tackle Paul Kanaan (Canton); tight ends Bob Schmitz (Plymouth) and Joe Scanlon (Plymouth); senior tight end/defensive end Brendan Murray; senior running back John Mizzi and senior center

Warren DeLaSalle. They then trailed Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 10-0, in the first half of a Week 6 showdown before what may have been the pivotal play of their

season unfolded. "Amble broke a nice run for a TD right before the half that gave us some momentum," Houska said.

CC went on to win, 21-10, and hasn't lost since, oustscoring its foes 176-34.

The Catholic Central teams that won the state titles had a little swagger to them, and that's what we're trying to bring back," said Houska. "Not cockiness, but confidence."

# Overcoming tough times

The degree of adversity the Shamrocks encountered last season was nothing compared to the hard times Houska overcame early in his gridiron career.

As a sixth-grader playing for Our Lady of Good Counsel, Houska suffered a broken leg. He didn't play again until his freshman year at CC.

"I missed football too much,"

Tyler Seling.

"The biggest reason for our success this season was our off-season workouts," said Houska, whose 4.7 40-yard dash time is nearly as impressive as his 4.3 grade-point average. "Not making the playoffs was very disappointing last year, but it really got us going during the off season. Everybody turned it up a notch this summer. It was ridiculous how hard everybody worked."

# Bump in the road

Following an impressive 3-0 start, the Shamrocks dropped their next two games to Catholic League heavyweights Birmingham Brother Rice and

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he said, when asked why he swapped soccer cleats for football cleats.

The 6-foot-2, 205-pound two-way player has earned some long looks from collegiate programs.

"I've heard from some Ivy League schools," he said, "and Michigan wants me to walk on."

But first he has as many as three games left in his notable high school career.

If Houska and the Shamrocks can win the next two, the Amble brothers will be swapping roles come state finals time.

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# Spartans stroke to 16th WLAA title in 17 years

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

One coach who will definitely miss the Western Lakes Activities Association is Livonia Stevenson's Greg Phill.

He could have been singing "Auld Lang Syne" following Saturday's conquest of another WLAA girls swim title at the Salem High pool, the Spartans' 16th in the last 17 years.

Next year Stevenson and the rest of the WLAA will join forces with the Kensington Valley Conference and two schools from OAA (Waterford Mott and Kettering) in the new 24-school Kensington Lakes Conference.

Stevenson will be paired up in one division with Novi, Northville, Salem and the two South Lyon schools.

"I think it will be all screwed up," Phill said of the new league set-up. "We have one of the better leagues and I don't like the way things have been voted on, We'll have to wait-and-see. The coaches mapped out a scenario, but they didn't use it. They let people who don't know anything about it, make the decision. I don't see a reason for going over there."

As far as the final WLAA meet, Stevenson scored a team-best 574.5 points with Northville finishing a distant second with 391. Canton placed third with 312, edging the host Rocks who settled for fourth with 300. Walled Lake Central (260) and Westland John Glenn (223) rounded out the top six.

"We came into the meet 166 points up, according to the seedings, and we were up 202 after the prelims," said Phill, who took ceremonial dip in Salem's pool following the win. "We did well. Where we were seeded going into the finals, it was going to be hard to improve. For Northville to go from 202 down (in the prelims) to 183 in the finals is a credit to them. They swam well.'

Stevenson captured firsts in eight of the 12 events with seniors Brynn Marecki and Laura Timson leading the way, each figuring in three firsts.

Marecki took individual titles in the 200-yard freestyle (1:55.35) and 100 breaststroke (1:06.19), while Timson captured the 200 individual medley (2:10.41) and 500 freestyle (5:08.23).

Marecki also teamed up with sophomore Ashley Gordon, senior Megan Holycross and senior Blake Holtz for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:51.9).

Timson swam the lead-off leg in the victorious 400 freestyle relay (3:39.07)

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along with freshman Savannah Hatt, freshman Kaylee Dolinski and Gordon, nearly eclipsing the WLAA mark of 3:39.04 set by Stevenson in 2000.

"Both are great kids and hard workers," Phill said of his senior tandem. "They're swimming well right well and we look forward to the state meet. This was a step on the way. Literally, they've been excellent all season."

Marecki won two events recently in the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet held Oct. 13 at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium, the site of the Division 1 state finals (Nov. 16-17).

"Brynn will probably go in the IM and breaststroke," Phill said. "And with Laura, we'll have to talk about it."

Stevenson, winning its 19th WLAA title since 1983, also got a victory in the 1-meter diving event as sophomore Carla McNamara led the way with 342.70 points (for 11 dives). Gordon, meanwhile, tied Livonia Franklin freshman Kayla Douglas in a dead heat for first in the 100 backstroke (1:04.04 each).

Other WLAA individual winners included Canton's senior star, twoevent state champion Allison Schmitt, who captured the 50 freestyle (24.16) and set a league record in the 100 freestyle (51.49), eclipsing the mark of 51.57 (set by Stevenson's Anne Aristeo in 1994).

John Glenn junior Ashley Sells took the 100 butterfly in 59.41, while Northville's quartet of Meghan Kanya, Emily Hopcian, Rachel Engler and Jessica Weber and Canton's foursome of Sara Krebs, Maggie Carlson, Kari Schmitt and Allison Schmitt hit the wall simultaneously to deadlock for first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.33 each).

But the meet belonged to Stevenson.

"I thought our freshmen swam well," Phill said. "Kayla Perchall did a good job, and both the Montini twins (Emilee and Ashley), along with our two studs, Savannah Hatt and Kaylee Dolinski, who were just awesome.'

The Spartans, who hope to improve upon last year's fifth-place Division 1 finish, will take a total of nine swimmers to the state meet.

"I like the way we're positioned," Phill said. "Our best relay is the 200 medley. That's where (Ann Arbor) Pioneer is the most vulnerable."

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# **SWIM RESULTS**

# WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOC. GIRLS SWIM MEET

Net. 1 Nov. 1-3 at Salem H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livoria Stevenson, 574.50 points; 2. Northville, 391; 3. Canton, 312; 4. Salem, 300; 5. Walled Lake Central, 260; 6. Westland John Glenn, 223; 7. Walled Lake Vertex 2010, Westland Nethers, 2012, 0. Duracht Lake Western, 218; 8. Walled Lake Northern, 213; 9. Plymouth, 189; 10. Livonia Franklin, 154.5; 11. Livonia Churchill, 114; 12. Wayne Memorial, 65.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Ashley Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Megan Holycross, Blake Holtz), 1:51.90; 2. W.L. Western (Alexia Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adina Bohr, Stephanie Standriff), 1:56.64; 3. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Khiry Sparks, Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson, 1:57.22; 4. W.L. Central (Jordan Daykin, Rebecca Lee, Madison Sewell, Sarah Roeser), 1:57.99; 5. Salem (Emily Nelson, Sara Spala, Kathryn Gorman, Kristin Hartwig), 1:59.10; 6. Northville (Ashley Filopowicz, Kelly Burford, Becca Myers, Allison Davidson), 2:00.79; 7. W.L. Northern (Kayla Knight, Michelle Carter, Kelsey Slayton, Chloe Reuter), 2:03.34; 8. Canton (Katie Kubacki, Sara Krebs, Kayla Eyster, Christine O'Keefe), 2:04.24

200 freestyle (A Final): 1. Marecki (LS), 1:55.35; 2. Savannah Hatt (LS), 1:57.83; 3. Meghan Kanya (N), 1:58.63; 4. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:00.11; 5. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:02.29; Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:03.06.

(B Final): 7. Adina Bohr (WLW), 2:01.44; 8. Rachel Englert (N), 2:01.60; 9. Natalle Cote' (LF), 2:02.60; 10. Jessica Varana (WLC), 2:04.40; 11. Michelle Chang (P), 2:06.07; 12. Jordan Burgess (JG), 2:07.31.

200 Individual medley (A): Laura Timson (LS), 2:10.41; 2. Ashley Gordon (LS), 2:14.68; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 2:15.90; 4. Ashley Sells (JG), 2:17.54; 5. Emily Hopcian (N), 2:18.64; 6. Emily Nelson (S), 2:19.68,

(B): 7. Madison Sewell (WLC), 2:20.86; 8. Sijia Hao (P), 2:21.86; 9. Catherine Irwin (C), 2:22.96; 10. Emily Bair (S), 2:23.45; 11. Kayla Knight (WLN), 2:26.12; 12. Emilee Montini (LS), 2:28.02.

50 freestyle (A): 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 24.16; 2. Jessica Weber (N), 24.87; 3. Alexia Fregonara (WLW), 25.75; 4. Lauren Cockels (WLN), 26.01; 5. Sarah Roeser (WLC), 26.31; 6. Kathryn Gorman (S), 26,41.

(B): 7. Alyssa Liakos (P), 26.46; 8. Blake Holtz (LS), 26.48; 9. Samantha Curry (N), 26.93; 10. Kari Schmitt (C), 26.97; 11. Andrea Wozniak (WLN), 27.Q0; 12. Madelynn Bevill (WM), 27.45.

 Heter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 342.70 points;
 Katrina Koetting (S), 337.00;
 Leah Dunville (WLC), 303.10;
 Hahnah Saarinen (WLN), 287.40;
 Desiree Clenney (JG), 282.80;
 Bri Waldie (WLN), 275.25;
 7. Keisey-Libbe (N), 268.40; 8. Sophie Daugherty (WLW), 253.20; 9. Kailea Stancer (LC), 242.45; 10. Jennifer Jones (N), 241.40; 11, Jessica Krueger (WLW), 235.55; 12. Kara Hattemer-Plant (WLC), 231,50.

100 butterfly (A): 1. Ashley Sells (JG), 59.41; 2. Adina Bohr (WLW), 59.92; 3. Emily Hopcian (N), 1:00.73; 4. Rachel Englert (N), 1:01.88; 5. Megan Hotycross (LS), 1:03.97; 6. Kayla Douglas (LF), 1:05.39.

(B): 7. Kathryn Gorman (S), 1:05.84; 8. Sarah Opdyke (LS), 1:06.53; 9. Faith Miller (N), 1:06.76; 10. Catherine Irwin (C),

# **BLAESSER** FROM PAGE B1

 $\operatorname{events}-\operatorname{the}200$  and 500 freestyles  $-\operatorname{are}$ Blaesser's best.

Has it gotten frustrating through the years finishing in Schmitt's wake?

"Not at all," said Blaesser. "Swimming with Allison is more motivating than frustrating for me. I push myself more when I swim against her."

Next to long-distance running, swimming may be the most rigorous sport around when it comes to training - especially for 500-yard freestylers like Blaesser.

She handles the stroke-after-strokeafter stroke monotony thanks to the power of positive thinking.

"Whenever I'm training, I try to think about the goals and times I want to reach 1:08.29; 11. Emily Hiser (LC), 1:08.43; 12. Kelsey Slayton (WLN), 1:09.08

100 freestyle (A): 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 51.49: 2. Jessica Weber (N), 54.35; 3. Whitney Aumiller (S), 57.04; 4. Michelle Chang (P), 57.16; 5. Jessica Varana (WLC), 57.38; 6. Blake Holtz (LS), 57.71

(B): 7. Jordan Davkin (WLC), 58.07; 8. Samantha Reid (LC). 58.25; 9. Lauren Cockels (WLN), 58.34; 10. Kari Schmitt (C), 58.45; 11. Alyssa Liakos (P), 59.44; 12. Andrea Wozniak (WLN),

500 freestvie (A): 1. Laura Timson (LS), 5:08.23: 2. Savannah Hatt (LS), 5:08.66; 3. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 5:20.32; 4. Sijia Hao (P), 5:27.46; 5. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:28.94; 6. ordan Burgess (JG), 5:35.98. (B): 7. Natalie Cote' (LF), 5:32.86; 8, Emily Bair (S),

5:33.77; 9. Casey Peterson (JG), 5:36.71; 10. Amanda Suokas (N), 5:41.25; 11. Allison Burke (S), 5:44.92; 12. Michaela Keady (N), 5:46.08.

