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House explosion rocks Canton neighborhood

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

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Shortly before 8 a.m. on Tuesday, a major explosion rocked a Canton neighborhood, and turned a 3,500-squarefoot home into rubble.

Miraculously, Dave and Jan Goble, both 64, survived the blast that leveled their home on Waterview Court in the affluent Fairways West subdivision near Beck and Cherry Hill. They were both inside the home when the explosion occurred.

Neighbors pulled Jan Goble from the wreckage. As they were doing so, Dave Goble walked out of it on his own.

Gurwinder Singh, who lives a couple houses down from the Gobles, was one of the people who pulled Jan Goble from

the rubble. A couple hours after the explocompared to a bomb going

off, he was still shaken up by the whole incident.

"It was loud, unbelievably loud. I looked out my kitchen window and saw shingles flying in the air," Singh said. "About four or five of us ran over there and helped pull her out. She was bleeding. I couldn't even look her in the face, she was so shaken. And then Dave came out of the rubble from the other side on



Jan and Dave Goble, shown here at the recent groundbreaking ceremony for Canton Friendship Church, both survived the blast with relatively minor injuries.

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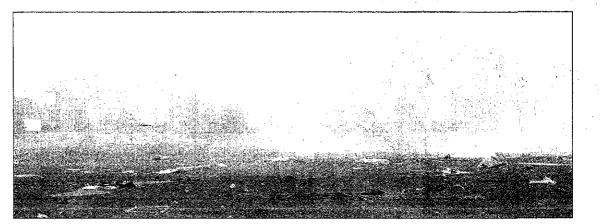
firefighters sion, which he See our Web site for a photo gallery arrived on from the scene of the explosion. the scene,

they found the couple outside of the home with the neighbors, and they were transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where they were treated for minor injuries.

Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher was at the scene along with dozens of emergency workers, along with workers with DTE who were called to

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Above, an early morning explosion leveled the home of Dave and Jane **Goble on Waterview** Court in Canton. At left, the park behind the Goble home is strewn with debris from the blast.

Suspects agree to delay hearing

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Lawyers for Jean Pierre Orlewicz and Alexander Letkemann didn't have much to say Monday in 35th District Court, having been gagged by Judge Michael Gerou last week.

But the gag order Gerou signed Nov. 15 doesn't apply to the murder suspects' parents, and Peter Letkemann of Westland had plenty to say.

The teen murder suspects were making their first appearance in court since their Nov. 12 arraignment in Romulus on first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse charges. They were there to waive their right to a preliminary hearing within 14 days of being arraigned.

Orlewicz, 17, a Canton High School senior from Plymouth Township, and Letkemann, an 18-year-old former Churchill High School student from Westland, are charged in the murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge.

The preliminary exam was

moved to Nov. 30.

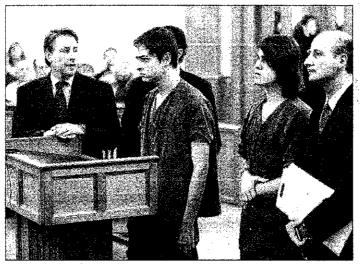
In court Monday, defense lawyers said the delay in the preliminary hearing was necessary because "of discovery issues." Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran told Gerou all discovery issues were being taken care of and would be settled well in advance of the Nov. 30 hearing.

Outside the courtroom Monday, Peter Letkemann said his son's lawyer, Raymond Cassar, fought the gag order.

"(Cassar) fought hard against the gag order, fought for my right to continue to speak, and I will continue to speak," said the elder Letkemann, who has been a frequent voice in the media.

While saying people are coming forward with information following reports in the press, Letkemann acknowledged the media - including what he called "the blog-osphere" — is also contributing to discussion, both positive and negative, about his son.

"I hear things about Alex floating around ... people



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Murder suspects Jean Pierre Orlewicz (left) and Alexander Letkemann appeared in 35th District Court in Plymouth Monday to waive the 14-day requirement to hold a preliminary hearing. The hearing was rescheduled for Nov. 30. Orlewicz defense attorney James Thomas is to the left; Letkemann's attorney, Raymond Cassar, is to the right.



are going to say things," said Letkemann, who declined to be now." more specific. "This case isn't going to be tried in the press, but the character of the people

involved is being tried right

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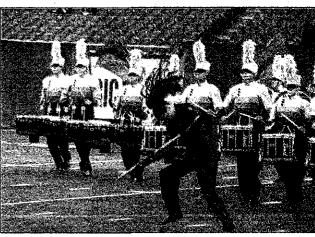
Lucky seven Marchers again among top bands in the nation

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

It's not easy to be consistently among the best of anything in the nation, but that's exactly what the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

Marching Band succeeded in accomplishing once again this year at the Bands of America Grand National Championships held Nov. 15-17 at the RCA Dome in

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Color guard member Allison McCoin expertiy handles her rifle as drummers Max Ellison (left), Ross Blackely, Todd Peterson, Beth Sample (hidden), Erik Washington, Ryan Fleisher and Amanda Watson keep the beat during Plymouth-Canton's finals performance of their show, "Out of the Shadows," Saturday evening at the Bands of America Grand National Championships held at the Indianapolis RCA Dome.

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shut off the gas. Later in the day, the fire

department released a statement, indicating the cause of the explosion was an accidental natural gas leak inside the home.

We will be cooperating with the insurance company as they conduct a more indepth investigation. The site is being secured with a temporary fence and the Canton Police Department will conduct regular patrols in the area," the statement said.

Police officers initially got neighbors out of the area, which was littered with broken glass and debris from the home. They set up a perimeter around the home, just in case there was another explosion.

Police Sgt. Craig Bouldry said flames were shooting 60-70 feet back behind the Goble home when they arrived on the scene. Fortunately, there is a park behind them, and not many homes were impacted.

However, Margo Tolinski was not so lucky. She has lived next door to the Gobles for about 10 years. She was home with her 7-year-old son when the explosion occurred. The siding on her home melted from the flames.

"I thought it was a lightning bolt or an airplane crashing," she said of the explosion. "My 7-year-old was terrified, and

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jumped into my arms, and wouldn't let me go. I looked out my window and neighbors were out there yelling at me to get out of the house."

Tolinski, who is good friends with the Gobles, said the couple care for their two grandchildren, both Plymouth-Canton students. Their 12-year-old granddaughter is a seventh-grader at Discovery Middle School, and their grandson is a junior at Salem High School. Both had already gone to school before the explosion.

According to Frank Ruggirello, a spokesman for the district, police officers picked up both of the children from school and took them to the hospital to see their grand-

A HELPING HAND

The Canton Fellowship Church in Canton, where Jan and Dave Goble have been active members since 1998, have set up a fund to help the couple get back on their feet. Donations can be sent to: Canton Friendship Church, P.O. Box 871027, Canton, MI 48187

parents.

Ruggirello said letters were immediately sent out to teachers to discuss the explosion with students at P-CEP, Discovery and Dodson Elementary, which isn't far from the Goble home and actually shook from the explosion. He said psychologists and social workers were being made available to any students who needed to talk about the incident.

You always worry about how this news will be broken to the children," he said. "We know some kids were worried



about their own parents. We just wanted them to know that there was only one home involved in the explosion. We wanted to put to rest the rumor mill before it got out of control."

Ruggirello said letters were going to be sent home with Discovery and Dodson children on Tuesday (their last day before the Thanksgiving holiday), explaining that there would be social workers available after the holiday break if students still needed to talk about the incident.

By Tuesday afternoon, many in the community were already coming to the aid of the Gobles, including the Canton Fellowship Church in Canton, where they have

been active members since 1998, serving in many leadership capacities.

In fact, Dave is on the church's building committee. They recently broke ground on a new church near Beck and Saltz.

Pastor Scott Petersen said the church has set up a fund and is collecting donations for the family. Donations can be sent to the church at Canton Friendship Church, P.O. Box 871027, Canton, MI 48187.

"There has been an outpouring from the community. We want to help get them back on their feet," Petersen said.

"It is just amazing they survived. It was God's will."



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The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band gave a spectacular semi-finals

performance in Indianapolis Saturday morning at the Bands of America Grand National Championships that moved them into the top 12 bands in the

nation for the finals performance Saturday evening, where they captured the

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Indianapolis.

The 197-member band, composed of students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools, was selected from a field of 85 top bands from across the nation as one of 30 semifinalists, then one of 12 finalist bands, eventually capturing seventh place with their 10-minute, dynamic, fast-paced and hauntingly beautiful show, "Out of the Shadows," performed over a three-day period at the nation's premier band competition of the year.

This marks the 20th time the prestigious band has placed among finalist bands, winning Grand National Championships in 1990, 1991 and 1999.

'This is a great band, great kids and it has been a really fantastic season," a beaming Marc Whitlock, P-CEP band director, said following the awards ceremony Saturday evening. "The journey has been wonderful this year and I couldn't be more proud of the kids."

The finals placement was the culmination of a stellar season for the hometown marchers,

who packed their trophy case with all Flight I first-place trophies as well as trophies for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect at all local competitions this fall, at the **BOA Regional Championships** and at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships, where they also marched off with the highest score of all 40 top bands in the state Nov. 3 at Ford Field.

"They were pretty amazing," a pleased Jennifer Leseth, assistant director in charge of auxiliary, said after the band's finals competition. "They did an awesome job and it's great to see their improvement over the course of the season."

But there won't be much time to revel in the success of the season for members of the band staff. Leseth said they would be starting preliminary planning for next year in just a couple of weeks.

For this year's P-C performers, however, who put in upward of 25 hours of practice time each week for the last three months, it is time to bask in the glory of a season well done.

"I feel amazing," said clarinetist Nicole Fenwick, a Salem sophomore. "It's a lot of work, but it's totally worth it. It is so much fun.'

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I think it was the best show we've done," he said. "The placements don't even matter that much because we really did the best show of our season tonight. Plaving our best show of the season right here was the greatest payoff.

Trumpet player Tony Bastianelli, a Salem senior, agreed.

'I feel like we had our best show of the season right here at finals," he said. "It was our very best."

And that's no easy task after sleeping on a gym floor at a local Indiana school for three nights, topped off with long days filled with intense practice and performances.

But, as Bastianelli explained matter-of-factly, "You brace yourself for a physical limit that normal people don't push themselves to.'

No one understands that better than their director, who took a few minutes after the finals show to reflect on what it takes to produce a band of such high caliber.

