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'Shock of shocks'

Charges in beheading stun neighbors

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Emotions among residents in the Plymouth Township neighborhood of accused killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz were still running the gamut among shock, fear and protectiveness days after the 17-year-old Canton High School senior was arrested in connection with the brutal murder of a 26-year-old River Rouge man.

Neighbors watched Friday as several police cars, at least some unmarked, surrounded the family's Beacon Hill home. One neighbor, who frequently steps outside to smoke because his wife is ill, said he thought at first the family was "having a party."

It soon proved to be something far more serious. "This was the shock of shocks," said the neighbor, who asked not to be identified. "This is the type of neighborhood where people don't come out much at night ... I'm not saying I knew (Jean Pierre Orlewicz) very well, but he always drove slowly because of kids, and he'd help his mom in the yard."

"I was amazed," said the neighbor, who has lived in the neighborhood 28 years. "But kids today ... who knows?"

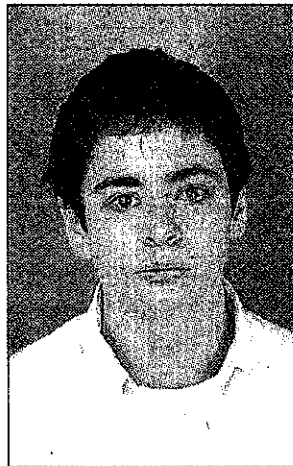
Orlewicz and 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland face a preliminary hearing Monday in 35th District Court in Plymouth. Each is charged with one count of first-degree premeditated murder, one count of felony murder and one count of mutilation of a corpse in the death of Daniel G. Sorensen, a former Westland resident.

The pair was arraigned Monday in 34th District Court in Romulus.

Police allege Orlewicz and Letkemann, a former Livonia Churchill High School student, lured Sorensen into the garage of the Holly Street home of Orlewicz's grandfather in Canton Township, stabbed him to death, burned his hands and feet with a blow torch to prevent identification and sawed off his head.

Police said the pair then took Sorensen's body to a field in Northville Township, doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze. The head, police said, was dumped in the Rouge River and turned up in Hines Park near

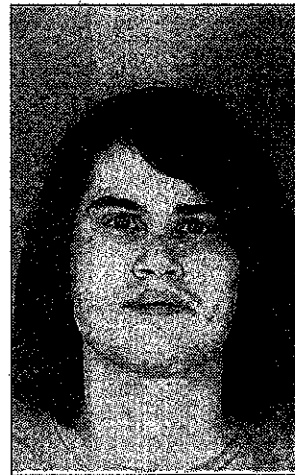
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Jean Pierre Orlewicz

'All of us up here have seen every crime imaginable, and all of us are puzzled why someone would kill just for the thrill of it.' It's bone-chilling.'

KTM WORTHY, Wayne County prosecutor



Alexander James Letkemann

Students struggle to come to grips with homicide

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

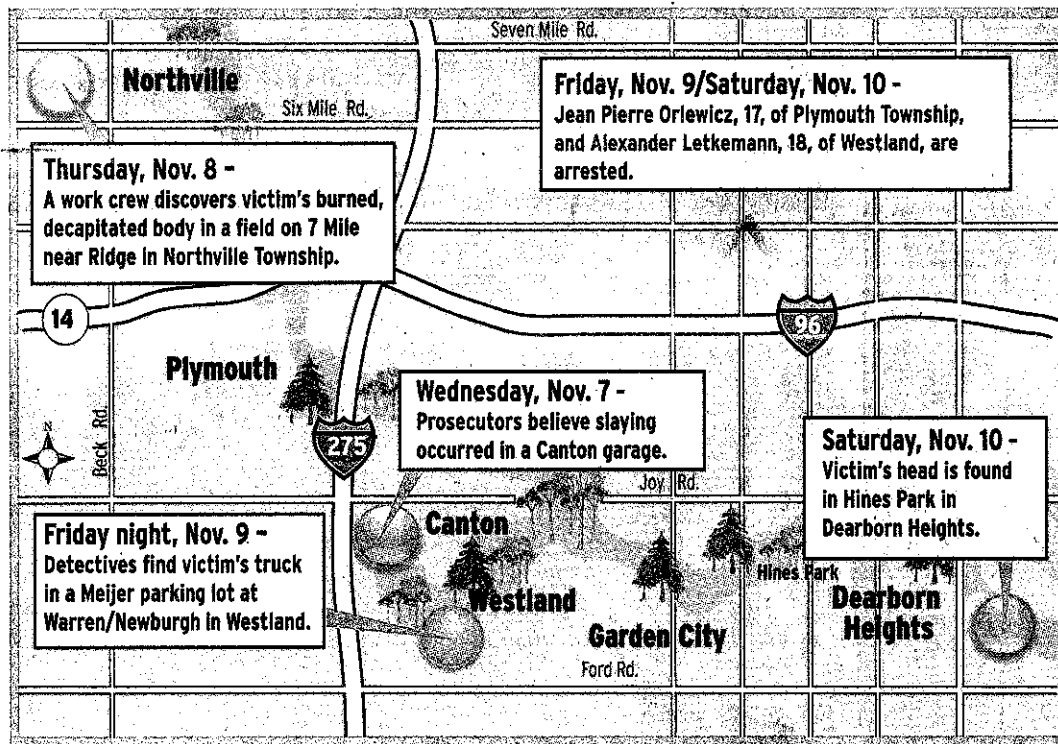
Plymouth-Canton Schools officials say grief counselors at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have spent hours since Monday helping students and teachers who have been affected by the arrest of Canton High School senior Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth Township, for the murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge.

Sorensen's decapitated and badly burned body was found Nov. 8 in an undeveloped field along Seven Mile near Ridge in Northville Township. Two teenagers, including Orlewicz, were arrested over the weekend.

"Typically you have a grief period that lasts one day, and this will last a little longer than that, it's been a real shock and heavy burden for our kids and staff to carry," said Superintendent Jim Ryan, who declined to say how many students sought counseling. "This seems to have a larger audience of people who are wondering how could anyone here ever do something like that, someone they went to school with, there's a lot of different angles that have upset some kids."

Students at the three-high school park say students were talking about the arrest much of the day Monday, shortly after police and prosecutors

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Eagle Scout hopes are in the cans

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you combine a chiropractic team, the Salvation Army and a hopeful Eagle Scout?

Enough food to feed residents in Canton, Plymouth, Belleville and Northville.

At least, that's the goal for Zach Neville, 16, and Brackney Chiropractic Health Centers.

Mike Brackney, along with his brother, Brian, have been holding food drives at their practice for several years. This year, they chose the Salvation Army in Plymouth as their recipient.

Upon contacting the organization and speaking with Capt. Jim Irvine, they learned of Zach, who wanted to organize a service effort as his Eagle Scout project.

"We met Zach and from there this has taken wings," said Mike Brackney. "This is the most food we've ever collected."

Brackney's practice, located at 8524 N. Canton Center, is filled with labeled, organized boxes of soups, vegetables and boxed pasta. More than 6,000 canned goods have been donated.

Zach, a Plymouth High School junior who has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America since he was in first grade, has spent the past few weekends at area grocery stores collecting donations.

"The amount of food has been surprising," he said. "The support from the community is great."

Irvine, who said the donations will be used for local families, praised Zach and Brackney Chiropractic.

"I've been doing food drives for a long time and this amount of food even shocked me," he said. "The timing couldn't be better because our pantry is an all-time low. We have families turning to us in need that, in the past, supported us. It has put us in dire-need mode."

Zach, who hopes to be an Eagle Scout before spring rolls around, has gathered a group of volunteers from Scouting and the school district to assist him.

"We need to help more people that would have never needed us before," Irvine said.

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Zach Neville loads a few of the more than 5,000 cans of food.

Turning tragedy to triumph

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The sharp edge of the knife sliced her arm, her hand and then it pierced her eye.

Her throat was next.

Rhonda Knight knew her life was coming to an end but then, in the midst of holding her arms up to her face to protect herself, she froze.

The man she once considered a friend couldn't get the knife to cut her again.

"It had to be God," Knight says while recounting the warm June night that changed her life. "I stopped telling myself that I was going to die and I began to think my way out of the situation."

After sustaining a series of blows to her head, Knight, 47, says she managed to convince her attacker, Charles Blue Jr., to drop his plans of killing the both of them by promising never to leave him again.

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Coming Sunday in Health



With the holidays coming,
keeping a healthy weight
can be a challenge.

Principal set to start rehab after stroke

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

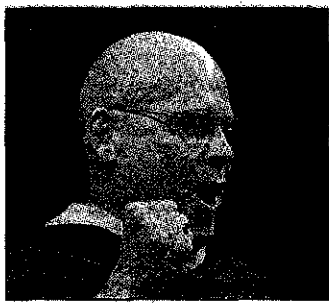
Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin has been hospitalized after suffering a stroke Saturday.

School officials say Ostoin, 62, was transferred Tuesday from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia to Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn to begin rehabilitation.

Ostoin began his career with Plymouth-Canton Schools in 1974 as an area coordinator for Salem, and was appointed principal in 1986.

"Jerry is one of those guys who make the Park what it is," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "He loves students, he loves the Educational Park and is very proud to be the principal at Salem High School."

"A lot of people are saddened because he's such a popular leader," he said. "We're going to wish him a speedy recovery, and many people have him and his family in their prayers."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin is set to begin rehabilitation following the stroke he suffered Saturday.

Ostoin actually retired two years ago, but has remained principal at Salem by participating in the emeritus program, which allows for administrators to retire and continue their positions as contract employees, with the district saving money by not having to pay for benefits.

Ryan said Assistant Principal Patrick Fitzpatrick has been named interim principal until Ostoin's return.

A bite out of 'The Apple'

BY PATRICIA FILIOS
CORRESPONDENT

Quirky and delicious, Canton High School's production of *The Apple Tree* is delighting audiences with an unusual presentation of three one-act self-contained musical comedies.

The Apple Tree completes its run this weekend with 8 p.m. shows Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16-17, and a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday at the Dubois Little Theatre in Canton High School.

Although the three acts are for the most part completely unrelated, there's an underlying theme of the temptation of wanting what's just out of reach.

The first act is based on Mark Twain's *The Diary of Adam and Eve*. Set in the Garden of Eden, its first residents are seen as an everyday, bickering-and-loving couple, blending the Bible's first chapter of Genesis with Twain's satiric wit.

According to Senior Carolyn Benages, who plays the strong-willed and insatiably curious Eve, the role is a challenge because it deals with a story everyone knows. She said she went back and re-read the Bible to get a feel for the story.

"It's not Biblically correct in a lot of places, but the few accuracies that are there make it hilarious," Benages said. "The real challenge is finding the balance between the humor and drama."

As Adam, 17-year-old Timothy Thompson is

learning that women have been complicated, confusing and a little maddening from the very beginning. "Just when Adam thought he had everything under control, along comes Eve and everything changes. Women do make life interesting!" Thompson said.

Director Shannon McNutt describes the first act of *The Apple Tree* as both funny and touching and the only one of the three works with sincere emotional content. "The other two acts are pure fluff, fantasy and just plain fun for the remainder of the show," she said.

Act Two is based on Frank R. Stockton's well-known *The Lady or the Tiger* and is set in a semi-barbaric kingdom in medieval times. The spoiled and self-centered Princess Barbara (accent on the second syllable) reflects her true nature when Captain Sanjar is brought to trial because of his "forbidden love" for the princess. He must choose between two doors, one of which conceals a man-eating tiger, and the other a beautiful woman who would become his wife. The princess discovers what is behind the doors in time to save him, but her jealousy flares.

Senior Hannah Fox plays the ruthless princess. Her credits include numerous shows, none of which have offered a character like this.

"I've always played someone old or frumpy," she said. "It's a delightful challenge

to play the super seductive princess in front of friends and family!"

The handsome Capt Sanjar is played by Kendall Persons, a senior at Canton High. "Capt Sanjar is a great role, it's all about being manly man and getting to carry a sword," Persons grinned.

The final act is a cartoon Cinderella story set in America in the 1960's. It's the tale of a big-city chimney sweep named Ella who dreams of being a beautiful, much adored screen goddess. She gets her wish, becomes a glamorous movie star and falls for a rock star known as "Flip." He rejects her superficial beauty so to win him over, she demands star in a screen epic called "The Chimney Sweep" as Ella. Flip finally falls for her but when the two are alone his own secret identity (a "nerd") is revealed.

Junior Francesco (Frankie) DiNicola is having a great time in the role of Flip. "Flip thinks he's the greatest and best looking and his fans worship him - I love this role," he laughed.

Kelly Filios, a sophomore, takes on the roles of Ella/Passionella with relish. Unlike Flip, Passionella is a little bewildered at all the attention of adoring fans.

Tickets now on sale for *The Apple Tree* are \$10 at the Dubois Little Theatre in Canton High School and will also be available at the Door. For more information, see www.secondstageplayers.org

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Dad: 'There was a lot of love' for victim

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Danny Sorensen came from a very large family, despite the fact he was an only child. That's because Sorensen, killed last week in a brutal attack police say was perpetrated by two teenagers from Plymouth Township and Westland, respectively, used the same distinction to define family and friends.

That's why, according to his dad, some 200 members of Danny's "family" were on hand to pay their respects at his funeral Tuesday.

"Danny was a funny person," said James Sorensen, 51, a retail manager who lives in Westland with his wife, Kim. "He loves his friends; he'd do anything for them. The definition of friend and family was interchangeable for him. He had a lot of people who loved him."

The elder Sorensen was frank about his son. For instance, he had a record for a sexual offense when he was 18 that was initially portrayed in the media as part of the reason for his death but has since been "cleared up," according to Jim Sorensen.

The case occurred in Illinois when Danny was 18, and actually constituted a consensual relationship between him and a girl who turned out to be 14 at the time. The term "sexual predator" appeared in headlines and newscasts in the days following his death, but Jim Sorensen thinks all of that has been cleared up now.

"When this first came out, (the media) made a big issue of Danny being on the sexual offender registry, but I think they've clarified that," the elder Sorensen said Tuesday. "You heard people say, 'He was a sexual predator, he got what he deserved.' Well, that's just ignorance. By and large, we're very pleased with how (Danny) has been portrayed."

"He had some struggles, but he was a good kid."

As a youngster, James Sorensen said,



His parents say Daniel Sorensen, a former Westland resident killed last week, was fiercely loyal to friends and family.



Parents say Daniel Sorensen, here at age 4, was 'a precocious kid.'

Danny was "precocious." There was the time, when Jim was a college student in Utah and his young family lived in college-owned housing, when Danny would be playing in the complex's yard and would disappear.

Jim would frantically walk the grounds, calling his son's name, only to discover him in the home of another child.

"I'd tell him, 'You have to tell us when you're going somewhere,' and he'd say, 'But I made another friend,'" Jim remembered, smiling at the thought. "He was precocious. If his mom and I were going out, he wouldn't be clinging to us, crying. He'd be pushing us out the door, because he knew he was going to have fun with the baby-sitter."

As a young man and into adulthood, Jim Sorensen said, Danny continued to make

friends easily, and he was fiercely loyal to them. He would often go down his list of friends, looking for someone "to hang with," Jim said.

"He'd call someone and say, 'Dude, wanna hang out? Oh, you gotta work? OK,' and then it would be on to the next number," Jim Sorensen remembered. "It would be like speed-dialing until he found someone he could hang out with."

David Priede of Livonia met Danny Sorensen nearly two years ago, through mutual friends. It wasn't long, Priede said Tuesday, before they had become friends themselves.

"He was one of the nicest people I've ever met," Priede said. "If you were broke down on the side of the road, he was the guy who was going to stop and help you, whether he knew you or not."

Not much information has been released by law enforcement authorities about how Sorensen knew his alleged killers. Police say Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth Township and 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland lured Sorensen, a 26-year-old from River Rouge, to the Canton home of Orlewicz's grandfather, where they attacked, dismembered and burned him.

James Sorensen said he'd never heard of Letkemann — "It's my understanding he'd only met him recently," he said — and said he'd "heard (Orlewicz's) name bandied about." Sorensen said he had no idea why Danny went to meet them the night he died.

And on Tuesday, he simply wanted to remember his son.

"His nickname was Bear, and that's what he was like, like a big, lovable teddy bear," Jim Sorensen said. "There were a lot of people (at Tuesday's funeral), friends of Danny's who we'd never met, who came up to us and told us what a great guy he was."

"There was a lot of love."

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Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy called the killing of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen "a thrill killing," and has charged teenagers from Plymouth Township and Westland in the crime.

No plans to waive preliminary exam

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Joseph Niskar, one of the attorneys for accused killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz, was asked whether his client might waive the preliminary hearing, which police officials said is often done in high-profile cases, his answer was simple.

No.

His client, a 17-year-old Plymouth Township resident, is charged — along with 18-year-old Alexander Letkemann of Westland — with killing, dismembering and burning the body of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge.

The two, arraigned Monday in Romulus, face a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court in Plymouth Nov. 19. Niskar said at this point, he would go on with the hearing as planned.

"This is not an exam that would be waived," Niskar said. "The only reason we would waive an exam is to prevent more serious charges being filed. That's obviously not going to happen here ... the charges don't get any more serious."

"The other reason would be to preserve testimony from witnesses who might not be available at trial," he added. "That's not going to happen in this case, either."

The one question lawyers for both sides had was the availability of discovery, the information to be turned over to them by the Wayne County prosecutor's office. At press time, neither lawyer had received their discovery.

"Because of the complexity of the case, my feeling is (the prosecution) is not going to have all the police reports ready," said Raymond Cassar, the lawyer for Letkemann. "As long as (discovery) is ready in time, it's my plan to take testimony in the preliminary hearing."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller said Wednesday morning that discovery would be "ready for (lawyers) to pick up" by Thursday afternoon.

"We'll have the discovery ready for them," Miller said. "We would be ready to proceed with the case and the evidence, if they're ready to proceed."

The exam is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Monday, but could still wind up being delayed.

"I think the prosecutor might be ready by Monday, but we might not be," Niskar said. "We still don't have the police reports. If we don't get them on time, there's a chance it could be adjourned."

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STUDENTS REACT

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identified one of the students as a P-CEP student.

"It's the only thing everyone was talking about," said Julie Goralski, 16, of Canton Township. "The school isn't really talking to us about it, but there's a lot of rumors. It was on the news, and inside the weight room they shut down the TVs to keep it quiet."

"Some of my friends say they just didn't believe it because they didn't think he was that kind of guy," said 15-year-old Jerome Brown, a Canton High School

freshman. "Others say he had a short-fuse temper."

Teachers were sent an e-mail from the administration about 11 a.m. Monday with information on how to handle the expected wave of discussion and rumors.

"It is important that students are aware one of their classmates may be involved, and that it is best not to speculate or participate in rumors," read the e-mail. "Because of the nature of the allegations, the details may be very disturbing to our students."

"The district's top priority is to make sure students have the support they need," the e-mail continued. "Counselors,

social workers and psychologists are available at each of the high school guidance counseling offices to talk with students."

Even though many students at the Park didn't know Orlewicz, just the fact he was a member of the P-CEP student body was enough to bring reaction.

"It's shocking," said Nick Tasco, a freshman from Plymouth Township. "Even though the murder happened in Northville, it's still pretty shocking that he goes to our school. What he supposedly did was brutal and disgusting."

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Blue, who had lured the former West Bloomfield woman to his township apartment under false pretenses, seemed to accept Knight's false declarations of love and proceeded to force her to have sex.

"There I was, face swollen from

where he had punched me over and over and I was bleeding and he wanted to have his way with me," she says. "I felt so repulsed that I wanted to throw up."

When Blue, 38, casually mentioned that Knight, whom he had stabbed in the left eye, needed a bandage, the mother of five wanted to balk at the paltry suggestion.

"I was thinking 'how does he think a Band-Aid will help?' But

instead I used that as a way to get out," she said. "We agreed that I would go to the hospital and say that I was attacked by a stranger."

INITIAL REACTION

Knight, whose near brush with death made headlines after she went to the police, says she was initially horrified to see a recount of the June 11 attack in the media, albeit minus her identity.

"This was something so private and his name was printed, his picture, everything," she said. "People knew it was me. I started getting calls from my friends — my whole life was out there. I didn't feel safe in the world. I thought I was going crazy."

Knight, who wipes away tears while talking about the aftermath of the attack, says she had to think long and hard about going public with her story.

"He seemed like a nice guy, he was clean cut and friendly," Knight says of her first encounter with Blue nearly two years ago. "We became friends."

Months later, the two began dating, but the love affair fizzled when Knight discovered that Blue had relapsed into heavy drug usage.

"He told me in the beginning that he was a recovering addict and I appreciated his honesty," Knight said. "When he started using again, I ended the dating but we kept our friendship."

As months passed, Knight says holding onto the friendship began to take its toll on her and she told Blue she didn't want to speak to him anymore.

"I told him that I wasn't trying to be mean but that we had two different outlooks on life," she said. "He even had his mom call me and I told her the same thing I told him."

Knight ended the friendship on June 3. A week later, she says Blue called and told her he wanted to prove that he was clean by taking an at-home drug test in front of her.

Knight says she hesitated but agreed to visit Blue.

"I had worked late that night and had forgot all about going over there until I was less than a mile away from my home," she said.



Rhonda Knight has started an organization for women who have survived violence.

"But because I like to be a woman of my word, I turned around and drove to his apartment."

She got to Blue's apartment at about 12:30 a.m. and then drove him to the store to get the drug test. Soon after they returned to his apartment, Blue attacked Knight and began punching her.

"One second, I was talking and the next, he was punching me. I fell on the floor and was in shock because he had never hit me before," she said, adding that he then said they would both be leaving the apartment in body bags.

After an hourlong ordeal, in which Knight said Blue told her he was angry that she had forgotten about him and moved on with her life, Knight was free to walk out of his apartment.

"I told him that I knew he loved me and that I would never leave him again but he had to promise not to hit me again," she said, adding she then drove straight to the Canton Police Department.

Blue, who was later arrested and charged in the attack, pleaded guilty in September to charges of first-degree criminal sexual

conduct and assault with intent to murder. He was sentenced to serve 15-25 years in prison.

Knight attended all of Blue's court appearances and said he would mouth "I'm sorry" to her.

"I thought he deserved more time," she said. "He destroyed everything I knew, he deflated me."

HELPING OTHERS

Saying that she's been unable to resume her career of running a mortgage company, Knight has dealt with her emotions by creating a nonprofit organization, Uplifting Hearts, Minds & Souls.

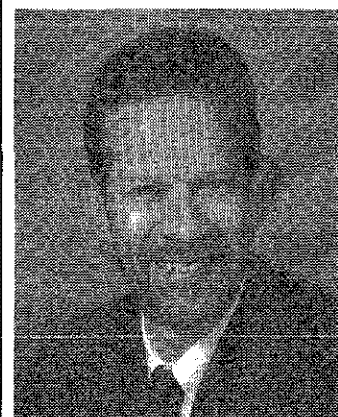
"I feel like this is my purpose on this Earth," she said, adding that she's gained strength by telling her story at events and on a syndicated radio program. "I've had so many people help me or come forth with their story. When people began leaving their comments on the (organization's) Web site, I cried because I know this really does make a difference."

Knight's friend, Monica Ross of Detroit, has written a theme song for the organization and she backs her friend's vision.

"I saw how this affected her life and mine," Ross said. "Right after this happened, she was not the same person."

Knight's goals for the nonprofit include purchasing or building a shelter for up to 100 women.

"We all hear about violence against women and say 'that's a sad story' and that's all we see it as," she said. "If we can have an animal shelter, but not a women's shelter, in every community we need to look at our values. We see so much tragedy and I'm taking some of it and turning it around for good."



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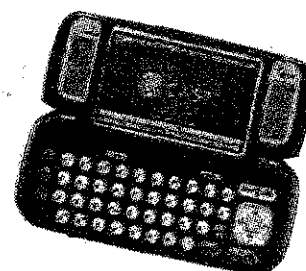
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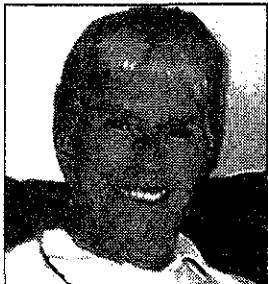
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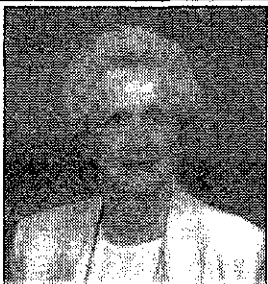
BEVERLY JEANNE MOFFITT

Age 79, Farmington Hills, MI. Passed November 9, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



DOROTHY E. CINADER

Age 82, passed away November 11, 2007 after a short illness. She is preceded in death by her husband of 49 years Wesley, her son Douglas and her sister Mavis Marsh-Weikum. Dorothy was born in Canistota SD to Vern & Mary Gordon on April 11, 1925 and moved to Michigan after her marriage in 1945. She and Wesley raised 5 children in Troy, Royal Oak and Clarkston Michigan before moving to Phoenix in 1972. Dorothy is survived by her sister Velma Lauck of Salem SD, 4 children, Cheryl (Robert) Cobb of Phoenix AZ, Carol (John) Farmer of Muskegon MI, Dan (Sue) Cinader of Ann Arbor MI, David (Dayna) Cinader of Salem OR, 6 grandchildren, Jennifer Cinader, Jamie (Jack) Page, Laura (David) Sobelman, Carrie Phillips, Carly Cinader and Katie Cinader; and 6 great grandchildren, Ashley, Austin, Madison, Faith, Logan, and Abbey. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 14th at Shadow Mountain Mortuary, 2350 E Greenway Rd. Phoenix, AZ. Donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley.



ELINOR ISABEL (Jewell) HOLLAND

Born in Detroit August 27, 1924, formerly of Novi, passed November 10, 2007 at the West Bloomfield Nursing Center after a long illness. Mother of Patricia Anne Soma (Anthony) of Wallied Lake. Sister of Ralph (Rosemary) Jewell of Alma, Aunt of Larry Jewell and Lynne Price. Cousin of many especially Elizabeth Keith, Susan Jones and Jamie Ann Jones, Sister-in-law and friend of Margery F. Holland of Detroit and former wife of Robert Holland of Detroit. Friend and Neighbor who will be missed. Retired from Clarenceville High School where she was Department Chair. Graduate of Ferris, MSU, Oakland University and Loyola. Active in the community of Novi serving on many committees and Boards including SWOCC Cable Access Committee. Formerly hosted several programs on local cable. Member of Delta Kappa Gamma, AAUW, Eastern Star and Daughters of Scotia. Associated with the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and Novi Chamber of Commerce. Visitation Friday at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills, 31950 W. 12 Mile Road, 248-553-0120 from 1-4 and 6-8. Visitation Saturday at Funeral Home noon until Memorial Service at 1:30. Flowers or Donations to Charity are requested. Envelopes are available at the Funeral Home for Gleaners, DHIS, Novi Library and Madonna University Scholarship Fund.