200 freestyle relay (A): 1. (tie) Northville (Kanya, Hopcian, Englert, Weber) and Canton (Krebs, Carlson, Kari Schmitt, Allison Schmitt), 1:42.33; 3. Stevenson (Timson, Hatt, Dolinski, Holtz), 1:44.09; 4. Salem (Gorman, Heaney, Bair, Aumiller), 1:45.53; 5. Plymouth (Palczynski, Maslyk, Llakos, Chang), 1:45.79; 6. W.L. Northern (Wozniak, Pawolski, Reuter, Cockels), 1:47.41.

(B): 7. John Glenn (Burgess, Peterson, Fielhauer, Sparks), 1:47.25; 8. W.L. Central (Varana, Moskal, McCarthy, Roeser), 1:47.61; 9. Franklin (Cote', Kent, Douglas, Anthony), 1:47.65; 10. Churchill (Cabadas, Nelson, Fox, Reid), 1:52.55; 11. W.L. Western (Standriff, Ostach, Krueger, Johnson), 1:57.67; 12. Wayne (Randles, Bevill, Crandall, Windsor), 1:58.13.

100 backstroke (A): 1. (tie) Kayla Douglas (LF) and Ashley Gordon (LS), 1:01.04 each; 3. Meghan Kanya (N),

Asmey Gordon (LS), FUTU4 each; 3. Meghan Kanýa (N), 1:03.36; 4. Emily Nelson (S), 1:03.88; 5. Alexia Fregonara (WLW), 1:04.33; 6. Megan Holycross (LS), 1:05.51; (B): 7. Charlotte Buckley (LS), 1:05.57; 8. Jordan Haymour (LF), 1:07.92; 9. Kristin Hartwig (S), 1:07.95; 10. Ashley Montini (LS), 1:08.29; 11. Ashley Filopowicz (N), 1:08.66; 12. Catherine * Moeller (LS), 1:09.00.

100 breaststroke (A): 1, Brynn Marecki (LS), 1:06.19; 2, Madison Sewell (WLC), 1:10.44; 3, Maggie Carlson (C), 1:10.64; 4, Rebecca Lee (WLC), 1:10.83; 5, Elle Palczynski (P), 1:11.77; 6, arah Krueger (WLW), 1:14.83.

(B): 7. Kavia Perchali (LS), 1:14.16; 8. Casey Peterson (JG), 1:14.38; 9. Kelly Burford (N), 1:15.33; 10. Shannon Pawolski (WLN), 1:15.94; 11. Sara Spala (S), 1:16.78; 12. Megan Trotter (N), 1:16.82.

400 freestyle relay (A): 1. Stevenson (Timson, Hatt, Dolinski, Gordon), 3:39.70; 2. Northville (Kanya, Hopcian, Englert, Weber), 3:40.75; 3. Canton (Kari Schmitt, Carlson, Blaesser, Allison Schmitt), 3:44.81; 4. W.L. Central (Daykin, Sewell, Lee, Varana), 3:51.76; 5. Şalem (Bair, Nelson, Aumiller Burke), 3:54.21; 6. Plymouth (Chang, Masiyk, Liakos, Hao), 3:56.95

(B): 7. W.L. Western (Standriff, Fregonara, Johnson, Bohr), 3:56.83; 8. W.L. Northern (Wozniak, Knight, Bell, Cockels), 3:57.82; 9. Franklin (Cote', Kent, Douglas, Anthony), 4:00.87; 10. John Glenn (Humbach, Alholinna, Raley, Fielhauer), 4:04.73; 11. Churchill (Cabadas, Hiser, D'Annunzio, Reid), 4:08.47; 12. Wayne Memorial (Bevill, Randles, O'Mara, Windsor), 4:24.60.

at the end of the season," she said. "There are days I don't really feel like swimming, but once I get in the water, it's fun."

The pinnacle of Blaesser's impressive career came at the 2006 Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet when she opened some eyes by outstroking several talented Livonia Stevenson and Northville swimmers to win the 500 freestyle title.

"Before the preliminaries, I wasn't sure how I'd do, " she recalled. "But after I swam well in the preliminaries, I was pretty confident going into the finals."

Blaesser has been nearly perfect in the classroom at Canton as she has compiled a golden 3.9 grade-point average.

She'd like to continue her competitive swimming career at Oakland University. "I've talked to Oakland's coach, I took

a recruiting trip there and I really like the school," Blaesser said.

# **SPORTS SHORTS**

# Compuware adult hockey

Although Compuware Arena is the home of the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, Compuware Youth Hockey, Detroit-Novi Catholic Central hockey and other high school programs, the arena is ready to host another important component of the hockey community.

Compuware Arena - with association with Ed's Hockey - is offering a Winter Adult Hockey League, running on Friday evenings at 8:40 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. The league starts Dec. 7 and runs 10 games through April 4. Adults 18-and-older are invited to participate in the program.

The cost for the program is \$2,200 per team, plus insurance. Teams receive ice, referees, scorekeepers and jerseys. For more information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-6400; or visit the Website at www.compuwarearena.com.

# **Canton Leisure Services**

A family bowling bonanza will be held Friday 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-anda-half hours of bowling for up to six people. Shoes, pizza and giveaways are included in the price. Pre-registration is required by calling the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

■ The Elks Hoop Shoot Contest will be held Saturday 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.





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# LOCAL SPORTS

# Varsity Lions advance to Super Bowl vs. Redskins

In a classic battle that won't soon be forgotten by its participants nor the many fans in attendance, the Canton Lions varsity football team outlasted the Plymouth-Canton Steelers, 22-16, Sunday afternoon in a Western Suburban Junior Football League semifinal playoff game.

The game was a rematch of the Oct. 27 scoreless draw between the two teams.

With the win, the Lions

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advance to this weekend's WSJFL Super Bowl against the Dearborn Heights Redskins, who nipped the Lions earlier this season, 13-12.

in Sunday's game, the Lions roared to a 14-0 advantage thanks to two Kevin Buford TD runs and an extra-point kick by Ian Green. The Steelers cut their deficit to 14-8 late in the first half when Joshua Kuhn hauled in 22yard TD pass.

The Steelers grabbed the lead early in the third quarter when they recovered an onside kick and lit up the scoreboard on a run by Tyler Goble. The extra point put the Steelers up, 16-14.

Both teams had a difficult time moving the ball again until midway through the fourth quarter when Clay Behrman plunged

in from the 1 to put the Lions ahead, 22-16, after Green's PAT. The Steelers drove to the Lions 15 before turning it over on downs.

The Steelers then forced a Lions punt, which was blocked, giving Plymouth-Canton the ball on the Lions 25. On fourth down, the Lions' Marcus Houston picked off a pass to seal the win. Kyle Dexter, William Askew,

D.J. McMillian and Josh Peterson played well for the Lions (7-1-1).

Earning kudos for the Steelers were Goble, Dillon Rahill, Lowell Wade, Kory Ignagni and John Randle.

# Lions freshmen fall

The Canton Lions freshmen football team ended its magnificent season with a hard-fought 13-6 setback to the Ypsilanti Braves. The Lions nearly cut a 13-0 deficit in half midway through the third quarter when

they scored a TD thanks to hard running from Daniel Kilgore. Allante' Wheeler and Chuckie Turfe

The Lions' defense shutout the powerful Braves in the second half thanks to strong play from Shane Raymond, Jake Stropes, Forrest Hall, Dante' Pruitt and Austin Fisher. A frantic, lastsecond pass to the end zone fell incomplete for the Lions, bringing an exciting season to a close.

# **FOOTBALL RESULTS**

# ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 2007 FOOTBALL TEAMS ALL-CONFERENCE (OFFENSE) Center: Ricky Beli, 6-0, 245, Sr., Livonia

Stevenson. Interior lineman: Mike Davis, 6-3, 270, Sr. Wayne Memorial; Mac Ganzak, 6-3, 230, Sr., Canton; Matt Broome, 6-3, 235, Sr., Stevenson Duane Najarian, 6-0, 325, Sr., Livonia Churchill, **Tight end:** Kevin Tabone, 6-4, 235, Sr., Churchill, **Wide receiver**: Myles White, 6-1, 165, Sr., Stevenson; Montel Nix-Fleming, 5-9, 174, Sr.,

Walled Lake Western. Quarterback: David Freeman, 5-10, 185, Sr., Wayne; Mitchell White, 6-1, 170, Sr., Stevenson; Keshawn Martin, 6-0, 176, Sr., Westland John Glenn

Running back: C.J. Woodford, 5-10, 173, Sr., John Glenn; Austin White, 5-11, 180, Soph., Stevenson; Myron Puryear, 6-0, 175, Sr., Plymouth.

Ryan Whittum, 6-2, 185, Sr., W.L. Western; Ryan Whittum, 6-2, 185, Sr., Churchill. ALL-CONFERENCE (DEFENSE)

ALL-CONFERENCE (DEFENSE) Down linemen: Zak Kyle, 6-2, 260, Sr., Wayne; Trent Judiš, 5-11, 250, Sr., Stevenson; Elliott Sylvester, 5-10, 225, Sr., Churchill. End-OLB: Jason Bajas; 6-0, 215, Sr., Stevenson; Pat Cecile, 6-3, 235, Sr., Livonia Franklin. Linebacker: Greg Hasse, 6-3, 235 Sr., Northville; Adonis Adonakis, 6-0, 230 Sr., Walled Lake Central; Dan Washon, 5-11, 205, Sr., Canton; Devin Moynihan, 5-10, 285, Sr., Canton; Pat Back: Adam Powers, 5-10, 185, Sr., Canton; Pat Back: Adam Powers, 5-10, 185, Sr., Canton; Pat York, 5-11, 155, Sr., Stevenson; Israel Woolfork, 6-4, 175, Sr., Franklin; Ryan Dolan, 5-9, 165, Sr., Churchill

Punter: Max Bojovic, 5-7, 130, Sr., Northville, ALL-LAKES DIVISION (OFFENSE) Center: Brandon Decker, 5-9, 195, Sr., W.L. Central.