This band is outstanding," Whitlock said. "And I

think, with a lot of groups like Plymouth, there is this expectation that they will be in the finals every year. But it is a much more difficult process than people might imagine with almost 100 bands here from so many different states. We are one of the few bands that come every year (and place in the finals nearly every year).

"It is extremely complicated and wonderful and fun,' Whitlock added. "You start in February going through and selecting music. In June, you find out what kids you have and try to tailor the show to the kids. It's a wonderful process; it takes a very long time; it takes a lot of people and a lot of great talented minds to coordinate this. It takes an amazing amount of time and resources and commitment from these kids and the school and supportive parents and you end up with the great product that we have."

Two other Michigan bands placed in the semifinals com-

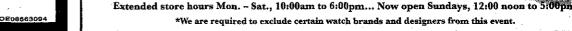
petition Saturday - Jenison and Muskegon Reeths-Puffer. Plymouth-Canton was the only Michigan band to advance to the finals Saturday evening along with four bands from

Texas, four from Indiana

seventh-place trophy.

and one each from Illinois, Oklahoma and Georgia. Less than five points separated P-CMB's 91.6 seventh-place from this year's champions, L.D. Bell High School from Hurst, Texas, with 96.1.





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Detroit's Thanksgiving parade has local flavor

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The first year the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team filled out an application to be in Detroit's America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the committee that decides who's in and who's out voted against the guys in dark suits, sunglasses and, of course, briefcases, marching in the Thanksgiving Day tradition.

"The following year, The Parade Company organized a parade for the Grand Prix and they asked us to participate," said Hill, who resides in Plymouth and is the self-proclaimed "general" of the 17-member team. "The crowd went wild, and they invited us to the following Thanksgiving Day parade. The rest is history."

While Hill and his 16 marchers mark the 20th year for the Briefcase Drill Team marching down Woodward Avenue, the drill team actually got its start three years earlier in Plymouth. "We really just did it for the

Fourth of July parade, thinking it would be a one-time thing. I didn't think we'd be there a second year," Hill said. "Then the Ann Arbor parade wanted us, the *Wall Street Journal* called, and away we went."

The eclectic mix of marchers includes a computer technician, financial planner, school principal and bank vice president. Among the group is 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe of Canton Township, who has been marching with Hill for 22 of the 23 years.

"In the beginning, the one thing we had in common was we all bought suits from Fred's store (formerly in downtown Plymouth)," said Lowe, 51. "He knew the kind of personalities he was looking for, and which of us in his customer base had it.

"I don't think any of us signed

up for this kind of time. We figured we would do it for a few years and the crowd would wear thin of our act," he added. "But it's been a great experience. I've made some of my best friends while with the drill team."

The Briefcase Drill Team holds only one "secret" practice a year, in the downtown Plymouth parking deck the Sunday before the Thanksgiving Day parade to add a new move or two.

"We're a cohesive, finely tuned group that knows we have a public to please," Hill said, tonguein-cheek. "We have difficult and dangerous maneuvers, like the 'Businessman Shuffle,' the 'Present, Journal' and our signature 'Boom-chuka-luka.""

The maneuvers have been hits at a number of well-known events, such as the Fiesta Bowl, Pro Football Hall of Fame and Indianapolis 500. The group even made a commercial for Beacon Investment. Lowe, who has been on the 35th District Court bench for 13 years and a trial lawyer 12 years before that, said he's sometimes more recognized by people for his participation in the Briefcase Drill Team.

"There are people who will recognize me quicker as a member of the drill team than as a judge or lawyer," Lowe said. "When I started attending state judicial conferences, I ran into other judges who knew of the drill team and wanted to talk about it."

Lowe said there's no mistaking Hill — who organized the Briefcase Drill Team 23 years ago and leads the group in singing "Doo-wah-ditty-ditty" and other chants — is the general. "Anybody who thinks this

Anybody who thinks this group is a democracy is absolutely wrong," Lowe said. "It's run by Fred, and he's tolerated some input by the rest of us.

"In the end, he's the gen-



Fred Hill's briefcase drill team performs in its 20th Thanksgiving Day parade in downtown Detroit Thursday.

eral and we do it his way," Lowe added. "But we've never been disappointed."

While Hill's team celebrates its 20th trip to the Thanksgiving Parade, a group of 12 dancers representing Dance Athletics, a new dance studio in Plymouth, will be Hip-Hopping along with Clifford the Big Red Dog in their first appearance in the parade.

The studio opened only a couple of months ago, and dancers had to make their audition tape in the parking lot of their old building.

"The fact we were able to make the audition, we're very excited about it," said Mary Cordara, who owns the studio with co-owners Derek and Courtney Arcenal, and who serves as its administrative director.

Cordara said parade organizers specified the placement and the song — Who Let the Dogs Out? — but only provided the music about 10 days ago.

"We choreographed our own (routine) for the audition, but they told us what we would do in the parade," Cordara said. "We've been working hard to get ready for it."

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In addition to America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the team will be performing Dec. 26 at the Motor City Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit. They have also had the honor of performing at presidential inaugural parades for President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush; the Fiesta Bowl and Citrus Bowl Parades; the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta; Sea World of Ohio; Pistons and Ignition games; Epcot Center; and on Carnival Cruise Lines.





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Kudos: YWCA recognizes Women of Achievement winners

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

An incredible group of women stepped on stage to accept Achievement Awards presented by the YWCA of Western Wayne County during a luncheon Friday at The Dearborn Inn.

Giving best describes the honorees selected by the YWCA of Western Wayne County. From the youngest winner, Megan Knuth of Livonia, to Woman of the Year, Carolyn Clifford of Farmington Hills, each of their lives were inspiring.

About 350 men and women guests watched Knuth accept the YWCA's Young Woman of Achievement Award at the luncheon now in its 16th year. Knuth was one of eight women who accepted awards. Marilyn Hubbard received Business Leadership, Jennifer Giering for Law and Government, and Isabelle Behm for Leadership.

"I just try to help everyone I can so they can get by," said Megan Knuth, a senior at Divine Child High School. "I'll do anything to help other people. It's not just about giving charity but helping."

In addition to volunteering at school, Knuth devoted time to projects for a abused women's shelter and Nazareth Farm, a Catholic community of volunteers trying to eliminate sub-standard housing in West Virginia. When the National Honor Society student isn't dry walling a house and installing floors, she serves as secretary of her school's medical club, attends meetings of the Latin Club which she started, or is busy applying to various colleges.

"They called me at home to tell me the news," said Knuth. "I was excited because I was recognized for all the work I've been able to do.'

Ashlee Baracy was about to go on to the national level of the Junior Miss pageant when her mother was diagnosed with Stage Three breast cancer. Then a senior in high school, Baracy devoted countless hours to researching the disease. Now she's starting a Web site, www.bcdaughters.com to help other young women. Her mother is in her fourth year of remission.

Baracy was awarded the YWCA's Young Professional Woman of Achievement. The 22-year-old Westland woman is currently serving as Miss Wayne County. Along with being crowned Junior Miss of Wayne-Westland and 2003 Junior Miss of Michigan (a scholarship program for senior high school girls), she won Miss Washtenaw County while a student at the University of Michigan.

Like all of the award winners, Baracy will mentor a college student for the next year.

'It's an absolute honor to know I impacted someone's life," said Baracy.

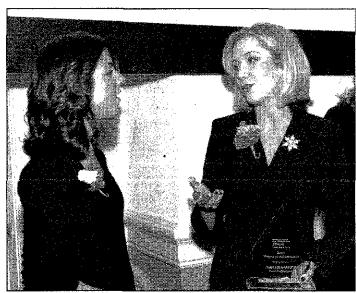
Marjorie Sorge says there "comes a time when you can give back." Now that the Livonia woman's children are grown she is not only able to serve on boards, but participate in a number of volunteer activities. Sorge is vice president of corporate communication for Metaldyne in Plymouth. She received the Arts & Communication Woman of the Year award.

"I'm very grateful and very humble. It's a great group of women to be part of," said Sorge.

Cheryl Phillips-Thill is devoted to a number of causes. She promotes breast cancer awareness and domestic violence programs as part of the board of the Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation and animal welfare through the Michigan Humane Society. Director of corporate purchasing for Masco Corp., she was named Dedicated Volunteer by the YWCA.

"It was a total surprise. I'm honored to be here," said Phillips-Thill of Northville. She received her undergraduate degree from Madonna University in Livonia. "I get a great personal sense of satisfaction from volunteering, anything I can do to touch one person."

Janet Carter says the more that is known about the Women of Achievement, the more fitting it is to honor them. Carter is serving her



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Ashlee Baracy, at right, speaks with Julie Daniels. Baracy was awarded the YWCA's Young Professional Woman of Achievement award.

fourth year as a YWCA board member.

"What these women have done it's inspirational for people to get involved," said Carter of Westland. "The Y is so very much about women. It's involved with domestic violence and the Head Start

Program (a free preschool program to provide a learning environment for children's individual and group needs including disabilities)."

During the program Karen Murphy, the CEO of the YWCA of Western Wayne County, spoke about the

YWCA goal to eliminate racism and empower women.

"The Y is a support group. You can take inspiration from any of the individuals," said Judith A. Quinn, the 2003 winner of the Woman of Business & Industry award and a former YWCA board member.

Quinn was the first woman member of the Association of Iron & Steel Engineers, now the Association for Iron & Steel Technology. A representative for American Steel Works in Riverview, Quinn is a former Livonia resident now living in Belleville.

Native Detroiter Carolyn Clifford talked about the "Sheroes" she looks up to - Rosa Parks, Oprah, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Condoleezza Rice, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, and Clifford's mother Beatrice who was abused by Carolyn's father but went on to start her own business.

Clifford co-anchors the 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. news for WXYZ-TV 7. A mother of four children, Clifford grew up the youngest of nine siblings.

Twenty years ago her mother adopted an abused 3-year-old girl, setting a strong, giving example for her to follow. And she did. Two years ago Clifford started a ladies night out that turned into LIFT (Ladies Inspiring Friendship and Trust) which has coordinated several projects to help women and children who are less fortunate.

Clifford told a story of her father going to church on Sunday while her mother stayed home because she was covered with bruises. Today Beatrice lives with Clifford and cares for her step-father who has Alzheimer's.

"Every 15 minutes a woman is beaten in America," said Carolyn Clifford as part of her keynote speech.