ERIN KATHLEEN GOBESKI

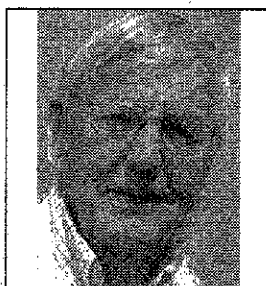
Passed away on November 1, 2007 at the age of 24. Beloved daughter of James and Linda Gobeski. Dear sister of Sasha (Jerry Cunningham) Gobeski and Molly Gobeski. Granddaughter of Veronica Gobeski and Sigrid Break. Niece of Ronni (Kim) Cornforth, Jerry (Ola Unger) Gobeski, Gale (Bob) Sinicola and Donna (Ken) Wiecezera. Special friend to Curtis Leggins. Memorial service Saturday, November 24, 2007 at 11 am at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Contributions suggested to Dawn Farms, 6633 Stoney Creek, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

YAEKO ERWIN

Age 83, November 12, 2007. Born January 1, 1924 in Kobe, Japan. Beloved wife of Louis. Dear mother of Keiko (Mark) Greca, Nancy (Kirk) McCordell and Belinda (Keith) Abbott. Grandmother of Paul and Jonathan Maisson, Derek and Shelby Abbott. Great-grandmother of Akira Maisson. Yaeiko will be remembered as a kind, generous and well-loved woman to all. Visitation Friday 2pm until her funeral service at 7pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Private burial at Michigan Memorial Park.

FLORENCE J. NUGENT (nee Schrade)

March 5 1909-November 1, 2007. Born to parents Ella and Edward Schrade in Mt. Clemens. Teaching degree from Western Michigan. Taught country school until marrying Otis James Nugent in 1927 (died November 23, 1991). Earned Master's Degree from Wayne State and taught at Lanse Cruse in Mt. Clemens until retirement. Devout church goer-63 years. Zion Evangelical and Reformed in Mt. Clemens and 35 years at Trinity Presbyterian in Plymouth. Children: Janet Christner, Nancy Bobcean, Karen Brooks, James Nugent, nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held at Trinity Presbyterian, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI Saturday, November 17, at 11:00am.



HAROLD J. KELLEY

Age 81, October 12, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Gloria. Loving father of Cynthia (Richard) Moniaci, Susan (Robert) Prothero, and Karen (Timothy) Ellison. Dearest grandfather of eight and great grandfather of eight. Dear brother of Virginia Johnstone and the late Wallace, Paul and Darrell. There will be a memorial service Saturday, November 17, 11AM at the Community of Christ Church, 3830 Crooks Rd, Troy. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Beaumont Hospice and/or the church. Share your memories at: www.sawyerfuller.com



HELEN W. MORROW

Age 96 years, of Pompano Beach, FL passed away October 30, 2007, 19 days after her beloved husband of 75 years, Arthur R. Morrow, passed away on October 11, 2007. She was born June 15, 1911 in Cambridge, OH to the late Roy and Blanche (Feaster) White. Art was active in the banking business in Cambridge, and he and Helen were both active in many community affairs. In 1948 Art and Helen moved from their home in Cambridge to Michigan, where Helen became a charter member of the Bloomfield Village Garden Club and was active in her community schools and the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, MI. In 1993 they moved to Pompano Beach, FL to retire and enjoy life where they both were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Pompano Beach. She loved her home and family and was blessed with many friends. Helen was an avid bridge player and a passionate sports fan. She loved to travel, and she and Art enjoyed many world travels. During World War II, Helen was a Red Cross Worker in Cambridge, OH and recently received a pin from the Broward County, FL Chapter of the American Red Cross. Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Jean (Richard) Black; son, Mike (Midge) Morrow; grandchildren, Andy Morrow, Allison Morrow, Richard (Leigh Ann) Black and James Black; great-grandchildren, Scott, Brian, Eric, Keith, Stephanie, Kristin and Cassandra and sisters, Mabel Riddle and Louise Drucesodow. In addition to her husband she was predeceased by her son, Tommy Ray Morrow in 1938, and by her sister, Barbara Flood. The family would like to thank the doctors, caregivers, nurses and others who gave our mother care and companionship during her last year. The family greeted friends at 9am at the Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Pompano Beach, FL on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 9:00 - 9:45 AM, followed by funeral services at 9:45 AM in the funeral home chapel.

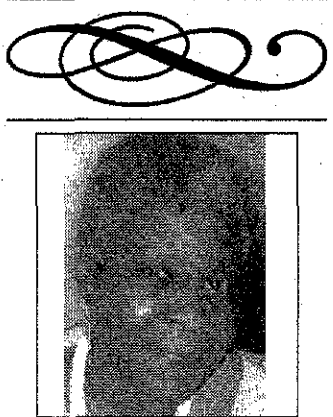
SHIRLEY RUTH CEASAR (NEE: Chapman)

Born November 11, 1928 in Detroit, MI. Passed away October 26, 2007, at age 78. Loving wife of the late Albert. Beloved mother of Carey Lynn Murphy and Patricia Ann Ayoub. Grandmother of Heather Smith (Rick), Siobhan Murphy, Simon Ayoub, Paul Murphy, Ameer Ayoub and Wah'ja Ayoub. Great-grandmother of Sianna, Lanae, Arianna and Jaisten. There will be a memorial service on November 18, 2007 at 2:00pm at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia, MI 48150. (734) 421-5406. Call Carey at (248) 830-4911 for more information.



LINDA K. FERNELIUS

Age 45, passed away Nov. 1, 2007 after a long illness. Her bright spirit will be missed by all who knew her, especially her colleagues and students at Beaulere Elementary School. She was preceded in death by mother Dottie, and is survived by her father Earl, her sister Margi, and niece Emma, all of Tucson. A celebration of Linda's life was held in Jacksonville on Nov. 4; her ashes will be scattered at her favorite campground on Jekyll Island, GA. Contributions in Linda's memory may be made to the Beaulere Faculty Fund, 4555 Craven Rd., Jacksonville, FL, 32257, attn: D. Runyon.

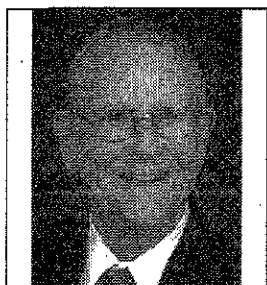


MARCELLA WILLIAMS

Age 77, of Southfield, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 8, 2007. Loving mother of Margretta Potts (husband, Glenn), Roberta Amos (husband, Will), Thomas Hamm (wife, Mildred), Arthur Hamm, Fred Williams Jr. (wife, Gaylen), and Marcell Troupe (husband, Leroy). Cherished grandmother of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Viewing was held Monday at Haley Funeral Directors in Southfield. Home Going Services were Tuesday, November 13th, at Unity Baptist Church in Detroit, with burial taking place at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to Haley Funeral Directors in Southfield. Online condolences & obituary at: www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com

MARY KATHERYN BENDER

Of Plymouth-Northville, age 91, November 10, 2007. Retired teacher from the Plymouth School System. Beloved wife of the late Eddie J. Bender. Loving mother of Michelle (Skip) Dorrington of Plymouth, Peter (Nancy) Bender of Virginia and Thomas (Susan) Bender of Pinckney. Dearest grandmother of Patrick (Holly) Dorrington, Michael (Nadine) Dorrington, Mandy Bender and Meredith Bender. Dearest great-grandmother of Cass, Ali and Kate Dorrington. Services were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church on Tuesday. Contributions suggested to Arbor Hospice or Concord University. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



RICHARD (Dick) J. BIRDSALL

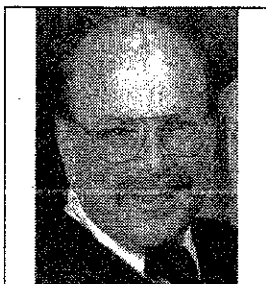
Age 81, of Livonia since 1937. Went home to be with our Lord November 11, 2007. Beloved husband of Mabel for 63 years; dearest father of Judith (Gary) Jones, Lawrence (Cathy), Mary, Cynthia, Sallie (Kurt) Keller and son-in-law Glenn Schneemann; cherished brother of Marjorie, A. Kenneth & Marilyn. Mr. Birdsall is also survived by 16 grandchildren & nine great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Schneemann. Visitation was held Wednesday at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Funeral service 11:00 AM Thursday, November 15 (in state 10:30 AM) at Covenant Community Church, 24800 Student, Redford, MI.

KATHRYN STRATTON GRABEL

Age 86, Farmington Hills, MI. Passed November 10, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

RICHARD VOSSELER MORGAN

Age 70, of Punta Gorda, Florida, passed away November 8, 2007. He was born November 21, 1936 in Detroit, Michigan to Thomas and Ruth (Vosseler) Morgan. Richard graduated from Birmingham High School in 1955 and received a B.A. from Michigan State University. He served in the US Army Reserves, Fire Brigade. He retired from Computer Sales and moved from West Bloomfield, MI in 2001 to Punta Gorda. Richard was a member of the Punta Gorda Elks, St. Andrews Golf Club, Platinum Point Yacht Club, PSI Upsilon Fraternity and Power Squadron. He served on the board of directors at Pointe Aux Barques in Port Austin, Michigan in a community beyond description where he developed many lifelong friendships. He was a loyal friend to all, and loving companion to his wife, Patty. Richard will be greatly missed by his daughter, Christine Taylor Morgan of Punta Gorda; sons, Scott (Kerry) Boone of West Bloomfield, MI, Greg (Edlynn) Boone of Phoenix, AZ and John (Jennifer) Boone of West Bloomfield, MI; brother Thomas Morgan of Birmingham, MI; four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Patty. A celebration of Richard's life will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at Burnt Stone Presbyterian Church with Rev. Tim Steward officiating. Memorial reception is scheduled Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 4:00-6:00 pm at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce Township, MI 48382. Memorial donations may be made to Burnt Stone Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Stone Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. To express condolences to the family please visit: www.Ltaylorfuneral.com and sign the online guest book. Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services.



STANLEY ZUGER

Age 55, of Royal Oak, passed away, November 8, 2007. Beloved husband for 35 years of Clarice. Loving father of Shaul Zuger of Rochester Hills and Jon Zuger of Royal Oak. Dear brother of Freda Schram and uncle of Lori Schram. Memorial Visitation Saturday 1PM until the time of service at 3PM at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 12 Mile Rd., (2 blks W. of Woodward), Berkley. Final Resting Place, Resurrection Chapel—Roseland Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Beaumont Heart Foundation or the Beaumont Cancer Foundation. Share your memories at: www.sawyerfuller.com

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NOVEMBER

Book and bake sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 16-17, in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. The Women of the ELCA are sponsoring this sale as a fund-raiser for the Batten Disease Support & Research Association, a neurological disease that is always fatal and generally affects young children.

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.

Free Thanksgiving breakfast

Meet your neighbors at Harvest Ministries Church 9-10:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, 23233 Drake, between Grand River and Freedom Road, Farmington Hills. No charge. For information, call (248) 478-1511.

New church service

Let Beacon Hill Christian Church (DOC) be that light on the hill that will help you find your spiritual grounding and firm foundation in this ever-changing world at a new church service beginning 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, in the chapel at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton. Enter through the south double doors next to the play area.

Course in Miracles

Introduction seminars based on A Course in Miracles spiritual self-study book 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8; 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, 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.com@hotmail.com.

Heroes

Series explores the lives of five ordinary heroes 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 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.

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.

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 Noreno 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@twm1.r.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.

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

The Golden Glide

The Mt. Hope Congregational Church Youth Group hosts a dinner dance with music from the Big Band Era 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the church

on the north side of Schoolcraft road, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. The \$9.50 per person charge includes a spaghetti dinner with salad, dinner rolls, and dessert. To reserve tickets (to be picked up at the door), e-mail all guest names to soccer18chika@hotmail.com. Please include phone number or other contact method. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the event. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-7280 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will help support their 2008 mission trip to Waterloo, Iowa.

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.

Nativity displays

More than 200 Nativity displays from around the world in a Celebration of the Christmas Creche 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9 (\$7 per person at the door, \$5 per person for groups of 10 or more; Preview party and lecture by Bengt Swenson 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 (tickets start at \$50 and benefits the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, RSVP required by calling (313) 824-4710) at their building, 15415 E. Jefferson at Somers, Grosse Pointe Park. The nativity displays are from the private collection of Bengt and Elaine Swenson.

ONGOING

New worship schedule

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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. Nursery care also provided during the service. On the fourth and fifth Sundays they 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 information, 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-can-eat 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 154 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 Leverage, 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.

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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. Recreation, 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.

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 (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.

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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

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Dad wants to tell about 'the real Alex'

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Standing in front of his two-story home on Westland's north side, a somber Pete Letkemann rejected the way his 18-year-old son, Alex, has been portrayed as a vicious criminal involved in the stabbing, beheading and burning of former Westland resident Daniel G. Sorensen.

"We are chomping at the bit to get the word out about the real Alex — not this pretend Alex they're talking about," Letkemann said.

The family's desire to tell their story has been hampered by attorneys who have advised them against talking while the case is unfolding against their son and another defendant, 17-year-old Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township.

"Ask anybody who knows Alex and they will tell you that he's not like this," Pete Letkemann said.

With that, he walked into his house as an autumn breeze blew gently along this quiet, well-kept street where residents are stunned that Alex Letkemann is charged with first-degree premeditated murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse.

A neighbor who only wanted her first name, Emma, used said she can't believe the same boy who played hockey in the street and who did odd jobs for elderly residents could be involved in the murder of Sorensen, whose burned body was found last Thursday in Northville Township. Authorities later found Sorensen's head in Hines Park in Dearborn Heights, and have accused the teens of nothing short of a "thrill kill."

"Alex seemed like a nice kid," Emma said, standing on her porch. "He helped an elderly couple down the street. He would cut their grass, and he would shovel snow."

"He's not like those Columbine kids," she said, referring to the 1999 school shooting rampage in Colorado. "He's not like that. This is a good family. This is really sad news for all of our neighborhood."

Across the street, a neighbor who identified herself only as Lynne voiced similar shock about allegations against Alex Letkemann.

"I'm just very surprised," she said. "As Alex got

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EMMA, Westland neighbor of Alex Letkemann

older, he wanted to move out of the house, like most teenagers do. But he ended up staying at home."

Referring to the Letkemann family, Lynne said, "You would think them to be the typical suburban family. The parents are very nice people."

Livonia school officials said Alex Letkemann dropped out of Churchill High School in April 2006 but later earned his diploma through the adult education program.

According to Westland police and district court officials, the teenager had some minor legal problems earlier this year that pale in comparison to the new allegations against him.

He was cited for a misdemeanor retail fraud charge in March amid allegations he and a friend stole cough syrup from the CVS store at Warren and Venoy, police Lt. Daniel Karrick confirmed.

That ticket was later dismissed, according to Westland 18th District Court Administrator David Wiacek.

Alex Letkemann also was charged with driving a 1992 Pontiac Bonneville into a fence and leaving the car at the scene April 8 at Spring Valley and Fountain, on the city's north side, Karrick said.

Letkemann pleaded guilty in September to failing to report the accident — reduced from a more serious charge of leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage, Wiacek said.

The teenager also admitted responsibility for a civil infraction of driving without using due care and caution, Wiacek said.

Letkemann received two points on his driving record. He also paid fines of \$500, Wiacek said.

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SHOCK

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the Dearborn Heights-Detroit line.

On Monday, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said at a press conference the killing was done "simply for the thrill of it."

"All of us up here have seen every crime imaginable, and all of us are puzzled why someone would kill just for the thrill of it," she said. "It's bone-chilling."

According to Worthy, Sorensen owed "small amounts" of money to at least one of the suspects, but money "did not appear" to be part of the motive. Nor, Worthy made sure to point out, did Sorensen's previous record as a criminal sexual offender, which had received play in the media since the discovery of his body Thursday morning.

According to Worthy, the crime was planned out well in advance. She said the garage floor had been covered and cleaning materials were on hand to clean up after the crime.

"The crime scene was prepared, and they had made plans how to clean up and dispose of the body," Worthy said. "This was a well thought out, planned-out crime. It was very methodical."

On Tuesday night, gawkers were driving by the Holly Street home where the murder was committed. Police have increased their presence in the area.

A resident who's lived on the street for 27 years and did not want to be identified finds it hard to believe that the suspects gave no thought to being caught.

"The street is a busy one because it is the main thoroughfare in the subdivision. People regularly walk their dogs while skateboarders work on their jumps on the sidewalks. Anyone could have come upon the scene," said the longtime resident.

Worthy said they have "at least one statement," from one of the suspects, though she declined to answer whether the statement amounted to a confession. She also said there were at least three other "persons of interest" who have been identified, and that information came from at least one of them.

The fact one of her neighbors was involved in the killing was a sobering thought for one Beacon Hill woman.

"I'm sure (Orlewicz) could see some of our back yards, where our children play," said the woman, who asked not to be identified. "I think we're relieved he didn't say, 'Let's go get one of those easy targets.'"

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AROUND CANTON

Pioneer fund-raiser

Local residents are being asked to save returnable bottles and cans from the Thanksgiving holiday for the Pioneer Middle School can drive set for Dec. 2. Pioneer students are fund-raising for a trip to New York City in the spring and would greatly appreciate your donations.

It is very easy to help the kids get to NYC — just leave returnable cans and bottles on your porch by 11 a.m. for pickup by the students on Sunday, Dec. 2.

Supporters can also drop-off their bottles and cans to Pioneer Middle School, which is located at 46081 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. There is a collection spot outside the school entrance labeled "Cans for NYC trip." You can drop off cans any time from now until 5 p.m. Dec. 2.

For more information, to schedule a large pickup, or if cans were accidentally missed during the pickup, contact Pioneer parents Leon Korstjens (lkorst@ugs.com) or Lynn Blythe (lkblythe@umich.edu).

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its December networking luncheon 11:30 a.m. Dec. 5 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

December's luncheon will feature Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers and Chamber Choir. We will be collecting toys and gifts for Canton Goodfellows "No Child without a Christmas program." Each guest is asked to bring an unwrapped toy or gift.

December's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by National City Bank and Yazaki North America, Inc. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Nov. 30.

Historic holidays

Canton will host the 6th annual open house Holidays at Bartlett-Travis House on Friday, Nov 16, from 6:30-9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov 17, from 1-4 p.m., with storytelling from 4-5 p.m.

This year offers two opportunities to tour this restored historic home, which will be "dressed" for the holiday season, located on Ridge Road just north of Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill Village.

On Friday night from 6:30-9 p.m., people are invited to sip hot cocoa and listen to nostalgic melodies sung by vintage carolers.

On Saturday afternoon, the house will be open for viewing from 1-4 p.m. The kitchen will offer cookies and cocoa for all to enjoy. From 4-5 p.m. a storyteller will weave holiday yarns for all ages. The open house viewing is free and open to the general public. Registration is necessary for storytelling.

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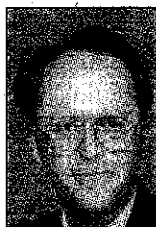
Minister, Air Force vet announces run for Congress

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Thomas Spencer, 55, a Methodist minister and veteran of 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, is seeking the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District to challenge incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter.

"I'm dissatisfied with the direction the country is going," Spencer said Tuesday. "And, I have a son about to go on his third tour in Iraq."

The Waterford Township resident is a newcomer to elective politics. He served in the Air Force from 1972 to



Spencer

1992, finishing his career as a technical sergeant. He received an Air Force Commendation Medal while stationed at Ramstein Air Base in

Germany.

Spencer became a United Methodist pastor in 1993. He has served congregations in Tawas City, Rose City and the Thomas and Lakeville churches near Oxford. He will resign that position on Dec. 31.

He has an associate's degree from Alpena Community

College and is working toward a bachelor's degree at Saginaw Valley State University.

Spencer's wife, Kim, is also a Methodist minister. His son, Scott, is married and a sergeant in U.S. Army. His daughter, Tami, is married and lives in Livonia. Spencer has two grandchildren.

"The state of the economy is not well served by spending billions and billions of dollars in Iraq, in a quagmire," Spencer said.

He said McCotter voted against taking care of kids while continuing to support the war. McCotter voted against the expansion of the State Children's Health

Insurance Plan.

"What we are spending in one day in Iraq could care for 250,000 kids a year," he said.

Spencer said McCotter is in "lockstep" with the president. "We've lived in Waterford Township for a year and a half. I've written to him and his answers have been lame at best," Spencer said. "He sent our a flier that said 'I've said no to taxes and I continue to say no to taxes' but if there's a tax break for the rich, he supports it."

Spencer said he was encouraged by his wife and others to make the run and he said his background in the military

and as a pastor will serve him well.

"In both cases I've had to use leadership and managerial skills," he said. "I've had to work on coming up with budgets and I've dealt with people who don't agree with me."

He said he and his son have disagreed on the war.

"When he went the first time, he was very gung ho," Spencer said. "But after the second time, he came back after serving in the north in the Kurdish region, he said there has to be a diplomatic solution to this."

He said his lack of government experience shouldn't be a hindrance.

"Everybody starts out with no experience the first time they run for office," he said.

Spencer said his is a grassroots campaign. He said on Sunday he spoke with U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, who offered him encouragement.

McCotter is serving his third term as the representative of the 11th District. He was first elected in 2002 after serving in the state Senate and on the Wayne County Commission.

Spencer is the first announced candidate for the Democratic nomination.

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Medicare D Prescription plan requires careful research

Beginning Nov. 15, open enrollment begins for the Medicare D Prescription Drug Program. This begins an important enrollment period for anyone who is over 65 years of age. Although this program got off to a rocky start and is far from perfect, it has been successful in allowing seniors to reduce their costs for prescription drugs.

Like most things in our society, nothing is easy and that is the case with Medicare D. There are many different plans available and there is no one plan fits all. The key is to select the plan that best suits your situation.

What makes Medicare D even more confusing is that husband and wife, depending upon their situation, may have two different plans. In many situations, not everyone needs



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Medicare D coverage. For example, veterans may have better coverage through Veterans Affairs and, thus, may not need a Medicare D Prescription

Program.

There are several factors to consider when picking your plan. The first is cost. Although, in many situations the premium is not the most important issue, it is something everyone should weigh. After all, if you can't afford the premium payments there is no reason to obtain the policy.

Another issue is co-pays and deductibles. Even though

it would make sense to have these standardized, they are not. Before you sign up, be aware of the additional costs involved through co-pays and deductibles.

In Medicare D, not all plans cover all drugs. It is important to know the prescription drugs you are presently taking and whether they are covered. For individuals who are taking multiple drugs, concentrate on the medications that cost the most money. After all, by selecting a prescription drug plan that covers your most expensive drugs, it will likely save you the most amount of money.

Another issue is the convenience factor. How do you get your medications? Not all pharmacies and other outlets for prescription drugs participate with all drug plans. Select the plan that offers convenient

options for you. In addition, Michigan snowbirds who spend half the year in a warmer climate need to make sure they select a plan that allows them to buy medications in a convenient location when out of state.

Selecting a Medicare D Plan is difficult, however, there are resources available. Medicare has an excellent Web site, www.medicare.gov, that helps you select the right plan for yourself. There is also a toll-free number to call to help select the right plan for you, (800) 803-7174. Many

people are under the false impression that once you are in a Medicare D Plan you're in it for good. That is not the case. During open enrollment, individuals who have been in a program can switch plans. Many companies next year are increasing their premiums — significantly — and they also are changing coverage. In fact, some are planning to drop coverage for certain types of medications.

Remember when shopping around for coverage and doing research, make sure to treat husband and wife separately.

There is only one constant in the world and that is change. Whether it's changes in investments, estate planning or health care, we need to embrace change and accept it so that we can make the best decisions for our own individual situation.

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2) **Cindy Stewart - Troy, MI**
Gone were the dreams of playing basketball and being a teenager replaced by dreams of fighting for his life... But through this 16 month ordeal, we learned just how strong our son really is. He fought cancer with personal strength and courage that most people would only hope to have....

3) **Elizabeth Herczak - Livonia**
Being thirteen years old, cancer was the last thought on my mind as I walked into the Hospital E.R with stomach pains. I believe that when something horrible happens to you, make it something positive instead of a negative... I am strong! I am a survivor!

4) **Janet Kerns - Bloomfield Hills**
My whole outlook has always been that you have no power to change the situation you have been given, you only have the power in how you react to it... God has chosen me for this journey and He is there right beside me every step of the way.

5) **Karen Schoonover - Troy**
I questioned the color green... Why was she herself wearing green? Green was not her favorite color... "Green" he said "Is the color of hope."

6) **Mary Ann Blessing**
31 yrs ago I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I was 27. My faith is one of my keys. I have faith in myself, my world and my support system. Appreciation and Gratitude are two of my keys.

7) **Bart Berman - Bloomfield Hills**
Recognition of my parents forgotten love, gave me the ability to understand the real meaning of love and caring for people.

8) **Lucille Smilgis - Farmington Hills**
Most people didn't even know that Leo had cancer. His attitude was so caring and joyful... God needed Leo's laughter up in Heaven, too. His indomitable spirit lives on in our hearts and memories.

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OUR VIEWS

District needs to challenge data

Wayne-Westland Schools Supt. Greg Baracy has labeled a Johns Hopkins University study that labeled Wayne Memorial High School a "dropout factory" as irresponsible and inaccurate.

The report is based on a school's promoting power, which compares the number of seniors enrolled in a school to the number of freshmen four years earlier. Schools with a promoting power of 60 percent or less were deemed dropout factories.

Researchers used enrollment data from the U.S. Department of Education freshman enrollment data in 2001, 2002 and 2003 and senior enrollment data in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and calculated that Wayne Memorial had a promoting power of 58 percent.

They admit the term is harsh and unfair, but use it to describe "under-resourced and over-challenged high schools which educate primarily low-income and minority students and year after year are unable to graduate the majority or near majority of students who enter the school."

If you listen to Baracy, Wayne Memorial doesn't fit the researchers' description of a dropout factory. As calculated by the Michigan State Department of Education, the school has a graduation rate of 86.5 percent and a dropout rate of 4 percent for the 2006-07 school year.

When you're comparing apples and oranges, it's hard to say who's correct. Wayne Memorial could well have a large turnover in students. It does draw students from portions of the district that have a large transient population. But it is making adequately yearly progress and meeting the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and its graduation rates are high.

The label is a stinging rebuke for the district, which has worked long and hard to improve its image. A lot of time and money have been invested into updating schools and the curriculum. The educational program is the first priority and students are showing in improvements at all levels.

The label of a dropout factory is just another hurdle the district faces in its push to be a top-notch school district. It now falls on school officials to prove the researchers are wrong. It won't be easy, but it won't fall on deaf ears. Researchers have already updated the report, removing four schools from the list because of inaccurate data.

Early interest critical to affecting election

You've heard it before — every vote counts. It bears repeating after some very close races this month. Notably, two races — one for city commission, the other city council — tied in Macomb County.

What readers may not hear, however, is the importance of getting involved in the electoral process early. From the looks of the presidential race, which has been heating up more than a year before the election, the word "early" has taken on new meaning — and urgency.

Primaries not only are an expression of who voters like, they're also a vote on the policies and promises of each candidate. The drive to move up primaries in the election calendar is designed to have a greater impact on those candidates and issues.