Interior linemen: Brian Stitely, 5-11, 240, Sr., M.L. Central; Mark Parrish, 6-1, 311, Sr., Churchill; Joe Cantreli, 6-0, 200 Sr., Stevenson; Greg Bevel, 6-1, 210, Sr., John Glenn. Tight end: Adam Sonak, 6-2, 210, Sr., John

Wide receiver: Tom Ropek, 6-4, 185 Sr., Walled Lake Northern; Derek Buskey, 6-1, 175, Sr., Stevenson

Quarterback: Cody Rzeznik, 6-2, 180, Sr., W.L. Central. Running back: Matt Kowalis, 5-8, 178 Jr.,

Churchill; Wade Stahl, 5-11, 170 Jr., Stevenson; Mike Dennison, 6-1, 215, Sr., W.L. Central. Kicker: Victor Sanders, 5-10, 170, Sr., John

ALL-LAKES DIVISION (DEFENSE) Down linemen: Ressie Hill, 5-11, 205, Sr., W.L. Central: Chris Golonka, 6-2, 310, Sr., Stevenson; Zack Bozigian, 5-9, 180 Sr., John Gienn; John Abraham, 6-4, 220, Sr., John Glenn, Abraham, 6-4, 220, Sr., John Glenn, End-OLB: Darius Miler-Wells, 6-0, 205, Sr., Churchill; Max DiCicco, 5-9, 235, Sr., Churchill, Linebacker: Ryan Lopez, 6-0, 200, Sr., John Glenn; John Saaman, 6-0, 210 Sr., Stevenson; Brandt Thomas, 5-9, 185, Sr., Salew. Brack: Jeff Alderton, 5-8, 145, Sr., M.L. Central; Wyatt Stahl, 5-11, 165, Jr., Stevenson; Daran Carey, 5-7, 142, Sr., Churchill.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION (OFFENSE) Center: Sam Kokoszka, 5-11, 215, Sr., Canton. Interior Hinemen: Steven Betts, 5-11, 230 Sr., Plymouth; Justin Sneddon, 5-11, 210 Jr., Canton; Wayı

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Down Hommen: Dan Robinson, 5-9, 265, Sr., Franklin, Matt Baryiski, 5-10, 195, Sr., Canton; Curtis Saroki, 5-11, 235, Sr., W.L. Western. End-OLB: Josh Gonzales, 5-10, 215, Sr., Wayne; Edison Vushaj, 6-4, 214, Jr., W.L. Western. Linebacker: Jordan Short, 6-3, 210, Sr., Franklin; Linebacker: Jordan Short, 6-3, 210, Sr., Franklin Alex Bledsoe, 5-10, 185, Jr., Wayne; Revnell Couch, 5-10, 185, Sr., W.L. Western. Back: Kyle Wallath, 6-1, 185, Sr., Plymouth; Andrew Devine, 5-10, 170, Sr., Northville; Glenn Carreathers, 5-9, 182, Sr., W.L. Western; Corey Campbell, 5-11, 167, Sr., Wayne. HONCRABLE MENTION (LAKES DIVISION) Stevenson: Travis Austin, Joey Doulette, Mike Flynn, Mark Grisa, Emanuel Onwuemene, Chris Summers

Summers

Churchill: Mike Bargerstock, Brian Drinan, Grant Morgan, Jordan Necovski, Nick Seger, Danny Small, Jeff Ricketts, T.J. Tilley, Josh Zak, Nate Zak, Brian Ziemba.

John Gienn: Dazz Bragg, Joey Kowtko, Josh Konopka, Jake Morris, Kyren Boyd, Pat Jensen, James Abraham.

W.L. Central: Nick Agostini, Derek Bahri, David Burwell, Brian Indianer, Steve Robinson, Jamie Schmaltz,

Salem: Jeremy Epley, Justin Burke, Anthony Mullins, Eddie Merhi, Rob Olson.

W.L. Northern: Bob Brown, Mark Butler, Mason Cummings, Jon Janis, Alex Janis, Josh Phillips, Jared Rose, Vinnie Robinson

HONORABLE MENTION (WESTERN DIVISION) W.L. Western: Steve Astrien, Colton Zavitz, Kyle Rieskerm Brandon Shafou, Sam Welch, Erick

Goszczynski, Ryan Goszczynski, Canton: Dakota Dark-Bird, Roger Kropp, Ryan Neu, Cam Pheips, Jerome Scales, Justin Scott, Nick Sweda, Todd Turfe, Robby Walker. Franklin: Mike Birney, Nate Coleman, Brandon Lane, Connor Leidal, Mark McRobb, Austin

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Wayne: Anthony Baskin, Eric Butler, Antwain Calloway, Jordan Dottie, Ryan Nesbitt, Tim Siegfried, Eric Williams. Plymouth: Eric Barrera, Terrance Guthridge,

Anthony Pomerson, Michael Rose, Spencer Tobin, Rico Tyrus, Jackson Vaughn, Aaron Uller,

Corey Gomail. Northville: Kris Baumgardner, David Burke, Aaron Chew, Ryan Gerblick, Matt Hartman, Pat Keady, Matt Wegzyn.

**LIKE NUMBERS?** there are a pile of them in today's SPORTS section



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The softening of the real estate markets in Southeast Michigan is impacting residents who are trying to sell their homes. The impact on builders who started projects prior to the downturn is creating opportunities for buyers, as well as forcing builders and developers to change their approach to selling their inventory.

"We're also promoting the community as a whole," said Tim Gilson, a Realtor with RE/MAX Home Sale Services of Plymouth. The true market value of properties is a vital part of getting a home to sell in this challenging market.

"I think that's honestly 80 percent of the game in real estate. Otherwise, your property is simply going to sit," Gilson said of getting the price right. "Data from a year ago is nearly irrelevant to us at this point. Fewer buyers, less demand, lower prices," Gilson noted.

"It's a combination of general economic conditions in Michigan." The auto industry has faced considerable challenges, and also people are leaving the state.

"Last year was the beginning of the retirement of the baby boomers. That's going to be somewhat of a drain on population," Gilson said. In addition, people with greater credit risk are giving up their homes to avoid foreclosure "or simply can't afford to keep them."

"They simply can't sell their houses." There are up to 42,000 or so units in tri-county area for sale now.

Internet information means people know what homes are out there for sale. "The buyers have so many choices right now. It's really about the pricing.' Pricing and condition determine the value, Gilson said.

Builders typically start project and deliver the first several units as "loss leaders" in order to jump-start a development. As a development continues, prices traditionally increase so that as the occupancy increases, the developers and investors begin to earn a return on their investments. The underlying assumptions of stable and increasing property values are typically considered when planning a new development.

in the last year, these traditional assumptions have been shattered as we see price reductions in the condo markets approaching 30 percent year over year in Southeast Michigan. The real profits are typically realized by builders on the last units delivered in a development, when all of the sunk costs have been covered by earlier sales. Builders and developers live for the days of a "close-out special" - as

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The Orchard Condos on Slocum in downtown Farmington are among properties being marketed to move in a challenging economy.

they only decide how much profit they will take. In earlier markets, a builder could decide simply if he/she was going to earn 3 percent on the project or 8 percent to close it out. Today the decision is "will we break even and get our money out by making incredible deals, or will we lose only 5-10, or 20 percent in order to complete the project?"

It is no secret that builders are leaving the business in Michigan due to the soft demand.

Loft style condos in Royal Oak and Ferndale areas had incredible response during the early millennium. The new concept of open living in downtown environments offered an alternative to young and old who were looking for an unique inestyle. In areas such as Novi and Farmington/Farmington Hills and Livonia/Northville, a more traditional "stacked Brownstone" construction offered similar new architecture with a feel of community living.

as make painful decisions on canceling or delaying indefinitely the start of projects that are already planned and permitted. Numerous examples of canceled or mothballed/delayed developments exist in Ferndale and Royal Oak — hit particularly hard by lower demand for lofts and townhomes.

Steve Schneeman, president of S3 Architecture and developer for The Orchard Condos in downtown Farmington, relates: "When we planned this project beginning in 2002 few in Southeast Michigan had an inkling that we would see a downturn as severe as we have seen. We understood that high quality construction including solid core doors, upgraded The reasonable of the reasonab ground parking, and all brick brownstone construction would be in high demand in a downtown setting. We were correct, and our initial sales were in line with expectations." In late 2005 and early 2006 the situation changed and The Orchard Condominiums made the decision to adjust with the market or face bigger problems.

"Although we knew that earlier buyers of our project would not be happy about it - we elected to bring them new neighbors and work to completing the project rather than leave it half completed. We adjusted prices significantly and started to offer incentives like free upgrade packages in order to compete for the ever scarcer buyer. We have seen some success and keep a sharper eye on the local and regional markets in order to stay competitive. We're trying to make ourselves stand out in the crowd, and it's partially about letting potential buyers we have a great product, but it's also important to let them know that Farmington is a great community to live in." With the new Farmer's Market and pavilion in downtown, good dining opportunities in walking distance, all conveniences including gym, hardware, grocery, and dining are within steps of the development. The development has been attractive to professionals such as physicians who are looking for large open loft style spaces, with low maintenance and quiet living.

As the market softened, developers had to rethink what they are doing in order to continue to sell the project. Some units are as much as \$50,000 lower than they were originally. The sellers have just reduced prices another \$30,000 - the 1215 Square foot ranch units now start at \$159,000 and the 2200 Square foot Loft units start at \$219,000. These units were selling a couple of years ago in the \$240,000 range and \$300,000 range, respectively.

Nobody really knows when the downturn in pricing will end. Some agents claim that a typical up-and down cycle of Michigan economics will allow us to rebound in the next 12-14 months. Others like Gilson call for a much more lengthy recovery citing statistics about retirement of baby boomers, reducing birth rates in Michigan, and drain of population in general from economic downturn in the state, and the loss of recent college graduates.

Gilson calls for a recovery no sooner than 12-14 years out. "Nobody

# This dog park created legal woes

Q. I recently heard about a case where a dog park was deemed to violate a deed restriction limiting the use to "strictly residential purposes." Do you have any information on it?

A. The Supreme Court of this state held, on the case I think you're referring to, that the lot used as



a dog park is a "more serious violation of the deed restriction despite a neighborhood association's apparent

acquiescence to

**Robert Meisner** 

the lots use as a municipal park." The court said this is so because a permanent structure is involved, there is continuous and systematic use of the lot, rather than previous or irregular use, people are encouraged to bring dogs to an area where dogs were previously prohibited and there is more traffic in the surrounding neighborhood. The court made this decision notwithstanding the fact that no objection had been lodged for 75 years to the property's use as a municipal park. There was a dissent filed by a justice indicating that using the lot as a dog park does not violate the deed restriction. particularly since the plaintiff failed to object to the use of the lot for over 75 years.

Apparently, the Supreme Court has not been impressed with the concept of acquiescence or estoppel, which one would think would normally be the controlling issue.

The softening demand for loft and condo markets across southeast Michigan is causing those same builders and developers to look at new ways to keep sales going on projects, as well

really knows when a recovery in Michigan will occur — but there's a real opportunity for buyers in today's market to secure their futures if they 'buy smart.' At the same time it's more important than ever for sellers to recognize the real value of their homes if they intend to sell instead of just list their homes or condos for sale."

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Q. Our association is perplexed by the question of whether or not there is any obligation to notify members of sex offenders in the condominium if it comes to our association. What do you think?

A. It is a tough question and you should be very careful about handling it because there is potential liability if you are incorrect. On the other hand, you may have a duty to inform the homeowners of the fact that they should, at least, check the sex offender registry and/or that there may be a sex offender in the condominium. My best advise is to get a legal opinion from counsel.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium **Operation: Getting Started & Staying** on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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# **AUDI Q7 TOPS OUT GROWING FLEET OF LUXURY CROSSOVERS**





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fice Hours:<br/>8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.Of course, Ford also has fielded the MKX crossover,<br/>which I'm seeing all over town in a striking new color<br/>that Lincoln is calling Crème Brulee. Japanese makes also<br/>have become strong in luxury crossovers, including the<br/>Lexus 350, Acura MDX and Infiniti FX.<br/>But this segment also is where German makers are<br/>finding an appreciative audience of Americans who like

**By Dale Buss** 

finding an appreciative audience of Americans who like how they combine the classic attributes of great performance engineering with a new generation of amenities in a fresh and winning formula. Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi are all helping to take the appeal of crossovers to higher new levels in the U.S. market. The best of the lot may well be the Audi Q7 4.2. This

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Now that it's pretty clear the era of the big, lumbering

translucent that crossover vehicles are replacing them in

And there's no larger testament to this fact than what's happening at the upper end of the market. Every luxury make now has a representative vehicle in the field that

combines car-like handling characteristics with some of

the classic advantages of sport-utility vehicles, including

passenger and cargo space. They include the Buick Enclave, which probably

should be classified as near-luxury rather than truly upper-end – but which is keeping GM production

humming with surprisingly robust demand. So are the sibling GMC Acadia and Saturn Outlook crossover vehicles. And those aren't to mention what is arguably GM's best vehicle overall, the crossover Cadillac SRX.