At the end of Clifford's speech the veteran reporter choked up and at least one other woman was seen wiping tears from her eyes. These are the women who

inspire others.

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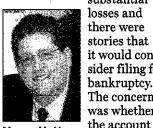
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COUNTY NEWS

Federal regulations protect investors from fraud

recently received a call from a nervous investor. Receiving calls from nervous investors - particularly with what has been happening in the market - is not unusual. However, what was different about this call was the caller wasn't concerned about market volatility, but the safety of his brokerage account.

The caller had an account at E-Trade and had just heard that because of the sub-prime market, E-Trade was taking substantial



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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there were stories that it would consider filing for bankruptcy. The concern was whether

no idea whether E-Trade will file for bankruptcy. That being said, I told the caller they virtually have nothing to worry about because if E-Trade did go into bankruptcy, the account would be protected. E-Trade, like all brokerage firms, is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and has pretty stringent rules as to how it conducts business.

One rule deals with the separation of client investments vs. the company's monies. When you purchase a mutual fund or a stock through a brokerage house, like E-Ťrade, the brokerage house is acting as a custodian. The securities are not property of the brokerage house and are not subject to a creditors' attack in bankruptcy. In cases where a broker would run into financial difficulty, the brokerage account would remain intact.

When a brokerage house does begin running into financial difficulty prior to filing for bankruptcy, it would either merge or sell off pieces of the business. In most cases, a customer's account would be transferred intact to a new custodian. In addition, the client would have almost immediate access to trade on the account.

Another form of protection for investors is the Securities

(SIPC). Brokerage firms are required to belong to SIPC and this quasi-governmental entity protects investors from fraud. If securities in a client's account are mishandled, SIPC gets involved. Every brokerage account is insured up to a half-million dollars. In fact, many brokerage firms have additional insurance coverage. E-Trade's additional insurance is in excess of \$500 million.

SIPC is similar to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) for bank accounts. The FDIC is also a quasi-governmental entity that insures bank accounts up to \$100,000. In addition, for certain types of retirement accounts, there is \$250,000 of coverage.

Investors should know that the SIPC and the FDIC work for the benefit of inves-

tors. A perfect example is what recently happened to NetBank, which had \$2 billion in assets and, at the end of February, closed its doors. The bank shut down on a Friday afternoon and by Sunday morning, depositors' accounts had been transferred to another financial institution and people had access to their money. Even during the transfer process, customers

had use of ATM machines. In addition, items such as direct deposits, account history and bill-paying features were also automatically transferred. Thus, the individual depositor was protected.

It would be nice if investors were protected from market volatility. They are not. However, investors can feel confident when dealing with a reputable firm that they are

protected from fraud and misappropriation of assets.

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



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Appointments are available by calling the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999.

According to the Red Cross, every two seconds someone in America needs blood. During the holiday season, the blood supply historically drops so donations are needed. Take the time to make give the best gift

of all by giving blood. **'Celebration of Lights'** The Canton Concert Band will present a "Celebration of Lights" at the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. The band will be playing popular Christmas songs at this special holiday show along with some new music. Joining the band for part of the show will be a choir, and the audience will get a chance to participate. Ticket prices for the show

are \$12 for adults, seniors and youth and \$10 per person for groups of 15 or more. To purchase tickets, visit www. canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person. To purchase tickets at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office, stop by during box office hours except on holi-

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days: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7-9 p.m. and Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

For more information about the show, visit www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or www. cantonband.com.

Preceding the show will be the 2nd annual charity event hosted by United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care agency located in Canton, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese/dessert reception.

Proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care to individuals who do not have medical insurance or whose

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purchased by contacting Mary Jane Swanson at United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820. Sponsorships are also available for this event. Please call for details. Donations may also be sent to us at 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite. 250, Canton, MI 48187 or made by visiting our Web site at www.uhhs.org.

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 tiewing from 1-4 pm. 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.

For more information, visit Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.org.

Resident named to board

Crossroads for Youth, a nonprofit agency in Oxford servicing at-risk youth, elected Canton resident Matthew Haran to its board of directors at a board meeting held in October. Haran was elected to the office of vice-chairman.

Crossroads for Youth provides education, support and counseling for thousands of at-risk youth and their families in southeastern Michigan. Crossroads' campus in Oxford includes a school, vocational center, adventure center, five residence halls, recreation facilities and more. For more information, visit www.crossroadsforyouth.org. www.hometownlife.com



Library excellence

Longtime Canton Public Library **Director Jean Tabor recently** received the 2007 Award of Excellence from the Michigan Library Association at a reception in Lansing. Cathleen Russ, chair of the MLA Awards Committee, presented the award to Tabor, who is retiring in January after 25 years of service to the Canton Public Library. The award is given annually to recognize a staff member of a Michigan library who has made an outstanding contribution to effective and improved local library service. Tabor was recognized for her dedication to library patrons, active service on local, state and national committees, enthusiasm and leadership.



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OUR VIEWS Now's the time to share your view

If you're reading this editorial, chances are you have an interest in the stories, the issues and the news in and about the community of Canton Township. You value reading and learning as much as you can about this everchanging, ever-busy world we live in, as a way to make informed decisions about it. We value the role we play in that.

But, we also value the role you play.

This is the time of year when many of us become extra busy with all the activity and hubbub of the holidays. In the newspaper business, one result of all that busyness is that we don't receive many letters to the editor around the holidays.

That means it's a golden opportunity for readers to contribute their viewpoints about that world around them.

There are times, such as during elections or when other hot issues abound, when our letters pages are filled and, indeed, we run out of space and opinions cannot be shared on our pages. This time of year is often just the opposite and we just wanted readers to know, if you've got the opinion to share, we've got the space to share it.

And now that we publish letters on Sundays, there's

double the opportunity. Often people only write letters when they're upset about an issue, but you should know that positive or uplifting viewpoints are also cheerfully welcome and given their place alongside the negative views.

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Of course, we do retain the right to edit for clarity, fairness and space. We also ask that letters be kept to 400 words or less.

Letters can be e-mailed to kkuban@hometownlife. com or mailed to the Canton Observer, 1100 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

An attitude of gratitude makes us healthier, happier

Thanksgiving is the one day each year we set aside to reflect on the many blessings in our lives.

Families and friends gather together from near and far to enjoy a meal together, often turkey with all the trimmings topped off with pumpkin pie.

Some families begin with grace; others go around the table asking each one seated to say what they are most thankful for over the past year. But we don't need to wait until Thanksgiving to reflect on what's good about our lives. We can be thankful every day. It's better for our emotional and physical health when we are. That's what two psychology professors from the University of California and University of Miami found when they studied how being grateful affects people's well-being. The researchers studied three groups of volunteers. They asked one group during the study period to focus on things that went wrong or irritated them, another group to focus on the things they were grateful for and the last to focus on ordinary life occurrences. The people who focused on being grateful had fewer headaches, colds and other negative physical symptoms. If you still can't find exercised and slept more and something right with your were noticeably more optilife, reach out to others who mistic than the people in the other two groups. are hurting more. You'll get Trying to find things to be far more than you'll ever thankful for may be difficult for people going through give. Next Thanksgiving, tough times. when it's your turn to say But the researchers found grace or tell what you're an attitude of gratitude can be developed over time with thankful for, you may practice, starting with writdiscover you have a list of ing down anything that makes you smile or lifts 365 items, something from your spirits during the day every day of the year. - from a little child's laugh to an e-mail from a friend.



Moving election makes sense

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I am writing this letter regarding the movement of the school board election to November. I am a sophomore student at PCEP (Salem). I am in support of moving the election for the following reasons: We have been asked as students to accept many budget cuts to our schools. Heat has been turned down in buildings, field trips have been cut, administrative positions have been eliminated, more students have been added to already crowded classrooms.

As an athlete at the Park, budget cuts in sports programs have directly affected me. We now have to pay \$180 to participate in one sport, \$100 for the second sport. Just a few years back, sports programs were a part of the normal high school experience for free. Parking passes for the high school now cost a student \$75. These are yearly fees not one payment. I realize sports and parking passes are not necessary but students in many other districts pay nothing. In addition to these fees, teachers ask for additional money to purchase e-materials and books for the curriculum that are not a part of the budget. I believe that more people will come out to vote on school board issues in November elections and I think they be knowledgeable about who and what they are voting for. I do not agree that moving the election date could bring partisan political organizations or the wrong kind of candidates to run for school board. I believe that could happen in May just as easily as in November.

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to Canton Township, which is a partner in PRRMA. Just a few of these issues are, Canton Township holds 40 percent of the voting authority on the PRRMA Board but has only 12 percent of the funding responsibility for PRRMA expenditures.

The homeowners of these three subs are responsible for 88 percent of the costs for repair and maintenance to Summit Parkway which is clearly a community road given the number of Canton Township facilities which are accessed via Summit Parkway. The three subs are also responsible for cost of repair and maintenance for all golf cart crossings at the roadways in the three subs.

As stated in Sunday's article, Fairway Pines believes collecting funds for future road repairs is prudent and necessary. However the plan that PRRMA was proposing would have resulted in our homeowners annual dues reaching \$800 to \$900 by 2016, and even exceeding \$900 for homeowners in Pheasant View. Also the homeowners associations would not have control of the money sent to

that unique building. It is also interesting to hear its history.

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Now that new attention has been given to the Quo Vadis, the fact that the architect is world renowned for designing the World Trade Center, perhaps an investor will restore the building before it is too late.

Let's all encourage our young reporters. What a fresh point of view to walk past a place that we adults have seen so often that we tend to forget it's there, and ask what? where? when? why? and who? and deliver a quality story. That's what journalism is all about!

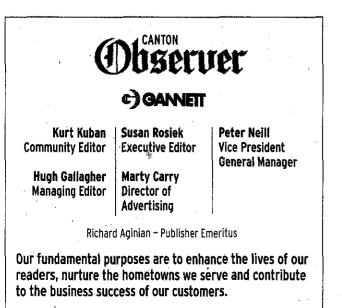
> Lisa Hudson Plymouth

Following the leader's mistakes

Thank you, Joe (Golonka) from Westland, for your opinion letter printed in the Observer. My husband and I agree with every word in every paragraph

If you still can't find something right with your life, reach out to others who are hurting more. You'll get far more than you'll ever give.

Next Thanksgiving, when it's your turn to say grace or tell what you're thankful for, you may discover you have a list of 365 items, something from every day of the year.



The \$100,000 savings just for moving an election makes sense to me. I say take the money and run.