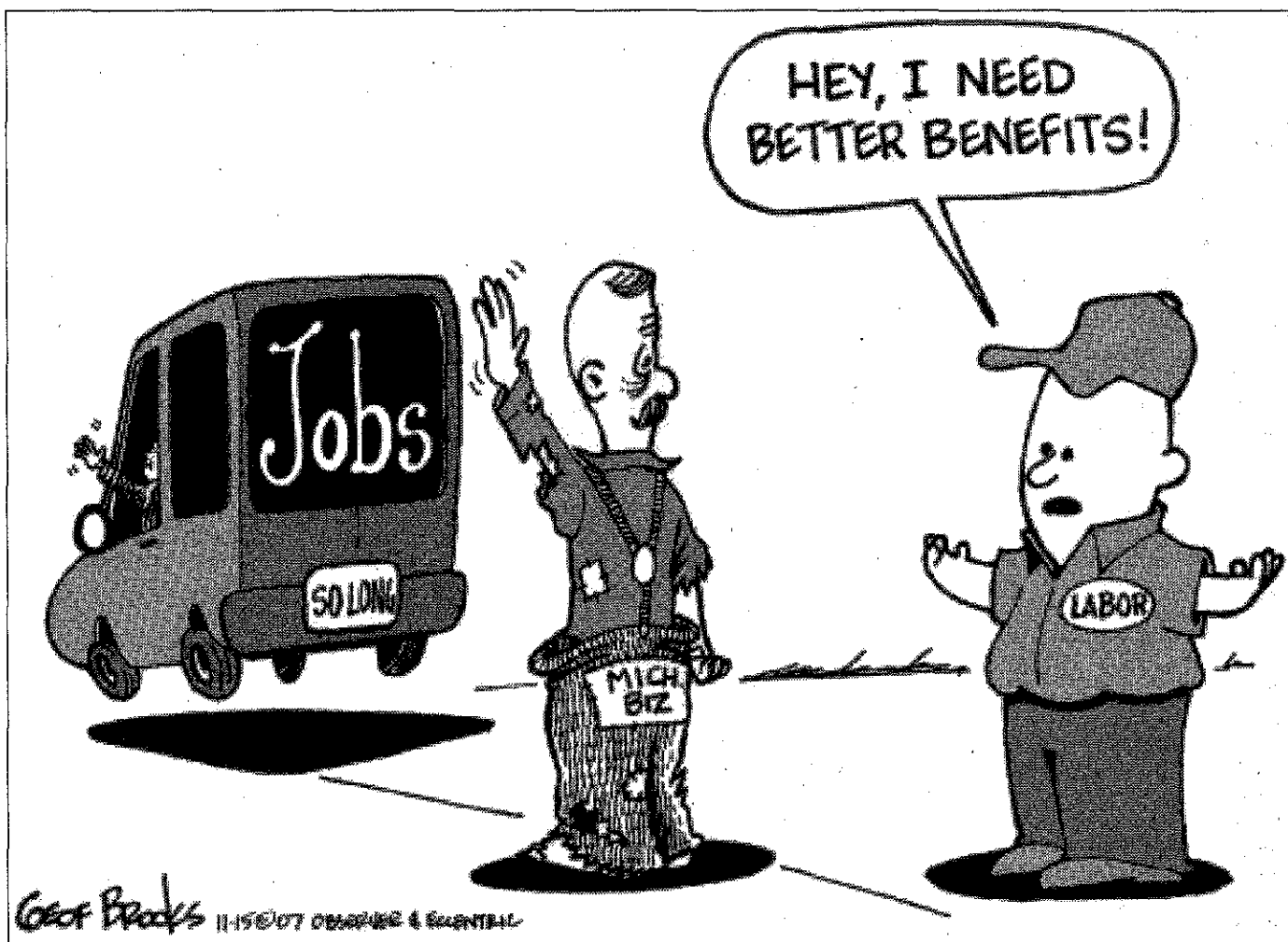
So if you have a burning issue, get involved. The primaries are a great way for voters to bring home national politics to the local level.

Another way to have an impact on national policy issues is to pay attention to the congressional seats that will be filled in 2008. Republicans like Joe Knollenberg in Oakland County and Thaddeus McCotter in Wayne County could be vulnerable, if voters associate them with the increasingly unpopular policies of President George W. Bush.

The Knollenberg race is building rapidly. Who eventually wins could depend on which candidates' supporters do the best job of getting out the vote. Will you be among them?

The early impact of voters is even more keenly felt at the county level. For instance, in Wayne County, the countywide races are conducted in strongly-held Democratic territory. So even though the races are partisan, the real contests will be in the August primaries on the Democratic side of the ballot.

Clearly while it's important to vote, it's also important to get involved early on and stay interested in the political process.



Don't change school elections

Over the past few weeks, we've heard about and read the discussion surrounding a proposed idea of moving the school board election to November so that it would coincide with the national election.

Proponents of this idea say it will save the district money. And, it will — \$50,000 per year. There is also the likelihood that more voters will go to the polls in a November election. That stands to reason, as well. However, I would suggest a savings of \$50,000 against the district's overall budget is hardly a strong enough reason for a change as extensive as moving the timing of an election. I think the district can find that \$50,000 somewhere else.

Also, I fear that a shift in the election date will take us down a path that replaces a more "local" community process with one that more so resembles national campaign politics. We don't need that. I would rather have a smaller number of voters who cast their ballots for school board candidates they've come to know and who they've evaluated rather than a larger voter turnout who blindly pick names based on party affiliation, for example.

Isn't it better to evaluate and elect candidates who measure up to the qualifications of the job based on their skills and ability to deliver substantive contribution toward the board's key objectives?

The Board of Education is doing the right thing — compiling data from a variety of resources from which the board can fairly evaluate and reach consensus on the correct course of action to undertake.

Scott Ragland
Canton

Move school election

We should move the school board election to November and save \$100,000. Reduce the other fat from the budget, also. Why is it so hard to figure this out?

Joe Slovak
Canton

Bishop was interesting

I attended Bishop Daniel Flores' recent talk at St. Thomas a' Becket. I admit to coming there with a preconceived attitude and an interest in how the bishop would address the issue of immigration. I had heard he was a very good speaker and was not disappointed. I felt editor Kurt Kuban did an excellent job in covering the talk and understanding and communicating the issues.

John Miner
Canton

'Annie' was impressive

I was passing through Canton recently, and had the pleasure to be able to stop and see Destination Theatre's community production of *Annie* at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. I was so impressed with the youngest member of the cast, Jill Kraus, who played an excellent part of the orphan, Mollie. I just had

to send a note to the *Observer*, to commend this fine young lady and the production for putting on such a fine show. Thank you, a pleased patron.

Mark Haines
Solana Beach, Calif.

An honor

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. As a hospice nurse, I wanted to bring attention and raise awareness to this special kind of care.

As a hospice nurse at Angela Hospice in Livonia I am frequently asked, "How can you work in hospice — it's important work, but it must be so sad!"

Actually, it is an honor and privilege to provide comfort, support, and guidance to help families care for their loved ones nearing the end of their life. Death is a part of life and we all travel that road at one time or another during our lifetime.

As hospice nurses, we are well trained in pain and symptom management and with our team members we are also able to provide emotional and spiritual support that patients and families need most when facing the end of life.

Fortunately, hospice is a fully covered benefit under Medicare and is also covered by most other insurance companies. Each year, more and more people choose hospice care. Another reason that hospice care means so much to those who choose it is because it serves both the patient and the family. In the last several years, I have begun to notice a trend where we are now providing care to patients who were former family members of patients — well versed in hospice, as they were former caregivers.

It has truly been my honor and privilege to provide care to hospice patients in their own home/nursing home/assisted living facility. I have held many hands, said many prayers together (if wanted), rubbed tired feet, provided backrubs and witnessed beautiful moments. I have laughed over joyous memories with families, cried with families and am humbled to be among those who provide end of life care.

Laurie Comps, R.N., C.H.P.N.
Livonia

Give thanks by giving

If everyone would take a minute to send a \$1-\$10 to the homeless shelter for Thanksgiving dinner, before they have their huge dinner, we all would feel more satisfied, that we did something nice for someone else (a good deed).

So how about it, people? I am broke, but I just did that. I not tooting my own horn, but if I can do it, how about starting a new tradition and give back a little something that God gave you in the first place?

I know I feel a lot better. I know we are all broke, but every bit counts. Don't give until it hurts. Just give a little. How much is coffee for a week? Give that much.

I know in my heart those people I gave to will be thankful in their hearts and that's all I need to know. I will give thanks at my dinner that I was able to do that for my fellow man. Next year we

may be in that boat, so give now, so you won't be there next year.

Mari Squire
Westland

Answer is in energy

Every Michigander has in some way experienced the unfortunate state of our economy in the past few years.

What all Michiganders have not realized, however, is there is a clear solution for diversifying our economy, providing thousands of jobs and also helping curb the most dangerous impacts of global warming: energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Energy-efficiency programs will bring jobs to Michigan and provide energy savings for consumers and businesses at a fraction of the cost of building new coal or nuclear plants. A renewable energy standard will help Michigan break its dependence on coal, provide incentives to use home-grown alternatives, such as wind, solar and biomass and create thousands of new high-tech jobs that drive this type of industry.

Twenty-five states have already implemented an RES and are experiencing significant economic, environmental, and health benefits. Michigan has neither policy and is losing out.

The good news is several clean energy bills have been introduced in both the state House and Senate this session. Unfortunately, leadership has not yet taken action to pass this important legislation. What Michigan needs is for our legislative leaders to show real "leadership" by passing strong clean energy legislation now.

Michigan cannot afford to be lost in the dust as other states create jobs and grow clean energy industries while also protecting their natural resources. With Gov. Granholm's latest plans to make promoting alternative energy her top priority, and 25 states already reaping rewards from clean energy, it is time for the Michigan Legislature to act.

Michigan has the resources, uniquely skilled workforce and manufacturing and industrial strengths to diversify our economy and create thousands of new jobs. Michigan cannot afford to wait another day to take advantage of this growing industry and must pass clean energy legislation now.

Kerry Griffith
Plymouth

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"I am very proud of the kids and all they have been doing ... 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 us."

- Marc Whitlock, band director, on his squad's performance last week at the state championship at Ford Field

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Community foundation still looks to fulfill dreams

To do anything well requires a vision, and the time and focus to achieve that vision. Whether it is building a community, growing a family or realizing personal success, it takes patience and perseverance. And, building a community foundation takes all of these components as well.



Joan E. Noricks

Each year, the Canton Community Foundation continues to grow and impact more lives. From the early days when we were excited to just be providing a few scholarships to today with 36 annual scholarships and more than \$1.5 million in total grants, we are still excited to bring benefits to so many residents. As we celebrate Community Foundation Week, from Nov. 12-18, it is a great time to look back at where we started and our plans for the future.

In 1989 a group of community leaders came together around the idea of building an identity and a sense of community for Canton residents. The Canton Community Foundation was born. The community foundation structure was uniquely qualified to channel those dreams into fruition. Neighbors and friends pulled together and crafted an organization that is separate from government, but works with government. They knew it would require the philanthropy of many and not just the one. To build an endowment would require time and vision. Community building is a lot of work.

The work of a community foundation is through endowment fund administration, acting as a leader for addressing community needs and grantmaking. The original founders of the Canton Community Foundation would be proud to read of some of the grants that have been awarded to local nonprofit organizations over the years. Here are some of our grantmaking highlights:

- Heritage Hideout Playscape in 1995
- Unique instruments for the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters
- Start-up funding for the Celebration Youth Orchestra
- A district-wide reading program at the middle school level
- Assistance with refrigeration equipment for a local food bank and also for a local shelter
- A handicapped-accessible van to transport Canton's seniors and disabled
- The original feasibility study for the Village Theater in Cherry Hill which was instrumental in the creation of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities
- Initial and longtime supporter of the Youth Leadership Canton program

In addition to our granting, we also provide important services to local organizations needing financial support. Pass through funds totaling another \$1 million have been processed through the Foundation. These projects are equally important to the community and are very visible signs of the importance of the service we offer. The largest of these funds are:

- The Cady-Boyer Barn renovation and preservation
- The Plymouth Community Veterans' Memorial Park
- The Canton Rotary Clock Plaza paver program

Another exciting venture within the Foundation is the establishment of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle. With 62 founding members, the Circle has brought together a group of local women interested in making a meaningful impact on the lives of women and families in need by pooling their philanthropic dollars, learning about local needs and establishing an endowment for the future.

Last week, the Foundation received notification from the Council on Foundations that we had been achieved compliance in meeting National Standards for Community Foundations. The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. CCF joins nearly 200 other community foundations already confirmed in compliance nationwide. This yearlong process required time and effort. We want to reassure our donors that their hometown community foundation is a trustworthy partner in their charitable goals.

The Canton Community Foundation will be kicking off a public campaign next spring to enhance the excellent recreation opportunities to Canton residents. We will be seeking support for a variety of projects including a dog park, nature trails development, historic preservation, community gardens, and a nature center. These things will add more quality to a community that enjoys a high quality of life.

This campaign will provide new opportunities for residents to become donors to their hometown community foundation. Because we still have work to do and dreams to build upon. Just like the group that came together in 1989 and had a vision for a strong Canton community, you can be part of the ongoing work. Call me, I like to work with fellow dreamers and doers.

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Real estate market correcting itself with bankruptcies

Subprime mortgages have now been credited for bankrupting well over 110 lenders and seriously damaging operations at many major mortgage firms. They've reportedly wiped out five hedge funds, tens of thousands of jobs, and have led to millions of foreclosures with millions more on the way.

And, as if that weren't enough, subprime mortgages are also blamed for massive volatility in the stock, bond, credit, futures, and real estate markets here in the U.S. and around the globe. Some say losses in the mortgage securities market alone could reach hundreds of billions of dollars this year.



Sean Cragg

This all means that for any Americans looking to buy, sell, or refinance a home, they are confronting a very different market from the one that existed just six-12 months ago.

How did this happen? The recent real estate boom was fueled by a period of record home appreciation and historically low interest rates. Banks, in order to compete, loosened guidelines and began offering more funding to more borrowers through riskier, nonconforming or "exotic" mortgages.

These ideal lending conditions persisted for several years, supported by high demand, historical real estate data, home prices, and massive trading volume/profits on mortgage-backed securities and other financial instruments on Wall Street.

Then, in 2006, a slowdown in real estate led to a deterioration of home values, an increase in inventories, and ultimately to today's tightening of credit guidelines, leaving many investors unable to sell or refinance out of their existing positions. Many Americans who had tapped into their equity were suddenly tapped out and overextended as home values fell. Foreclosures followed in record numbers and a re-valuation of mortgage bonds and other financial instruments created the credit/liquidity domino effect we're now experiencing.

Unfortunately, it's going to get a lot worse before it gets better. According to the latest estimates, more than two million subprime and Alt-A adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) holders will face payment increases of up to 30-100 percent when their loans reset in the next two to 18 months. These loans make up less than 40 percent of the total mortgage market, but the negative effects, as we have seen, of increased foreclosure activity can have a ripple effect throughout the industry and around the globe.

What does this mean to you and your mortgage?

Sellers: If you're planning on selling your home, be prepared for an even smaller pool of

qualified buyers. While some experts predict a settling of this credit crisis over the coming year, tightened credit guidelines and diminishing mortgage products could knock out as many as 15-30 percent of potential qualified buyers.

Now is not the time to sit and wait for the best possible price. Have a serious talk with your real estate agent. Having experienced buying/selling transactions in your area, he or she can help you price your home accordingly. He or she can also help ensure that your buyers are pre-approved and stay pre-approved throughout the entire transaction.

Buyers: Get pre-approved by your mortgage professional. While there are a lot of great deals out there, getting credit is becoming tougher and tougher, and it's taking longer and longer to complete a transaction. Remember, what you qualify for today could change tomorrow in a volatile market.

For those looking to refinance, keep this in mind: There is no time to delay. Communicate with your lender. Don't do anything that could negatively affect your credit, and make sure you get all your documentation in on time.

ARM borrowers: If your ARM is scheduled to reset in the next two-18 months, you need to schedule an appointment with a mortgage professional right away. Whether your ARM is subprime, Alt-A, or even if you have a pre-payment penalty, don't let a default or foreclosure situation sneak up on you. Did you know that your monthly payments can increase anywhere from 30-100 percent once your loan resets? At the very least, give yourself the peace of mind of knowing what your adjusted payment will be.

Borrowers with less-than-perfect credit: Each week it seems lenders are shedding more and more mortgage products. Many lenders have stopped offering No-Doc loans and are reducing all forms of Stated-Income loans. While it might be challenging, borrowers with credit issues need to see a loan expert. Often they have credit repair resources and other strategies to help you reach your financial goals.

Finally, there's an important concept to embrace: All markets, while cyclical in nature, are self-correcting, be it credit, real estate, stocks, or bonds.

For the last six or seven years, real estate was booming and riding high. The correction we're experiencing now — while it seems harsh and could get much worse — is, in a sense, "natural" and directly related to the extremely loose guidelines and perhaps overzealous lending and leveraging during the boom cycle.

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Mark

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Mark has a "healthy" pizza named after her on the Buddy's menu. It's "The Florine Mark Pizza" with brick/fat-free cheese blend, spinach, mushrooms, diced tomatoes, 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.

Deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

The winner will be treated to a limo ride, courtesy of All Class Transportation, make-over by Utopia Salon & Spa on Main Street in Northville (hair by Sebastian and makeup by ILSE), a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top "fan" letters. The star featured for the month makes the final selection.

Key winners named; read stories online

Eight people who shared their stories of courage, strength, faith and hope will receive an autographed copy of Linda Solomon's new book, *The Key: Celebrated People Unlock the Secrets to Life*.

A Bloomfield Hills-based author and award-winning photojournalist, Solomon writes about the turning point in people's lives.

The winners in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers contest "The Key to Courage, Strength, Faith and Hope" are Lucille Smilgis of Farmington Hills, Bart Berman of Bloomfield Hills, Karen Schoonover of Troy, Janet Kerns of Bloomfield Hills, Elizabeth Herczak of Livonia, Cindy Stewart of Troy, Mary Ann Blessing and Florence Rappaport of Nevada.

The winning entries can be read online at www.hometownlife.com. Click on the Key logo.

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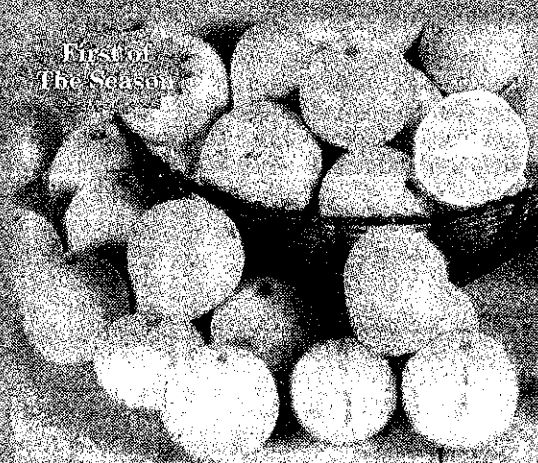
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Catch him
if you canBig 10 DB's are having a tough
time handling MSU's ThomasBY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As a green-and-white platoon of very large Michigan State football players headed toward their locker room a few minutes after Tuesday afternoon's rigorous, two-hour-plus workout, junior wide receiver Devin Thomas called out quarterback Brian Hoyer's name from about 10 yards away, then made a throwing motion with his right arm.

Hoyer stopped in his tracks, then circled back toward his No. 1 target with a "What's up?" look on his face.

"Can you throw me some more passes?" Thomas asked. "I need to catch some more balls."

The Spartans' practice was officially over, but Thomas' ongoing desire to sharpen his skyrocketing receiving skills was still in overdrive.

Vast improvement

Following a disappointing sophomore year at MSU during which he caught fewer passes in 10 games (6) than he did in *one half* against Purdue last Saturday (7), the former Canton gridiron standout is living up to his longtime nickname: "Showtime."

With only Saturday's regular-season finale against Penn State remaining on the Spartans' schedule, Thomas is sixth in the NCAA in receiving yards with 1,087 and 10th in all-purpose yards, averaging 194.0 per game.

"It's a wonderful thing walking out on that field every Saturday in front of thousands of fans," said Thomas. "It's like a stage, so whenever I go out there, I feel like I have to perform. That's how I got the nickname 'Showtime' from one of my little league football coaches — because I liked the big stage."

Thomas — with a hand

from Hoyer — torched the Boilermakers' secondary for 115 yards on 10 catches in the Spartans' 48-31 triumph that improved their record to 6-5.

"I'm getting an opportunity to showcase my abilities this year," said Thomas, when asked the biggest difference between this year and 2006. "I'm staying focused on my assignments and I'm working hard to keep my spot."

Constant production

Thomas has been a consistent producer in what has been an inconsistent, topsy-turvy season for MSU. He's caught at least four passes in all 11 games (with a high of 13 against Indiana) and has registered six 100 yard-plus performances.

In addition, the big (6-foot-2, 218 pounds), muscular (he has about as much body fat as a barbell) and speedy (he runs a 40-yard dash in 4.53 seconds) player has been a force on special teams, leading the Big 10 in kickoff returns with a 28.9-yard average.

"I didn't set any goals going into this season, but obviously going over 1,000 yards is something all receivers want to do," Thomas said. "I just wanted to play more this year so that I could make some plays. And now I'm starting to break some records here and there, so it's pretty crazy."

During his senior season at Canton in 2003, Thomas accomplished a feat few Chiefs are able to do in the team's run-oriented tight-I offense: He caught 17 passes (most after circling out of the backfield) for 440 yards, which, along with six interceptions on the defensive side of the ball, earned him Division 1 All-State honors.

Stepping up

Despite the sparkling numbers at Canton, Thomas admits

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Former Canton football standout Devin Thomas is sprinting into the record books this season at Michigan State. With one regular season game remaining, the junior's 1,087 receiving yards put him sixth on the NCAA leaderboard.

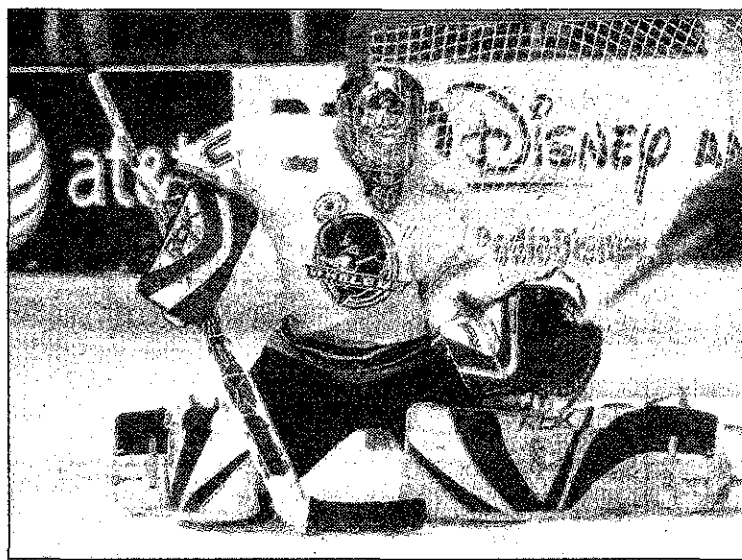
THE BOOK ON DEVIN THOMAS



Thomas

Age: Turns 22 today;
Size: 6-foot-2, 218 pounds;
Speed: Runs around a 4.5 40-yard dash;
High School: Graduated from Canton in 2004;
Major: Sociology;

Future career: "NFL";
What a year: Leads the Big 10 in all-purpose yards and is sixth in the country with 1,087 receiving yards;
Fame game: "I'm just a normal student when I'm walking around campus. I'll get noticed at restaurants or the store. It makes me feel good when little kids ask me for an autograph."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth, pictured making a save against Guelph last season, was traded to Barrie Tuesday, a move that will give Brownstown Township native Jeremy Smith the full-time job between the pipes for the Whalers.

Trade winds blow through
Plymouth's goalie crease

Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci announced the acquisition of 17-year-old import defenseman Michal Jordan, goaltender Matt Hackett (also 17), Barrie's second-round selection in the 2008 OHL Draft and a third-round selection in 2009 from the Windsor Spitfires in exchange for goaltender Michal Neuvirth, defenseman Tom Kane and Plymouth's fourth-round selection in 2009.

The trade alleviates Plymouth's crowded goaltending situation, with both Neuvirth — a second-round pick of the Washington Capitals in 2006 — and Jeremy Smith (second-round pick of the Nashville Predators last summer)

sharing time in goal since the start of last season. Smith will now be the No. 1 goaltender in Plymouth, with Hackett as a promising young backup.

"With two goaltenders that are second-round NHL picks on one team and sharing duties, I felt I owed it to both Jeremy and Michal to find a place for them to play," Vellucci said. "We won a championship with them last year. Now, they both get a chance to play regularly."

Neuvirth and Smith backstopped Plymouth to the OHL championship last season. The duo won the Dave Pinkney Trophy in allowing a

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Sidelines

Attention hunters

With deer-hunting season upon us, Plymouth-Canton Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright would like to hear some captivating stories from hunters for a feature story he is working on.

Hunters can call Wright at (734) 953-2108 or e-mail him at ewright@hometownlife.com to report humorous or unique anecdotes about their experiences this fall. You can also e-mail photos with descriptions to the above-listed e-mail address.

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Former PCEP
hoopers shine

Former Plymouth-Canton Educational Park basketball players Katie Cezat (Canton), Alyssa Guerin (Salem), and Ellen Canale (Salem) are excelling for their respective college teams.

Cezat tallied 23 points on 11-of-22 shooting in Hillsdale's 96-64 loss to Notre Dame on Nov. 5. Cezat, the Chiefs' all-time leading scorer, also grabbed eight rebounds and dished out three assists.

Guerin poured in 29 points in Madonna University's 82-73 victory over Purdue-Calumet on Nov. 6. She was 11-of-18 from the floor and 5-of-7 behind the three-point arc.

And Canale canned 14 points on 7-of-10 shooting to help lead Eastern Illinois University to a 79-73 triumph over the Chicago Odyssey on Nov. 10.

Fight night

Compuware Arena will host "The Ultimate Night of Boxing" tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

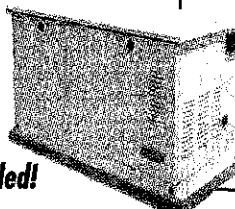
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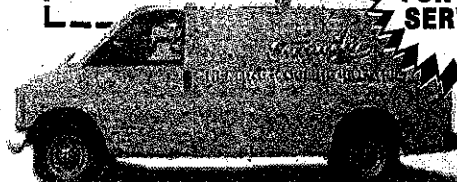
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Successful Stingrays

The Mite AA Stingrays went 5-0 at the Great Lakes Tournament in Holland earlier this fall. Pictured are (front row) Marcus Morton, (second row from left) Nick Corker, Colton Borke, Dan Sealy, Jared Lee, Marty Mills, Emerson Taylor, (third row from left) Jake Saunders, Paul Cotter, Joe Fontana, Michael Gaffka, Jagger Joshua, Matthew Schaumburger, Timmy Baldwin, Shane Bryans, Nolan Turi, (back row from left) Lynwood Taylor, Steve Borke, Tom Bryans and Bruce Schaumburger. Not pictured is coach Laurie Saunders.