SUV is coming to an epochal close, it's equally

Americas' garages - and minds - forever.

The best of the lot may well be the Audi Q7 4.2. This crossover combines the classic sustained power that is evident in Audi's fine sedans with a deft understanding of the cargo-hauling capacity and luxury touches that American buyers require to be fully satisfied.

In fact, let's start with cargo capacity rather than horsepower. Audi understood the U.S. market well enough to make the Q7 200 inches long and with a 118inch wheelbase, which exceeds the related Volkswagen Touareg's by nearly six inches. Its curb weight is a hefty 5,269 pounds. A cargo area that is wide, deep and flat holds 144.1 cubic feet of luggage with the rear seats folded flat, 27.4 cubic feet in a five-person configuration,



Audi's Q7 represents the high-water mark of the luxury-crossover segment.



and 10. cubic feet with all three rows erect. Now, that's haulin'!

Of course, it's under the hood where the Q7, true to its heritage, impresses even more. The new 4.2-liter V-8 engine delivers 345 horsepower and 325 lb.-ft. of torque, more than enough to move this pretty substantial vehicle with requisite alacrity and, in highway-cruising mode, you almost forget the engine is running – it is that smooth.

Now, that power comes with a cost – the Q7's EPArated gas mileage is only 14mpg in the city and 19mpg on the highway – but it's not obscenely gas-hoggish. And it's worth noting that among Q7's many interesting technological advances is a feature that lowers the body at highway speeds by up to 1.4 inches to reduce drag and fuel consumption.

Among its performance features, Q7 also features Adaptive Cruise Control Plus, a state-of-the-art system which offers drivers not only the conventional advantages of cruise control but which also delivers the ultimate in auto-pilot capabilities. As I demonstrated to myself and my passenger family several times, Adaptive Cruise Control allows an aggressive driver to stay up to speed with traffic without tailgating – because the car's computer automatically will keep you a proper distance

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from vehicles ahead. And, if necessary, Adaptive Cruise Control will bring you to an abrupt top. Q7 sported a whole bagful of amenities, including

Q7 sported a whole bagful of amenities, including highly effective lumbar controls on the front seats and helpful night lights inside and out. I'm still getting used to Audi's mid-console "joy,button" that controls just about all the electronic functions of the vehicle. And I really wasn't happy with how difficult it was to use that control to govern the vehicle's defroster – in fact, I never did quite figure it out.

One other nit to pick: It's very handy that, as with many high-end SUVs and crossovers, you can open the rear hatch automatically from the key fob. But what is galling about the Q7 is that you can't use the key fob to automatically close the hatch once you open it. The only way to shut it is to reach up to the bottom inside lip of the door and hit a switch which, then, automatically closes it. The real big problem is that you have to be of at least average height to have any real chance of hitting that switch – unless you're a high jumper with an accurate touch with your outstretched fingertips!

Anyway, that's something Audi can correct in the nextgeneration Q7. In the meantime, for as much as \$65,000 for the version I drove, you can get a very great ride indeed from the 2007 version.



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248-348-6430 Brighton WOODED 1+ ACRE W/LAKE VIEWS Enjoy year round lake views from this custom colonial, resting on a wooded hilltop location. Gourmet

kit w/granite entrs, dib oven, walk-in pantry, formal DR (27077877) \$700,000



### 734-591-9200 Canton Ideal location d ep in subdivision Relax in vaulted sunrm, 2 story FR, neutral décor, HW firs in Foyer, Lav, Kit, & BN. Gourmt kit w/stove, micro, frig, tray ceiling in mstr ste, brick paver

patio. (27141547)



Canton 734-455-7000 GREAT COLONIALI In sought-after Hamlet Gardens. Hrdwd fir in foyer, kit and nook. Corner FP in FR. Big kitchen, tons of cabinets. Nicely landscaped. Close to tennis courts.



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\$265,900

(27177410)



FARMINGTON HILLS. 3584 SF ON THE PARK Impressive home. Huge rooms & open fir plan.Oak firs. 2007 carpet, paint, landscaping. 2006 windows. Newer shingles, doors, kitchen, vanities. Backs to neighborhood park.



248-851-1900 **Farmington Hills** GREAT HOME BACKING TO COMMONS Nicely landscaped lot.Features large bedrooms, spacious eat-in kitchen w/island & doorwall to



**Farmington Hills** 248-851-1900 METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED Fabulous fir plan w/frmi din, liv rm & fam rm w/FP. 1st fir Indry. Wrap around deck. Fin LL w/wet bar. Gorgeous backyard w/pond & fruit trees.

\$409,900 (27092199)



Farmington Hills 248-684-1065 Updates everywhere. New kit w/ new cabs & granite. Ceramic tile in entry, laun, kit & baths. Fully fin bsmt w/ wet bar & exercise rm. 2nd fir loft. 2 car gar.



**Farmington Hills** 734-591-9200 On just shy of one acre This is truly country in the city. Beautifully updated & maintained this ranch offers dynamite updated caramic bath, updated eat in kitchen. Lrg 1st fir laundry.

(27106232) \$179,900



248-684-1065 Highland .73 acre lot. 2 all sports lakes. Cui-de-sac. Boulder walls. Sandy beach. Fin W/O w/ Ig open rm, 4th br. Plenty of storage. Island kit w/ oak trim. Hdwd firs.



248-684-1065 Holly If you're looking for country retreat, this is it. Oak cabinets, island counter, walk-in pantry, granite vanity top in MBR. Large deck. Swimable pond.



248-684-1065 Howell 10+ acre lot. Mature trees. Cherry cabs w/ granite cntrtops. LR w/ stone fp, hdwd firs. Mstr ste w/ ceramic ba/XL shower. Above grnd pool. Pole barn w/ 2 stalls.

\$349,900

(27110259)



# 248-684-1065 Lg family home w/2 story foyer w/ hdwd. Island kit w/ ali appis. Formal DR. FR w/ fp. Cute 1/2 ba w/ pedestal sink. Mstr w/2 WICs. Wood deck,



734-326-2000 Inkster HERE'S THE STARTER 4 UII A very nice brick ranch with full finished basement, 2 car garage and remodeled kitchen and bath, all on a nice size lot facing the park.

(27132957)

\$89,900



248-348-6430 Novi COMFORTABLE HOME IN CEDARSPRINGS ESTATES Lovely home waiting for you! Vaulted FR w/frpic. Spacious kitchen. Formal LR & DR. 3 spacious BR. Lovely mstr. Great fin LL and Ig var w/lots of trees for privacy.

(27188610) \$279,900 26.1

5- 6. P 248-851-1900 Novi NOVI 4 BEDROOM 2 BATH MOVE-IN HOME Newer windows, kitchen, tile, paint, carpet, Great open fir plan for living & entertaining, Convenient location in popular Village Oaks. Walk to elem. school, shopping.



734-591-9200 Novi Tastefully decorated and well-appointed Updt kit w/hdwd fir & stainless steel appi Newer furnace C/A Wins & roof. Storage in house & gar. FR w/Gas FP gb are \$ 1/28A; FL RM w/new hot tub, new carpet T/O.

(27135647) \$212,900



### Novi 248-348-6430 GREAT END UNIT TOWNHOUSE 3 br.1.5 bath w/fin b'smt.Updated oak kit. cab's & hdwd firs + ba's, din rm,windows & roof. 2 doorwalls lead to deck.



248-348-6430 Novi LOVELY, NEAT & CLEAN CONDO Neutral t/ o,updates inc: carpet, Pergo floor, windows, dryer, paint, private location backing to woods,

private entrance.

(27131092)

\$123,000





CUTE,CLEAN AND MAINTENCE FREE Brick & vinyl ranch w/bsmt, 2 car garage, 3 br/2ba, all the updates! All appliances,new carpeting throughout. It's a winner.

\$114,900

(27087189)



NICE BRICK RANCH READY FOR A NEW OWNER Freshly painted, large front window for lots of light. Full basement. All appliances stay. HWF in bedrooms & under carpet in LR. Close to x-ways, parks & shopping. (27147256) \$109,900



Gorgeous Log Home on 11 Acres! Custom built white cedar log home. Sunroom with stone exterior, winding 3 story staircase. Finished walkout lower level, custom landscaping, horse barn and more.



NEW CONSTRUCTION! Small town atmosphere, close to x-ways. Great room open to kitchen close to x-ways. Great room open to kitchen with snack bar. Daylight windows in basement. Northville mailing.

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Waterford wooded complex. Freshly painted, new AC unit. All appliances stay. Great rent alternative!





3 br ranch. New paint. Updated kit w/ new flooring. Sidewalks & fenced back yard. All appls incl. One year home warr. Porch.



Adult Co-op 55+ Community Ceramic tile in foyer and LR eat-in kit. Formal DR. 12x9 4-season un porch. Fin LL w/FR, office, BR, full

ba and laundry. 1-car gar. Comm w/clubhouse

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(27137385)

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTHFIELD Two elegant 4 br, 2.5 ba homes in beautiful neighborhood. Sunny, gourmet kit, sumptuous mstr ste and elegant dining room. Not too late to pic surfaces (27091716) \$490,000





(27195793) \$109,999



SPACIOUS CONDO UNDER REPLACEMENT COSTI 2BR/2.18A, granite countertops t/o, 2car gar, wood firs t/o main fir, wood blinds, nickel fixtures, maple cabs, etc. All this + scenic setting, Priv clubhouse! \$179,900 (27182047)



**Canton Twp** 734-455-7000 SPACIOUS CONDOL All 3 bedrooms have a private bath. Great kitchen, all appliances stay. Deck, 2car garage, loft and basement. Great room is 2 stories high. Immediate Occupancy!



248-684-1065 Commerce Lake Sherwood frontage. On quiet cui-de-sac. Open fir plan. Over 3000 sq ft of living space. kit w/ brkft area open to FR open to 3 season rm. LL w/ rec rm.



Davison 248-684-1065 Open floor plan w/ peaceful wooded view from deck. Many updates in '07: carpet, kitchen, dining rm, bath flooring, vanity, patio, paint. Move-in condition.



Farmington 248-348-6430 CLASSIC VINTAGE VICTORIAN 3 BR, 2 BA. What a gem! Original hdwd firs refinished, updtd electrical, windows, HWH, formal DR & updtd electrical, windows, HWH, formai ик « LR,carrlage/barn/garage w/900 sq ft, spacious fenced vard. (27029053) \$279,900



734-326-2000 Garden City WELL CARED FOR RANCH w/updtd BA, newer laminate kit fl, & dnng area. New carpet in LR. Freshly painted. High eff. furnace & C/A. Fin bsmnt w/lav. newer wndws, in-ground sprinklers. (27026708) \$122,400

734-326-2000 **Garden City** DON'T LET THIS BARGAIN SLIP AWAYIII a 3 bedroom cape cod colonial on a double lot with a remodeled kitchen, formal dining room,

first floor laundry, 30 x 20 master bedroom and



Hamburg 248-437-3800 Great family homel Newly remodeled main floor. New kitchen and bath. Finished walkout basement with full bath. Beautifully landscaped including 3 ponds. Open Sunday 12-4.

(27028879)



Highland 248-684-1065 Brand new, never occupied. Custom, 1st flr mst condo w/ finished w/o. Full bath on ea. level. Granite kitchen w/ ali appl. Wine cellar. W/O plumbed for wet bar.