> **Mike Guido** Canton

Positive PCCS news

At a time when our Plymouth-Canton Community School system is the focus of media attention due to the negative actions of one student, I find great encouragement and solace in the article focusing on the positive contributions to our communities by PCCS National Honor Society student Zach Neville.

We should all take courage in the knowledge the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are not only helping shape well educated and morally strong students for our future, but also the positive impact of the PCCS on our students is already helping improve lives in our communities today.

> Jim Irvine commanding officer, Plymouth Salvation Army

There's more to story

The article that appeared in Sunday's paper regarding the lawsuit that the Pheasant Run Road Maintenance Association (PRRMA) has filed against our subdivision, Fairway Pines, while factual, did not explain the issues which put the homeowners in Fairway Pines (and the Fairways and Pheasant View subs also), at a significant disadvantage

PRRMA to assure that their homeowners dues were being used for their benefit.

The proposals that Fairway Pines have made to PRRMA regarding collection of these funds, proposals which have been either rejected or not even discussed, have as core, roadway ownership responsibility and homeowner association control over the money sent to PRRMA. These two requirements are necessary to assure homeowners dues are prudent and are used in the best interest of the people who provide the money.

While some issues that Fairway Pines has raised with PRRMA have been resolved, much more needs to be changed before PRRMA's structure, policies. and procedures are fair to the homeowners and provides representation consistent with the 88 percent funding that the homeowners are burdened with.

Thomas Gamache

Fairway Pines at Pheasant Run Homeowners Association

Save the violent details

After reading the article in Sunday, Nov. 16, "Turning tragedy to triumph' by Tiffany L. Parks, I mused that it's no wonder we have so much violence in our society. The opening sentence of her article reads like a "C" horror book crime. The graphic violence she describes (regardless of whether or not it is factual) has no business in a family newspaper. It's no wonder that we have the type of violent crime described on page A1 when "journalists" describe crime in such detail. You should use better judgment.

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Teen journalists are great

Congratulations to OSE and all of the young reporters who contributed to the new Student Voices feature. I especially enjoyed the article about the Quo Vadis, written by Tyler Vosgerchian. It brought back memories from my childhood growing up in the metro Detroit area, seeing

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that you wrote. You express opinions we have developed over years of watching Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's moves.

It is clear that he has rubber-stamped every single mistake on every single issue that the selfish and short-sighted Republicans and their leader have led us into with their agenda of intimidation and deception.

To add a brief commend to your astute observations regarding Mr. McCotter's "I work for you" mailing: The heading is striking in its irony, as is the tiny, tiny, almost invisible print stating that "this mailing was prepared, published and mailed at taxpayer expense." His position as "Chairman, House Republican Policy Committee" is also noteworthy.

Surely there can't be a sufficient number of uninformed/stupefied people in our congressional district to justify the moves McCotter has made. Joe, we echo your words: "He claims to work for me?" We look forward to the coming elec-

tion when we expect to welcome a new, true representative as this so-called "representative" exits "stage right."

> **B.J. Davis** Livonia

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"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. 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."

- Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan, discussing the impact of Canton High senior Jean Pierre Orlewicz's arrest in the murder case of Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge

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UAW pacts signal needed shift toward collaborative efforts

ichigan, as we all know, needs to regain not only prosperity, but also an informed belief in - and hope for — a better future.

Right now we are home to a domestic auto industry struggling through the greatest and most diffi-



cult transformation of modern times. We're facing a 7.7-percent unemployment rate, highest in the nation. We have thousands of homes under repossession, with more to come, all the consequence of the sub-prime mortgage crisis.

Phil Power

For the first time since the Great Depression, we are seeing reductions in the absolute value of real property, even in wealthy Oakland

County. And at bottom lies a political and policy system that is - putting it charitably - broken, as the spectacle of how our lawmakers behaved during the budget crisis has made all too clear.

Yet there are other less obvious, but perhaps even more important, factors. Long-standing, deeplyembedded cultural attitudes hinder progress. We have a baffling and unjustified scorn for education; according to a Detroit News poll, only 27 percent of Michigan families consider post-high school education critical to their kids' success. Too many of us are reluctant to accept risk and are too willing to tolerate failure. All this has worked to stall the development of a take-charge, creative entrepreneurial economy that our state desperately needs if we are again to be competitive.

The problem with cultural issues, of course, is that they are intangible, hard to get at and even harder to change.

But now for the - very - good news: The recently concluded labor agreements between the domestic automobile manufacturers and the United Auto Workers represent the single most important cultural change in Michigan in more than half a century.

Since the 1930s, confrontation between labor and management has been the hallmark of the auto industry, our most important. Its history has been one of shop-floor anger, out-of-touch management, repeated strikes and restrictive and complex contracts.

Now we have a series of labor contracts that reduce the labor costs to the car companies by something like \$30 an hour, putting them nearly on a par with the foreign transplant plants. They also offer a two-tier wage structure that significantly reduces the wages paid to non-core job classifications. In return, the companies are committed to make investments in existing and new plants and to manufacture new products in UAW-represented facilities.

David Cole, president of the Center for Automotive Research, told me this is a historic shift in the culture, from confrontation to collaboration. Cole thinks this change has been developing for around a decade, but the threat of disaster facing the domestic manufacturers and their union partners has been so terrifying as to speed this up, inspiring new contracts that call for a completely different way of

working together. "Instead of framing the choice 'as between gold and silver," Cole told me, "both the union and the companies realize the real choice is between silver and lead."

After all, the word "collaboration" comes from "co" ("together") and the Latin verb, "laborare" ("to work"). A collaborative relationship, like a marriage, doesn't mean the partners never argue or disagree.

But it does mean they recognize that it is in each party's basic interest to work together. Many people have remarked about southeast Michigan's preference for conflict, argument, confrontation. And many have suggested that this long-standing cultural attitude stems from the labor relations pattern in the automobile industry.

Perhaps the new auto contracts represent a change that will spread much farther. Imagine what a culture of collaboration might do to relationships between Detroit and the suburbs!

Another deeply ingrained cultural attitude hindering Michigan has been "entitlement thinking," the attitude that gold-plated health care coverage or generous pensions are to be expected from any job. Plus, the attitude that workers are entitled to such benefits regardless of what they do or how successful their employer is.

Consider, now, the VEBAs (Voluntary Employers' Benefit Associations) in the new contracts. Setting up these trusts inside the UAW to pay for retirees' health care takes that liability off the balance sheets of the auto companies - and doesn't stop there.

The trusts are funded by complex financial instruments called "convertible debentures" which can be converted into company stock. That means UAW members have become major equity owners of the auto companies. Preliminary calculations suggest the UAW's stake in General Motors is now around 16 percent, nearly 15 percent at Ford.

What the VEBAs have done is, in effect, converted a defined benefit health care plan (i.e., one in which the benefits are set regardless of the contribution of the employee) into a defined contribution program (in which the contributions of the employees are fixed and, therefore, can only buy as much health care as they can pay for). This conversation hits at the core of entitlement attitudes that are so damagingly pervasive in southeast Michigan.

Both sets of cultural changes - moving from confrontation to collaboration and from entitlement to shared responsibility - are enormous in their implications for the future health of our state.

And both are driven by the most powerful objective facts in Michigan - the workings of the auto industry.

Yes, the new contracts will be important - maybe revolutionary - in their long-term economic impact. But what they might do to overcome and reverse long-held cultural patterns in our state may in the long run be far more important for our futures.

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These efficiency commissions will look at everything the state does, with the purpose to eliminate any waste, fat or careless spending. The impact of these commissions will be great for the state. This is our chance to move

beyond the rhetoric of state government "living within its means" to find a solid bipartisan approach to solving our budget

problems and improving how our government does business. I truly believe we can save the money that we recently asked of our taxpayers. As I write this, we have just 17 days

left before both commissions must be formed and have met for the first time. The commission on mandates requires the appointment of five individuals

- a lawyer and four practitioners. The charge given to this commission is to look at any and all mandates within our state, be it funded or unfunded. This will require an exhaustive study of the law and will require commission members with local government experience: city managers, townships clerks, etc. We are looking for people that are committed and hard-working who will take this charge seriously. There are many who have served their communities at various levels who would bring muchneeded expertise to this committee.

The government efficiency commission requires the appointment of seven members (the remaining two seats taken by the directors of House and Senate fiscal agencies). These individuals must have knowledge of, education in, or experience with the best practices in organizational efficiency. We are looking for experts in the field who do

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this work every day. We want the person whose job it is to literally make efficiency happen each day, someone who knows value-stream mapping and process re-engineering; the person who has been trained in Lean Six Sigma and cost management or other related areas.

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There is a great responsibility before those who will be appointed to this commission, as the state is at a crossroads. We cannot continue in the direction we are headed, nor can we rely on methods we depended on for prosperity in the past.

I am calling on experts with a passion . for our great state to rise to the challenge and apply to become a member of these commissions. Your work will make Michigan a better place for our children.

To apply for either commission, please contact me at phillajoy@house.mi.gov or by phone at (517) 373-2575, or contact the governor's office.

Phil LaJoy represents the 21 State House District, which includes Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

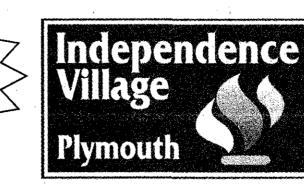




What I enjoy most about my job are the residents. Where else can you go to work and visit with wonderful people at the same time? Chris was one of my first residents. We've become good friends over the years. I couldn't imagine being any place else! -- Barb Housekeeping since 1998

I moved to Independence Village when it first opened as many of us did. We are a tight knit bunch around here! There is a real sense of family not only with my neighbors, but with the staff as well. I used to think that a move to a retirement community would be too hard. I realize now that it was the best move I ever made. This is home.

> – Chris H. Resident since 1998



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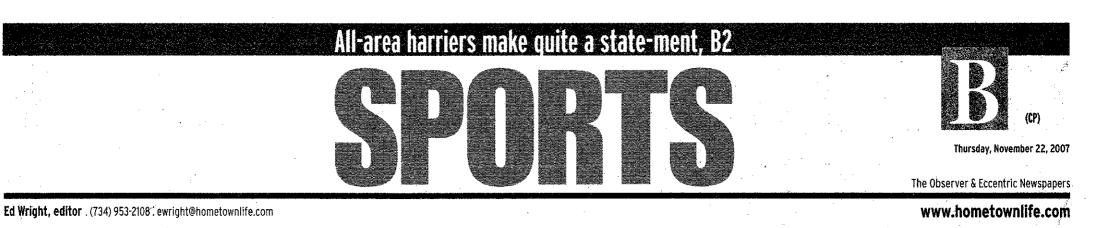


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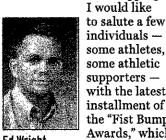
with the latest

installment of

the "Fist Bump

Awards," which

are named after



Ed Wright

the popular. fist-to-fist exchange between athletes following a TD, dunk or a checkmate in full-contact team chess.