BOYS SOCCER RESULTS

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ALL-CONFERENCE
Defenders: Scott Zech, Jr., Canton; Aaron Rosenberg, Sr., W.L. Northern; Kevin Cope, Jr., Salem; Brendan Rogers, Sr., W.L. Northern; Dylan Green, Sr., Stevenson; Nick Scabassi, Jr., Northville.
Mid-fielders: Brian Klemczak, Jr., Stevenson; Winston Henderson, Sr., W.L. Western; Jeff Cheslik, Sr., Northville; Latie Alashe, Jr., Northville; Pat Nolan, Sr., Canton.
Forwards: Colin Roife, Sr., Plymouth.
Keepers: Dennis Rau, Sr., W.L. Central.

ALL-DIVISION TEAM
Defenders: Brady Thom, Sr., Stevenson; Adam Beceli, Soph., Churchill; Vinny Carozza, Sr., Churchill; David Kalvelage, Sr., John Glenn; John Donkian, Jr., Northville; Stephen Maynor, Sr., Wayne Memorial.
Mid-fielders: Joey D'Agostino, Jr., Stevenson; Nate Sergison, Jr., Stevenson; Jeremy Stoychoff, Jr., Salem; Logan McGraw, Sr., Canton; Mark Edwards, Sr., Canton; Tim Belcher, Sr., Canton; Tyler Floyd, Sr., Plymouth; Nick Lewin, Soph., W.L. Western; Ryan Matthey, Sr., Franklin.
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Keepers: Sasa Miskovic, Soph., Salem; Kyle Huisman, Jr., W.L. Northern.

HONORABLE MENTION
Churchill: Max Washko, Ian Guerin, Adiran Motta, Ben Zukowski.
Canton: Joel Langdon, Kyle Breitmeyer, Brandon Burt, Phill Rollings.

Northville: Nick Koibow, Masato Morioka, Doug Beason, John Hatzis.
Wayne Memorial: Timothy Hubbard, Alex Baili, Stefan Harrison, Eric Schmitt.
Franklin: Zain Oureshi, Steve Trapp, Travis Matthey, Joel Boettcher.
W.L. Western: Dan Czarnik, Eral Ombashi, Alex Kashez, Adam Wright.
Stevenson: Adrian Fylenenko, Conner Burton, Justin Collins, Kendal Snow.
Salem: Dan Radosevich, Scott Dreaver, Jace Bearden, Matt Calupina.
John Glenn: Sergio Pavon, Jeff Thompson, Nelson Kenne, Khalid Suleiman, Jacob Gates.
W.L. Central: Stephen Rettig, Michael Clark, Brandon Berry, Jordan Anderson.
W.L. Northern: Austin Rogers, Kyle Rutz, Mike Ankoviak, Cory Shenna.
Plymouth: Mike Korona, Evan Yoder, Austin Kaczanowsky.

MU men's cagers fall in OT

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The first game played on the brand new basketball floor at Madonna University's athletics center didn't exactly go the way Crusaders men's head coach Chuck Henry envisioned.

Madonna players Tuesday night had trouble reacquainting themselves with the new surface, particularly the bucket at the Rochester College end, and dropped an 81-80 overtime decision on a double put-back high-glasser by 6-8 center Andrew Clark.

The Crusaders (1-3) had practiced just one time on the floor prior to the non-conference contest, but Henry said that was no excuse for missing 11 of 24 free-throw tries in the second half and OT — not to mention going just 3-for-14 from behind the three-point arc over the last 25 minutes.

"We had just gotten back from a trip to California where we shot 12 of 30 (free throws) in a game," Henry said. "We thought it was one of those things. But here in our own gym we shot under 60 percent (18-31, .581). That's a killer."

Henry added that although Rochester played his team tough, "you have to be smart when you have a lead, and protect the ball."

Also troubling was a handful of careless-looking field-goal attempts, which never came close.

"We executed poorly on offense and resorted to poor shot selection," Henry continued. "They (Warriors) took advantage."

Madonna did lead virtually all night, building a 36-29 halftime margin thanks to nine points each from senior point guard Charlie Henry (Plymouth Agape Christian) and senior forward and Canton product D. J. Bridges (12 points, 10 rebounds).

That lead grew to double digits early in the second half, but MU turned the ball over three times in a row and the Warriors (4-1) took advantage as junior guard and Birmingham Brother Rice alum John Djurovski (15 points) buried back-to-back treys to cut the Crusaders advantage to 47-43 with about 15 minutes remaining.

MU senior guard Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson) helped build the lead back up to 59-53 with a triple from the right wing with 8:20 to go, but Rochester would not wilt.

The Warriors sliced the gap to 63-62 with 4:15 on the clock thanks to a three-ball from beyond the arc from senior guard Tyler Leipprandt, who made four of 10 trey attempts and finished with 20 points.

Leipprandt struck again with a triple to tie the game at 65-65 with just under three minutes left, but junior guard Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) drove through the paint to score a layup and 6-8 freshman center Geoff Gaylor rejected consecutive shots around the Madonna basket to keep the Crusaders on top.

OFF THE MARK

Madonna went up 69-65 on two free throws by Sims (21 points, five assists), and had an opportunity to put the game out of reach when senior guard Jon Battle (12 points) stepped up to the free-throw line. But Battle missed both shots and Djurovski connected with yet another trey to make it 69-68 with 33 seconds to go in regulation.

Battle couldn't hit the target on two more foul shots and junior guard Robert Fragoso (13 points) evened the score (69-69) when he split two free throws with 4.7 seconds remaining.

Bridges tried to win at the horn

with a desperation shot from his own end of the court, but it clanked off the rim.

In overtime, Rochester did not trail until Madonna freshman forward Ryan Waidmann calmly drained two free throws to give the Crusaders a brief 79-77 lead with 1:28 left.

It was 79-79 in the final minute, when Waidmann wrestled a rebound away from a Rochester player under the MU basket to give the home team another chance to go ahead for good. Charlie Henry (18 points) split two free throws at the other end, putting the Crusaders up 80-79. Despite defensive hustle by Sims, who knocked the ball out of bounds near mid-court, the Crusaders could not defend Clark's ultimate winning shot from short range.

Henry said the fact his team has been practicing for several weeks off-campus while the spiffy-looking new floor was installed was no excuse for Tuesday's showing. "But it will be nice to get into a practice groove here on our floor."

He did tout the play of Sims and freshmen Gaylor (four points, six boards, three blocks) and Waidmann (four points, three boards).

"We're really happy with the development of those two freshmen," Henry said. "They are our two biggest players at 6-8 and 6-7 and we really needed them. And Cedric had 21 points, five assists and came up with a couple steals. He and the two freshmen probably played the best for us."

Madonna will head to Indiana for a weekend tournament, and won't return to the activities center until Tuesday, Dec. 4 against Alma.

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Chiefs' baseball future is put in Blomshield's hands

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's only the proverbial top of the first inning in Mark Blomshield's head varsity baseball coaching career at Canton, but the energetic long-time junior-varsity mentor is already swinging for the fences.

Those who know Blomshield well have no doubts that he'll connect.

Since being hired to succeed Scott Dickey in September, Blomshield has already implemented a plan to upgrade the Chiefs' baseball facility.

He's also spearheaded an off-season core conditioning program for new and returning players.

"I'm going to do whatever I can to make sure this program can be the best that it can be," said Blomshield, who called the day he was hired, "One of the

happiest of my life."

At the program's "Meet the Coach" dinner last month at Rose's Restaurant, the Chiefs' new leader needed no introduction since he served as nearly all of the returning varsity players' strategist at the JV level.

That familiarity will be an asset, Blomshield said.

"I think it's important because I'm not going to need a lot of time in the spring to figure out what the kids can do — I've already seen what they can do," said Blomshield. "We're going to work hard at practice and, hopefully, I can get the most out of every player."

A native of Bay City, Blomshield followed up a stellar high school pitching career with an outstanding four-year stay at Western Michigan University, where the hard-throwing lefty registered more than 200 innings pitched for the Broncos



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Blomshield, a former pitcher at Western Michigan University, was named Canton's new baseball coach in September.

in the mid-90s.

"I played for two outstanding college coaches — Fred Decker, who has the most

wins in the history of the Mid-American Conference, and Rich Maloney, the current coach at the University of Michigan,"

Blomshield said. "I learned a lot about coaching from them — everything from how to run a practice to how to evaluate players' talents so that the right kids are playing the right positions."

Blomshield's junior varsity teams enjoyed enormous success in recent years. This year's crop of Canton seniors went 24-6 as sophomores in the spring of 2006. In 2005, he led the Chiefs' sophomores to a 24-3 mark.

Blomshield's varsity coaching staff will include Mike Tomasaitis, a former Canton baseball and football star; and Johnny Johnson, a former Canton hurler who went on to pitch at Henry Ford Community College and Siena Heights University.

John Wright, who played college ball at Grand Valley State University after excelling as a left-handed-hitting first base-

man at Canton, will take over as the head coach of the Canton junior-varsity squad.

The status of the freshmen program is up in the air due to budget cuts made by the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education earlier this year.

Blomshield said he's working with the Booster Club to ensure that some form of freshmen baseball is played this coming spring.

"The biggest problem may be finding other teams to play," Blomshield said, noting that none of the Livonia schools have freshmen teams and that fellow PCEP schools Salem and Plymouth are in the same budget-plagued boat as the Chiefs.

Blomshield is a physical education instructor at Field Elementary school in Canton.

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JV Lions capture Super Bowl, 39-22

The Canton Lions junior varsity football team completed a perfect season Sunday with a 39-22 triumph over the Brighton Bulldogs in the Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl, which was played at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School.

The Lions started the game like they've started most their contests this season — with a

quick-strike TD from Malcolm Hollingsworth, this one from 60 yards out. Hollingsworth later hit pay dirt two other times on runs of 16 and 33 yards.

Jamal Eiland also scored on a 6-yard run.

Other offensive fireworks came on an Eiland-to-Scott Gring 30-yard scoring pass, an extra-point pass from Devin Slominski to

Jordan Ciciotti and a successful PAT kick by Lucas Bunting.

Defensively, Ciciotti scored on a 34-yard interception return. Eiland and Brandon Lee also picked off passes.

Other key defensive efforts were turned in by Luke Denzer (blocked extra point) and Collin Hall, who registered several tackles.

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THOMAS

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he wasn't always maximizing his skills.

"Coach (Tim) Baechler used to get on me a lot about working hard because I used to take some practices off sometimes," Thomas said. "I'd get lazy once in a while, so he'd tell me if I kept working hard that I could do some bigger things some day. Well, I listened to him and it's paid off."

Thomas' amazing season has caught the attention of several NFL draft "experts," one of whom slotted him as the fifth-best receiver in next year's draft — if he decides to forego his senior at State.

"Playing in the NFL has been a dream of mine since I was a little kid, so, yeah, I think about playing at that level some day," he said. "But I can't give you an answer about what I'm going to do next year. I'm just concentrating on finishing this season strong."

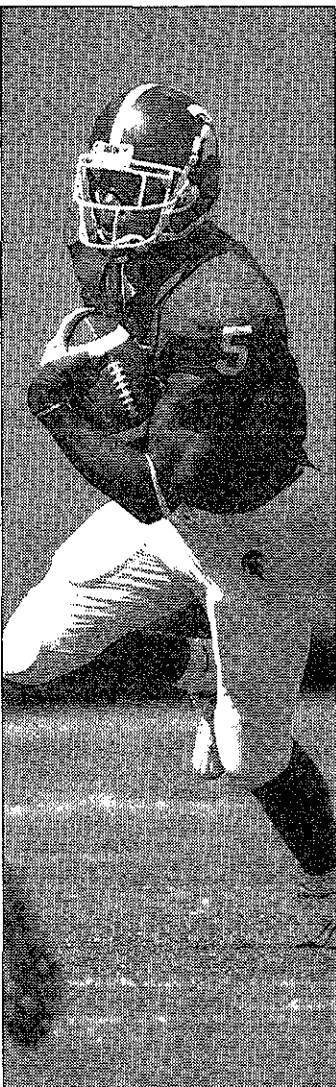
Knowledgeable adviser

What advice would Thomas give to aspiring gridiron stars who want to follow in his success-filled footsteps some day?

"The No. 1 thing you have to take care of is your school work," he said. "That's something I failed to realize until late in high school. It haunted me, but I was able to make it through. You can have fun, but you have to put school first."

"I'm not a straight-A student now, but I'm taking care of business in the classroom."

That said, Thomas jogged over to Hoyer for a little post-practice practice.



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Former Canton gridiron star Devin Thomas is currently one of the country's most-proficient kickoff returners, averaging 28.9 yards an effort.

The best all-purpose player in the Big 10 this year was ready to get a little better.

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Penguin skaters set to defend state crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The defending state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team underwent what could be considered a monumental shift change during the off-season.

One year after skating through the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League regular season and playoffs with an unblemished record, the Penguins have experienced a major overhaul that includes a new coach, Lori Callahan, who succeeds last year's head strategist Eric Mink, and a bunch of new players.

"We lost a lot of players who had experience, but the players we do have this year have displayed great enthusiasm and a great work ethic," said Callahan, who served as the PCS head coach from the 2003-04 season through the 2005-06 campaign. "They do a great job of supporting and encouraging each other."

This year's Penguins may not be equipped with the explosiveness that last year's contingent possesses, but they are armed with some valuable intangibles, Callahan said.

"One of our strengths in the girls willingness to work hard to improve," she said. "If we continue to go in the direction we're going now, we're going to surprise some people before the season is over."

"We've scrimmaged Ladywood twice so far. The first time they beat us 7-1, but we came back the next time and only lost 6-3, so there is progress being made."

Among the key non-graduation losses from last year's title team were the Kowalski sisters — goalie Kristie and defenseman



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins are pictured celebrating a goal in last spring's state championship victory. The Penguins will open defense of their title Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. against Northville at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

GIRLS PREP HOCKEY PREVIEW

Keely — who opted to play travel hockey along with the team's leading scorer from last season, Katie Zimmerman.

Among the difference-making returnees are two-year senior captain Amy Coleman, a dependable defenseman; and Kelsey Nikkila and Jenny Grodus, a pair of sharp-shooting forwards.

"Amy is a very even-tempered player who knows how to do her job," said Callahan. "This is her fourth year on the varsity, so we'll be looking to her for leadership."

Both Kelsey and Jenny are strong skaters who know the game well.

The Penguins' top newcomer is senior forward Brooke Caccavelli. "Brooke can control the puck very well and she has good hands," Callahan said.

Additional forwards include freshman Jennifer Pedon, sophomore Lisa Gibbins, freshman Jessie Hazlett, senior Annie McTurner, junior Chelsea Osburn, junior Katie Rokakis, freshman Lauren Smith and junior Farah Syed.

The PCS blue-line will be bolstered by defensemen Sarah

Coleman, the freshman sister of Amy, freshman Rhianna Fleisher, senior Monica Doyle and senior Ashley Zaborowski.

Protecting the net will be first-year player Michelle Shaffer, a junior.

"She's doing well so far," said Callahan of Shaffer. "She doesn't get rattled."

The Penguins are set to begin the defense of their crown on Tuesday when they host Northville at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. The opening face-off is set for 6:30 p.m.

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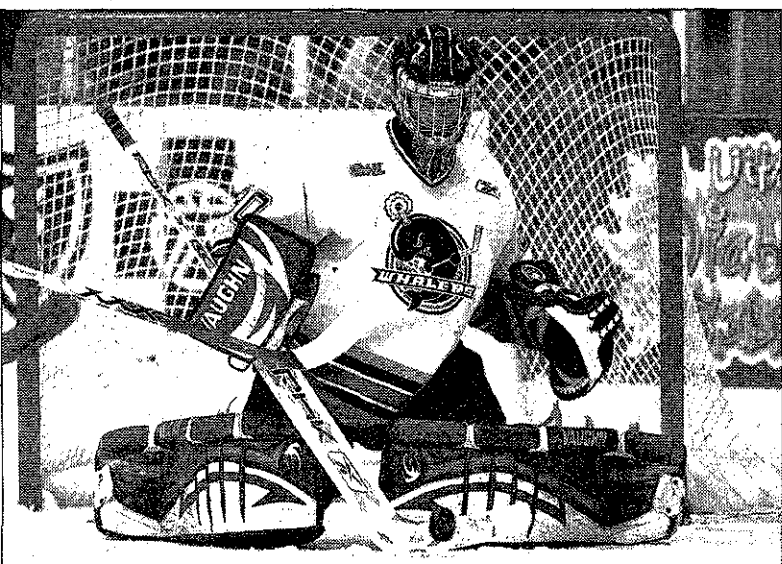
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league-low 173 goals. Neuirth played most of the way in the 2007 Playoffs, posting a 2.54 goals-against average and .927 save percentage while going 16-5-2 in 23 games. Neuirth was awarded the F.W. "Dinty" Moore Award last season when he led all OHL goaltenders with the 2.32 goals-against average in 41 games.

Neuirth posted a 2.38 goals-against average, .931 save percentage and a 31-12-3-2 won-loss record with the Whalers in his career.

Kane — Plymouth's third-round choice in 2006 — made the Whalers this year and was scoreless in 13 games.

Jordan (pronounced "Mee-kel Yor-DAN") was selected by Windsor in the first round (8th overall) of the 2007 Canadian Hockey League Import Draft and is considered a future National Hockey League prospect. Jordan, of Zlin, Czech Republic, has a goal and five assists and is plus-7 with 12 penalty minutes in 22 games for Windsor this season. Hackett was selected by Windsor in the 5th round of the 2006 OHL Draft. In 11 career games over two seasons, Hackett



WALT DMOCH

Jeremy Smith is now the Plymouth Whalers' main man between the pipes following Tuesday's trade of Michal Neuirth to Barrie.

has a 4.94 goals against average and .858 save percentage.

Neuirth and Kane are expected to report to Windsor in time for the Spitfires' game tonight at Windsor Arena against Brampton. Jordan and Hackett are expected to report to Plymouth in time for the Whalers' Friday night game at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena against Windsor.

WHALERS THIS WEEKEND: Plymouth

(12-6-1-0) is at home on Friday against Windsor (13-5-1-3) and Saturday against London (12-8-0-0). Both games start at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Tickets can be purchased for all Plymouth games by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

The Whalers complete a busy weekend by playing in London on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the John Labatt Centre.

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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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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1006 - Ray Miller - Air Conditioner, 5 Boxes, Misc Items
1044 - Richard Kelp - TV, Stereo, Chest
2030 - Mary Owens - Couch, Washer, Dryer
2057 - John Neumann Jr. - TV, Stereo, Tools
4032 - Lakina Nelson - Couch, Stereo, Coffee Table
4052 - Orlando Austin - Piano, Scooter, 20 Totes
4068 - Timothy Williams - 2 Tables, 2 Chairs, 10 Boxes

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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5011 - Kelle Smart - Sofa, Table, Misc Items
5229 - Harold Greene - Bicycle, Sofa, Ladder
6048 - Nadeem Ahmed - 20 Chairs, 5 Tables, Misc Items
9015 - Larry Wright - Big Screen TV, TV, Sofa

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1058 - Jonathan Rose - Ladder, 50 Boxes, Filing Cabinet
1061 - Amee Corzine - TV, Mattress, 50 Boxes
2046 - Leonard Stovall - Bicycle, 20 Boxes, TV
4018 - Joan Wright - 20 Boxes, 1 Tote, Trunk
6006 - Bernice Holman - 4 Boxes, 5 Bags, Misc Items

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1005 - Voncie McCrae - 5 Bags, Microwave, Misc Items
1014 - Allen Roberts - 20 Boxes, 4 Tires, 2 Totes
2015 - Christine Hlavacek - Boxspring, Bike, Boxes
2029 - Theresa Dembiec - 3 Bikes, Couch, Dryer
3033 - Robert Austin - Meat Slicer, Deep Freezer, Sink
4051 - Sheila Emry - 20 Bags, Ent Center, Vanity
4143 - Robbie Hill - 5 Boxes, 1 Tote, Misc Items
4145 - Chris Christensen - Mattress, Bike, Microwave
4272 - Kalina Cottingham - Mattress, Lamp, Microwave
5002 - Tiarra Harris - Misc Items, Misc Boxes
5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity
5245 - Erin Morley - Bedframe, 20 Boxes, 5 Totes
6001 - Bonzell Joins - Ladder, Tool Box, Refrigerator

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

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Detroit Ignition split pair with KiXX and Ironmen

The Detroit Ignition (2-1) fell to the expansion New Jersey Ironmen (2-1) Sunday at Compuware Arena. The contest was the first of four regular-season match-ups between the two clubs, with the next meeting set for Dec. 1 in New Jersey.

Ignition midfielder Ricardinho scored the first points of the contest with a two-point shot off an assist from Hewerton at 7:57 in the first quarter. Ironmen forward Daniel Antoniuk responded at 10:23 in the period with a two-point score to knot the game at 2-all.

The Ironmen controlled the second quarter as Stefan Stokic, Frederico Moojen and Lazo

Alavanja all notched goals to give New Jersey a 9-2 advantage.

New Jersey struck again in the third period as midfielder Juninho da Silva scored a three-point goal at 9:49 to make it 12-2. Ignition forward Worth Sampson registered two points at 11:44 in the third with an assist from forward Jamar Beasley. The Ironmen responded as Kevin Sloan and Antoniuk both notched two-point goals to expand the visitors' lead to 16-4 going into the final period.

Ricardinho scored his second goal of the night on a penalty kick at 1:23 in the fourth quarter to bring the Ignition to within 10 points of the

Ironmen, however, Sloan scored again at 5:24, putting an unassisted two-pointer past Ignition keeper Danny Waltman. At 9:15, Ricardinho scored two more points for the Ignition on a power play with an assist from Hewerton.

With 5:28 to play, Detroit brought Ricardinho in as the sixth attacker. At 11:10, Stokic took advantage of the open net and scored another three points for the Ironmen. Jamar Beasley and Mike Apple notched six more points for the Ignition as time expired, but the comeback wasn't enough to overtake the Ironmen.

IGNITION 11, KIXX 9: On Saturday, host Philadelphia scored first as midfielder Angel

Rivillo notched a three-point goal on an assist from player/coach Don D'Ambra with less than a minute remaining in the first quarter. The Ignition responded 20 seconds later, as forward Worth Sampson found the back of the net for a two-point score with an assist from rookie Vahid Assadpour.

Detroit defender Jonathan Greenfield gave the Ignition their first lead of the night, 5-3, with an unassisted three-point goal at 10:14 of the second period. With 13 seconds remaining in the period, Philadelphia defender Pat Morris re-directed a shot from D'Ambra to pull the clubs even, 5-5, entering the half.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Plymouth Wrestling Club

The Plymouth Wildcats Wrestling Club's 2007-08 season will run Tuesday, Nov. 27, through March of 2008.

Practice times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Plymouth High School wrestling room.

Kids in grades kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome to attend. For more information, visit the club's Web site at www.wildcats-wrestling.org; or call head coach Jeff Harden at (248) 231-7789.

Compuware adult hockey

Although Compuware Arena is the home of the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, Compuware Youth Hockey, Detroit-Novu 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 Web site at www.compuwarearena.com.

Canton Leisure Services

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.

YMCA programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of instructional sports programs that will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Among the programs offered are a Sports Sampler class for kids between the ages of 3- and 5-years-old, and a Hoops Skills class for kids between the ages of 6 and 8. The six-week programs run every Monday from Nov. 12 through Dec. 17.

The cost is \$55 for Y members and \$87 for community members. For more information, call (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadowetroit.org.

PCS hockey fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team will be holding an open skate fund-raiser on Saturday from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located on Michigan Ave. in Canton.

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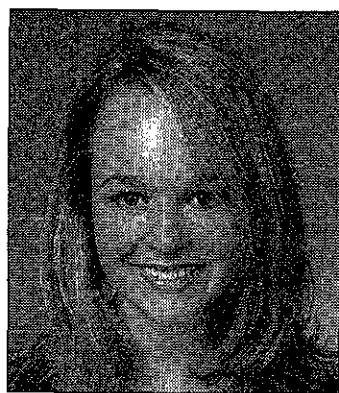
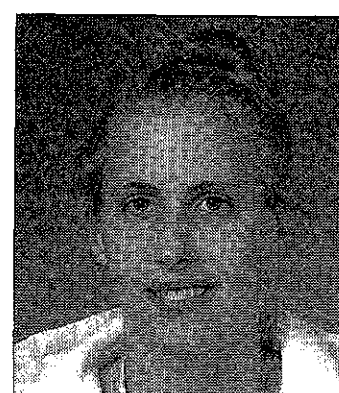
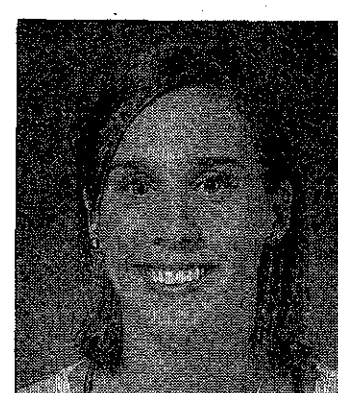
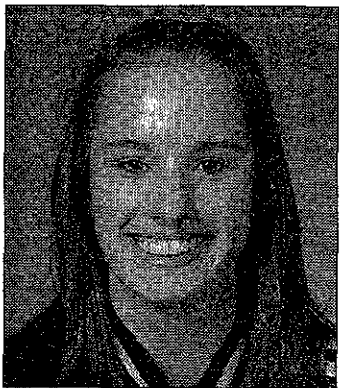
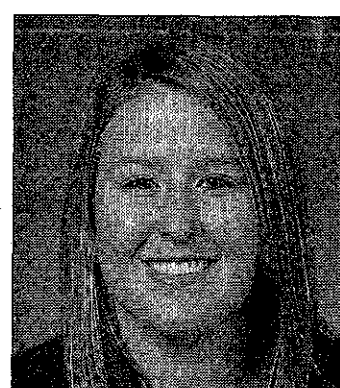
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Wayne Memorial

Churchill ace Warner captains All-Area golf team

FIRST TEAM

SHANNON WARNER, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The two-time state medalist earned All-State Dream Team honors after finishing tied for fifth in the Division 1 fall state finals.

Warner averaged 36.5 per nine and 73.8 per 18 during her senior year and was medalist in all 10 dual matches and four of six tournaments.

The Michigan State signee also broke the women's course scoring record in the WLAA Tournament at Pheasant Run in Canton with a 67. Warner also won the regional for the third straight year.

She was also a member of Churchill's 2007 (spring) Class A state champion volleyball team.

ERICA MAZUR, SR., LIV. LADYWOOD: The senior captain was medalist in each of her dual meets, averaging 41 per nine.

Mazur also captured the Catholic League Tournament with an 87 and finished fourth in the Division 2 Regional at Pontiac Country Club with a 92. She went on to place 22nd in the state finals at MSU's Forest Akers (West Course) with a 93-96-189.

"Erica has worked very hard the past four years being named most improved on the team last two years to becoming the leader of this team," Ladywood coach Kellianne Nagy said. "I'm really proud of her and the fact that her hard work and dedication paid off this year. It

2007 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GOLF FIRST TEAM

Shannon Warner, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Erica Mazur, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Lexi McFarlane, Jr., Liv. Churchill
Paige Scarpace, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Amanda Dobos, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Chelsea Osburn, Jr., Canton

SECOND TEAM

Adrienne Jones, Soph., Red. Thurston
Heidi Irvine, Soph., Westland Glenn
Val DIMilia, Soph., Liv. Ladywood
Kara Gregory, Jr., Canton
Danielle Lesniak, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Berlynn Beaver, Jr., Wayne

COACH OF THE YEAR

Gary Harper, Liv. Churchill

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Jessica Burdette, Katie Worley.