248-684-1065 Highland Beautiful 4 BDRM colonial overlooking wooded yard. Lrg. mst w/jet bath. Impressive living area w/ dining rm & french doors. Crn moldings/ high ceilings.

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A STUNNING LOG HOME On 4 Acres. 5 Bdrms, 4 Baths. Huge Mstr Bdrm. Hrdwd Firs, 6th Bdrm In Fin W-o W/hot Tub. Furn 05, C/a 06, All Appls Stay. Gigantic 59x40 Pole Barn 1200 Sq Ft Of Office. \$807,900 (27106220)



Newer built w/ brick exterior. Private & quiet sub. Lot backs to nature preserve. Large deck & 3-car garage. Bright, open floor plan. 2-way stone FP.

\$385,000 (27161770) 248-684-1065 Milford

Original builder's model. Open flr plan. Great for entertaining. Maple hdwd t/o main fir. Maple cabs. Granite Island kit w/ SS appls. Crown moulding.

\$369,000

(27168384)



248-348-6430 Graceful Living on Walled LAke Enjoy entertaing or just relaxing on Beautiful Walled Lk. Kit w/ cherry cabinets, granite counters, GR w/vaulted cig, hdwd fls t/o. Mstr w/huge glamour BE



248-437-3800 Detached Condo/End Unit! Everything you could want and more in a desirable community. Cozy kitchen, first floor laundry. Fireplace in finished basement with wet bar.



248-437-3800 Pinckney Sharp starter coloniall Remodeled and redecorated in 2007 w/upadated kitchen, bath stainless appliances, finished basement, landscaping, windows, doors, lighting, paint and more



734-455-7000 INCREDIBLE PLYMOUTH HOME ON 1 ACRE i This colonial has it all, 48R/2.18A, formal living/dining, updtd kit w/Cherry cabs & Corian. Family rm w/custom mantel. Mstr w/updated Family rm w/current BA & WIC. 2car att gar.

(27056647) \$309,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000 TWO PLYMOUTH HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Two separate houses on one lot in downtown Plymouth. Live in one--rent the other! Numerous updates in main house. Other home continually rented. (27097266) \$199,900

734-455-7000 Plymouth LOOKING FOR A COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE? This is it! Lake-like pond with hundred-year-old trees. Dynamite layout, 2 bedrooms, both with private full bath. Finished basement. 3rd bath /whiripool tub! (27139196)

\$187,450



Plymouth 734-591-9200 Fantastic House with a Fantastic Price Priced for a fast sale. 3 BR Brich ranch in lovely Plymouth area. Eatin kit, FR w/FP & DW& 12x10 sunroom. Separate LR; fin bsmt w/1.5 BA, 2.5 gar. Updates aalore. \$165,000



248-437-3800 South Lyon Spectacular Family Home This home has open floor plan, great room w/soaring ceilings,stone natural fireplace and built in entertainment center. Beautiful corner lot! A must see!!



SUPER FIRST TIMER OR DOWNSIZER RANCH Nice 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/a sunroom w/skylight & hot tub. Basement, 2 car att gar. Subdivision has sidewalks, municipal water and swer. Fenced yard w/shed.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Charming Home downtown! New windows, doors, refinished original hardwood floors, new drywall and remodeled master suite. Just add your finishing touches!



South Lyon 248-437-3800 55+ Community Well kept unit w/walkout to wooded area - Close to lake. Finished lower level with gas fireplace. Spacious living room, central air. One car garage.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Well maintained ranch condo Freshly painted unit in quiet location close to pool. Beautifully decorated, most appliances stay. Large storage room in unit.



Beautiful End Unit w/hardwood firs, granite kitchen, marble foyer & 1/2 bath, new carpet upstairs, freshly painted t/o, peaceful location deep in comple



Westland 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFUL BARKRIDGE GLEN CONDO 2 br,1 ba. Fresh paint & carpet. Good location in back of complex. All appliances. Move in condition.



Meticulous White Lake Ranch Nearly 1,500 sf 3 BR brick ranch in wooded/rolling sub. GR w/fp, kit w/ bfst rm, 1st fl indry rm & beautidul fin walkout bsmt. Huge gar & Ig lot! Move right in!

(27190589) \$249,900

248-684-1065 White Lake Lg kit w/ vault ceil, recessed lights & oak cabs. DR w/ D/W to deck. GR w/ vault cell & gas fp. Fin W/O LL w/ full ba, bar, FR & BR/office. Priv yard.



248-437-3800 Whitmore Lake Split Level on quiet wooded lot! Home backs to nature preserve and has tons to offer. Updated kitchen cabinets & counters, all new appliances, hardwood floors, both bathrooms, roof and more. \$248,800 (27128089)



# Don't be fearful - microchips aren't dangerous to pets, About Animals, D2

# HOMETOWN

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# **Enjoy unlimited** music on Web with services

re music-subscription services dying? In a once-crowded field, only

two major players remain: Napster and Rhapsody. MTV Urge and Virgin Red Pass folded earlier this year, while Yahoo Music Unlimited looks barely alive.



Microsoft's Zune Pass gets an overhaul later this month, but for now it's a fairly anemic service only a Zune owner could love. Napster and Rhapsody, both recently updated, offer enormous music libraries (roughly 5 million songs apiece), plenty of preprogrammed playlists and radio stations, the convenience of browser-

based streaming, and sync

**Rick Broida** 

**Tech Savvy** 

compatibility with a variety of portable players.

So which service rocks hardest? It's a close call, but ultimately Rhapsody won my heart - and my ears.

Rhapsody's basic subscription costs \$12.99 per month, while Napster's runs \$9.95. However, both services charge \$15 per month for their To Go plans, which add the highly desirable option to copy unlimited songs to a compatible player. (Sorry, no iPods, but most other players will work.)

Whether you go basic or To Go, you'll have the option of listening to music using any Web browser on any PC. That's a welcome change from having to install client software (which is still necessary if you want to manage a music library, burn CDs, etc.).

Just by signing into your account, you can stream tunes on your home or work PC, a friend's PC, or whatever PC you happen to be using. Both services support Windows, Mac, and even Linux systems, though Rhapsody's client software is Windows-only.

Rhapsody's browser-based player displays track info, album art, playback controls, and the current playlist. But it doesn't show the album name, a curious



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Austin Merivirta uses balloons to make tempered chocolate cups for his coffee mousses



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# **Goodwill Industries** hosts Antiques Show

ROCHESTER - Morethan 50 premier antiques exhibitors from across the country will gather to sell their wares at the 60th Annual Goodwill Antiques Show Nov. 9-11 at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University in **Rochester**. Investment quality antiques on sale will include Americana, Continental and English furniture and accessories, fine art, folk art, pottery, jewelry, Oriental decoratives, silver, glass, china, pewter and toys. The show benefits Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. A Preview Party (\$80-\$200) will offer "first choice" shopping, plus a strolling supper and beverages 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. General admission tickets are \$10 and parking is free. For more information, call (248) 909-1492, or visit www.goodwillantiqueshow.com

# **Kingswood stages** 37th Giftorama

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** -Get a head start on holiday shopping at the 37th Annual Kingswood Giftorama. Nov. 9-11 at Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills.

oversight.

Of course, it's the Rhapsody site itself where you browse and discover music. Elegant and easy to navigate, this portal dishes up canned and personal playlists, music videos, and the My Rhapsody section.

My Rhapsody presents a personalized version of the Rhapsody portal, offering recommended new releases, your playlists, your track history, and a cool feature called Instant Playlist: a custom playlist based on songs you've rated. Napster offers none of this kind of personalization.

Rhapsody also trumps Napster in the video department: The Music Videos page includes new releases, multiple spotlight artists, browsing by genre and artist, and keyword searches. The only hitch is that you can't watch videos unless you've installed RealPlayer.

I guess that's understandable given that Real owns Rhapsody, but I'd prefer it if I could watch videos in the Rhapsody client instead of installing yet another program.

Speaking of the client, it closely resembles its Web counterpart. You still need it for things like managing an MP3 library, burning and ripping CDs, buying

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A dream come true for music lovers, Rhapsody serves up nearly 5 million songs and lets you listen to them via your Web browser.

# coffee culinary creations

he six student/chefs at Oakland Community **College's Culinary Studies** Institute had their plates lined up, taking calculated steps to meet a



sauteed and roasted pork tenderloin, paired

with an apple brulee salad. Mino Yamaguchi rolled up an Asian Duck Wrap, finished with coffee currant sauce and ginger pumpkin flan.

For desserts, Brett Dolce baked Autumn Morning, a ginger and pumpkin-spiced latte torte with a French vanilla cream tuile (cookie) accompanied with a pumpkin-spiced caramel sauce. Sheri Merritt created an Apple Napoleon, a coffee pastry cream mousseline poached apple compote with ganache and chocolate garnish. Austin Merivirta finished up a Cafe Tone, consisting of a coffee mousse served in a chocolate cup with a hazelnut tuile, accompanied by a raspberry caramel sauce.

"Ten minutes," said Roger Holden, chef-instructor at OCC's Culinary Studies Institute, announcing the time left for when

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Mino Yamaguchi carves duck breast for her Asian Duck Wrap served with a coffee currant sauce.



adds a scoop of french vanilla ice cream to his "Autumn Morning," a ginger and pumpkin spiced latte torte with pumpkin spiced caramel sauce. Doice won the dessert

Of the 53 vendors included in the show, 20 are from Michigan. Look for unique tassels from Far Hill Studio of Clawson, delicious Michigan cherry products from Cherry Republic in Glen Arbor; totes and planners from The Organized Parent of Rochester Hills; unique Isreali jewelry from Patooties of Birmingham; Machus Salad Dressing from Machus Red Fox; and Penzo pottery from EllieBeans of Birmingham. A cafe and free coat check also are included. Show hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, with \$7 admission. A champagne opening (\$85 per person) will be held 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9. All proceeds benefit Cranbrook Schools. For more information, visit www.giftorama. org.

# Girl Scouts sell more than cookies

Everybody knows about Girl Scout cookies, but not everyone knows about the Girl Scouts Fall Product Sale Program, which features a variety of items (mostly edible) that make great gifts. Through Nov. 18, Girl Scouts will set up booths at various locations to sell items like wall calendars, honey roasted peanuts, fruit slices, (all \$5); pecan supremes, chocolate covered peanuts and trail mix (all \$6); chocolate covered almonds, giant cashews and mint trefoils in a 95th anniversary tin (\$8 each), and cranberry trail mix in a decorative tin (\$18). The sale helps girls learn to set goals, make decisions and serve the public as well as earn money for troop activities. Visit www.gsofmd.org to find a booth near you or call (313) 972-GIRL.

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# Don't be fearful – microchips aren't dangerous for pets

# ear sells

The media loves fear. They try to find every way possible to use fear to make a story more important.

Usually this tactic serves merely as a mild annoyance to me. It's kind of fun watching the news to see what simple household product is going to kill us all today.

Recently, however, I was faced with a report that pretty much floored me.

A columnist with Newsday reported that microchips, which are identification devices injected under the skin of pets, have been linked to

Dr. Brad Davis

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cancer in some studies. Now I get to try to calm clients who are worried about their pet getting cancer because of that demon

microchip. I also have to get through another layer of doubt when telling people about the way microchips can help get your pet home to you.

In the article, the columnist cited a 1998 study of 177 mice that had a 10 percent cancer rate post chipping. A 2006 French study showed a 4.1 percent rate in 1,260 microchipped mice. Also, a German study in 1997 showed a 1 percent cancer rate in 4,279 mice. None of these studies had a control group of nonmicrochipped mice. This means there is no way to tell if the cancer was caused by the chips or not.