Historically, the fist bump succeeded the high five, which succeeded the phrase, "Hey, man, nice play!"

From what I've observed over the past few months, the fist bump is about to face the same cruel fate as the high five due to the spread of the latest and greatest player-toplayer celebratory exchange - the entire body bump, which unfolds when two players run at each other before leaping together and bumping, um, sides.

Before I distribute the fall version of the awards, I'd like to fill you in on the history of the fist bump. My painstak-



ing research (OK, I typed 'G-O-O-G-L-E' on my computer keyboard) revealed that the first official one occurred during a semi-pro football game in Toledo, Ôhio, in the fall of 1999.

Not wanting to get stickum

all over his quarterback's throwing hand following a scoring pass, a fast-thinking, stickum-covered wide receiver made a fist as the QB came at him with a high-five-like motion.

quarterback drew back just in time, made a fist himself, and locked knuckles with his teammate.

The move caught on and, well, here we are.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following awards will be distributed on a "fist"-come, "fist"served basis.)

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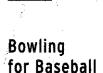
Allison Schmitt is pictured competing in the 100 butterfly in a meet earlier this fall.



Schmitt caps stellar career with 2 state records

freestyle and the seventh-place 200-yard





The Canton Chiefs baseball teams are hosting the inaugural Canton Chiefs **Bowling Tournament** on Saturday, Dec. 15 at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Tickets are \$25 and include two games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. **Reservations** may

be made for fiveperson teams or for individuals.

This event will help raise funds to make necessary improvements to the Canton Chiefs baseball facility.

For more information, contact Susan Stoney at (734) 459-9415 or stoneyfamily@msn.com.

Coaching clinic

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA), in conjunction with University of Michigan head baseball coach Rich Maloney and his staff, will conduct a coaches clinic on Sundav. Dec. 16. from 2 -7 p.m. in the Scranton Middle School gymnasium. Scranton Middle School is located at 8415 Maltby Road (west of Rickett and south of Lee) in Brighton. This clinic is available to all house. community and travel baseball head coaches, managers and assistants. This coaches clinic is for both KVBSA members as well as non-members and anybody interested in baseball in December. The cost of the clinic is \$5 per person and can be paid in advance or at the door. For further information and to register please send an email to jeff.david@ kvbsa.com; or hjn@ umich.edu. Further details about the clinic and additional information regarding the KVBSA are available on its Web site at www.kvbsa.com.

Thousands of top-notch female athletes have competed in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events since the Michigan High School Athletic Association held its first girls swimming state meet in 1972.

BY ED WRIGHT

But none have done it better than Canton's Allison Schmitt did it Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

The Chiefs' senior sensation put the finishing touches on a phenomenal prep career when she not only touched first in both freestyle events, but broke state records to boot with times of 1:46.25 and 4:47.46, respectively.

Schmitt also anchored two All-State relay contingents: the Chiefs' sixth-place 400

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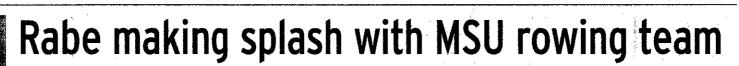
"Allison obviously swam very well and she did exactly what we were talking about before the meet," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "She was just point-seventh-of-a-second off the national record in the 200, so that was something we were looking at a little bit, too.

"The thing I've learned the most about Allison is that she absolutely does not believe in giving up - it doesn't matter if it's in the middle of a race like she showed on Saturday or in the middle of a practice. And she absolutely never gives up in a relay. I've seen her make up as much as 25 yards in a relay before.

Please see SCHMITT, B8

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior Allison Schmitt capped an extraordinary high school swimming career Saturday by placing first in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events at the Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University. The University of Georgia-bound Schmitt set state records in both events.



BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

From the shore, the sport of collegiate rowing looks smooth and easy. In near-perfect machine-like syn-

chronization, the eight rowers power the shell through the water with what seems like effortless strokes of the oars.

A closer look - like from inside the shell — reveals the sport is anything but effortless.

"It's one of the hardest things I've ever done in my life," said 2007 Salem graduate Alex Rabe, who survived two waves of cuts to become a member of the Michigan State University novice rowing team this fall.

"I never imagined it would be this hard, but I love it. It's all legs and back. I've gained 10 pounds since I've been at State, but it's all muscle."

Six months ago, the last thing Rabe thought she'd be participating in during her freshman year at MSU was rowing.

A student at the prestigious James Madison Pre-Law College, the former high school swimmer/lacrosse player was set to funnel the majority of her energies into a challenging academic agenda.

However, an encounter with members of the MSU rowing team at this past summer's orientation on the East

Please see RABE, B7

THE ALEX RABE FILE Who: Alex Rabe;

High school: Graduated from Salem this past summer; College: Currently a freshman at Michigan State University;

Sport: Rabe tried out for and made the MSU novice rowing team earlier this fall;

Tough hobby: The 18-year-old Canton native has already added 10 pounds of muscle to her slender frame due to the rigorous workouts rowing requires on the erg (a portable indoor training devicing), in the weight room and on the water;

She said it: "It's one of the hardest things I've ever done in my life. I never imagined it would be this hard, but I love it."



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All-Area harriers make quite a state-ment

FIRST TEAM RACHEL MCFARLANE,

SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The senior captain and team MVP finished 15th overall in the Division 1 state finals with a personal best 18:22.4 (5,000 meters) to earn All-State honors for a school-record third straight year.

McFarlane also captured the Western Lakes Activities Association meet (18:37) and was runner-up in the regional (19:06).

She also took first at the Wavne County Meet and Livonia Public Schools Invitational, as well as a fifth at the Jackson Invitational (18:54.2) and 18th in the Michigan State Invitational (19:01.).

McFarlane, who recently committed to MSU, also placed 17th (18:48) in the Mid-East Regional held last weekend in Kettering, Ohio.

"I knew from the first time I saw her run that she would have a great impact on the Churchill cross country program," coach Sue Tatro said of the WLAA Scholar Athlete. "She is a very talented athlete who loves to compete. She knows how to prepare for all her practices and meets. She was a true leader who was able to motivate her teammates by her outstanding example. It has been a pleasure coaching Rachel during these past four years. She'll be greatly missed."

COURTNEY CALKA, JR., LIV. STEVENSON: The three-time All-State and All-Area honoree took 17th in the Division I meet (18:27.3), first in the regional (18:56) and runner-up honors in the Western Lakes meet (18:48).

Calka, who owns a personal best of 17:55, is only one of two Spartans to make All-State three times (the other is former University of Michigan standout Andrea Parker).

"Courtney leads by example and the team loves her," Stevenson coach Nancy Gavoor said of the team captain and two-time regional champ. "She knows every girl and encourages all of her teammates with positive reinforcement and cheers for all. She is super helpful in team responsibilities, management and planning. She implemented team building strategies and events. She is a very dedicated runner and will train hard during both the season and off-season to improve her fitness and achieve her goals."

SARAH THOMAS, JR., CANTON: The junior

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Rachel **McFarlane** Churchill



Courtney Calka Stevenson



enjoyed a banner fall by finishing 38th in the Division 1 state finals (18:56.8), third at the regional (19:44) and ninth in the Western Lakes meet (19:34). She also added a third at the Western Division jamboree (19:34).

Thomas, a two-time state qualifier, has recorded the second-fastest time in Canton school history.

"Sarah is a great leader for this team, both by word and action," Canton coach Eric Pahl said. "She always works hard in practice, which pays off for her in meets. Sarah took a much more active role this year in helping bring the freshmen along. She helped them to learn how to run in both races and at practice."

SARA KROLL, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The sophomore repeat All-Area pick took 41st in the state meet (18:57.7), fourth at the regional (19:56) and sixth at the WLAA meet (19:23).

She also added a third at the LPS meet, fifth at Wayne County and 14th at the Jackson Invitational. Kroll has recorded the fourth-fastest state meet time in Churchill history (18:27.9), which is also a freshman record.

"Sara continues to impact Churchill cross country's program in a positive way," Tatro said. "She is a very dedicated athlete who is an accelerated 'student of running.' It's refreshing to witness Sara's passion for running on a daily basis. She had an outstanding state meet where she ran her best race of the season. I look forward to seeing her to continue to excel the next two seasons."

AMANDA SOUTHWELL, SOPH., LIV. CHURCHILL: The first-year runner took 45th at the state meet (19:00), seventh at the regional (20:04) and eighth in the WLAA meet (19:31.6).

Southwell added at sixth at the LPS meet, 12th at Wayne County and 22nd at the Jackson Invitational (19:56.3).

"Amanda had an amazing first season of running," Tatro said. "She continued to shock not only herself, but also her teammates. Amanda is a true competitor who pushes



Amanda Southwell Churchill Churchill

Sara

Kroll

herself to the limit. She is extremely talented and should continue to impact our program. She definitely contributed to our team's success

this year and was a pleasant surprise.' ALYSSA MIRA, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The three-time All-Observer pick placed 48th in Division 1 state meet with a season-best 19:01.7. She also added fifth at the regional and 13th in WLAA meet.

Other noteworthy performances for the junior included fourth at Wayne County (19:40.5) and Livonia Public Schools meet; along with a seventh at the Jackson Invitational (19:05.4).

She has also recorded the thirdfastest time among Churchill runners at the state meet (18:24.1).

Mira also excels in the classroom with a 4.0 GPA. She is a WLAA Scholar Athlete and Academic All-State pick.

"Alyssa had another solid season and peaked at the state meet where she ran a respectable race," Tatro said. "She is an extremely hard worker who craves competition. She's always dependable and consistent in her races. I'm looking forward to seeing her take on a leadership role next year."

KELÎY HAHN, SOPH., PLYMOUTH: The sophomore set a new school record with a time of 19:12 en route to a fourth-place finish at the Haslett Invitational. Hahn wound up 156th in the Division 1 meet.