Ladywood: Marissa Ley.

Franklin: Georgia Patrick, Heather Bacon, Natalie Polakowski.

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Natalie Cicchelli, Claire Massman.

John Glenn: Jamie Young, Dakota Howell.

Wayne: Taylor Tuttle.

Plymouth: Patricia Burns, Missy Gosbee.

Canton: Alexandria Wee.

Salem: Jamie Bricker.

Thurston: Alaina Jackson, Darcy Kemter-Munson, Melanie Hutchings.

shows what determination can do."

LEXI MCFARLANE, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The junior earned All-WLAA honors by shooting an 84 and helped the Chargers qualify for the state tourney by scoring 97 at the regional.

She averaged 47 per nine and 95 for 18. McFarlane also earned All-Division honors for the second year

in a row.

"She emerged this year through hard work as one of the league's top players," Churchill coach Gary Harper said.

PAIGE SCARPACE, SR., LIV. FRANKLIN: The senior averaged 43 per nine with a low of 35. She was medalist in eight of 11 WLAA dual matches and earned All-Division honors with a 96.

Scarpance just missed qualifying for the Division 1 state finals with an 87, good enough for eighth place at the Giant Oaks Regional.

"Paige is a talented player who could compete with anyone," Franklin coach Brian McCalister said. "She has made our program better and will be tough to replace."

AMANDA DOBOS, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: A four-year letter winner, Dobos finished her career with a nine-hole scoring average of 49 and an 18-hole average of 97. Her score counted in every match this season for the Chargers.

Dobos also earned All-Division honors for the second straight season with a 99 and capped off her career with a personal-best 93 at the state finals held at The Meadows in Allendale.

CHELSEA OSBURN, JR., CANTON: The junior made All-Division in the Western Lakes by firing a 91 and added a 98 at the regional, good enough for 23rd overall. Osburn's stroke average was 47.0 and was a five-time medalist in dual meets.

"Chelsea has a great work ethic;

she practices very hard and it shows in her game," said Canton coach Dan Riggs. "She has a lot of potential to have an outstanding senior season."

SECOND TEAM

ADRIENNE JONES, SOPH., RED. THURSTON: The sophomore was the Mega Conference's White Division medalist at Riverview Highlands and led the Eagles with a nine-hole average of 48.1.

She placed 22nd at the Division 2 Regional at Pontiac Country Club.

"Adrienne is always competitive and always works very hard on her game," said Thurston coach Brian Gulick.

HEIDI IRVINE, SOPH., WESTLAND GLENN: The sophomore averaged 48.1 per nine to lead the Rockets and was medalist three times.

At the regional, Irvine fired a 97, good enough for 18th place. She led Glenn at the WLAA Tourney with a 103.

"Heidi was helpful in Glenn winning six of its matches," coach Steve Pilon said. "Next year she will step up and be one of the co-captains for the Lady Rockets. Remember her name because she is only going to get better."

VAL DIMILIA, SOPH., LIV. LADYWOOD: The sophomore averaged 52 per nine and finished in the top four in five of seven matches to become the Blazers' No. 2 player.

"Val played JV last year and was our surprise right out of the gate

this year," Nagy said. "Val has only played golf for a couple of years. She's a hockey player who picked up golf. We have been very pleased with Val's progress and look for her to be one of our leaders next year."

KARA GREGORY, JR., CANTON: The junior carded a 94 at the Western Lakes Tournament to earn All-Division accolades and followed up with a 105 at the Giant Oaks Regional (30th overall). Gregory's stroke average was 48.0 and she was the medalist in two dual meets.

"Kara is very powerful off the tee; she was our longest hitter," said Riggs. "She received our 'Coach's Award' at our banquet. The award goes to the player we feel is the most reliable. She's like a second coach out there."

DANIELLE LESNIAK, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The senior had another solid year for the Chargers as she averaged 51 per nine and 106 for 18.

A consistent scorer the past two seasons, Lesniak helped the Chargers reach the state finals with a round of 103 at the Giant Oak Regional hosted by Temperance Bedford.

BERLYNN BEAVER, JR., WAYNE: The junior averaged 50 per nine with her best match coming against Walled Lake Western when she fired a 44, including a pair of birdies.

The Wayne MVP led her team with the low score in each match. "She is looking forward to her senior year and improving her golf

score even more," Wayne coach Kathy Stellema said.

COACH OF THE YEAR

GARY HARPER, LIV. CHURCHILL: The fifth-year coach guided the Chargers to an 11-0 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association and a co-championship with Northville after

a runner-up finish in the conference tourney.

The Chargers also finished in the top 10 in all four regular season tournaments they entered.

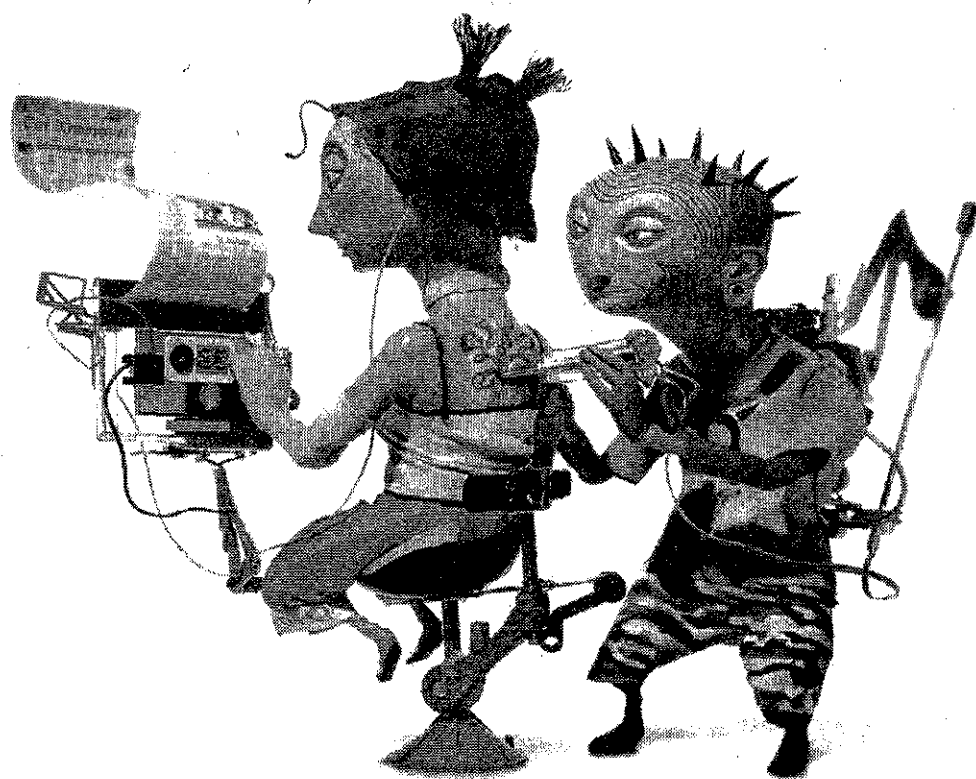
Churchill also earned its first trip to the state finals since 2002 by finishing third at the Giant Oaks

Regional hosted by Temperance Bedford. The Chargers wound up 12th overall in Division 1.

Harper is a graduate of Northville High School with an undergraduate degree at Central Michigan University with a Masters from Wayne State. He teaches business education at Churchill.

"I was very proud of the effort and results of this season," Harper said. "We accomplished all of our team goals that we set at the beginning of the year. Our team was made up of a great collection of young ladies and we had a lot of fun this year."

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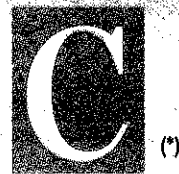
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Shop around! Check out home contractors

BY JULIE BROWN
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There are home remodeling horror stories on the local TV news from time to time. Tim Burns, public affairs director for the Better Business Bureau serving Eastern Michigan, has some advice on how not to become the subject of such stories.

State licensing by a home contractor, which can be checked on the state Web site www.michigan.gov search engine, is a good place to start, Burns said. "That's one of the No. 1 things we try to have people do."

The BBB also knows which contractors are licensed if they meet BBB standards and are accredited by the BBB. "It also shows it's the type of business that's willing to do things legitimately," he said. "That's an important think to take into consideration."

"There are a lot of good contractors out there," he agreed, but added that home contractors are still a major complaint area for the BBB.

To check out a contractor with the BBB, go to www.bbb.org and enter your ZIP code to be routed to the correct geographical area. The BBB nationwide has access to a data base, Burns noted, and the Southfield-based local organization can be reached by phone at (248) 644-9100.

He points with pride to the dispute resolution work as well as consumer education the BBB offers, with reliability reports on more than three million U.S. businesses, about 85,000 locally. The reports help "tell people whether or not a company's a satisfactory company to do business with," Burns said.

He agreed that getting it in writing matters when having a home project done, to protect both homeowner and contractor. The BBB recommends you get three-five bids, with estimates in writing whenever possible so you're comparing apples to apples. The lowest bid isn't always best, he said.

Things to include in a contract are: start/complete dates; payment schedule (some money's needed at the start for materials, but not the whole price); warranty/guarantee informa-



tion; debris removal; and cancellation policy.

"These are all important things you need to make sure of," Burns said.

References can help you check out a contractor, but Burns still recommends a BBB check. He agreed family and friends are good for referrals.

Clawson resident Burns said you need to have the contractor get building permits in his/her name, so the contractor's responsible if the site doesn't pass inspection for local building codes. You can call your city or township hall to see what work requires a permit.

Burns also reminds home renovators to get an affidavit of final release at the end of a project, signed so you don't get a lien for any unpaid work, such as that done by a subcontractor.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry, "The Voice of the Remodeling Industry," recommends homeowners thoroughly interview anyone they plan on hiring to do any work on a home. NARI also

suggests avoiding remodelers at all costs when:

- You can't verify the name, physical address, telephone number or credentials of the remodeler. A physical address is necessary because if there is a problem, you can't send a certified letter or serve legal process to a post office box.

- The salesperson tries to pressure you into signing a contract.

- The company or salesperson says your home will be used for advertising purposes, so you will be given a "special, low rate."

- The builder/remodeler tells you a special price is available only if you sign the contract "today."

- Information you receive from the contractor is out-of-date or no longer valid.

- You are unable to verify insurance information.

- You are asked to pay for the entire job in advance or to pay in cash to a salesperson instead of by check or money order to the company

itself.

In addition, NARI warns homeowners to be cautious when:

- You are given vague or reluctant answers.

- The contractor exhibits poor communication skills or descriptive powers.

- The contractor is not accessible.

- Your questions are not answered to your satisfaction.

- The contractor is impatient and does not listen.

- Only the work is addressed, instead of your needs as the homeowner.

- There is no presentation book of previous projects presented.

For more information about finding a qualified professional, consumers can call the NARI National hotline at (800) 611-NARI and request a free copy of NARI's brochure, "How To Select a Remodeling Professional," or visit www.RemodelToday.com and click on the homeowners guide for more information.

San Diego's not perfect for buying

Q. I am interested in buying a condo in downtown San Diego and wonder whether you have any information concerning the availability of units and the market conditions?

A. There are a number of high-rise condos being developed in downtown San Diego, but it appears that the economy has affected these units as well.



Robert M. Meisner

While the prices are still exaggerated compared to Michigan, they are coming down and/or it is taking more time for developers to liquidate their

inventory. Some penthouse units in high-rises are going for \$5-\$8 million, depending on the location. Also, the area around Petco Park, the new baseball park, has generated substantial appreciation in the land values with the addition of numerous businesses and condominiums around the Convention Center. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate person and canvass the market before making any investment.

Q. I continue to have an interest in condominiums in Dana Point, Calif., but am concerned about the location. Do you have any comments?

A. Dana Point is undergoing a dramatic change in both its harbor and its downtown area based upon a 10-year plan. There is to be substantial reorganization of the harbor area and substantial redevelopment in the city. Condominiums in the area continue to appreciate based upon this writer's personal observance, but don't be in the wrong place at the wrong time. The Orange County sheriff could stop you, even though based upon mistaken identity, which could result in you being held at gunpoint, handcuffed, and placed in the back of a tight police vehicle until you explain your innocence.

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@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 16-20, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton

50425 Amberley Blvd	\$163,000
2304 Arcadia Dr	\$178,000
2340 Arcadia Dr	\$184,000
2376 Arcadia Dr	\$161,000
50433 Black Horse Ln	\$157,000
357 Country Club Ln	\$387,000
4418 Cranberry Dr	\$194,000
7025 Harvard Ln	\$98,000
45440 Holmes Dr	\$226,000
44679 Meadowcreek Ln	\$180,000
45657 N Stonewood Rd	\$184,000
3378 Niagara Ave	\$255,000
939 Paddington Rd	\$218,000
2266 Paddock Ln	\$292,000
452 Princeton St	\$245,000
3293 Riverside Ct	\$246,000
43622 Ryegate St	\$210,000
4669 Shoreview Dr	\$245,000
48854 Stanton Ct E	\$465,000
43797 Stuart Dr	\$201,000
2011 Vine Way Dr	\$111,000
1429 Whittier Dr	\$186,000

Farmington Hills

33806 Argonne Rd	\$345,000
37816 Baywood Dr	\$265,000
29925 Beacontree St	\$185,000
30139 Club House Ln	\$160,000
22441 Cora Ave	\$115,000
30048 Fernhill Dr	\$233,000

Glen Oaks Blvd E

31091 Hunters Whip Ln	\$185,000
27284 Hystone Dr	\$330,000
28472 Lake Park Dr	\$197,000
35083 Meadow Ln	\$265,000
29636 Middlebelt Rd	\$180,000
29660 Middlebelt Rd	\$118,000
27150 Orchard Lake Rd	\$112,000
36270 Parklane Cir	\$425,000
21332 Parklane St	\$284,000
27971 Rollicrest Rd	\$270,000
30492 Salisbury St	\$50,000
29116 Shenandoah Dr	\$193,000
25573 Wexley St	\$385,000
25708 Westmoreland Dr	\$254,000
28063 Wildwood Trl	\$223,000
	\$246,000

Garden City

28650 Barton St	\$88,000
6635 Cardwell St	\$148,000
1622 Helen St	\$127,000
128 Henry Ruff Rd	\$103,000
28911 Kathryn St	\$155,000
30151 Leona St	\$123,000
31725 Leona St	\$100,000
32626 Sheridan St	\$125,000

Livonia

18730 Bainbridge Ave	\$211,000
37072 Bristol St	\$201,000
14263 Dennee St	\$193,000
28331 Dover St	\$134,000
16129 Ellen Dr	\$283,000
31625 Fairfax St	\$168,000
34420 Fargo St	\$389,000
33086 Grennada St	\$167,000
28864 Hathaway St	\$130,000
14721 Huff St	\$184,000
35416 Leon St	\$169,000
19726 Liverpool Ave	\$278,000
29867 Lori St	\$135,000
16795 Mayfield St	\$280,000
31537 Merriwood Park Dr	\$160,000
39013 Minton Ave	\$175,000

15112 Norman St

32227 Oakley St	\$181,000
15537 Parklane St	\$253,000
17686 Parklane St	\$220,000
30138 Puritan St	\$270,000
18486 Queensbury Dr	\$304,000
31111 Richmond St	\$197,000
31339 Roycroft St	\$342,000
14121 S Livonia Cres	\$180,000
14844 Santa Anita Ave	\$228,000
36116 Sherwood Dr	\$209,000
19556 Stamford Dr	\$246,000
18366 Stamford St	\$224,000
19132 Stamlich St	\$180,000
18135 University Park Dr	\$120,000
18369 University Park Dr	\$115,000
18441 University Park Dr	\$117,000
30981 Wentworth St	\$134,000
9605 Westmore Ln	\$171,000
9840 Westmore St	\$165,000
18442 Westmore St	\$195,000
19506 Westmore St	\$156,000
9628 Woodring St	\$174,000

Milford

54340 Belcrest Dr	\$210,000
3197 Katie Ln	\$350,000
3149 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$150,000
2801 W Commerce Rd	\$175,000

Northville

41843 Baintree Cir	\$280,000
16496 Brook Trout Ln	\$578,000
18233 Cascade Dr	\$640,000
15827 Crystal Downs E	\$617,000
44063 Cypress Point Dr	\$660,000
48695 Freestone Dr	\$134,000
48829 Freestone Dr	\$186,000
48850 Freestone Dr	\$129,000
44612 Larchwood Dr	\$517,000
40668 Meadow Trl	\$368,000
17390 Oak Hill Dr	\$560,000
46479 Pinehurst Cir	\$625,000
49115 Rainbow Ln S	\$390,000

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46141 Sunset St	\$181,000
49652 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$253,000
48623 Wicker Creel Dr	\$220,000
334 Yerkess St	\$270,000

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27517 Albert St	\$319,000
27661 Albert St	\$332,000
30685 Ardmore Ct	\$130,000
42977 Ashbury Dr	\$346,000
43307 Ashbury Dr	\$288,000
24721 Bashian Dr	\$118,000
49970 Blackberry Trl	\$247,000
39872 Crosswinds	\$123,000
24748 Davenport Ave	\$315,000
27861 Hopkins Dr	\$179,000
44465 Midway Dr	\$348,000
23627 N Rockledge	\$108,000
21854 Siegal Dr	\$276,000
27548 Sloan St	\$285,000
44901 Steeple Path	\$349,000

Plymouth

46311 Academy Dr	\$306,000
399 Auburn Dr	\$305,000
19198 Baywood Dr	\$225,000
628 Blunk St	\$420,000
9127 Briarwood Dr	\$155,000
340 Burroughs St	\$192,000
510 Byron St	\$190,000
11641 Chandler Dr	\$330,000
9325 Corinne St	\$130,000
44457 Erik Pass	\$241,000
10566 Fellows Creek Dr	\$430,000
9005 Gregory Ln	\$195,000
1320 Palmer St	\$330,000
1321 Palmer St	\$310,000
101 S Union St	\$196,000
243 S Union St	\$260,000
9305 Saddlebrook Crk	\$660,000
9310 Saddlebrook Crk	\$591,000
751 Sunset St	\$350,000
10262 Tennyson Dr	\$320,000

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46141 Sunset St	\$181,000
49652 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$253,000
48623 Wicker Creel Dr	\$220,000
334 Yerkess St	\$270,000

8865 Trillium Ln

323 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$124,000
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Redford

11338 Appleton	\$115,000
27071 Bennett	\$187,000
14109 Berwyn	\$155,000
16510 Brady	\$125,000
9342 Garfield	\$125,000
9349 Indian	\$69,000
17440 Lennane	\$134,000
11457 Leverne	\$155,000
11355 Marion	\$115,000
18631 Olympia	\$103,000
24943 S Sybert Dr	\$130,000
25346 Schoolcraft	\$136,000
19443 Seminole	\$90,000
15010 Seneca	\$190,000
9051 Sioux	\$123,000
17721 Sumner	\$130,000
9963 Virgil	\$95,000
19420 Wakenden	\$80,000
9640 Wormer	\$110,000

South Lyon

245 Brookwood Dr	\$125,000
23766 Prescott Ln W	\$408,000

Westland

2505 Bannister St	\$84,000
30949 Beechnut St	\$145,000
33582 Berville Ct	\$110,000
34232 Dayton Ct	\$114,000
38537 Deer Creek Blvd	\$120,000
511 Lansdowne Dr	\$185,000
1517 Lillian St	\$60,000
29026 Manchester St	\$70,000
36012 Manila St	\$138,000
201 N Bryar St	\$214,000
6712 N Merriman Rd	\$145,000
8245 Opal Dr	\$230,000
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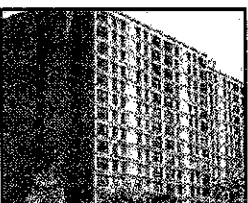
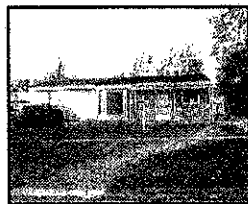
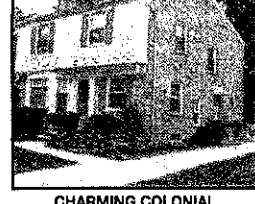
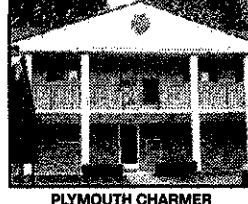
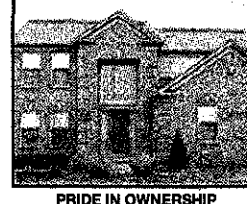
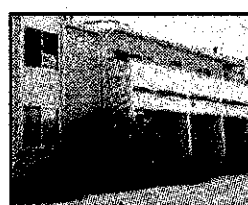
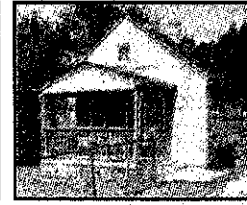
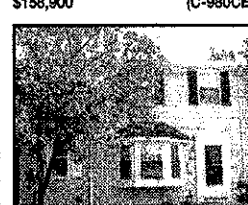
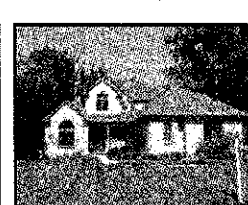
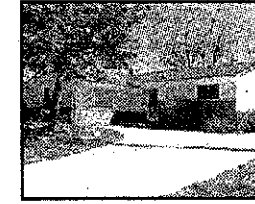
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\$166,000 (C-0310A)Beautiful Plymouth home featuring 5 bd, 3 full & 2 half baths, 4 car Garage, open floor plan, cherry Kitchen w/granite, 1st fl laund, luxurious Master w/bath, premium walkout lot, & great location.
\$699,000 (P-5710L)2 bd, 1 bath condo featuring Kitchen w/all appl, laundry room w/washer & dryer, large Liv Rm w/doorwall to Deck, Master w/doorwall to deck, dining area, & low assoc dues.
\$109,900 (P-650PL)Designer touches t/o make this colonial an exceptional value. Spacious Island Kit w/hwd floors & all appl's, Flex Rm makes a perfect Din Rm or Den, finished bmt & large cul de sac lot.
\$239,900 (P-107PO)This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial has it all! 2 story Foyer, Island Kitchen, Family Room w/hwd, Master w/bath, updated ceramic baths, fresh paint, & special touches t/o.
\$272,900 (P-680PO)Over 1000 sq ft in this updated bungalow w/hwd floors, coved ceiling, updated bath, spacious Master w/WIC, Garage, finished bmt, fenced yard, & updated siding, gutters, windows, & paver walkway.
\$179,900 (P-827PR)2603 sq ft colonial offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, excellent curb appeal, located deep in sub, luxury Master w/bath & WIC, extra deep walkout bsmt, & appliances stay.
\$409,900 (C-900RE)Bright & open floor plan w/4 bds, 2 full & 2 half baths, Kitchen w/nook, Fam Rm w/frpl, spacious Master w/bath, finished walkout bsmt, & Livonia Schools.
\$294,900 (P-778RI)Solid 3 bd home in popular Livonia location. Vaulted Kitchen w/all appl's, vaulted Living Rm w/hwh frpl & built-in shelves. Finished bmt w/frpl & glass back, updated roof & garage door.
\$150,000 (P-490RO)Great investment on this 2 story brick home, 3 units total - 2 in main house & 1 in rear house. Some updates, must see.
\$68,000 (P-753RU)Charming & spacious 2 bd condo has been freshly painted. Large bedrooms, in-unit laundry, carport, gas, water included in low association fee. Great Canton location.
\$95,000 (P-4678A)Brick colonial w/3 bd, 2.5 baths, finished bmt, new carpet, refinished hwd floors, huge Deck in yard, Liv Rm w/frpl, Fam Rm, updated Kitchen, & home warranty included.
\$171,900 (P-2125H)Great location in complex near pool & clubhouse. Private courtyard entrance, newer windows, updated Kitchen, blinds, roof, hwh, & sump pump. Everything is ready for you!
\$127,500 (P-382SO)Immaculate home w/prime location in Canton. Crown molding on 1st floor, gourmet Kit w/all appl's, 3 season porch w/skylights, above ground pool, fenced yard, & prof landscaped.
\$200,000 (P-762ST)Great colonial backs to woods for lots of privacy. Fam Rm w/frpl & hwd floors, finished bmt w/all bath & possible 4th bed, prof landscaped, & great price.
\$169,900 (P-266TA)Immaculate estate nestled in gated community. Kitchen w/porcelain tile & granite, 1st fl Laund, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Mast w/leaded tub, 5 car Garage, & too much more to list.
\$599,000 (C-908TU)Lovely 3 bd home on beautifully landscaped acreage. Updated C/A, hwh, roof, Kitchen, baths, & windows. 3.91 acres w/pole barn, 200x70 sand arena/recreation area, garden, berry bushes & more.
\$300,000 (P-419WA)Wow, this home offers beautiful hwd floors, blinds, Liv Rm w/frpl, Din Rm w/bay window, finished bmt, freshly painted, glass block windows, newer roof, & more.
\$65,000 (C-470WE)Here it is, look no further! You have to see this fabulous home in Canton w/ an open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great location, & move in ready.
\$210,000 (P-326WI)Great floor plan offering lots of space. Beautiful addition makes this close to 1400 Sq ft. Also available for lease.
\$117,990 (C-985BA)2 bd, 1 bath home offering a new furnace, C/A, hwh, immediate occupancy, & convenient location.
\$59,900 (C-518BA)Beautifully updated home tucked away yet close to freeways & shopping. No expense spared! Spacious floor plan, cherry Kit w/granite & appl's, 1st fl laun, finished bmt, & so much more.
\$365,000 (P-757BE)Great 3 bd offering gourmet Kitchen w/pergo floors, Master w/doorwall to Patio, jetted tub, new paint, carpet, C/A, fenced yard, & newer 2.5 car mechanic's dream Garage!
\$130,000 (P-480BE)Open floor plan, gourmet Kitchen w/all appl's, doorwall to balcony w/view of pond, neutral decor, tons of storage space, lots of windows, Garage, clubhouse w/pool & more.
\$135,000 (P-979BE)Completely updated 3 bd home w/ lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/pergo, doorwall leading to relaxing tiered Deck, Liv Rm w/marble hearth frpl, finished walkout, paver walkway, & updated driveway & windows.
\$225,000 (P-084BR)3 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring an island Kitchen w/tons of cabinets, Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral decor, brick paver patio, electric awning, & short walk to pool & playground.
\$219,900 (C-932BR)3 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring an island Kitchen w/tons of cabinets, Fam Rm w/frpl, neutral decor, brick paver patio, electric awning, & short walk to pool & playground.
\$219,900 (C-932BR)Located close to x-ways, this 4 bd brick colonial offers a 3 car Garage, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appl's, & a huge Deck.
\$250,000 (C-700CA)1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/frpl, great Kitchen, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, & inground pool - just in time for summer!
\$136,500 (C-046CA)It doesn't get better than this! 4 bd, 1 full & 2 half baths, completely updated, newer cement, oak Kitchen w/corian tops, hwd floors, newer roof, furnace, C/A, & windows.
\$194,900 (P-503CA)This beautiful raised ranch was built in 2003 & almost 1500 sq ft. 2 full baths, master suite with walk-in closet. Home located by a golf course. Home also has a pool & a club house.
\$158,900 (C-980CE)Updated galore in this 4 bd, 3 bath Cape Cod condo! Maple Kitchen, vaulted Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl laund, & too much more to list.
\$259,900 (P-352CH)Updated home w/3 bd, 2 full & 2 half baths, 2 Garages, 16x14 workshop w/heat & half bath, oak Kitchen, sprinkler system, Fam Rm w/frpl, finished walkout, paver walkway, & situated on over an acre.
\$299,000 (P-025CH)This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/wathead ceiling & gas frpl, Island Kitchen w/frpl, 1st fl laundry, 3 car side entry Garage, & much more.
\$244,900 (C-075CL)This great condo could be yours! Open floor plan, Master w/sitting room, oak Kitchen, full bmt, Great Rm w/oath ceiling, Ply-Canton schools, & more. More units avail.
\$207,400 (C-767CO)Great opportunity to own this multi family home w/2 units. Each side has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Garage, ample parking, & more.
\$59,900 (C-339DE)Great opportunity! Each unit has 900 sq ft w/2 bds, 1 bath, large Kitchen w/quality cabinets, new roof, windows, & private lake access to Whitmore Lake.
\$169,900 (C-322FA)3 bd, 2 bath home w/Livonia Schools. Good sized Kitchen w/ eating area, finished bmt w/4th bed, great yard w/large Garage & shed, & nice landscaping.
\$134,300 (C-400GI)Live on Crystal Lake in this pristine condo that is beautifully updated & maintained. 2 bd, 1.5 baths, area pool, tennis, & clubhouse, & Northville Schools.
\$125,000 (C-830IR)Perfect starter home offering an open floor plan, Kitch w/pergo flrs, Fam Rm w/hwd floors, part finished bsmt w/glass block, Ply-Can Schools, & just steps from downtown Plymouth.
\$135,000 (P-942IR)Enjoy the space in this sprawling ranch featuring 3 bds, 1 full & 2 half baths, huge Great Rm w/granite, wetbar, remod Kit w/nook, Garage w/loft, & nestled on an oversized lot.
\$199,450 (C-919JO)Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, fresh paint, newer windows, & nice open floor plan.
\$49,885 (C-72JOQ)Lovely 4 bd colonial w/all finished bmt plumbed for a bath. Maple Kitchen, private backyard, Family Rm car Garage w/side entry, prof landscaping, & convenient location.
\$350,000 (C-276KI)4 bd, 2.5 bath in the heart of Livonia's nicest sub. Updated Kitchen, private backyard, Family Rm w/frpl, covered deck, & close to everything.
\$199,900 (C-407LA)Upper end unit condo in popular Lilley Pointe in Canton. Cathedral ceilings, open floor plan, large laundry room, 2 baths, Great Rm w/balcony, neutral Kit w/appl's, & priced just right!
\$100,000 (C-672LI)You'll stop looking when you see this 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Livonia. Large Kitchen, huge Florida Rm, part finished bmt, private fenced yard, great yard w/large Garage & shed, & close to everything.
\$140,000 (C-904LI)Freshly painted 2 bd condo w/quality berber carpet, huge Great Rm w/ soaring ceiling, balcony w/nice view, oak Kitchen w/upgraded appl's, Master w/luxury bath, & 1 yr warranty!
\$121,500 (C-359AR)Awesome open Kitchen is updated w/new cabs, corian, & new flooring. Main bath has new tub surround & flooring, pergo floors, new furnace, hwh, great yard, & great neighborhood.
\$136,500 (C-417MI)Charming 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring updated Kitchen, furnace, A/C, hwh, covered brick Patio, finished bmt w/pool table, all appl's stay, fenced yard, & great location.
\$165,000 (P-237MO)Beautiful 4000 sq ft home on 1 acre. Seller leaving all furniture! Lots of built-ins, granite, hwd floors, large finished bmt w/22x26 bath, finished lower level, 4 car Garage, & 2 story marble Foyer.
\$550,000 (P-456NO)Newer custom built ranch featuring 4 bd, 3 baths, on 2 acres. Excellent storage in the 3 car Garage & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/vaulted ceilings, finished walkout w/8th ceilings. Add 5 acres available.
\$350,000 (C-449RA)Fabulous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/2 story Great Rm w/gas stove frpl, gourmet Kit w/granite, nook w/frpl, covered deck, & close to everything.
\$500,000 (C-958BC)Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch featuring an open floor plan, formal Liv Rm, Fam Rm w/vaulted ceiling, updated windows & roof, oak Kitchen w/ceramic, finished bmt, & Patio w/hot tub.
\$199,700 (C-429TR)Gorgeous Windswept farms offers this 4 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod w/ granite Island Kitchen, nook, Liv Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, 1st fl Master w/bath, Patio, Deck, & on almost an acre!
\$340,000 (C-588WI)This turn key 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo has an excellent location, huge Master w/WIC, open floor plan, neutral decor, hwd floors, updated carpet, full bsmt, private Patio, & much more.
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Careers