In the Oct., 2007 Veterinary Practice News, Rosemary LoGiuduce, DVM, a director within the American Veterinary Medical Association said they had discussed the situation, and found the research to be "flawed."

"It would be a wiser course of action to put energy into an actual issue instead of drumming up accusations where there is no cause for alarm," she is quoted in the article. "This is a non-issue."

She also points out the species problem.

"The particular strain of mice used in the research is predisposed to cancer and is not a reflection of the animals in the population."

There have been four cases of cancer forming in the area where the microchips were given, according to Cheryl London, veterinary oncologist at Ohio State University.

"Even if the four potential cases were scientifically determined to be linked to the microchip, the rate would be almost immeasurable at about 1 sarcoma and 2.5 million successes," London said.

Veterinary pathologist Larry McGill, DVM adds that the rate of sarcomas supposedly caused by

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microchips "isn't even close to the rate of spontaneous (occurring without a reason) sarcomas forming in pets."

The article also quotes Gayle Vaney, speaking for the Dane County Humane Society, saying, "Veterinary hospitals and animal organizations across the board have sponsored microchipping clinics, and adverse reactions have not been reported."

The DCHS, located in Wisconsin, reportedly finds homes for more than 300 pets a month, all with microchips, and has never had a reported concern.

The article adds that about 8,000 pets a month are returned to their owners in the U.S. thanks to microchips.

The Newsday article recommended tattooing, which has drawbacks.

What do you tattoo on the animal? A phone number? There really isn't one great national tattoo registry so someone can call and say, "I have dog with tattoo number 123456789."

Also, dogs tend not to just sit there while they get their ink, despite the Newsday report that placing a tattoo is painless.

Thus, sedation is often required to get numbers placed that might never do any good.

Personally, I have never seen a problem with microchips. Neither has my wife, also a vet. That's 32 years

# What's happening in manufacturing

he news media across this country are just jumping from one category of products to another and rightfully so. It's nice to see some of limelight that is usually focused on . so much of the negatives shine a little spotlight on products that cost all of us our hard earned monies. It's nice to see and hear

> stories that help us make sure we are treated fairly in the marketplace. While many of us are in the recall mode, I found a new one heard

by but a few. The headline reads: If you Joe Gagnon purchased or

received a gift of a new Kenmore Elite clothing the big mess created and the dryer with "evenheat" technology manufactured between March 1, 2001, and Nov. 30, 2003, you may qualify for benefits from a settlement.

This comes to you from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio where a class-action lawsuit has been filed against Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Whirlpool Corp. It is alleged that an electronic component is failing on these dryers and many consumparticulars on this lawsuit and if you have a serial number on the list to match your clothes dryer, please go to www.evenheatsettlement.com.

Wouldn't it be nice if component failures on appliances, which proved to be in excess of normal, were covered by manufacturers?

Let's take the case of Trudy Ritter who has a 3-year-old washing machine. She was doing a load of wash in her upstairs laundry room when suddenly the ceiling in the kitchen began pouring water all over and through her cupboards. She ran upstairs and found four inches of water covering the floor and was only able to stop the water flow when she shut off the water valves leading to the fill hoses of the washer. You can imagine thousands of dollars in damage as a result. The cause of all this was the simple water valve, which is fitted on all washing machines. It is hard to believe how many millions of these water valves have been sold in just a few years to take care of this particular service repair problem. How is it that a manufacturer can get away with such a scenario? Maybe it's time for a class-action lawsuit to be filed on behalf of every consumer

of practice between us. None of my colleagues I have asked have ever had a health issue coming from a chip.

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Thus I recommend that everyone take this report with a grain of salt, as you should with any report that tries to frighten you with some obscure research.

Here it's obvious to see where the scientific method was ignored or forgotten, and where someone reported something that was not yet worthy of being reported.

Just remember this the next time someone reports that there's a research study that shows that smoking is good for you, or that butterflies landing on your arm can cause goiters, or that watching daytime television can make you sick.

No, come to think of it, I believe that last one.

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> delivered to our home and as I was inspecting it I noticed that I cannot clean the condenser underneath the refrigerator from the front. For almost 50 years I have been telling homeowners that for a refrigerator to last a long time, maintain proper temperatures and consume the least amount of electricity you must clean the condenser. I've told them to remove the front bottom grill and get in there with a vacuum cleaner crevice tool and a long handle skinny condenser brush available from your local hardware store. NOW, on some of these newer refrigerators you can only clean it by pulling the product away from the wall, and removing the cardboard cover on the back to get to the condenser. Is it by design that a manufacturer builds a product, which is so hard to maintain it causes premature failure of said product? Stay tuned.

I just had a new refrigerator

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to wvonb@hometown-



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the students needed to plate. The dishes all had to incorporate three different coffees in a competition sponsored by Starbucks, plating eight dishes for judges and others. And it all had to be done in two hours.

It was time to hustle.

Holden, who was one of the chef-instructors overseeing the students along with Doug Ganhs and Susan Baier, knows about coffee desserts, having competed in a national pastry competition this summer. He and his team of two other pastry chefs placed sixth.

"Coffee brings another dimension to desserts," he said. "It works well in combinations and variations with chocolate such as chocolate coffee mousse."

Judges were Rich Travis, an OCC culinary school grad and new executive chef at Tribute; Tim Walter, dean of Academic and Student Services at OCC; and the author of this column. Judges not only tasted but watched the chefs during a walk-through in the kitchen, noting the chefs' preparation skills, cleanliness and attention to detail.

It wasn't an easy choice. Henry's scallops were sauteed perfectly, her sauce a wonderful barbecue blend of the traditional ketchup, cider vinegar, brown sugar and Worcestershire, teamed with molasses, enriched with coffee and warmed with some Tabasco. Nice balance.

Yamaguchi's Asian Duck Wrap may have been the most ambitious and creative dish of them all - it was beautifully assembled. The five-spice seasoned duck breasts were glazed with a coffee hoisin sauce, served with a coffee pancake rolled with a julienned red pepper, and teamed on the plate with an orange salad and orange vinaigrette, and pumpkin ginger flan.

But the judges gave the ever so slight edge to McAuliffe and his pork tenderloin. The judges liked his pork seasoning of coffee, cumin, coriander, cayenne and other seasonings, added after he seared the pork, then rubbed it with Dijon mustard, followed by molasses. It was a warm, rich, smoky flavor of fall, coupled with apple brulee and apple vinaigrette, containing steeped fall favorites of apple cider vinegar, maple syrup and cinnamon.

"I tried to use bold flavors and make it obviously coffee-inspired," said McAuliffe of Goodrich.

McAuliffe works at Warwick Hills Golf Course in Grand Blanc, where he watched another

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and downloading songs and albums, and copying music to portable players - tasks it performs easily and effectively.

Thankfully, Rhapsody added connectors to the Web service, meaning that songs and playlists added to your local library also appear on the Web, and vice versa.

Another Rhapsody advantage is the option to search lyrics, which comes in handy if you know only a few words from a song but not its name.

Good news for TiVo owners: You can now tap Rhapsody from your couch, browsing and streaming the complete library using the TiVo remote. Finally, Rhapsody has

joined Amazon MP3 and

iTunes in offering DRMfree MP3s for purchase. The library currently includes over 7.500 albums from Universal's catalog, all of them encoded at 256Kbps. Most tracks sell for 89 cents apiece; most albums, for \$8.99.

Napster doesn't offer MP3s at all (yet).

Are music-subscription services dying? No way. Their numbers may be thinning, but the ones that remain just keep getting better.

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chef use a similar rub on steaks. "I adapted it for the pork and changed it," he said. He created the apple slaw with pointers from Chef Doug Ganhs, instructor of the garde mange classes at OCC.

The dessert side wasn't any easier for judges nor any less creative.

Merivita created chocolate coffee cups from inflated balloons coated at the bottom with dark chocolate, The balloons were deflated and removed, and the cups were filled with coffee mousse. The dessert was plated with a hazelnut tuile and raspberry caramel sauce. Great combination of flavors.

Merritt's poached compote incorporated a ganache, mousseline and tempered chocolate. again incorporating the fall seasonal fruit of apple. Another tasty dish.

Dolce's Autumn Morning won the palates of the judges. It featured autumn flavor combinations in a spiced latte torte, with coffee ice cream, pumpkin spiced caramel sauce and a vanilla tuile topped with a coffee cream cheese icing. Very inventive flavor combinations, and a great presentation with the tuile leaf on top of the dessert.

Dolce of Waterford used the pumpkin spice to create a seasonal dish, focusing on the time of year. "I thought the pumpkin worked out well, and wanted to clarify the flavors that went in," Dolce said.

Each winner received \$500 worth of Starbucks dollars, while the others received \$100 in Starbucks dollars. Starbucks donated a \$1,000 scholarship to OCC.

The coffee cooking competition was another harbinger of fall and winter, with a great taste of flavor combinations ranging from pumpkin to apple, pork to duck, all in the name of creativity and imagination among OCC's culinary students.

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CLIFFORD_A McCLUMPHA D.V.M.

Age 76, lifelong resident of Canton, and retired Veterinarian from Parkway Veterinary Clinic, passed away November 2,2007. Beloved husband for over 54 years to father of C. Hurd, Dynese Amv L. (Michael) Glenn, and Natalie (Craig) Finley. Proud grandfather of Clifford, grandfather of Jenny,and McClumpha, Emily Abigail, Gabriel, and Elizabeth Glenn, Emilia, Julia, Andrew, Alec, Sarah, Isaac, and Erinn Finley. Also survived by his mother in law Rhue Datcher. Dr. McClumpha earned his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University, and went on to serve the Plymouth/ Canton communities for many years. .He was a proud member of the Plymouth Rotary and St. John's Episcopal Church. Dr. McClumpha enjoyed farming, he grew everything from vegetables, trees, and raised many farm animals. Above all else, his family is what he cherished most in this world. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. A Memorial service was held from St. John's Episcopal Church 574 South Sheldon Rd, Plymouth Tuesday November 6,2007. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation Inc, P.O. Box 5401, Plymouth, MI 48170 or to St. John's Episcopal Church. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

# **DOROTHY S. CHENEY**

Age 95, of Brighton, MI. Mrs. Chaney passed away on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at her home after an extended illness. She was born June 26, 1912 in Williamsburg, Kentucky, the daughter of Calvin and Josie (Moore) Smith. On May 5, 1935 she was married to S.J. Cheney in Ferndale and together they moved to Brighton from Rochester Hills in 1992. Mr. Cheney preceded her in death on July 22, 1999 and she also was preceded by three brothers, Richard, Robert and Charles Smith. Mrs. Cheney was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, Chi Omego Sorority -Eta, University of Michigan, and a former member of the Historical Society of Old Newbury, Mass. Prior to her retire-ment she had been employed with the Oakland County Department of Health as a public Health Nurse. Surviving are two sons, Charles (Lois) Cheney of Brighton, S. David (Lucia) Cheney of Huntington Woods; six grandchildren great-grandchildren. and five Memorial services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, 300 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116 on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 2:00 PM. Cremation has taken place and interment of ashes will take place at Fairview Cemetery, Brighton. Memorial contributions in Mrs. Cheney's name are requested to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospice or County Livingston the Ambulance/EMS service. Arrangements were handled by the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton.