She added a 10th at the regional (20:17), fifth in the WLAA (19:22) and a third at the Wavne County meet (19:33). Hahn also took runner-up honors at both WLAA-Western Division jamborees and was first at the PCEP City Meet and Autumn Classic.

Last spring, Hahn was fourth in the Division 1 state track meet in the 3.200-meter run.

"Kelly is a tremendous kid with lots of talent," Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin said. "She led the team to its finest season ever. She was hampered by a pulled calf muscle for the last two races of the season, but



Alyssa Mira Churchill

fought through it with courage and grace. She'll be back next year better than ever.

Kelly

Hahn

Plymouth

MOLLY SLAVENS, JR., PLYMOUTH: The junior placed 96th at the Division 1 state finals at MIS with a personal best 19:35.

She added a ninth at the regional (20:15) and was 11th in the Western Lakes meet (19:43). Slaven also placed 13th at Wayne County (20:16), 12th in Western

Division iamboree (20:25) and first at the Haslett JV Invitational (20:33).

"Molly had to sit out the first five weeks of the season with a stress fracture and was only able to run six races," Kerwin said. "But she sure made most of the time she had. She's always ready with a laugh. Molly is a great motivator for her teammates and a great kid. I look for great things from her next year.

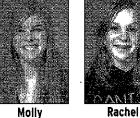
RACHEL ROHRBACH, FR., CANTON: The ninth-grader led all freshman at the Wayne County meet by finishing sixth.

Rohrbach added 127th in the state finals (19:56), sixth at the regional (20:01) and 12th at the WLAA meet (19:46). She also added a fifth in the division meet (19:50), took runner-up honors at the Ypsilanti Invitational and was third at the Gabriel Richard Invitational (19:34).

"Rachel worked hard over the summer and became one of the fastest runners ever at Canton High School," Pahl said. "She is new to the sport of cross country and made an effort to learn as much about the sport as she could. Rachel would take the time to ask questions about how she could do things better. Rachel is a joy to work with and is always willing to work hard at practice and to run how she is asked to run.

DENEE MEIER, SR., LIV. STEVENSON: The four-time state qualifier was 111th at the state meet (19:47.3), 12th at the regional (20:21) and 28th in the Western Lakes.

Meier's top-15 finish at the regional helped the Spartans



qualify for the state meet as a team.

100, and she was 84th (scoring) in

the team race," Gavoor said. "She

of finishing in the top 20 this year

helped her team accomplish our goal

(the Spartans were 18th). During the

state meet she kept Victoria Saferian

with her, who P.R'd with 19:50, right

Conference's White Division cham-

behind Denee in 86th place.'

COURTNEY PLUMMER, SR., ĜARDEN

CITY: The senior was the Mega

pion, took 14th at the regional

(20:22) and was 112th in the

Division 1 state finals (19:49.4).

Plummer was also Dearborn

Divine Child and Plymouth Wildcat

Pullmer is a four-year team MVP

invitational champion, along with

earning second-team All-Wayne

and All-Mega Conference pick,

qualifier and All-Area pick.

along with being a two-time state

"Courtney has been a pleasure

to coach," Garden City coach Rob

Phillips said. "She is a hard worker

who loves to run. She helped turn

the standard for future runners at

COACH OF THE YEAR

SUE TATRO, LIV. CHURCHILL: The 12th-

year coach has guided the Chargers

to four straight top-10 state meet

finishes including a seventh this

season after a runner-up finish in

This season, Tatro guided

Churchill to repeat titles in the

Western Lakes, Lakes Division and

Division 1 regional meets. She has

coached seven different All-Staters

All-Observer honors as a runner

at Stevenson (1983-84). She ran

The former Sue Tatigian earned

track and cross country at Michigan

State. She was also an accomplished

She also coached five seasons at

Livonia Franklin (1990-95) before

"It was another enjoyable and

moving over to Churchill.

marathon runner, placing as high

as fourth in the 1994 Detroit Free

our program around and has set

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in her 12 years.

Press race (2:51).

"Her goal was to finish in the top

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Courtney Plummer **Garden City**

Sue Tatro Churchill

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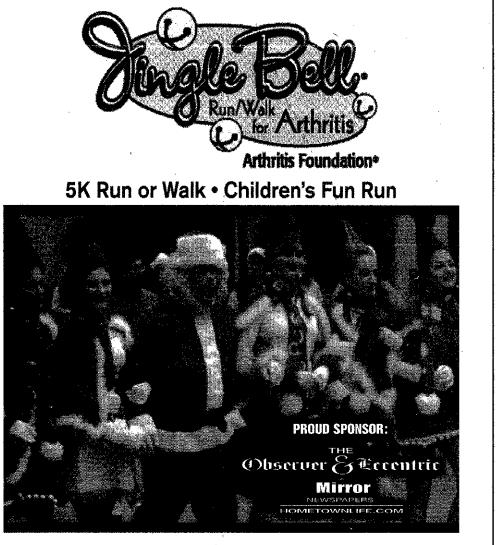
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fulfilling season," Tatro said. "It's nice when you're blessed with so much talent, especially with Rachel McFarlane, who has been instrumental in our success during the past four seasons."

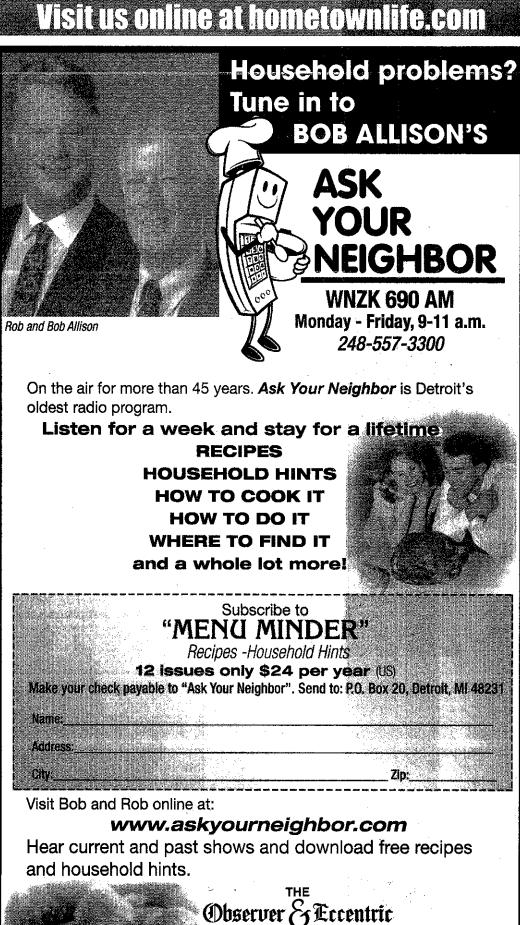
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Colin Rolfe

I probably know more about the finer points of rocket science than I do the intricacies of soccer, but I'm certain of this: This 'Cat can play. The people who run the varsity soccer program at the University of Louisville must agree because they offered Plymouth High School's best soccer player ever an athletic scholarship.

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Because he can dribble through defenders like they are traffic cones.

Because he can bend it better than Beckham.

And because I've never heard more complimentary remarks about a single player from coaches during postgame interviews.

Opposing coaches.

Good luck at Louisville next year, Colin. I'd exchange a fist bump with you, but I know soccer players don't use their hands.

PCS Marching Band

I'd love to exchange a fist bump with every member of this highly decorated contingent, but I seriously don't think they ever put their instruments down.

With all due respect to every athletic team at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, no one practices more than the members of the band.

I may be exaggerating a little, but every time I've driven by Plymouth High School the past four months – whether it's been 90 degrees or 9 degrees outside; sunny; snowing; raining; hailing; well, you get the picture the band has been out there

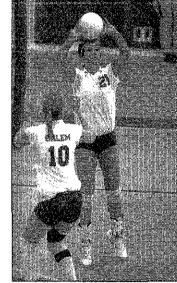
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Plymouth's Colin Rolfe (foreground) will be taking his extraordinary soccer skills to the University of Louisville next fall.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Salem's Jansan Falcusan (21) is one of the area's best all-around volleyball players.

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sharpening its routines. I half expect to hear the

University of Michigan Fight Song coming from the direction of the Park when I'm driving home at 4:30 a.m. on deadline nights.

Finally, I have to give out some big-time props to those band members who showed up at PCEP football games this fall to perform - even when the band wasn't scheduled to play.

Your effort and your music wére more than commendable - they were worthy of a fist bump.

Jansan Falcusan

A not-so-well-known fact: High school custodians throughout Observerland can tell when Salem's volleyball team played in their school's

gymnasium the previous night because the gym floor is cleaner than normal.

It's cleaner than normal because Falcusan slides around it on game nights like a Swiffer Sweeper, making unbelievable dig after unbelievable dig. Her nickname should be Miss Clean. Or, even better, Miss Dig.

While she digs well, she hits even better. And while she hits extremely well, she sets even better than that.

The best barometer I use to tell if an athlete is spectacular in their given sport is if the fans of the opposing team are so impressed with their play that they come real close to giving that player a standing ovation. I've seen this happen twice with Falcusan. Dig this: She's deserving a Fist Bump Award.

Tom Turkey

You know him. You love him. You're about to eat him.

Yes, that featherless, 18pound bundle of dressing that is about to spend the next four to six hours in your oven deserves a Fist Bump Award.

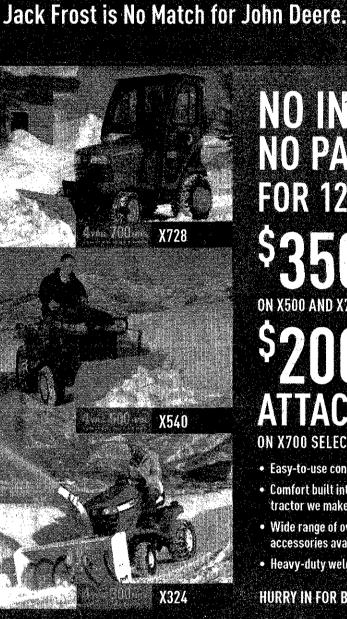
Not because he's done anything incredibly athletic. After all, if he had any speed, he wouldn't be laying legs up on your platter right now.

The speedy ones are still sprinting around the woods of northern Michigan, laughing at all the deer that are being shot at.

Tom Turkey deserves a fist bump (and turkeys do have fists; I checked the one in our freezer last night) because where would we be on the glorious holiday of. Thanksgiving without him? I tell you where: We'd be agonizing over another Lions' loss for way too long.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. And when you get a free second, give a fist bump to the cook.