For anyone interested in a real estate career, Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m. and again on

Friday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. The seminars will take place at the Plymouth Market Place, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, a half block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

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Get the help you need to pass the Michigan State builder's license examination with a 15-hour compre-

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The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate invest-

tors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Wednesday, Nov. 21, to Royal Oak Community Education. Please call (248) 588-5050 to register Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Prudential

Cranbrook Realtors, a Prudential Real Estate affiliate, independently owned and operated by George Ulrych & Mitchell Wolf, announced the expansion of their company and the grand opening of their seventh location at 209 Center St. in downtown Northville. Prudential Cranbrook Realtors currently has offices serving the metropolitan area in Franklin, Birmingham/

Bloomfield, Troy, Rochester Hills, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield/Farmington Hills. Ulrych said, "We are thrilled to be expanding into such a rapidly growing area which includes Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Novi." Wolf added, "The new office will include state of the art technology and systems to best assist buyers and sellers with all of their real estate needs." Visit www.prucran.com

to find out more about the grand opening Open House.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and its Remodelers Council will present a scheduled seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, Nov. 20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward CGR, Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will present methods to keep your projects running smoothly by learning how to set work-

able schedules. Participants will become comfortable with the latest tools for information and time management. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Dec. 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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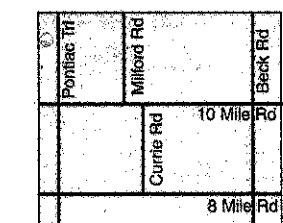
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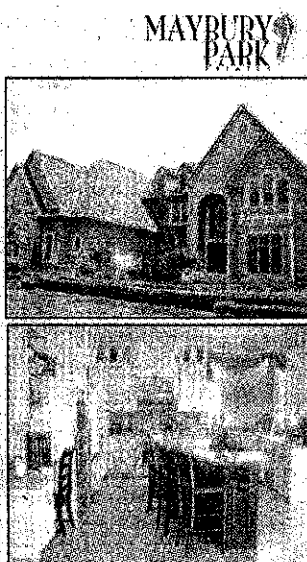
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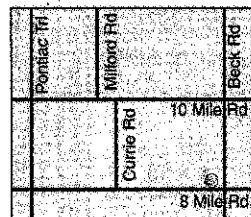


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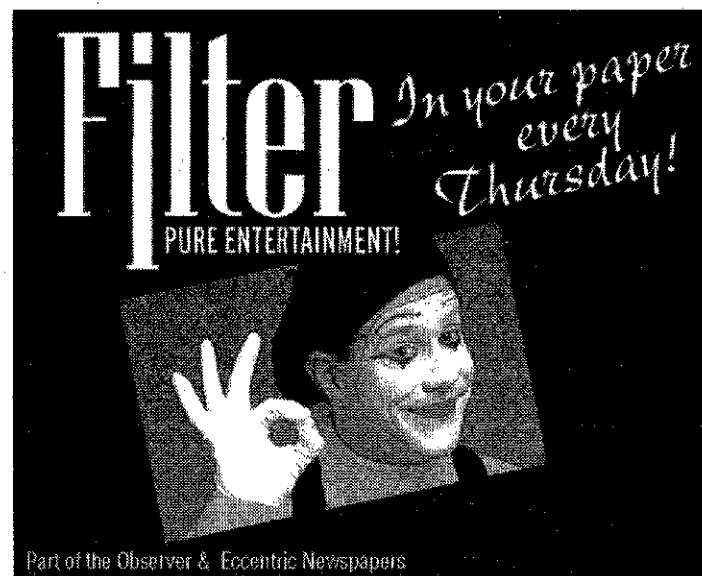
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Beautiful brk col on ct setting. Upgraded kit w/new appls & granite T/O. Jack & Jill BA. New mstr BA. New roof, fresh paint. Huge deck in backyard.
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NORTHVILLE **\$339,900**
Lg backyard! Deck w/auto awning. Hwd flrs, am/fm intercom, fin LL w/wet bar, ba, rec rm & office. Vaulted kit & gr, 2 skylights, 1st flr Indry.
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FARMINGTON HILLS **\$324,900**
Updated colonial! Remod kit w/cherry cabs,gran ctnrs,limestone flr, new furn. New paver patio, remod 1/2, main&mstr ba,new stone FP in FR. P fin bsmt.
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SOUTH LYON **\$325,000**
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PLYMOUTH **\$125,000**
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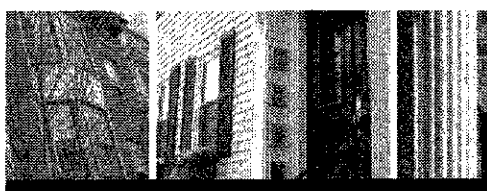
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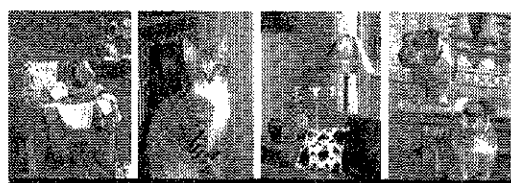
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Advertising Feature

CAReport



By Dale Buss

I don't know, call me an anti-environmentalist whacko, a global-warming skeptic, or just a cranky baby boomer who doesn't like to be told what to do — like the rest of my generation, from Hillary Clinton to Ann Coulter.

But I still don't like that new TV ad for the Ford Escape Hybrid. You know, the one where the little girl tries to "guilt" her father into giving her a ride downtown to meet with her friends — but only close enough to drop her off nearby, and far enough not to be seen in their vehicle.

"Everyone there is riding hybrids and bicycles and stuff," she says to him — or something like that. They climb into his light green Escape Hybrid and Dad gently convinces her gently that, by golly, they're driving a hybrid, too! So, the implication goes, she can let go of her wrenching pre-pubescent guilt.

Let's just say that, if that were me and my daughter in real life, I'm not sure I would have been so diplomatic, without the advertising cameras rolling. And let's just say that the commercial itself is a big turnoff for me.

Fortunately, the 2008 Escape Hybrid itself is a far better vehicle than its advertising. The latest overhaul of Ford's industry-leading — nay, revolutionary — hybrid vehicle brings you 14% better fuel economy than the 2007 version, a huge and telling statistic in the most important criterion for any hybrid. That means it achieves up to 34 mpg.

And now that Escape no longer has the field of hybrid SUVs to itself, let's go on about this specific vehicle's remarkable achievements in fuel economy. It provides about 80% better fuel economy in city driving than the conventional V-6 Escape and can travel more than 500 miles in city driving on a single tank of gasoline.

Moreover, sticking with its green creds: Escape is an extremely clean vehicle to operate, nearly twice as clean, on average, as an unregulated vehicle.

Ford claims that Escape's performance is "similar"



The 2008 Escape Hybrid gives Ford some badly needed category leadership.

to that of a conventional V-6 power plant. But I'll have to dispute that. There remains a noticeable difference in the quickness in pickup, the robustness of acceleration and overall power when you hit the accelerator of the Escape Hybrid versus any comparable, conventionally powered vehicle.

After a few years now of driving various hybrids for review purposes, this is something that I can acknowledge and accept as a tradeoff for significantly higher gas mileage and for just feeling good enough about myself to silence that little girl in the commercial (at least in my mind's eye). But it still takes some getting used to. And there are hybrid SUVs, such as the Lexus RX 400h, that are more powerful, though they give up more to that extra performance power in fuel economy than Escape does.

In case you don't get it, by the way, Ford came up with a unique green-leaf logo for the vehicle.

Just to extend the environmental friendliness of Escape Hybrid in logical new ways, Ford has made the 2008 Escape Hybrid and conventional Escape the first U.S. automotive application of 100% recycled fabric seating surfaces. The seat surfaces are made from 100% post-industrial waste, with raw materials ranging from plastic intended for pop bottles to un-dyed polyester fibers.

This plastic and polyester is processed, spun into

yarn, dyed and woven into seat fabric. Recycling waste otherwise intended for landfills has obvious environmental benefits. The supplier estimates that Ford's use of post-industrial recycled materials, rather than virgin fibers, could conserve an estimated 600,000 gallons of water, 1.8 million pounds of carbon dioxide equivalents and more than seven million kilowatt-hours of electricity.

Indeed, Escape Hybrid is an important new vehicle for Ford because it extends the company's credentials — environmental — in one of its few demonstrated areas of strength in today's marketplace. Consumers just have to keep figuring that all this greenness, and better fuel efficiency, is worth the approximately \$3,000 premium they're paying for the hybrid version of Escape versus the conventional. The higher gasoline prices rise, the better the bid looks.

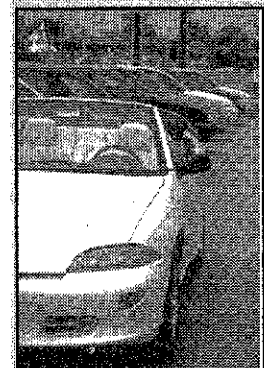
Befitting the importance of the 2008 version, Ford has completely redesigned the Escape Hybrid in and out for 2008. The design is indeed, as Ford says, "bolder and more rugged" on the outside, making a stronger resemblance to its larger Ford Explorer and Ford Expedition SUVs. And it's available in four new colors.

For prices starting at around \$25,000, the 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid could be just what your green sensibilities have been looking for.

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Free Pizza for 1 yr w/this 2 BR Condo. Open fir plan, huge mstr w/walk-in closet. Park-like setting, walk lk. Att. gar. private entry. All appls. Walled Lk Schls.
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CLARKSTON \$329,000
New Sub, 60 acres. Shiawasee Lk. Nature preserve. Gan Kit., Hdwd Firs, maple cabs. Slate fir 2-sty entry. Lib, FF mstr, jetted tub. 47 build sites.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$210,000
Quality Condo. Granite Counters Hrdw Firs. LL 800 add'l Living Space. Appl package or 1 yr Free Maint Fee if closed by December 1, 200.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD \$165,000
Move in Cond. Spac Ranch, Walled Lk Schl & Lk Priv. Dbl Lot. Country Feel in City. Computer Rm off Mstr could be 3rd Bdrm or x-lg closet. Hrdwd Firs.
MLS #27193509 248-360-9100



WATERFORD \$144,900
End unit Condo. Updates: faucets, light fix, wd fir in Kit, drwl. 3rd bdrm/office in W/O. Fin gar w/storage & sink. Assoc. fees to drop to \$155/mo. in '08.
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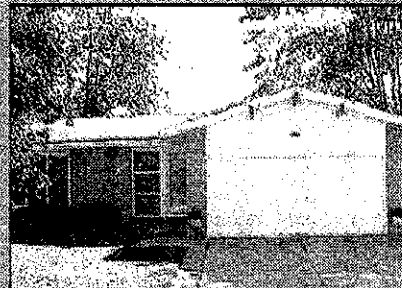
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$159,000
All sports lk priv. 3 bdrm ranch, full, part fin bsmt. Updated kit., newer bath. Cove ceilings in LR & DR give home traditional flair. Lg front & rear decks.
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COMMERCE \$159,900
2004 Ranch condo. 2BR, 2BA. Upgraded crpt, stove, Reverse Osmosis, Frplc, alarm sys, cer tile in baths & walk-in closets. Grnd fir unit w/pool & patio
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EASTPOINTE \$114,900
Well cared for 3br brick ranch offers updated oak kit, pargo fir & all appls! Wallside windows. Fresh paint & carpet. 2.5 car garage. 1 yr home warr.
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SOUTHFIELD \$169,800
3br, 2.5ba brick ranch. New windows. Living room, family room w/fireplace, beautiful flooring, new carpet, new deck, 2 car att garage.
(27191138) 248-647-8888



PONTIAC \$115,000
Brick ranch w/finished basement! Cathedral ceiling in living room & family room, oak kitchen, fireplace in living rm, vinyl windows, attached garage.
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LATHRUP VILLAGE \$199,900
Spacious 4br, 2.5ba quad on .28 acre lot offers living room, family room, dining room, kitchen w/ nook, basement, 2 car att garage. Needs updating.
(27191822) 248-647-8888



OAK PARK \$139,900
3br, 1.5ba brick ranch. New kitchen w/ceramic flrs, a breakfast area, & all appls. Large living & dining area. Newer windows, furnace, & C/A. Warranty.
(27127174) 248-647-8888



ROYAL OAK \$164,900
Updated end unit 2br, 1.5ba condol Custom mantle on fireplace, newer berber carpet & kitchen flooring, dining room, fresh paint, & landscaping.
(27193306) 248-647-8888



FARMINGTON HILLS \$464,900
5br, 3.5ba colonial has been renovated from roof to fin. bsmt. with the best of everything! Redwood hot tub room on deck. Heated 3.5 car garage.
(27161372) 248-647-8888



FRANKLIN \$499,900
4br, 3.5ba 1940's cape cod! Living rm w/natural frplc, cove ceilings & bay window, kitchen w/ granite, master w/jetted tub, pool, 2 decks.
(27185242) 248-647-8888



DEARBORN \$89,883
Lovely 2br, 1.5ba condo offers living room, dining room with new ceramic flooring, sunny kitchen, & more!
(27048399) 248-647-8888



LIVONIA \$234,000
Mint 4 br, 2.5 ba col. Backs to open treed area. Remodeled custom kit, FR w/ built in bookcases. Formal DR, LR w/ frplc. Updated windows & roof.
MLS 27193442 734-462-9800



NOVI \$369,900
2763 sq ft. 4 br, 3.5 ba. Kit w/ granite ctrs & hrdwd flrs. 2nd fir laundry. Newer furn, sump pump w/ backup & newer roof. Prof. Fin bsmt. 3 car att gar.
MLS 27191901 734-462-9800



NORTHVILLE \$435,900
4 br, 2.5 ba. Over \$40K in upgrades & improvements. FR w/ frplc. Hardwood foyer w/ spiral staircase. 3 car gar.
MLS 27178102 734-462-9800



WHITE LAKE \$349,900
Prime White Lake frontage. Home is nestled on .6 acres overlooking main lk. 3 bedroom. Great room w/frplc. Extensively renovated in '95. 3 car garage.
MLS 27062359 734-462-9800



WESTLAND \$149,900
3 br, 2 ba. Maintenance free brick ranch. Updated kit & brkfst nook. LR, newer roof & windows. Terrific fin bsmt. Livonia schools. 2 car gar.
MLS 27095663 734-462-9800



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$509,900
Gorgeous and immaculate 4172 sq ft. home with 5 br, 3.5 ba. Finished lower level, updated kitchen, lib, formal DR, str ste w/balcony, 1st floor laundry.
MLS 27197433 734-462-9800



NOVI \$209,900
3 br, 2 ba. Newer roof, furnace & a/c. Remodeled kit, newer carpet t/o. All new vinyl siding & trim. FR w/ frplc. Great Village Oaks loc.
MLS 26178007 734-462-9800



BRIGHTON \$459,900
4 br, 4.5 ba custom built home. Gourmet kit w/ maple cabs & granite ctrs. Grt rm w/ frplc. Fin. daylight bsmt. 3 car att gar.
MLS 27078890 734-462-9800



YPSILANTI TWP. \$221,900
Must sell! Bank wants offer. 1996 built, 2,339 sq ft. 4 br, 2.5 ba. Frplc in mstr br, FR, fin bsmt.
MLS 27144267 734-462-9800



REDFORD \$101,000
3 BR bungalow w/updates galore! H/w flrs. Under carpet. Updated kit. Mstr. br w/half bath. Fin bsmt. Newer furn, roof, vinyl siding, more! Garage.
MLS 27195402 313-538-2000



REDFORD \$79,500
Affordable 912 s.f. ranch overlooking park. Could easily be made handicapped accessible. Low utility bills. Appliances stay. Home Warranty.
MLS 27189499 313-538-2000



REDFORD \$124,900
3 BR brick ranch facing wooded area. Hrdwd. flrs, neutral decor, updated bath. Din. Rm., Fin. Bsmt w/carpet. Updated windows, furnace, C/A & more.
MLS 27200156 313-538-2000



CANTON TWP. \$125,000
End unit condo w/2 br and 2.5 baths! Fin. lower level, rec room for entertaining. Kitchen has built-ins. All appliances stay. Deck off of dining area.
MLS 27198823 248-855-2000



HAZEL PARK \$99,950
Clean 3-bedroom ranch w/awesome private yard. Spacious living room, open kitchen with breakfast bar, spacious bedrooms with lots of closet space.
MLS 27095601 248-855-2000



REDFORD \$94,000
Well kept 3-bedroom brick bungalow in quiet neighborhood. New furnace and central air. Newer windows, roof and glass block windows in bsmt.
MLS 27097712 248-855-2000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$150,000
3 bedroom brick ranch w/newer roof, windows and furnace. Large eat-in kitchen w/door wall to patio. Spacious open basement. All appli. 1035 sq. ft.
MLS 27186451 248-855-2000



INDEPENDENCE TWP \$244,900
Hilltop home with breathtaking views. Deluxe bathroom w/Jacuzzi, private balcony w/hot tub and new carpet. Fin. lower level walkout. Appliances.
MLS 27152029 248-855-2000



WASHINGTON TWP \$269,000
Move in condition. This 4-bedroom colonial offers a 1st floor master suite, two story foyer, library and two story great room. Lrg. kitchen & dining space.
MLS 27164494 248-855-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS \$299,900
Tudor in gated community on a large lot. Large bedrooms, kitchen w/newer granite counters and door wall to deck. Huge family room with fireplace.
MLS 27173122 248-855-2000



SOUTHFIELD \$325,000
4br colonial w/spacious foyer, family room w/ fireplace and door wall to deck. First floor laundry, huge master bath w/jetted tub and walk-in-closet.
MLS 27142803 248-855-2000



ROYAL OAK \$284,000
Profess. designed unit w/hardwood floors in living area, gorgeous balcony, master w/walk-in closet and stunning bath. Kitchen w/high-end appliances.
MLS 27174894 248-855-2000



INDEPENDENCE TWP \$205,000
Updated lake front on Middle Lake. 3 br, 2.5 bath home in Clarkston school district. Hardwood floors. 2 story atrium area with its original stained glass.
MLS 27109036 248-673-2211



NOVI \$219,500
3 br, 1.5 bath home quiet end of 13 Mile. View of Walled Lake from the front porch, family room with fireplace, and living room with bay windows.
MLS 27099073 248-673-2211



ROSE TWP \$300,000
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on almost 1 acre. Great room with a floor to ceiling stone fireplace. Hardwood floors throughout; walk out basement.
MLS 27168636 248-673-2211



WHITE LAKE TWP. \$299,900
3 bedroom home located on all sports lake. Family room with fireplace, door wall to deck, and formal dining room with picture window to the lake.
MLS 27186586 248-673-2211



INDEPENDENCE TWP. \$399,900
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 5 bath home located in Clarkston School district. Just outside of Clarkston village. Great room w/gas fireplace and built-ins.
MLS 27092153 248-673-2211



DAVISON TWP. \$700,000
Breathtaking tranquility and new construction at its finest. Gorgeous 4 br, 3.5 bath home with soaring ceilings, sun filled great room, daylight basement.
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Canton 734-591-9200
Ideal location deep in subdivision Relax in vaulted sunrm, 2 story FR, neutral décor, HW flrs in Foyer, Lav, Kit, & BN. Gourmet kit w/ stove, micro, frig, tray ceiling in mstr ste, brick paver patio.

(27141547) \$409,900



Canton 734-455-7000
OUTSTANDING KITCHEN! 4BR Cape. Granite counters w/ Travertine backsplash in huge kitchen/hearth rm—made for entertaining! 10' ceilings; extensive hardwood; daylight bsmt. 3 car gar.

(27126507) \$390,000



Canton 734-455-7000
GLENGARRY COLONIAL W/1ST FLOOR LIBRARY! Spacious colonial w/4BR; 2BA; 1st flr library; hardwood flrs; huge 2nd flr laundry rm; elegant master suite w/shower & corner tub; newer deck.

(27170291) \$316,000



Canton 248-684-1065
Exceptional 3 BR Cape Cod overlooking the 14th hole w/ views of woods. HDWD flrs, 2-story LR w/ gas FP. 1st flr mstr BDRM w/ WIC & jet tub. Large deck.

(27181869) \$279,900



Canton 734-455-7000
SO MUCH TO OFFER! Ceram flr in kit & foyer. Cath cell & skylights in fam rm. 2-tier deck, fin. bsmt w/ wet bar & bath. Spotless! Home Warranty & Assoc. Dues for '07 pd at closing!

(27177410) \$265,900



Canton 734-455-7000
CANTON OPPORTUNITY! Awesome price for location and Ply/Canton schools. 3BR/1.1BA, fin bsmt & 2 car att gar. Eat-in kit overlooks FR which features nat FP and doorwall to patio.

(27152933) \$174,900



Canton 248-684-6430
RARE 3 BDRM W/BASEMENT & GARAGE Rare 3 bdrm condo with basement & garage. Updated & freshly painted. Neutral thruout. Lots of room. Great location clubhouse & pool.

(27165193) \$134,900



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

(27130823) \$215,000



Commerce 248-684-1065
4 br, 2.5 ba home on lg wooded lot. 2 sty foyer, lib w/ french drs, DR w/ arched cell, lg kit w/ hwdw flrs, dbl ovens, maple cabs & center island. Brkfst rm.

(27157000) \$378,000



Commerce 248-684-1065
Lease this 4200 sq ft home w/ 254' of waterfront. GR off entry foyer, FR w/ 2 fps open to patios, decks & dock on bay. New cedar roof, 2 furn & A/C units.

(27160009) \$2,000



Farmington 248-348-6430
In the Heart of Downtown Farmington! Neat bungalow w/updates that incl: HW fl, gutters, roof to boards '06, electrical, garage door, newer windows, 2 car detached garage, double lot.

(27181018) \$179,900



Farmington 248-651-1900
BEAUTIFUL RANCH ON NO-OUTLET STREET Great family room overlooking treed backyard. Many updates plus hardwood floors. Great home for first time buyers.

(27166579) \$139,000



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Totally Renovated Gem! Panoramic views of 1.29 acres w/ pond & gardens, 4 bdrm, 2.2 baths, kit w/ cherry & granite, 3 fplc's, new Anderson windows, year round FL room.