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**ESTHER PEARL ISBISTER** Of Chelsea, MI, formerly of Plymouth. Age 87, died Sunday, November 4, 2007 at her daughter's home in Chelsea. She was born October 3, 1920 in Elkville, Illinois, the daughter of Anthony & Pearl Pierce (Batson) Franklin. Esther joined the Women's Auxiliary Corp (WACs) during WWII, and worked at Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek. She served as Librarian at Tonquish Creek Senior Residence in Plymouth. She loved her Siamese cat Koko, who will dearly miss her "mom". On April 19, 1947, she married Robert James Isbister in Detroit, and he preceded her in death on November 1, 1986. Survivors include one son, William (Betty) Isbister of Eastpoint; two daughters, Kitty (Alan) Jensen of Chelsea, Pat (John) Hepburn of Chelsea; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three nieces. She was preceded in death by three brothers. Fr. Marcian Pellett, Ed Pellett, and William Pellett; and one sister, Florence Salnitsky. A memorial mass will be held at St. Basil Catholic Church in Eastpointe at a later time. Memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Monator Elliot St, Detroit, MI 48201. Chapel, Chelsea.



# RICHARD "Dick" C. MOORE

Age 74, of Crossville, passed away Oct. 17, 2007. The family held a private memorial service in Crossville, Tennessee. Mr. Moore was born Oct. 30, 1932, in Bloomfield Hills, MI, the son of Russell Vivian and Grace (Harper) Moore. He was retired from akland University in Rochester, MI, in 1992. He was a member of Tansi Community Church and Crossville Carving Club in Crossville and Rochester Elks in Rochester, MI. Survivors include his wife, Nancy June (Reed) Moore of Crossville; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia Madeline (Moore) Lee May of Crab Orchard, WV; son, Richard Russell Moore of St. Augustine, FL; grandchildren, Joshua Ryan and Christopher May; brother- and sister-in-law. Forrest and Nancy Reed of Bloomfield Hills, MI; and a non-nephews in Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Washington, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Margaret Martin and Barbara Vine; and brothers, Vivian Moore, Jack Moore and James Moore. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Tansi Community Church, 2067 Cravens Dr., Crossville, TN 38572; Tansi Security, 2849 Dunbar Rd., Crossville, TN 38572; Cumberland Medical Center Auxiliary, 421 S. Main St., Crossville, TN 38555; The American Cancer Society, 753-A



SISTER ALICE MARIE MORROW, RSM Sister of Mercy **Teacher**, Principal

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Alice Marie Morrow, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 63 years, died on November 2007 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was 89. She was born to Cyril and Mary (Duffinet) Morrow on August 24 1918 in Cheboygan, Michigan. She worked with the sick and elderly for several years and joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1941. She received the name Sister Mary Emily upon her formal reception into the community and made perpetual vows on August 16, 1947. Sister Alice Marie earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a mas ter's degree in education from the University of Detroit. Her teaching assignments brought her to Catholic schools in Howell, Rogers City, Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Ludington, Detroit, Berkley, Lansing Dearborn, Wyoming, Holland and Cheboygan, and she was principal at Immaculate Conception School in Traverse City and Holy Name School in Wyoming. Sister Alice Marie served as a social services clerk and pastoral care volunteer at Mercy Hospital in Grayling for eight years and later as pastoral minister at St. Mary/St. Charles Parish in Cheboygan. She retired to McAuley Center in 1994. Sister Alice Marie was a highly skilled primary teacher and a number of the sisters said that she could teach anyone to read, even beyond the primary grades. She excelled not only in the classroom, but also as a principal and supervising teachers at Mercy labora-tory schools in Detroit. A special accomplishment for her was the establishment of a kindergarten at St Francis de Sales School in Holland Unassuming and cheerful. Sister Alice Marie maintained friendships whereve er she went. Former students often came to McAuley Center to visit their favorite teacher. When her last illness deprived her of her vision. Sister Alice Marie especially enjoyed having visi tors and a quiet time to pray. She is survived by several nieces and nephews, the Sisters of Mercy, and her many friends. A welcoming service will take place on November 5, 2007 at 3 pm at McAuley Center, 28750 W Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, followed by a remembrance service at pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on November 6 2007 at 10:30 am, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

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

# NOVEMBER

Holiday bazaar

4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, a turkey dinner will be served 4:30-7 p.m. Friday (cost \$7 adults, \$4 ages 3-11, free under age 3), snacks and lunch will be available at a low cost on Friday-Saturday, Bazaar includes cookie walk, bake sale, Christmas shop, Crafty Corners, silent auction, and Grandma's Attic (nearly new items), at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford road. Everyone is welcome. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Reformed Protestant service** The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the regular, monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). The services are held at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are welcome to attend. The Rev. Sean Humby of Dayton, Ohio will preach the service. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, visit www.westminsterconfession.org or call Humby at (937) 252-1156. **Alternative Christmas Fair** 

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West Twelve Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission of \$1 will be charged at the door. Call the church at (248) 553-7170 for more information. **Course in Miracles** 

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. between Inkster and Middlebelt. Understanding A Course in miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love.comm@hotmail.

# **Mama's Coffeehouse**

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Featuring Dave Boutette and Jen Sygit Saturday, Nov. 10 (7:15 p.m. open mic, 8 p.m. show), at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northwest corner of Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Tickets \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Call (248) 569-0965 for information. To reserve a slot for open mic, call (248) 626-4650.

# Special Event

St. Andrew's Day Dinner and

# **RELIGION CALENDAR**

# **Church concert series**

Continues with the Schoolcraft College choral Union 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

**Upper Room Ministries** Meets 6 p.m. Sundays, in Room 111 in Our Lady of Loretto School on Beech Daly and Six Mile in Redford. Upper Room Ministries is a spirit filled, charismatic ministry sponsored by Living Water Church in Livonia. All faiths welcome to attend. For information, call Pastor Luke Willis at (734) 425-6360, or Bishop Dan Strength at (734) 812-1099. Special presentation

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia and St. Gerald Church of Farmington are co-hosting a special presentation, God's Will for the Family: How to Live it with noted Catholic apologist, Rosalind Moss 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at St. Michael's Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

### Many voices...one song

Welcomes the Blakuye Unity Ensemble 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills. No charge although a free-will offering will be collection. Meet the artists reception follows the concert. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

# Bazaar & mini cookie walk

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Anne Catholic Church, 23310 Joy, a few blocks east of Telegraph, Redford. Use Joy entrance to Basement Hall. Proceeds go to School/ Building Fund.

### Fashion show

Monday, Nov. 19 (doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.), presented by Women of the Immaculate Conception at Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford road. Cost is \$15. For tickets, call Noreeno Debono (734) 722-8360 or Shirley Rourke at (734) 721-1794. Luminescence for Advent

A women's afternoon of reflection to prepare for the upcoming Advent season takes place 1:31-4:31 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at St. Hilary's Church, 23901 Elmira, one block east of Telegraph, south of Plymouth road. Enter off Appleton and turn right on Elmira. Designed for women ages 18 to 99, combines music, presentations, discussions and creative expression. People of all faiths welcome. Presenter is Sister Pat Hergenroether. Cost is \$20, includes materials and refreshments, Reservations with payment are due Nov. 19. For more information, call (313) 533-1560 or send e-mail to shilary@twmi.rr.com. Heart quest

A series of seminars being broadcast worldwide, via satellite, started 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Cherry Hill SDA Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Garden City

# tion, call (734) 422-6038. **Singers wanted**

Riverside Park Church of God is looking for voices to join their choir. If you like to sing and love God (or just want to get to know God) join in. For more information, call (734) 464-0990.

### Pancake breakfasts

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-caneat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children); \$15. Everyone is welcome.

### Men's breakfast

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

### **MOPS** meetings

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall on a new time and time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

### Fall schedule

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has new worship hours for Fall - Three Hours Of Power! Worship services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Christian education for all ages at 10 a.m. Leadership is shared by class members. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc. org.

### **Bible studies**

Regular Bible Study program began 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues on the first and third Thursdays of the month, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

# MOPS groups

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com. LOGOS Youth Club

Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recr dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.



ROSEMARY

LaLOIE JOLIAT

Age 80, died at Lourdes Assisted

Living in Waterford, Mrs. Joliat was

born March 14, 1927, in Detroit. A native Detroiter, she graduated from

Immaculata High School in 1944.

Mrs. Joliat graduated from Oakland

University in 1974, with a degree in Philosophy. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who was

very charitable to many organiza-

tions. Mrs. Joliat was especially ded-

icated to Angels' Place. Mrs. Joliat is

survived by her children, J. Mark

(Karen) Joliat, MD, Jeffrey P. Joliat,

Julie Hollman, Jay F. (Mary) Joliat

and Thomas L. (Michele) Joliat, MD,

and grandchildren, Jonathan Joliat,

Peter Joliat. James Joliat, Anthony

Joliat, Justin Joliat, Jacqueline Joliat,

Joseph Joliat, Christine Joliat, Ellen

Hollman, Jane Hollman, Michael

Joliat, Jack Leo Joliat and Alexandra

Joliat. She is also survived by her

brother, Robert E. LaJoie. Mrs. Joliat

is preceded in death by her husband,

John F. "Jack" Joliat, brother, Louis J.

LaJoie and sister, Jeanne LaJoie Fisher. Funeral from St. Hugo of the

Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke

Road, Bloomfield Hills, Friday 10am.

Friends may visit at church beginning

at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks

Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.)

Wednesday 5-9pm and Thursday 2-

9pm. Prayers, Thursday 7pm. Inter-

ment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery,

Southfield. Memorials appreciated to

Angels' Place, 25240 Lahser Road,

Ste 2, Southfield, Michigan 48034.

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Peragine, Eric Hollman,



# **DWANE ERIC CARNER**

Age 36, died November 2, 2007. Beloved son of Don and Sue Carner. Brother of Shawntelle (Frank) McKenzie, Daril Carner, Charlotte (Matt) Kovach. Dwane was a friend to many and will be loved and greatly missed. Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia, and he was laid to rest at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia, Memorials may be made to Dwane's Family and sent to the funeral home: 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152



### HELEN I. STRZALKOWSKI Age 68, Farmington, MI, November 5, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



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Entertainment, Sunday, Nov. 11, Bagpipers play before and during 10

a.m. worship service. Dinner in church basement at 11:30 a.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Tickets \$10 in advance (\$5 for children) and \$12 at the door. Call for reservations, (313)534-7730.

# Heroes

Series explores the lives of five ordinary heroes 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, 18, 25, and Dec. 2, at Life Covenant Church which meets at East Middle School, 1042 Lilley (S. Mill), Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 634-2697.

### Pasties sale

Taking orders during coffee hour Sunday, Nov. 11, pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Pasties are \$3.50 each, gravy also available. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

### Veterans Day Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Parish hosts a special Veterans Day Mass for all veterans and active military to thank them for their service to our country Sunday, Nov. 11, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. There will be a color guard and flag raising ceremony at the flag pole in front of the church at 11:40 a.m. followed by the Mass at noon. An informal reception with light refreshments will follow the Mass and all military members attending will receive a small memento of thanks. For additional details, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org. Veteran's Day

The congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church honors and thanks all veterans and those on active duty along with their loved ones by honoring them 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the church, 37775 Palmer road, Westland. Ch. (Col.) Herb Heavner, State Chaplain Michigan Guard, will preach. All veterans and those on active duty along with their loved ones are invited. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or (734) 722-4363. Sisterhood luncheon

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon is to be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information or to RSVP (by Nov. 1), call Esther Green at (248) 477-8974. Visit Web site www.beitkodesh.org.

# F.I.R.E. ministries

With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis, F.I.R.E. Ministries, For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

# UPCOMING

# **Gingerbread open house**

The Inn at St. John's Gingerbread Open House takes place 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at 44045 Five Mile at Sheldon, Plymouth. The free family event features live reindeer petting, carriage rides, a gingerbread house display, visits with Santa, music and refreshments. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested to benefit St. Vincent De Paul. Additional information can be found at www.theinnatstjohns.com or call (734) 414-0600.