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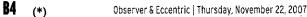
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SWIMMING

Chiefs 7th at Division 1 state meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Last week's Division 1 girls swimming and diving state meet proved to be "Seventh Heaven" for Canton.

For the second consecutive year the Chiefs tied for seventh in the elite meet with 90 points, the bulk of which were earned by senior All-American Allison Schmitt, who was the meet's lone double individual winner. Schmitt closed her high school career in style by stroking to Division 1 state records as she won both the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events.

Bolstered by the third-place showing of junior Whitney Aumiller in the 100-yard backstroke, Salem placed 32nd with 16 points.

Plymouth's two-swimmer contingent finished 40th with two points.

"I thought we did very well as a team," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "I would have loved to had a Maggie Carlson score or a Monica Blaesser score in individual events, but they both had outstanding seasons and Maggie will get shots at that in the future.

of 3:39.87.

(1:10.50).

(5:25.49).

In other individuals events,

Carlson was 21st in the 200

IM with a time of 2:14.74 and

20th in the 100 breaststroke

Blaesser was 40th in the

Salem's Aumiller was out-

standing in her third trip to

the state meet, placing third

in the ultra-competitive 100

backstroke with a clocking of

1:00.35, just one-quarter second behind runner-up Karly

Pioneer's Ashley Cohagen won the event in a blistering 57.34.

placed 22nd in the backstroke

200 IM (2:18.00); and Katie

Koetting, who competed in

Plymouth had a pair of state-qualifiers - sophomore

Sijia Hao, who finished 27th

were unavailable at press

time).

Moore of West Bloomfield.

Also competing in indi-

vidual events for the Rocks

were Emily Nelson, who

(1:03.42) and 31st in the

200 freestyle (2:01.29) and

31st in the 500 freestyle

"Maggie would have scored (in the 200 IM) if she would have matched her conference time, but she ended up just a little bit (21st) out of medal contention."

Schmitt won the 200 freestyle in 1:46.82, edging Ann Arbor Pioneer's Liz Koselka by 3.5 seconds. She followed that up with a gold-medal effort in the 500 as she avenged a loss to Pioneer's Kristyne Cole in the preliminaries to win by .40 seconds.

Both Canton relay teams excelled. The 200 freestyle relay foursome of Monica Blaesser, Kari Schmitt (Allison's younger sister), Carlson and Allison Schmitt placed seventh in 1:40.62. The Chiefs missed placing third by just 1.14 seconds.

Canton wrapped up a strong state meet by earning a sixth-place showing in the 400 freestyle relay when both Schmitts teamed with Carlson and Blaesser to turn in a time

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Canton girls swimming and diving team placed seventh in the Division 1 state meet for the second consecutive year on Saturday thanks to the efforts of the following fivesome: (pictured from left) Kayla Eyster, Allison Schmitt, Monica Blaesser, Maggie Carlson and Karl Schmitt. Assistant coach Ed Weber is pictured behind the swimmers.

> in the 500 freestyle in 5:27.46; and Elle Palczynski, who became the first swimmer in

the history of Plymouth High School to advance past the preliminary round and into

seeded 12th after a sensational preliminary time of 1:09.52. She ended up 16th in the state, which earned her All-State honors. Pioneer won the state title

by compiling 340 points, 159

the finals. Palczynski was

more than runner-up Livonia Stevenson. The top five spots were filled out by South Lyon (151), Rockford (144) and Northville (113).

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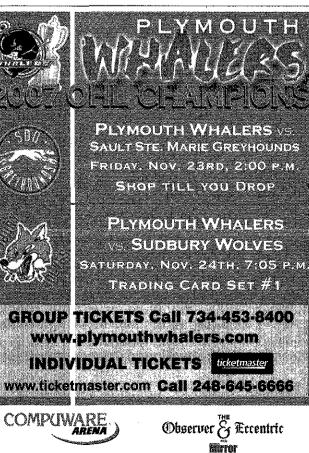
The Salem girls swimming and diving team was well-represented at last week's Division 1 state meet by (from left) Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Katie Koetting, Emily Nelson, Whitney Aumiller, and Katie Gorman.



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Plymouth was represented at last week's Division 1 girls swimming and diving state meet by sophomore Sijia Hao (left) and junior Elle Palczynski. Palczynski became the first Wildcat swimmer – both girls and boys - to advance to the second day of the two-day championship when she was seeded 12 in the 100-yard breaststroke.





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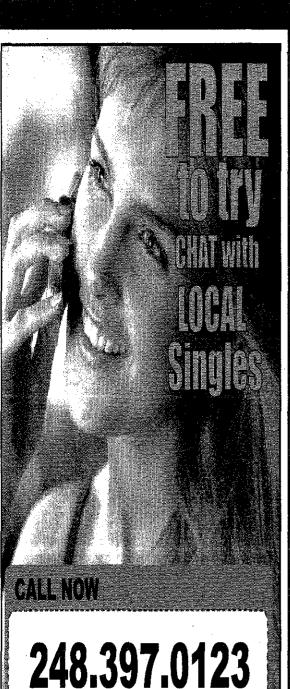
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Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", LOOKING FOR ME? 124lbs, professional attractive, intelligent and SBF, 46, 5'8", dark complexion, slim, cute, educated, loves music, dancing, outdoors, looking for tall, attractive, sweet guy, kind and cooking, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking understanding to share all the good things life attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/ offers. 2216297 qualities, for friendship/LTR. 2230791

HERE I AM GUYS Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 156lbs,brown eyes, independent, employed, secure, Seeking warm-hearted intelligent,

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must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for

HEY GUYS

SBF, 28, mother of 3, dark complexion, 5'4",

120lbs, red/brown, likes chilling at home, hang

HEY GUYS

dates, and see what happens next. 2235810

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

SBF, 27, self-sufficient, up front and real seeks

employed, respectful, nice man independent

and not about games, to get to know and have

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with and just get to know. 2230300

LTR, don't delay call now. 2976914

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ULASSI LAUT SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining,

movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/ morais, 2207254

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, nice smile, blonde/ hazel, 5'5", average build, employed, educated, homeowner, dog lover, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **a**210247

I NEED A LOVE ... to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful,

charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, NS, fun, loving, caring, 2568059

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive. WIWF, 57, homeowner, independent, a little self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1"+, lonely, dog owner, enjoys quiet times, good 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, travtalks and togethemess. Seeking a kind man to eler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. 12692549

FUN AND SIMPLE

SBF. 19, dark complexion, artsy, easygoing passionate about music and art. Looking for creative, fun SM, to chill with and just get to know. 2222583

HOW ARE YOU?

SBF, 29, mom of 2, N/S, fun-loving, caring, ing with friends. Looking for a loving SM, to get compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. SBF, 20, 5'9", slim, long black hair, enjoys mov-**2**200770 ies, concerts, and just having fun, looking for a nice, respectful man, to enjoy talks, casual

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CALL THIS MAN!

kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm hearted SWF. 2112288

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR 2269646

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only. **2684501**

cycling, dining out, movies travel and life in gen eral. ISO SF, 57-75, who appreciates the same, for sharing happiness and LTR. 2253204

HOPE ABOUT A CALL? Loving, real separated BM, 28, business owner, father, looking for genuine, sexy, sweet, childfriendly SWF, goal-oriented and affectionate who knows how to have a good time in life. **T**240443

HEY LADIES

SBM, 22, 6'2", brown complexion, brown eyes, 175lbs, looking for sexy, thick, shapely ladies to kick it with and have a good time, \$240995

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 🗖 692418

TALL, ATHLETIC SWM, 48, 6'2', 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. 2531308

A TERRIFIC GUY

SWM, 45, 6', blue/brown, 200lbs, N/D, little on the shy side, enjoys quiet times, classic cars, bowling, more. Seeking SWF, N/D, trustworthy, 35-55, in good shape, w/similar interests. Possible LTR. 2224408

WORTH A SHOT

Easygoing honest, fun-loving guy, 36, 6'2", 250lbs, former Marine, father of 2, ISO romantic, outdoorsy, sensitive, sweet, child-friendly lady who can make me laugh and smile, is it <u>you? 🖬 237256</u>

WORTH THE CALL

Heatthy, romantic, happy, reliable SWM, 36, wellbuilt, attractive, open-minded, likes bowling, mov-Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no ies, good talks and laughter. Seeking similar, commitment-minded SF, into having a good time,

to share friendship maybe more. 2235780

HELLO SEXY LADIES Romantic, honest SBM, 36,brown/brown,

165lbs, looking for slim, attractive sociable, open-minded SF commitment-minded and caring who knows how to enjoy life to the fullest and appreciates a good man. 2235940

ENJOY THE VIEW Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love,

attractive SWF, age and area open. 1113835

WANT TO JOIN ME?

SWM, 38, social drinker, smoker, electrician by trade, looking for an outgoing, honest, fun lady with like interests. I enjoy biking, hiking, snowmobiling, outdoor activities, quiet times. **a**200127

BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE

SWM, 35, N/S, good looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. 2205048

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SBM, 5'11", likes swimming and having fun, searching for a down-to-earth woman, 21-30, to enjoy what life has to offer. 1212235

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SBM, 5'11", 170bs, black/brown, brown complexion, enjoys playing chess, walks, concerts, plays, more, Looking for drama-free, romantic, kind lady, good natured and fun-loving to share the good things in life. 2216113

HILADIES

Simple, honest SM, 35, 5'6", brown/hazel, medium build, seeks nice, kind-hearted, nonjudgmental woman to share talks dates, fun and more. 2217053

WORTH YOUR TIME

Attractive, clean-cut SM, 46, 5'11", 155lbs, self-employed, respectful, open-minded, enjoys cooking, music, movies, comedy shows. ISO attractive, pleasant SWF, 28-42, D/D-free, slender-medium build, classy, kind, compassionate and caring, for friendship/LTR? 2217334

TRY THIS ONE

Loving, young-looking SM; 36, 5'9", 200lbs, well-groomed, health-conscious, likes action and horror films, seeking, a nice, cool, honest lady who knows what she wants in life, for friendships and fun. 2219704

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44. ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. 2968147

LOOKING FOR ME?

SWM, 36, 6', 240lbs, brown/brown, muscular, attractive, well-built, likes movies, dining out, travel, trying new things. ISO attractive, fit, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, honest, fun SF, to share the good times in life. Friendship/LTR. 2222019

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Lansing campus changed all that.