(27192909) \$629,000



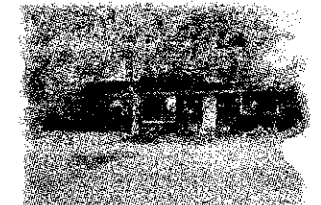
Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
A rare find! Custom 4 bdrm. Cape cod. 1st flr master. Gourmet kit w/ upgraded appliances. FR overlooks beautiful private backyard, garage w/ loft & wooded stove.

(27151414) \$387,000



Farmington Hills 248-651-1900
A GREAT RANCH HOME IN WOODBINE SUB Almost an acre lot! Home features wood floors t/o, 3 BR, 2.1 baths, eat-in kitchen w/ new cabinets, finished basement w/ playroom & 2nd kitchen. Family rm w/ fireplace.

(27174002) \$199,000



Farmington Hills 248-684-1065
Roof, kitchen, windows, baths, flooring & mechanical—all done. Hot tub on custom deck that wraps around an old fruit tree. Private backyard.

(27090309) \$194,500



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 ceramic bath, updated eat in kitchen. Lrg 1st flr laundry.

(27106232) \$179,900



Farmington Hills 248-651-1900
BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME ON 1 ACRE Backs up to wooded area. Newer furnace and AC. Beautiful fireplace, HWF in family room, Corian countertops. Lots of room to expand. Ready to move in!

(27179060) \$169,900



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Freshly Painted & Carpeted 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on an acre, deep basement, 2-1/2 car garage, swim & tennis club membership included!

(27128714) \$165,000



Garden City 734-326-2000
SAVE UP TO 3% ON CLOSING COSTS Country atmosphere & city convenience couples in this 3 BD Quad w/ 3 baths, family room, fireplace, country kitchen, finished lower level, 2 car garage & pool.

(27117783) \$179,900



Garden City 734-326-2000
REMEMBER KICK THE CAN? There's still a place where children can run free. This home offers you all the comfort you will ever need. Up to \$5000 in grant money available to buyers.

(27156595) \$142,000



Garden City 734-326-2000
AFFORDABLE & ADORABLE ready for a new family is this 3 BD, 2 full bath home on a large lot. Finished basement, C/A & a 2 1/2 car garage. Seller to provide up to 3% in closing costs.

(27098097) \$139,900



Highland 248-684-1065
Over 4,000 sq. ft. w/ finished walk-out! A must see, nestled on 3/4 acre of wooded beauty. In-law quarters. hardwood flrs. 9 ft ceilings. Cedar deck.

(27172824) \$374,800



Howell 248-437-3800
Custom colonial on 6+ Acres The grand foyer and curved staircase will make you say WOW! Hardwood floors, huge first floor master extra-large custom shower. Custom kitchen w/ granite.

(27161683) \$599,900



Livonia 248-651-1900
UPDATED HOME WITH LARGE FENCED YARD Features kitchen w/ granite counters, spacious liv rm, fam rm w/ rplc. Fin bsmt w/ full bath. Updates include roof, furnace, windows and doorwall to patio.

(27159843) \$179,900



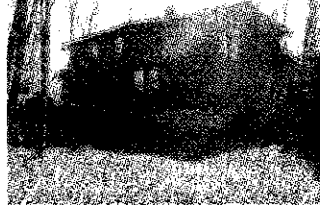
Livonia 248-684-1065
Move right in this lovely 4 BR colonial. Freshly painted. Updates include furnace, AC, windows, roof, doors, sprinkler. Nat'l FR. Large backyard.

(27143710) \$173,000



Livonia 248-348-6430
GREAT RANCH HOME WITH NUMEROUS UPDATES. Freshly Painted And Carpeted. Lg Fmli Dr And Gr Paver Porch. Wood Deck And In-ground Pool Add To Entertaining Space. 3 Car Detached Gar And Treed Lot. Fenced.

(27193979) \$1,800



Milford 734-591-9200
A STUNNING LOG HOME ON 4 ACRES. 5 Bdrms, 4 Baths. Huge Mstr Bdrm. Hrdwd Flrs, 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.

(27106220) \$807,900



Milford 248-684-1065
Fabulous historic early 20's architectural style. Bead board soffits, swinging kit door, rounded entry ways. Charming w/ W/O bsmt. Backs to woods.

(27087353) \$215,000



Milford 248-684-1065
1.5 acres-secluded. Ranch w/ open flr plan. FR addition w/ double doors to fenced yard. 3 BD Quad w/ 3 baths, family room, fireplace, country kitchen, finished lower level, 2 car garage & pool.

(27099682) \$189,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Completely updated Village ranch in great location. New carpet, baths & counter top, french drs, hwdw flrs, 2 car garage, deck, corner lot, all appliances.

(27152096) \$145,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Bargain hunter? This is the best deal in village. Great flr plan w/ tons of wndws & storage. GR w/ vaulted cell. Huge eat-in kit. Deck off DR. Mstr w/ ba. Bsmt.

(27183201) \$125,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Northville Colony Colonial! 4 beds, 3.5 baths. Large kit w/ nook, FR, 1st flr den, 1st flr laundry. FRML living & dining rms. Good sized bedrooms. Fin LL w/ full BA, Play area & 3 add rooms.

(27192144) \$339,900



Northville 248-348-6430
The Ultimate in Carefree Living! Take life easy in this 2 BR, 2 BA condo on a gorgeous tree lot. Island kit w/ white cab, mstr ste w/ wall of wndws, jet tub, sep shwr. GR w/ gas FP. Part fin LL.

(27161322) \$275,000



Northville 734-455-7000
CAREFREE CONDO IN NORTHVILLE! This doll house looks nearly new. New kit w/ Corian counters & sink, all appl stay, teakwood flrs, fresh paint, closet organizers, C/A+3 cling fans, priv deck.

(27181422) \$149,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Imagine Owning This Beautiful Home Accent on details, hwdw flr highlights kit & brkfst area, FR w/ vaulted ceiling, elegant LR & DR, lib, nice mstr, extra wide 2 car garage, patio & lg priv yard.

(27164836) \$336,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Great location in Novi! Mint cond home has kit w/ maple cabinets, Pergo flr and new stainless appl. Cozy gas FP w/ brick. Fin lot adds 200 SF of liv space. Fin bsmt dds add liv space!

(27134444) \$333,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Beautifully Landscaped Lot Mature trees dot the beautiful lot. W/1 walking distance to schools. Formal LR & DR, den, spacious FR, nice fin'd rec room & wonderful deck for your enjoyment.

(27148522) \$310,000



Novi 734-591-9200
Tastefully decorated and well-appointed! Updt kit w/ hwdw flr & stainless steel appl. Newer furnace C/A W/ins & roof. Storage in house & gar. FR w/ Gas FP lg bar & 1/2 BA; FL RM w/ new hot tub, new carpet T/O.

(27135647) \$212,900



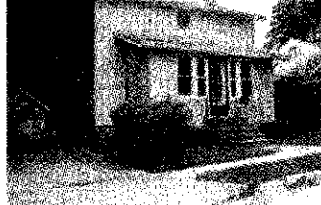
Novi 248-651-1900
FREESTANDING RANCH CONDO Easy living 2BR, 2BA det ranch condo. Brkfst nook, doorwall to deck. Huge family rm. W/O LL-prepped to finish. Golf, tennis, pool.

(27086507) \$200,000



Novi 248-348-6430
LOVELY CONDO, WELL MAINTAINED Condo living at its best! Delightful ki, lovely LR, cozy FR, 2 nice size bds, 1.5 baths, both updated. Full fin bsmt, pool, clubhouse & tennis court in complex.

(27116561) \$138,900



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



Plymouth 734-591-9200
Fantastic House with a Fantastic Price Priced for a fast sale. 3 BR Brk ranch in lovely Plymouth area. Eat-in kit, FR w/ FP & DW & 12x10 sunroom. Separate LR, fin bsmt w/ 1.5 BA, 2.5 gar, updates galore.

(27190507) \$165,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Sale/lease-Plymouth Brick Ranch Fin w/o bsmt. 4br, 3.5 bth, grnd flr indry, eat-in kit, dr, lr & lg fr w/ fp. Backs wooded commons. Stream at rear of lot. 2 car att gar \$359,900/\$2,200/mo.

(27131076) \$2,100



Redford 734-591-9200
Beautiful 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch Updates, new roof, copper plumbing updated elec, furnace & air. Remodeled kit. newer oak cabinets & floor. Hardwood flrs. New bath in basement. Must see.

(27191876) \$129,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Custom built colonial Home offers soaring ceilings, open floor plan, spacious gourmet kitchen, 2 decks, finished daylight basement has family room and fireplace. Much more!

(27197813) \$399,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
COUNTRY LIVING ON 4+ ACRES! Creek Running On Property. Ranch Home Features Living Room, country Kitchen W/ snack Bar, 3 Br, 2 Full Baths And First Floor Laundry. Walk-out Basement.

(27125463) \$279,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Sharp colonial in Eagle Heights! Home offers a large kitchen, spacious great room with soaring ceilings, finished sun room with skylights, large deck, sidewalks and more.

(27193962) \$209,900



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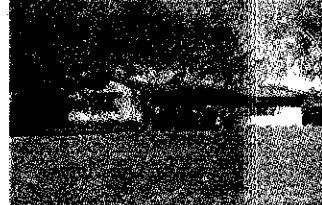
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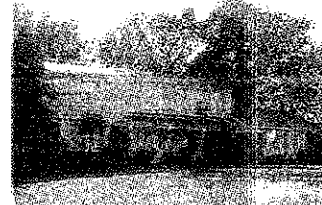
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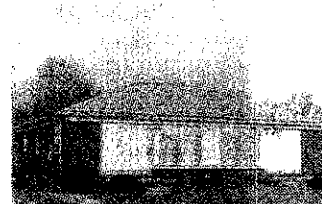
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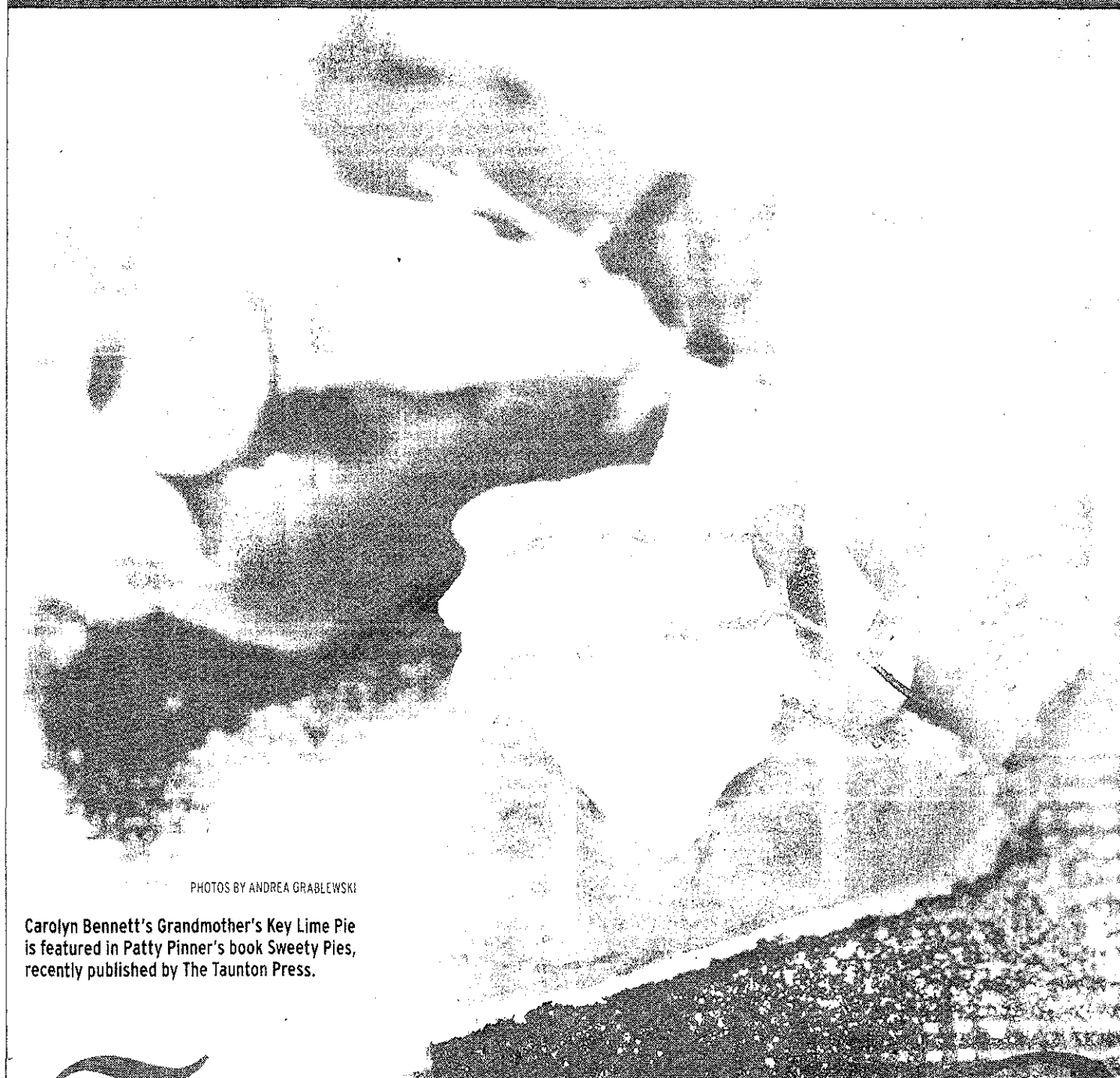
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White Lake 248-684-1065
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(27133757) \$239,800

Patty Pinner bakes up magic



PHOTOS BY ANDREA GRABLEWSKI

Carolyn Bennett's Grandmother's Key Lime Pie is featured in Patty Pinner's book *Sweetie Pies*, recently published by The Taunton Press.



Patty Pinner's latest delight, "*Sweetie Pies*," is published by The Taunton Press, 2007.

MEET PATTY PINNER

What: Local book signing for "*Sweetie Pies*"
When: 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17
Where: Shrine of the Black Madonna, 13535 Livernois Ave. Detroit
For information: Call (313) 491-0777



Patty Pinner

Accents

HOLIDAY DECORATING

Amelia Ellenstein will visit Art Van Furniture stores to share decorating ideas for holiday entertaining. Refreshments will be served and guests will receive a gift. Ellenstein will be in the Royal Oak store at 6 p.m. on Nov. 15 and at the Clinton Twp. store at 6 p.m. Nov. 20. RSVP at (888) 619-2199. For more information, visit www.artvan.com.

HOLIDAY TABLES

Cranbrook House and Gardens will present its annual Holiday Tables event through Nov. 18. View Holiday Tables for inspiration for your own holiday feasts 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 16-17; and noon-4 p.m. Nov. 18. Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Call (248) 645-3149 or visit www.cranbrook.edu for more information.

HOLIDAY GREENS MARKET

The Rochester Branch Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will host a Greens Market at St. Philip's Episcopal Church 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. An assorted selection of fresh greens will be available, as well as wreaths, swags, mugs, sleighs and centerpieces. All items are handmade by the women of the Rochester Branch. Admission to Greens Market is \$2. For more information call (248) 475-4483.

Sweetie in Pies

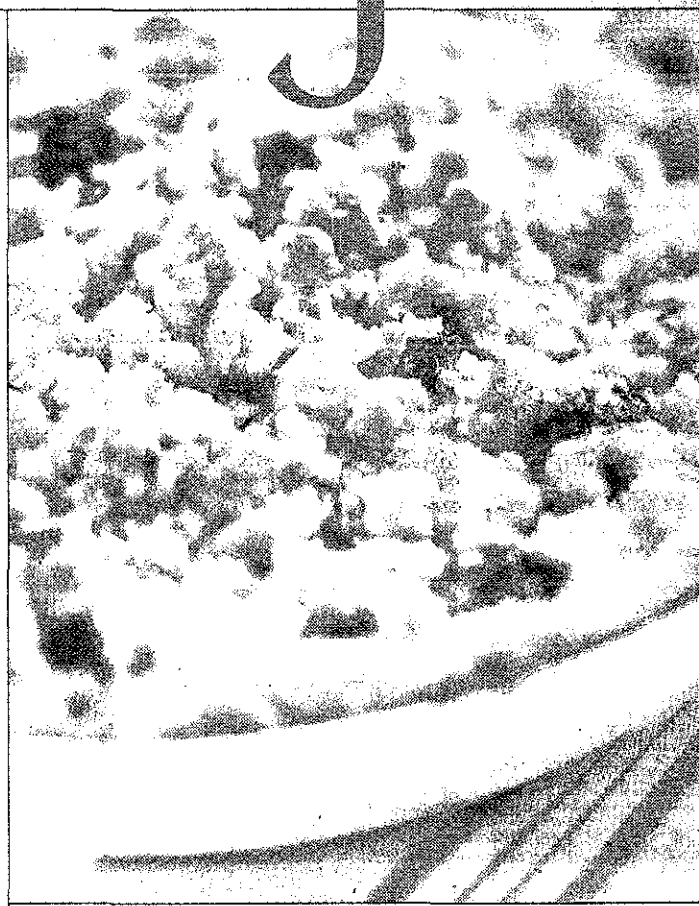
BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
 STAFF WRITER

For Saginaw's Patty Pinner a fresh-baked pie is simply "the ultimate in comfort food." So it makes sense that the author should devote her second cookbook to the all American dessert. In *Sweetie Pies*, recently published by The Taunton Press, Pinner delves into the delectable recipes of her past all shared by influential women she grew up around here in Michigan. "The stories that go along with my recipes are just as important as the recipes," she said during a phone interview Sept. 25.

And her book is filled with plenty of both. Considered a culinary memoir, Pinner shares words of wisdom from her mother, nuggets like "What you don't see with your eyes, don't invent with your heart," as well as the core group of strong women who balanced the domesticity of the kitchen with jobs and incomes of their own. They run the gamut from Coral Raines' penchant for store bought mixes in Blueberry-Peach Cobbler, to sweet seamstress Miss Eudora Hawkin's "nice little piece" of Cream of Wheat Custard Pie, to traffic-stopping Ava Malone's Peanut Butter Cream Pie and Patty's mother, Ruth Pinner's, Old Time Chocolate Meringue Pie made from scratch.

Don't get her wrong. Pinner isn't supporting the dated adage "a woman's place is in the kitchen." Quite the contrary. But she does believe there is a

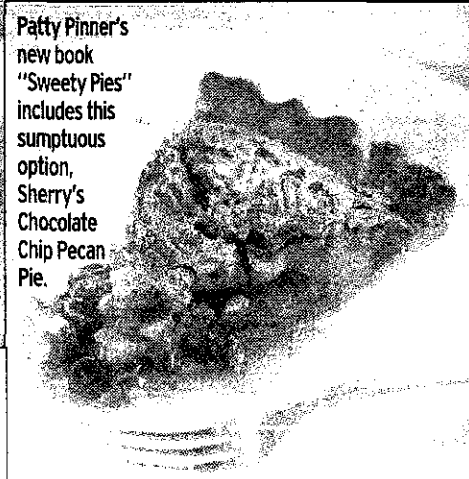
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Miss Viola Tresvant's Blueberry Pie with Crumb Topping is among the recipes and stories detailed in Patty Pinner's book "*Sweetie Pies*," recently published by The Taunton Press.

Frida's Lemon Chess Pie is one of the sugary treats found in Patty Pinner's book "*Sweetie Pies*," recently published by The Taunton Press.

Patty Pinner's new book "*Sweetie Pies*" includes this sumptuous option, Sherry's Chocolate Chip Pecan Pie.



Homemade stuffing packs in the flavor

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Many of us, due to convenience or lack of know-how, pair our Thanksgiving turkeys with store-bought stuffing. Although easy to prepare, pre-packaged mixes are generally high in sodium and preservatives and low in nutritional value. Some popular brands even list high-fructose corn syrup among the most prominent ingredients.

This recipe features a homemade stuffing that is simple to prepare, healthy and delicious.

Although store-bought stuffing is a staple at many a table, it's soggy makes it easy to see why it is not a standout. This year, revive the dish by swapping brown rice for the traditional bread-crumbs. It's a substitution that adds flavor, texture and

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A decent PC for \$199 – but there's a catch

Want my prediction for the hot tech item this holiday season? It's not the latest whiz-bang GPS from Garmin. Not the Verizon Juke phone. Not even the iPod Touch. The must-have gadget this year: The \$199 PC.

History is dotted with lowball systems like this one, most of them saddled with some kind of gotcha like a monthly subscription charge or ads littering the desktop. But the Everex TC2502 gPC (everex.com) arrives gimmick-free: It's a full-blown desktop, capable of meeting most mainstream computing needs.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Yes, there's a catch — but it's not what you think. Let's start with the specs. The gPC incorporates a 1.5-gigahertz Via processor, 512 megabytes of RAM, an 80-gigabyte hard drive, and a combination DVD/CD-RW drive.

It also comes with a mouse, a keyboard, and speakers, but it's up to you to supply the monitor. That's not the catch, though a basic 17-inch LCD will run you at least \$150 — almost as much as the gPC itself.

If you're thinking the no-name processor sounds a little slow compared with modern AMD and Intel screamers, you're right. But guess what? The gPC doesn't need nearly that much power because it doesn't run Windows.

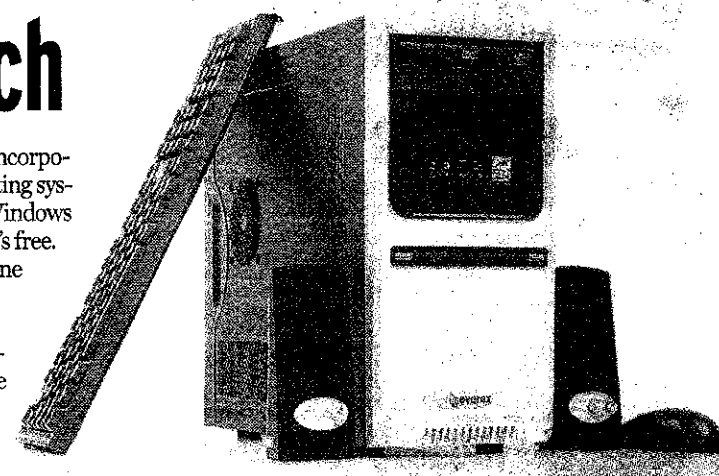
For some buyers that would be an immediate

showstopper, but hear me out. The gPC incorporates a special version of the Linux operating system, which is quite similar to Mac and Windows operating systems, with one exception: It's free.

That means Everex can sell this machine for upwards of \$100 less than a similarly equipped Windows system. Witness the Everex GC3502, which is virtually identical but comes with Windows Vista Home Basic. Price: \$298.

Out of the box, the gPC won't run any Windows software (though a third-party emulator does allow for that capability). However, let's take a look at

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The Everex TC2502 gPC sells for just \$199 and comes with everything you need for e-mail, Web browsing, word processing, and more.

BROIDA

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what it can do.

Everex stocks the system with OpenOffice, which offers Microsoft Office-caliber word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and drawing. It also comes with GLIMP, a Photoshop-like image editor.

The gPC leverages popular online destinations as well: Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Facebook, Blogger, YouTube, Skype, and so on.

The idea here is that you can accomplish most everyday computing tasks using freely available software and services, both on the PC and on the Web.

All this preloaded stuff is presented via an attractive, easy-to-navigate interface that bears a passing resemblance to the Mac OS. A dozen-plus animated icons span the bottom of the screen; all you do is mouse over one of them and click it.

Behind this friendly front end lies the gOS (thinkgOS.com), one of many versions of Linux. If you want to go beyond the bundled software and services, you can load thousands of available programs—all of them free of charge. As an added bonus, you won't

need to bother with security software: Linux is virtually impervious to viruses and spyware.

There are, of course, a couple downsides. In addition to the aforementioned incompatibility with Windows programs, the gPC won't work with some accessories (like iPods and scanners) because the necessary drivers don't exist.

However, for grade-school students, grandparents, and bargain hunters, the gPC is a home run. It offers word processing, Web browsing, e-mail, image editing, and all the other tools you need for everyday computing.

So what's the catch? For now, the only store that carries the gPC is Wal-Mart.

I know many people who won't shop there, period. If you're one of them, you'll have to wait: An Everex rep told me additional resellers will stock the gPC, but not until 2008. None of that really matters. The gPC will go down in history as the first bargain-basement PC that's actually a bargain. And it may just give Linux the boost it needs to finally become a viable Windows competitor.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books. Send questions to rick.broida@gmail.com.

What wine will you serve on Thanksgiving?

If you've served wine to accompany your Thanksgiving meal as a family tradition, you probably already have your favorite selections. Yet, you may find some new ideas among the following choices.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

PINOT NOIR

A most versatile wine, complementing the abundance of flavors on a traditional Thanksgiving menu, is pinot noir. It's got generous fruit, a balanced dollop of oak in most cases, and a pleasant, lingering finish. Yes, the very best are pricey but so delicious. See the accompanying information box for our suggestions.

CONSIDER BLENDS

Because the Thanksgiving meal is a panoply of flavors, a white blend, such as 2006 Beringer

Alluvium Blanc \$16, is frequently a good choice. This wine, a blend of semillon, sauvignon blanc and smaller percentages of chardonnay and viognier has superb versatility. The same can be said for 2006 St. Supery Virtu \$28, a Napa Valley blend of sauvignon blanc and semillon. On the economy side of this idea, we recommend 2006 Big House White \$10 (a blend of eight white varieties).

The blend concept works equally well for reds and turkey with all the trimmings. A great example is 2005 Rosenblum Chateau La Paws Cote du Bone Roan \$14, a delicious tongue-in-cheek name brimming with ripe cherry and strawberry flavors (that go well with cranberry sauce that can clash with many wines) and a smoked bacon note in the finish that enhances every dish on the table. Tablas Creek 2005 Cotes de Tablas \$20, a blend of four red Rhone varieties, is equally pleasing but may be best if you use a spicy sausage dressing.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Because of its tannin structure and higher alcohol, we shun cabernet sauvignon with a holiday feast

where turkey plays center stage at the table. However, St. Supery's executive chef Ron Barber offers a wonderful "Cabernet Sauvignon & Herb Gravy" to pair with holiday turkeys. This untraditional sauce bridges the gap between red wine and turkey and makes the perfect excuse to enjoy 2003 St. Supery Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$28. Visit www.stsupery.com/life-style/cs_recipes.html for the full recipe.

PINOT GRIS

Oregon pinot gris is a wine you may not have considered. From Oregon producers, pinot gris and not pinot grigio, is the grape name you'll find on the label. One of the nicest and value priced is 2006 Oak Knoll Willamette Valley Pinot Gris \$12. Intense white-fleshed fruit aromas (melon, pear, apple) and flavors, the absence of oak, rich texture from the natural interaction between the wine and its yeast lees and balanced acidity contribute to an easy-to-like wine.

VERY WALLET FRIENDLY

If you're having a large family gathering and need a lot of wine, even \$20 per bottle could become a daunting expense. Thus, we did some serious hunting and tasting of wines at \$10 and under to come up with some affordable, well-flavored wines.

The challenge we gave ourselves was to find one brand with an array of wines that would all be suitable by price and flavors to complement your holiday table.