# ONGOING

Sunday worship 11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. at Hunter, Westland, For information, call (734) 721-0800.

### Worship services

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www. orthodoxlivonia.org.

# Fall worship schedule

Chapel service begins at 8:45 a.m. and includes simple worship and Holy Communion; adult Sunday school and Bible Cinema are at 9:30 a.m. nursery care provided. Worship and Sunday school for children through eighth grade is during the 10:30 a.m. hour. Nurserv care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays we will be participating in community worship which includes everyone. Senior High youth are invited to meet 7 p.m. Sundays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia, For informa-

### HeartCry

The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book. The Hope of a Homecoming, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

### Worship change

Began Sunday, October 7, the early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia will be at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia, The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

### Women of the word

Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen. ENDOW

# St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese's ENDOW program, the study group focuses on dignity of women of all ages and faiths. The group meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays to Dec. 5, in the Convent Meeting Room behind the school, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The second session meets 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays

to Dec. 4 in the same room. Different Times, Abiding Dignity deals with women's inherent dignity at all stages of life. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. Cost is \$60 for materials but no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. To register, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.endowonline.com. ENDOW

# Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women, a women's study group to discover their God-given dignity and femininity through Catholic teaching runs Thursdays to Nov. 15, in Bixman Hall

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(church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia, Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

# **Bible study**

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Study the Gospel of Luke through November, then move on to Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

# **Fellowship Dinners**

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313)534-7730.

# **Thrift Shop**

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian

### Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Ladies Bible study Women of the Word Ladies Bible

Study began focusing on the Book of James Tuesday, Sept. 11, and continues 9:30-11:10 a.m. Tuesdays to Nov. 13, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. The \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study material. Child care will be available for children through age 5 in the morning. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

### Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

# **Religious education**

Children's Religious Education began 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$90 for first child, \$30 for each additional

### child. Call (734) 425-9333. Morning prayers

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

# J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

### **Higher Rock Cafe**

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa. higherrockcafe.4t.com. Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. An open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia, Call (734) 464-0990.

# Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland, Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

# Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of the regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990. A healthy you

Join with others as you discover ways to keep minds and bodies healthy

through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990. Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440. Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road, Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Call (734) 425-6360.

# Worship services

Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

### Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

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**Farmington Women Aglow** Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Jon Grant Community Center, 29260 Grand River, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. Farmington Aglow is a Christian women's groups.

# Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.





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# A conversation about Botox ...

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK STAFE WRITER

We here at PINK have not dared to try Botox, but plenty of people have. According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, doctors performed more than 4 million Botox injections in 2006, up 7 percent from the year before. Botox, the cosmetic form of botulinum toxin, is used to temporarily reduce or eliminate forehead creases, crows feet near the eyes and thick bands in the neck. The toxin blocks the nerve impulses, temporarily paralyzing the muscles that cause wrinkles while giving the skin a smoother, more refreshed appearance. Studies have also suggested that Botox is effective in relieving migraine headaches, excessive sweating and muscle spasms in the neck and eyes. In honor of National Healthy Skin Month, PINK caught up with Dr. William J. Vasileff of the **Birmingham Institute of Plastic Surgery** to find out more about Botox. Of course, he gave it rave reviews.

Who is the average Botox customer? Ninety-five percent women -a few businessmen, but mostly women across the board, 30-65, a huge age range, from pretty much all walks of life - businesswomen, housewives, hairdressers and everything in between, you name it. It's not teenagers because they don't have the lines.

# Do you use it?

I get deep furrows between my brows, we call them the 'elevens.' I think I furrow my brows when I am in surgery and I used to get headaches. Botox has gotten rid of my headaches and reduced the furrows. Everybody in the office gets it so we all know it's a safe product and it's spectacularly effective.

lism, it doesn't travel anywhere. It stays in tiny muscles in your face. As is typical, we read a lot about it from Hollywood, and when there are problems with it, but in reality there are very few problems.

What about all those stars whose faces look weird, or don't seem to move?

That's bad surgery. It's really not Botox gone bad. If you use it extensively, even then you still have some movement. It's not numb at all. It paralyzes the moving nerves, not the feeling nerves. We have two sets of nerves, this only works on the ones that make the muscles move and it feels totally normal. I've heard faces look like masks and that's really only if they've used too much and used it over their whole faces.

# Where do you recommend Botox?

Botox is really for the upper face. For the lower face, the folds between the nose and mouth, we use Restylane. Anybody with crow's feet, creases between the eyebrows or wrinkles on the forehead. Creases, not fine lines of the cheeks, that's sun damage and that's much better treated with microdermabrasion and other methods.

# Are there side effects?

We use a very, very fine needle to inject. with, and women can put makeup on right away. It doesn't really show. rarely you'll get a little bruise around the eyes. Between the brows and on the forehead you really don't.

# How often do you need to get Botox?

Every three months for the first year and then the intervals begin to get longer, and stretch from 4-6 months. The third year 8-9 months. After that intervals go to years in between injections. You need it less and less frequently as

# **HEALTHY SKIN OPEN HOUSE**

When: 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 Where: Birmingham Institute of Plastic Surgery and Orchid Day Spa, 525 Southfield Road, Birmingham What: Celebrate National Healthy Skin Month and get answers to your skincare questions as BIPS hosts an informal Dr. William J. Vasileff reception with food and refreshments. R.S.V.P.: Call (248) 644-0670 or visit www.bipsonline.com.

sultation. It depends on how many injections you get.

I heard the price keeps going up ... They raise it to us because there's only one company, which is Allergan, that creates true Botox. But it's not a huge price increase and I dont think we've raised our prices in a long time. Other companies are trying to derive products that are very, very close to Botox, saying their products are just as good and maybe better, but so far nobody has developed a product that is as good as Botox. There's nothing that's comparable to Botox, especially cream that you rub on your skin.

# Does it work as a preventative for wrinkles, or just after you have them?

Much of whether you will get wrinkles is genetics, what your mother or father look like, and what kind of sun exposure vou've had. I wouldn't promote Botox as a preventative treatment for someone until I got a family history. I would need to try to predict how much you might wrinkle in the future, to say whether it's a good investment for you.

### What can women do to prevent wrin-



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# **HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**

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SANTA AT WESTLAND

Downtown Royal Oak's Poppy Beauty Bar, Rise and Sole Sister will host a pre-holiday shopping spree with 20 percent off merchandise, iU a.m. / p.m. Monday,



disciplined yoga practice. Donovan emphasizes health and wellness in her family with whole foods, essential oils and natural remedies. She treats her daughter's autism with a gluten- and casein-free diet, and is a tireless advocate for autism awareness. Here, she shares some of her picks with PINK: Wear It!

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Is there still some apprehension out there about Botox?

There is apparently some negativity out there. It's unfounded. Although it is botu-

# time goes on.

How much does Botox cost? Every doctor should offer a free conkles in the first place?

Use sunscreen. I recommend that to everyone. I personally use anything from a 45-60 SPF.

collection during an opening reception at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 15, with refreshments and live entertainment. Call (313) 582-2266 or visit www.arabamericanmuseum.org and www.accesscommunity.org.

# MOMMY HOOD LIVE

On Nov. 15. O'Wel Productions presents its next performance of "MommyHood Live" at Andiamo Italia in Warren, MommyHood features monologues from various generations of women and men about how motherhood has touched and impacted their lives. Doors open at 5 p.m. with a vendor exhibit. Tickets, \$50, include dinner. official show prizes and a stage show. Call (877) 725-8849 or www.MommyHoodLive.com.

# HEALTHY GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Henry Ford Health System's Heart & Vascular Institute invites the public to attend a complimentary Girls' Night Out dinner 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 at Hotel Baronette in Novi. A gourmet, heart-healthy meal will be specially prepared by the renowned Matt Prentice Restaurant Group. Healthcare providers from Henry Ford's Heart & Vascular Institute will be in attendance to discuss the latest advances in women's heart health and answer questions. The event is free. R.S.V.P. at (800) 436-7936 or visit www.henryford. com/hottopics.

# SA-WO

Want to be stunning for the holidays? Bra~vo Intimates in Royal Oak will team up with Michelle Merrifield, dress maker to Detroit's who's who, for a two-day limited engagement Nov. 15-16. Bring your holiday outfit to the shop and experts will measure, fit and find you the perfect undergarments. Your \$20 reservation fee may be applied to your purchase. Call (248) 582-7286 to make an appointment.

motions swoop into stores. Santa Claus is coming to town ahead of schedule too. If you're having a hard time catching up with the pace of holiday spirit, here are some happenings to get you in the mood:

The holiday shopping sea-

son seems to start earlier each

year. The minute Halloween

merch goes on clearance, tree

trimmings and holiday pro-

# MACY'S HOLIDAY KICKOFF

On Nov. 9 Macy's Oakland Mall will kick off holiday season with fireworks at 7 p.m. followed by Santa's arrival at 7:30 p.m. Then, holiday festivities include face painters, balloon twisters and holiday cooking demonstrations.

# FRED CLAUS EXHIBIT

Through the holidays, Twelve Oaks Mall will host a Fred Claus Interactive Snow Globe Exhibit. Call (248) 348-9400.

Shopping Center's East Court with a fanfare of entertainment 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. LAUREL PARK HOLIDAY Laurel Park Place in Livonia will welcome Santa and honor troops at 10 a.m. Nov. 10. A military

Santa will be greeted at Westland

Chinook CH-47 will land in the south parking lot, followed by Santa in his private helicopter. Entertainment includes Gina Glockson from American Idol.

# HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW

The Community House in Birmingham will host its Winter Holiday Gift Show 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15. Admission, \$5. Call (248) 644-5832 or visit

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# CAR MAINTENANCE FOR WOMEN

Women attending Madonna University's "Car Maintenance for Women" class will learn car part lingo and costs, along with regular vehicle maintenance. Students will find out what steps to take if they're not satisfied with work done on their vehicle. They'll also earn a free oil change. Livonia Collision's Bill Fernimos, an A.S.E. master certified collision technician, will teach the course 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Nov. 10 at Madonna's main campus in Livonia. Cost is \$25. For information, or to register, call (734) 432-5804 or visit www.madonna.edu.

# PARISIAN COMMUNITY DAY

Parisian will host its annual Community Day Sale Saturday, Nov. 10. Local non-profit organizations will sell \$5 Parisian discount savings booklets, and keep 100 percent of profits. Each booklet contains special savings coupons valid on regular and sale price merchandise during Community Day. Parisian locations at Laurel Park Place, The Village of Rochester Hills and the Mall at Partridge Creek will pariticipate.

# BOGNER TRUNK SHOW

Time to get ready for the slopes. Don Thomas Sporthaus will host a Bogner trunk show and try-on event 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14. Bogner sales reps will answer questions and showcase exclusive styles, not available in store, for customers to special order. Bogner is known for producing the best and trendiest ski jackets, pants, hats, gloves and more. Enjoy imported Bavarian refreshments and try on three outfits to

gift certificate. Don Thomas Sporthaus moved this fall to 690 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham. The 7,000-squarefoot store boasts the best in ski and snowboard apparel, equipment and accessories. As Michigan's exclusive Bogner retailer, Don Thomas will expand their selection this spring with Bogner sportswear and golf apparel. Call (248) 220-1999 or visit www.skis.com.

# SILVER JEWELRY EXHIBITION

'Silver Speaks: Traditional Jewelry of the Middle East' makes its first Midwestern stop at the Arab American National Museum Nov. 15-March 30. Marjorie Ransom will speak about her 1,000-piece

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