Night Harvest by R.H. Phillips won the challenge. The brand offers an array of fine tasting wines for \$8 per bottle. Among them 2006 Sauvignon Blanc with bright melony flavors and crisp acidity makes a perfect aperitif.

Citrus, crisp apple and Asian pear flavors match the 2006 Chardonnay to turkey, especially

WINE PICKS: PINOT NOIR

We suggest:
2006 Beringer Napa Valley, \$20
2005 TAZ Santa Barbara County, \$25
2003 Gloria Ferrer Jose S. Ferrer Selection Carneros, \$35
2005 Buena Vista Carneros Ramal Vineyard, \$37
2005 Dierberg Estate Vineyard Santa Maria Valley, \$40
2006 Babcock Grand Cuvee, Santa Rita Hills, \$40
2005 Williams Selyem Vista Verde Vineyard, San Benito County, \$49
2005 Williams Selyem Bucher Vineyard, Russian River Valley, \$54
2005 Dutton Goldfield McDougall Vineyard Sonoma Coast, \$55
2005 Dutton Goldfield Dutton Ranch-Sanchietti Vineyard, Russian River Valley, \$58
2005 Williams Selyem Ferrington Vineyard, Anderson Valley, \$59
If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

for white breast meat lovers. The easy-drinking 2005 Merlot with bright cherry fruit perks up the sage notes in a traditional turkey dressing and pairs well with turkey dark meat.

With more structure and blueberry flavors, 2005 Shiraz harmonizes with turkey dark meat and since the 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon makes no pretense as a blockbuster with big tannins, its ripe cherry aromas and gentle spiciness takes to most everything at the Thanksgiving table.

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STUFFING

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nutrition. The addition of the whole-grain rice provides fiber, B vitamins and cancer-fighting phytochemicals.

Sidestep convention even further with a burst of color. Sliced bell peppers break up the beige tones, adding sweetness and an excellent source of vitamin C. The fresh parsley, sage and orange zest further intensify the color and flavor palettes.

To appease traditionalists, the recipe retains the onion, garlic and celery that are synonymous with most stuffings. Apples and walnuts are added to heighten the autumnal flavors as well as add a pleasing crunch.

AUTUMN RICE STUFFING

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 large onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 bell pepper (color of choice), seeded and chopped
- ½ pound mushrooms of choice, washed and sliced
- 1 cup diced tart apple, such as Granny Smith
- 3 cups cooked brown rice
- ½ cup walnut pieces
- ¼ cup finely chopped parsley
- ½ tablespoon orange zest
- ½ teaspoon chopped fresh sage
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large saucepan, heat canola oil over medium-high heat. Add onion, garlic, celery and bell pepper. Cook over medium heat for 7 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the mushrooms and apple and continue cooking for an additional 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat and place in a large bowl.

Mix in the rice, walnuts, parsley, orange zest and sage. Add egg and mix well to moisten the stuffing. Transfer the mixture to a 9x13-inch baking dish, cover with foil and bake for 1 hour.

Makes 16 servings (½ cup each).
Nutritional information per serving: 92 calories, 4 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 12 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 13 mg sodium.

For more information and recipes, visit AICR at www.aicr.org.

PIES

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kind of magic in the kitchen. When women go to all lengths to get a man's attention, she said, they might just underestimate the magic of baking.

That magic goes beyond the ability to draw attention and favor. It serves as relaxing art for Pinner. She drew from the stories of her past, collecting the details and the recipes that worked well together. She knew she wanted to include a wide variety of pies, and they're all there — fruit pies, cereal pies, cream pies and meringues.

"I've been food journaling since I was 14," Pinner said. She adopted her mother's habit of writing notes in the margins of recipes, useful tidbits like when she made the pie, how it was received, if it was worth baking again. It took about a year to complete *Sweetie Pies*. And Pinner wrote it in her kitchen — where she's convinced she's got a muse. "It's a collection of what I know to be very good pies," she said, "and a collection of womanish maxims that women like to talk about and need to talk about."

Readers who detect a bit of Southern charm might be surprised to find it's a book drawn solely from her own Michigan home. But Pinner admitted many of her female relatives had Southern roots, an influence naturally woven into the recipes and very relatable stories.

Certain types of pies are best for certain occasions, Pinner said. When it comes to a family fish fry a lemon pie is best. When she's out to impress, a mile high meringue will do the trick. On Sundays, it's strictly cobbler. Her mother always baked cobblers on Sundays and the scent of one baking in the oven still "conjures up the love and warmth of home," said Pinner.

She hopes *Sweetie Pies* will become a source for pie recipes, but also a way to pass down the wisdom she's gained. The advice and timeless stories are meant for the sister she never had, she said.

For Pinner, the book is a legacy of her own.

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The following recipes are from the book *Sweetie Pies* by Saginaw's Patty Pinner. Published in September by The Taunton Press, *Sweetie Pies* is in stores now.

FLAKY PIE CRUST RECIPES

9- or 10-inch single crust
½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
¾ cup chilled vegetable shortening
3 tablespoons ice-cold heavy cream or evaporated milk, more or less as needed

9-inch double crust or 9-inch deep-dish single crust
2¼ cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup chilled vegetable shortening
5 to 6 tablespoons of ice-cold heavy cream or evaporated milk, more or less as needed

Sift the flour, sugar, and salt together in a medium-size to large bowl. Using a pastry blender, a big serving fork, or the tips of your fingers, cut in or pinch or squeeze the shortening until the mixture resembles a bowl of sweet peas. Tossing the mixture quickly and lightly with a fork, sprinkle in the cream or milk 1 tablespoon at a time. (It's better to err on the side of not having enough liquid than to have too much; you don't want a soupy crust.) Continue tossing until the dough holds together when lightly pressed.

With lightly floured hands, loosely gather up the dough into a flat ball, place it in a bowl, and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate until you are ready to roll out the crust.

I try to chill at least 30 minutes but not too much longer than overnight.

Gather together your pie dish, rolling pin, flour canister, flour sifter, and a small, sharp knife. Prepare a clean surface for rolling out the dough. Sift enough flour over the surface to prevent the dough from sticking to it. Lightly flour your hands and the rolling pin. Place the chilled dough on the surface. If you are making a double-crust pie, divide the dough into two balls, one ball (it will be used as the bottom crust) slightly larger than the other (top crust). Keep the top crust covered and refrigerated while you roll out the bottom crust. Press it into a small, flat disk. Using the rolling pin, roll the dough into a circle, working from the center to the edges. Starting at the center, roll

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straight up to the edge, turn the dough slightly, and roll straight up to the edge. Repeat the process — turning the dough and rolling — until the dough has formed a circle that's slightly larger than the pan. (Make a 12-inch circle for a 9-inch pan, or a 13-inch circle for a 10-inch pan, or a 12 x 16-inch rectangle for a 9 x 13-inch pan.) Be careful to keep the dough as even as you can, about ¼ to ½ inch thick.

Place the pie plate upside down on top of the rolled-out dough. Using a small knife, cut a circle around the plate, leaving a 1-inch border of dough around the plate. Set aside the scraps. Remove the pie plate. Gently fold the crust in half. Now, fold the crust into quarters. Gently pick up the crust and place it in the pie plate so the center point of the crust is positioned in the center of the plate. Unfold the dough and press it firmly into position in the plate. Trim all excess dough from the edge, except for a ½-inch flap of dough around the edge.

If you are making a single crust pie, crimp the edge first, then fill with the pie filling. If you are making a double-crust pie, fill the pie, then roll out the second crust the same way you rolled the bottom crust. Cut the top crust so it extends beyond that of the bottom crust. (Cut an 11-inch circle for a 9-inch pie, a 13-inch circle for a 10-inch pie, and a 10 x 14-inch rectangle for a 9 x 13-inch pie.) Place the top crust on top of the filled pie. Trim the overhang to ½ inch. Fold the top flap of dough under the edge of the bottom crust, until the edges are even with the rim of the pan. Using the tines of a fork, flatten the hem evenly against the rim of the pie plate, moving completely around the pie. To prevent sticking, dip the fork in flour, if needed. Cut a few slits on top of the crust to let out the steam, then bake as directed in your particular recipe.

CAROLYN BENNETT'S GRANDMOTHER'S KEY LIME PIE

One 9-inch single Flaky Pie Crust, rolled out, fitted into a pie plate, and edge trimmed and crimped.

Filling:
¾ cups sugar
¼ cup all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons cornstarch
¼ teaspoon salt
2 cups water
3 large egg yolks
½ cup Key lime juice, bottled or fresh
1 tablespoon grated lime rind

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
A few drops of green food coloring (optional)
Meringue:
3 large egg whites, at room temperature
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ cup sugar

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Prepare the pie crust and fully prebake. Set aside on a wire rack.

Make the filling. In a medium-size saucepan, combine the sugar, flour, cornstarch, and salt, then gradually whisk in the water. Over medium heat, bring to a boil, stirring constantly, and continue to boil, whisking, until the mixture thickens, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat.

In a medium-size bowl, beat the egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Slowly add about one-quarter of the hot sugar mixture to the egg yolks, beating constantly. Pour the egg yolk mixture into the saucepan. Return the saucepan to low heat and cook for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and whisk in the lime juice and rind and the butter. Stir in a few drops of green food coloring, if you desire, and stir until the butter melts and everything is well combined. Pour the filling into the pie crust. Set aside.

Make the meringue. In a medium-size bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the egg whites until they form soft peaks. Add the vanilla and gradually add the sugar, continuing to beat until shiny, stiff peaks form. Mound the meringue in the center of the pie, then spread it evenly around the edge of the inner crust, sealing the meringue to the crust. Use a spoon to create a design of peaks and valleys all over the meringue. Place in the oven and bake until the meringue is nice and golden, 6 to 7 minutes. Let

cool completely on a wire rack, then chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours before serving.

MISS VIOLA TRESVANT'S BLUEBERRY PIE WITH THE CRUMB TOPPING

One 9-inch single Flaky Pie crust, rolled out, fitted into a pie plate, and edge trimmed and crimped

Crumb topping:
1 cup all-purpose flour
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ cup (1 stick) chilled unsalted butter, cut into pieces

Filling:
½ cup granulated sugar
¼ cup all-purpose flour
4 cups fresh blueberries, picked over
½ teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Prepare the pie crust and set aside.

Make the crumb topping. In a medium-size bowl, stir together the flour, brown sugar, and cinnamon until well mixed. Work the butter in with a fork or your fingertips until the mixture resembles crumbs the size of tiny sweet-peas. Set aside.

Make the filling. In a large bowl, stir together the sugar and flour until well mixed. Gently stir in the blueberries and lemon rind and juice. Pour the mixture into the pie crust, then dot it with the pieces of butter. Sprinkle the crumb topping evenly over the top of the pie.

Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees. Place the pie in the oven and bake until the topping is golden brown, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack before serving. This looks and tastes wonderful with a dollop of vanilla ice cream sitting on top.

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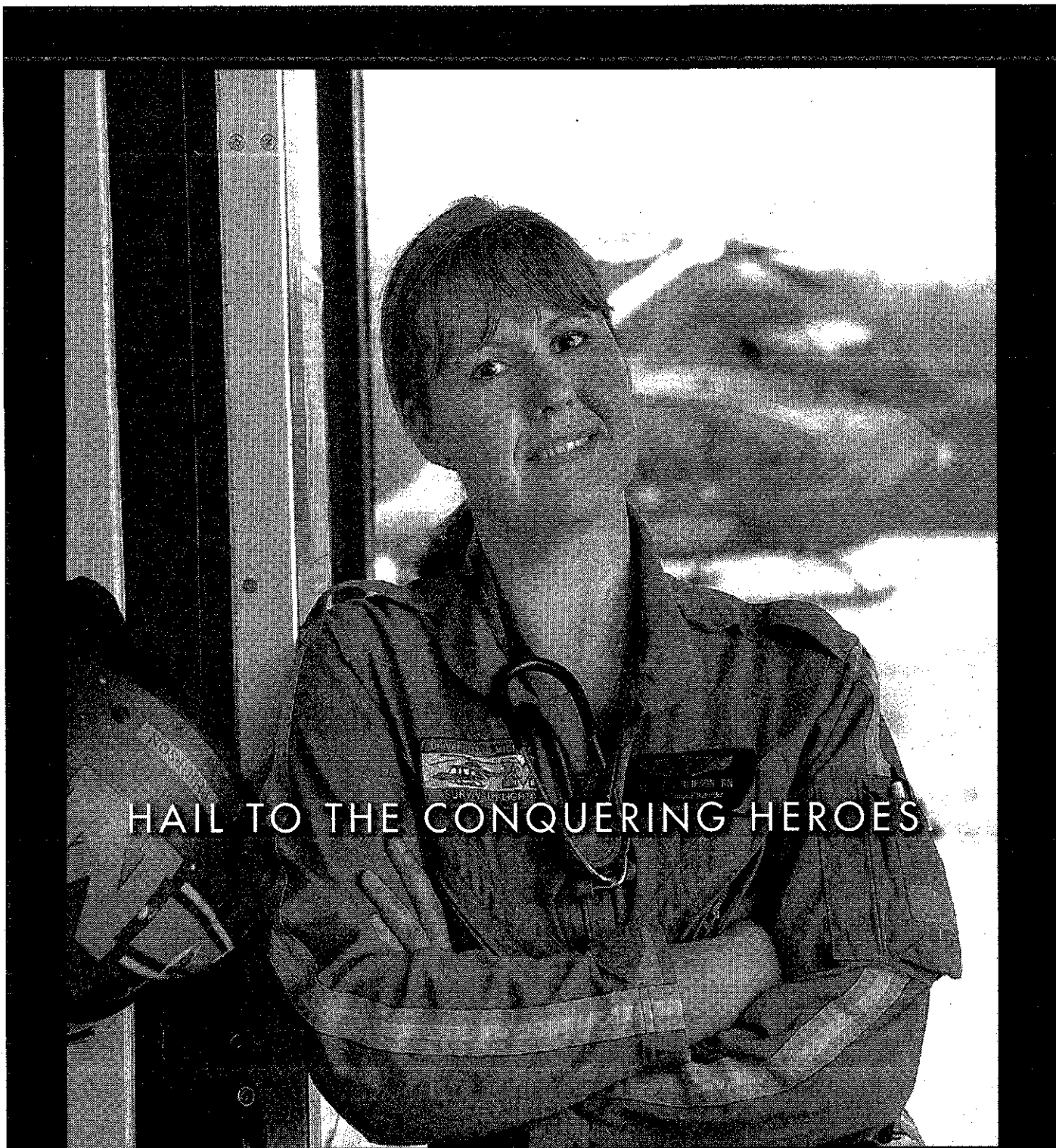
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A Sui-te trip to New York Fashion Week



Anna Sui

Anna Sui's invitation to New York Fashion Week is the best I've ever gotten.

Not the physical invitation, although opening it was certainly divine, and the illustration perfectly represented Sui's gothic and romantic vision.

But it was what the invitation represented that made it so exciting. Admittance to the tents at Bryant Park. My ticket to Fashion Week.

Of course, I accepted. The experience was as intense as I anticipated, all the more since I was traveling by myself. Invitations to Fashion Week are hard to come by, and I only got one.

Anna had asked me to come to her show when she visited Detroit to collect her Lifetime Achievement Award from ArtServe Michigan last winter. Sui is from Dearborn, and she and Tracey Reese, who grew up in Detroit, were bestowed the awards to much fanfare. I attended the ArtServe gala, then moderated a 'Student TalkBack' session at the Hilberry Theatre in Detroit the following day.

It was wonderful to hear Sui and Reese describe their career paths and behind-the-scenes challenges high-profile designers face. Sui said she and her team have to come up with new looks constantly,

so she is always seeking inspiration in the environment and in her travels.

Sometimes she consults with other prominent designers in New York to see if they have similar ideas for the upcoming season. Anna was very gracious during the TalkBack, but I never dreamed she would follow up with me. Then the glorious invitation arrived in the mail. I RSVP'd and bought a plane ticket.

Approaching Bryant Park, I was amazed to see that 'the tents' engulf an entire block. New



Wendy Von Buskirk

York Fashion Week has become such an institution that the tents are actually semi-permanent structures, a chic city within a city.

The main tent looms as large as a stadium, housing stairways, full bars, several theatres, even promotional cars parked in the lobby.

And it is shoulder-to-shoulder packed with industry insiders.

After grabbing a stack of WWD Dailies, I battled the crowd for a full 45 minutes, inching my way to the upper reaches of the theatre. Flashbulbs popped as Joan Jett and Carmen Electra took their seats in the front row.

Then came the music, the models, and the clothes.

Sui's designs are known for being edgy, punk-inspired and playful in a dark kind of way. She has maintained a signature style, with variations on a theme, since her first show at Bryant Park in 1991. Sui is very well-respected and influential within the fashion community and considered an innovator.

Sui has a flagship store in New York City as well as many boutiques in Asia.

She also has a cosmetics and fragrance line called Dolly Girl. You can find her lingerie in Metro Detroit at Victoria's Secret, and her clothing at Tender in Birmingham.

For Fall 2007, Sui showed voluminous mini dresses, belted and tied, many in vibrant, clashing colors and native prints. My favorite was a cream zodiac newspaper print crepe-de-chine dress.

Sui accessorized the dresses and tunics with leggings, boots, oversized black fur hats with ear flaps, and long, fur-covered mittens. She closed the show with a humble bow, looking just as she had in Detroit with her trademark bangs, black-and-white print babydoll dress and thick tights.

Alas, I had a golden ticket to only one runway show during Fashion Week, so it was time to return to my hotel.

My glimpse at glamour had come to an end.

Now, Fall 2007 is here and it's time to apply the trends previewed on the runway at Anna's show. I saw that newspaper dress I love on a mannequin at the new Nordstrom at Twelve Oaks Mall. I wonder if it is still there. It would make a great souvenir.

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The 2007 Santabear will be the last in a long tradition. He wears colorful pajamas and carries collector cards of Santa Bears past.

THE SANTA BEAR

This year will mark the end for Santa Bear and his stuffed family. After 23 years of tradition, Santa Bear will make his exit into Christmas past wearing cheerful printed pajamas and a stocking cap. Santa Bear debuted at Hudson's department stores the day after Thanksgiving in 1984, followed in 1987 by Mrs. Santa Bear. In 2000, Santa Bear and Mrs. Santa Bear tied the knot, and in 2002, they welcomed twins - Berry and Belle - into the family. The bears became beloved collector's items, with metro Detroiters snapping up each holiday season's signature Santa Bear at Hudson's, then Marshall Field's. Macy's, which took over Marshall Field's in 2005, debuted the final Santa Bear collection on Nov. 6. Available in limited quantities, it includes Mr. and Mrs. Santa Bear (\$38.50 each); a mini Santa Bear gift card bag (\$9.99), and an anniversary throw (\$40). A Collector's Edition Family Set, with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Bear, the twins and a memory book debuted Nov. 1 and sold out within a week. Visit your local Macy's store or call (800) 45-MACYS for more information.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The holiday shopping season seems to start earlier each year. Here's a peek at some holiday shopping events that will help you jump-start the spirit of the season:

Santa Claus arrives at Great Lakes Crossing today. Get your photo taken with Santa at the Snow Globes holiday set in District 6 through Christmas Eve and give him your wish list! Dogs & Cats are also invited for a special photo session with Santa Claus 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 18. All animals must be in carriers or on leash. At 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 Jingle, the world's tallest elf, will have you laughing out loud with off-the-wall jokes, fun contests and a few magical surprises during a kid-friendly visit.

Royal Oak's Downtown Development Authority will present the 6th Annual Holiday Magic Parade on Nov. 17. The parade will be televised live on WJBK-FOX 2, and at 10 a.m. Motor City Casino Hotel will present The Original Miracles for their debut performance in Downtown Royal Oak. Guests will enjoy early bird Parade Day specials from shops and restaurants beginning at 9 a.m. and free coffee and hot chocolate provided by Starbucks. Immediately following the parade, families can visit Santa's Kingdom for keepsake photos with Santa and an autograph signing with The Miracles. Call (248) 246-3065 or visit www.downtownroyalok.org.

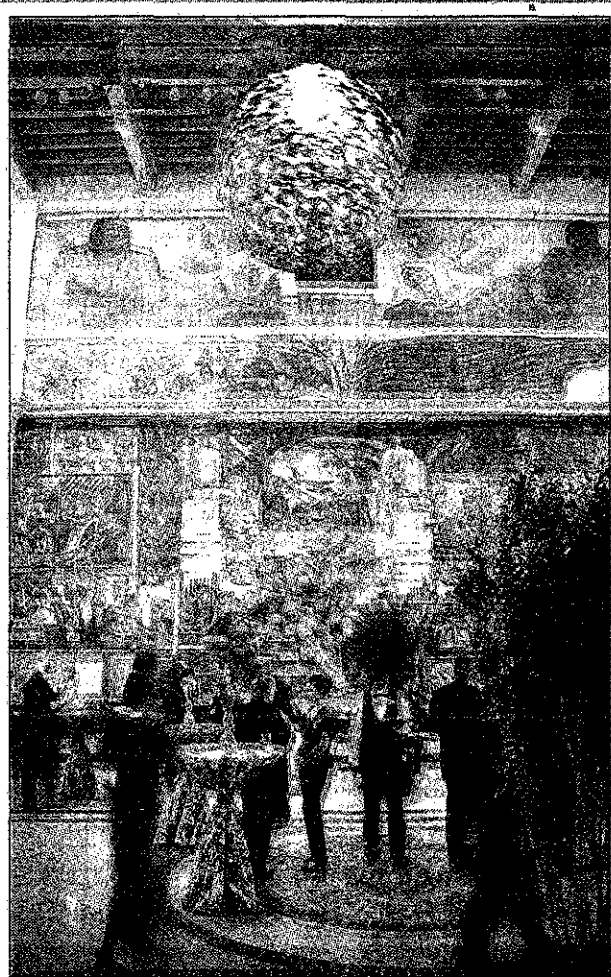
Get a sneak peek of the holidays as Downtown Plymouth hosts a Holiday Open House & Preview 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 17-18. Shops will be decked out in holiday finery, showcasing the newest gifts and decorations. Santa Claus will arrive at his house in Kellogg Park dur-

ing a tree lighting and winter concert event on Friday, Nov. 23. The Michael King Band and Karen Newman take the stage at 5 p.m. Come early to enjoy hot cocoa and carolers, and "Gingerbread Houses on Parade." Santa will receive visitors 5-8 p.m. Fridays, and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 23. Call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouthchamber.org.

Twelve Oaks Mall and the Hotel Baronette have partnered to offer a weekend holiday shopping package through Dec. 23. The package includes an overnight stay at the Hotel Baronette, a full American breakfast buffet, nightly manager's reception, a Twelve Oaks VIP shopping card, a free shopping bag, mall directory, and gift. The cost is \$129. Valid on weekends Nov. 1-Dec. 23. Call the Hotel Baronette at (248) 349-7800 or Twelve Oaks Mall at (248) 348-9400.

CARS, TREES & TRADITIONS

Take a look back at holiday celebrations from the early 1900s through the 1980s, as the Walter P. Chrysler Museum hosts "Cars, Trees & Traditions" Nov. 17-Dec. 30. The exhibit features evergreen trees accurately decorated in holiday fashion, paired with Chrysler vehicles of similar eras, nostalgic images and text. To kick off the exhibit, Lisa Gleeson of Lisa's Gift Wrapper's will host "Christmas Traditions Unwrapped" 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 17. The multi-media presentation details the origin of the Christmas tree, holiday cards, Santa Claus, gift exchanging and gift wrapping. Gleeson will also do a wrapping demonstration. For details, visit www.chryslerheritage.com or call (888) 456-1924.



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During the Saturday night gala, the Rivera Court had a whole new look from a giant disco ball and colored lights.



Kelly Carey, of Livonia, and Jamie Barnett, of Sterling Heights, wait to direct and assist the crowds at Saturday night's Arts Alive preview event. Their hair is by Osadia.

ART'S ALIVE AT THE DIA

VIP guests got a taste of the new Detroit Institute of Arts during Saturday's 'Arts Alive' preview gala. The party was the place to be, and patrons paid \$200 to \$2,500 to get a sneak peek at the newly-renovated museum. Entertainment included performance painter Michael Israel, celebrity spinner DJ Cassidy, and the renowned Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet of New York. Miami Ink tattoo artist Chris Nuñez created temporary tattoos on select partygoers, while Osadia, a street theatre company from Barcelona, did hair art demonstrations with gala guests. If you missed the party, you can still be among the first to see the new DIA. Member Preview Weekend is Nov. 16-18, and the general public is welcome to the free grand opening, starting at 10 a.m. Nov. 23 and lasting 32 consecutive hours! For more information, call (313) 833-7530 or visit www.dia.org.

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Help Wanted-Office 5020

Publications Clerk

Dependable self-starter needed to process orders, research returns, perform billing corrections, answer membership inquiries, switchboard relief and other general office clerical. Excellent computer, oral and written communication, and problem solving skills a must. 2+ yrs customer service exp. Tech. society at 12 Mile/Haggerty Rd. Resume and salary requirements. EMAIL: Barb.Cheyne@concrete.org FAX: 248.848.3771 HR-PC, 38800 Country Club Drive Farmington Hills, MI 48331

RECEPTIONIST VETERINARY EXP'D ONLY NEED APPLY!!!
Full-time. Apply in person: Strong Veterinary Hospital, 29212 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. Ask for Eva. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE!

Help Wanted-Engineering 5030

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER/ PROGRAMMER
Allen Bradley PLC programming required must be capable of troubleshooting machine control systems, ability to read and understand electrical schematics, experience in panel and machine tool wiring. Auto Cad and Machine Vision is an advantage. Attn: HR, Wm. P. Young, Co. 41575 Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170 Fax: (734) 453-5041 Email: HR@wp-young.com

MECHANICAL DESIGN ENGINEER
Successful candidate will possess a BSME and 4 or more yrs. of related experience designing custom machines that meet customer requirements. Must work accurately on Auto Cad.

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Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Full-time. Experienced for Livonia family practice. Expanded duties. Call Chandra or Marie. 734-464-3430

DENTAL ASSISTANT
High-Tech Southfield dental office looking for full-time experienced, expanded duty Dental Assistant. Call Christie at: 248-569-5304

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Needed for friendly, modern Birmingham dental office, 25-30 hrs per week. Experience preferred. Please send resume: kpmdds@gmail.com or fax to: 248-646-2950

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
Full-time. Progressive, fast-paced modern dental office in Farmington looking for an experienced front desk person. Must be a team player. DentTech exp. preferred, but will train the right person. Fax resume to: (248) 476-1191

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Help Wanted-Medical 5060

Busy Cardiology practice seeks the following:

FULL TIME RN
Mon-Fri., no weekends or holidays. Must have good communication skills and clinical knowledge. Cardiology exp. preferred. Some local traveling req'd. Excellent benefit package includes medical, dental 401k, and more. Mail or email resume to: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 aeresume@hometownlife.com Ref Box 1635

CERTIFIED NURSING ASST.
Part time, M-Fridays. St. Anne's Mead 16106 West 12 Mile, Southfield 248-557-1221 May apply in person

DIAGNOSTIC TECHNICIAN
Part time, Flexible \$14-\$20/hr. Medical or vascular background preferred. Will train. Mobile position. Email resume: kjmayrand@comcast.net

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