"The rowing team had a booth set up to educate the freshmen about the sport," she said. "I talked to a couple of girls on the team and when I moved here in August, they emailed me to let me know when tryouts were being held."

Of the 76 freshmen who gave it a shot, 45 made it to Round 2 of the tryouts.

"I think the main thing they were looking for were girls who were willing to work hard and girls who really wanted to be there," said Rabe.

For a short time after the first tryout ended, it appeared as if a rowing career wasn't in the cards for Rabe.

"The coach was supposed to send an e-mail out at 6 p.m. to all the girls who made it the day after tryouts ended," she said.

calling the following:

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"Well, I never got an e-mail, so I was pretty upset.

"The next day I called the coach because I wanted to know why I didn't make the team. It turned out, the e-mail didn't get sent out to anybody due to a mistake. When I found out I actually made it, I was pretty relieved."

The first-cut survivors then practiced for a month before the roster was trimmed down to the top 30 rowers.

The tryout regimen was rigorous, to say the least. Among the requirements were long stretches on the erg, a portable, indoor rowing machine that tests its users' physical and mental makeup.

"Erging is harder than rowing on the water because you're in a room and the surroundings don't change," said Rabe. "At least when you're out on the river, you're outside and the scenery changes."

Rabe helped the novice Spartans place fifth and 14th

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in a pair of 17-team races in Chicago earlier this month. The training will soon

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move indoors altogether until the spring when the team is scheduled to compete in a race in a tournament at Clemson University in South Carolina.

"They base how well you do in the spring on whether or not you make the varsity team the following year," said Rabe. "I'm going to continue to work hard and hope for the best."

Like all freshmen student-athletes at MSU, Rabe is required to spend at least eight hours a week studying in the Clara Bell Smith Student Athlete Academic Center.

"It's very nice — it has computer labs, free tutors for those who need them and academic advisers," she said.

Rabe, who is majoring in kinesiology in hopes of becoming a physical therapist, can get promoted to the varsity rowing team next year if she impresses the coaching staff in the spring. second consecutive arena-

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-November 13, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding a study session on the Preservation of 425 North Ridge Road at the conclusion of the regular meeting . Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes of October 16, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of October 23, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. PRESENTATION: Item 1. PRESENTATION TO BRUCE MALINCZAK. Mr. Tim Arends, Deputy Treasurer of Traverse City, on behalf of the Michigan Municpal Treasurer's Association presented Bruce Malinczak, Deputy Treasurer, the Prime Award. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. ESTABLISH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES FOR 2008. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2008 as follows: first, second, third, fourth and fifth Tuesday of each month of the 2008 calendar year, with the exception of: Tuesday, January 15, 2008, Tuesday, May 6, 2008, Tuesday, August 5, 2008 and November 4, 2008 Election dates. In addition, the following meetings held Tuesday, January 1, 2008 and Tuesday, November 11, 2008 are cancelled due to bargaining unit's holiday schedule. The Board of Trustees Regular Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, Board of Trustees meeting room, First Floor, 1150 Canton Center South, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTION BOARD OF CANVASSERS. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to re-appoint James A. Kosteva (D) and Robert A. Bovitz (R) to the Canton Township Election Board of Canvassers, both to serve a four (4) year term; January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. RE-APPOINTMENT TO CDBG ADVISORY COUNCIL. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to reappoint Mary Jane Weidenbach, Vera Lieberman, and Sylvester Noetzel to the CDBG Advisory Council for two-year terms, effective January 1, 2008, and expiring December 31, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve Christmas in the Village for December 15, 2007, beginning at 3 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m.; and that Wayne County is hereby requested to grant permission to close Ridge Road from Cherry Hill to Denton Road during these times. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure, and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER 2008 PLANNING COMMISSION SCHEDULE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter set the 2008 Planning Commission Meeting schedule as follows: Every first Monday of the month, and the third Monday of the month, as necessary, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, with the following exceptions: January 14, September 8 and September 22. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. PLANNING COMMISSION RE-APPOINMENT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to re-appoint Greg Greene to the Canton Township Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST. THOMAS A 'BECKET'S CRAFT SHOW. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs advertising St. Thomas A 'Becket's Craft Show at 555 Lilley Road on December 1, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. <u>GENERAL CALENDAR</u>: Item 1. ACCEPT BID AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR AUTOMATION OF INSIDE DOORS AT SUMMIT COMMUNITY CENTER. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the bid from and award the contract for the automation of ten interior doors at the Summit Community Center to Evangelista Corporation in the amount of \$28,800. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. AWARD EIGHT HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT CONTRACTS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Embassy to George Pastor & Sons in the amount of \$23,046 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$2,304 for a purchase order total of \$25,350. I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Selkirk to Stratton Construction in the amount of \$6,200 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$620 for a purchase order total of \$6,820. I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Shana to George Pastor & Sons in the amount of \$18,765 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$1,876 for a purchase order total of \$20,641. I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Fredericksburg to ABC Carpentry in the amount of \$8,410 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$841 for a purchase order total of \$9,251. I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Kaiser to George Pastor & Sons for \$15,870 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$1,587 for a purchase order total of \$17,457. I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Ardsley to George Pastor & Sons in the amount of \$10,703 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$1,070 for a purchase order total of \$11,773. I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Bellingham to George Pastor & Sons in the amount of \$7,110 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$711 for a purchase order total of \$7,821. I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Koppernick to Stratton Construction in the amount of \$17,135 plus a 10 percent contingency of \$1.713 for a purchase order total of \$18.848. (Affordable Housing Contingency #274 666 972 2006 and #274 666 972 2007). Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. APPROVAL FOR UPGRADE OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SECURITY SYSTEM. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to waive the Township's bidding policy for security upgrades for the Administration Building and approve the price quotes with Advance Satellite Communications for \$24,931.42, The Town Locksmith Company for \$6,900.40 and Otis Elevator for \$4,900 for a total cost of \$36,731.82. I further move to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to appropriate funding for this project: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$ 36,732, Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Buildings & Impr #101-265-975-0000 \$ 36,732 This budget amendment increases the Facilities Maintenance Division budget from \$1,776,420 to \$1,813,152, and the General Fund budget from \$27,397,301 to \$27,434,033. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT, TRANSFERS OUT-BOND AGENT FEES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to appropriate funds for bond agent fees for the Building Authority Series 1998 bonds, Softball Center: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$ 350, Increase Appropriations: Contribution to Building Authority Debt Fund #101-959-965-3690 \$ 350 This budget amendment increases the Transfers Out Department budget from \$2,967,127 to \$2,967,477, and the General Fund budget from \$27,395,139 to \$27,395,489. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund for the 2007 property assessment Board of Review: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$ 2,162 Increase Appropriations: Tax Board of Review Per Diem #101-209-709-0000 \$ 2,003, Fringe Benefits-Medicare 101-209-720-0000 \$ 159 Total \$ 2,162 This budget amendment increases the Tax Board of Review division budget from \$2,250 to \$4,412, and the General Fund budget from \$27,395,139 to \$27,397,301. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. ACTUAL VALUATION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the proposal from Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS) to provide an actuarial valuation of the retiree health care benefits for the fee of \$14,130 and to authorize the Finance Director to sign the Acceptance of Letter of Engagement. I further move to approve the following budget adjustment. Increase Revenues: #736-000-699-0000 \$14,130, Increase Expenses: #736-238-818-0000 \$14,130 Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. AUTHORIZE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER INCREASE FOR PERSONAL TRAINING. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the increase of blanket purchase order #64150 for Thomas Arbough in the amount of \$7,000 from \$32,000 to \$39,000 with funds from account #101-691-818-5000 (Recreation-Contracted Services-Health/Wellness) cost center #L00061-0242-0082. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. AUTHORIZE THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THREE (3) PIECES OF CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND FIVE (5) PIECES OF STRENGTH EQUIPMENT. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize a three year lease of four pieces of cardiovascular fitness for a total amount of \$17,908.66 and a five year lease agreement of four pieces of strength equipment total amount of \$12,295.00 from National Equipment Leasing, 4644 Mt. Brighton, Brighton, MI 48116 from Community Center Budget-Capital Outlay Equipment #208-757-977-0000 cost center #L00070-0296-0248. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried.. Item. 9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE WORKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLYARD HABITAT GRANT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Inter-Agency Agreement with Wayne County for the Workman Elementary Schoolyard Habitat. Motion carried unanimously Item 10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE DENTON ROAD RELIEF SEWER DESIGN AGREEMENT, (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the Denton Road relief sewer design agreement which would result in the purchase of the design plans for the Denton Road relief sewer. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be a study session on November 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. The topic of the study session will be the new Financial Software recommendation. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 7:55 p.m and move to study session. Motion carried unanimously. A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the study meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented . Motion carried unanimously. STUDY SESSION Item 1. PRESERVATION OF 425 NORTH RIDGE ROAD I. Project Overview, II. History of House at 425 North Ridge Road III. Project Proposal and Associated Cost Estimates IV. Project Management Plan V. Timelines and Schedule A. Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness at Wednesday, November 14, 2007 HDC Meeting. 1. Adjusted Timelines in Attorney Agreement 2. RBA for Budget Adjustment of Reprogramming Capital at November 27, 2007 Board Meeting B. Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness and Appeal Process VI. General Discussion ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. -Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

Whalers joust Knights, 5-4

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Last season, Plymouth Whalers Chris Terry and Andrew Fournier were contributing members of a championship team.

This season, Terry and Fournier are veteran co-captains of a team defending a championship.

Terry tallied three goals — his 12th, 13th and 14th of the season – an assist and a shootout goal; and Fournier added a goal (team-leading 19th) and two assists before deciding the game in a shootout as the Whalers defeated the London Knights, 5-4, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

A sellout crowd of 3,778 watched the game - Plymouth's third sellout of the season and the team's

filler. Both teams stood at 13-8-1 following the well-played contest.

Akim Aliu scored twice for London and now has three on the season. Tony Romano (7) and Jadran Beljo (13) also scored for London.

Plymouth built a 4-2 lead after 40 minutes on Terry's hat trick and Fournier's goal, but the Knights tied the game in the third period on Aliu's goal from the left goal line at 12:51 and Beljo's equalizer at 19:50 with the London goaltender pulled Steve Mason pulled for the extra attacker.

After a scoreless overtime, Terry and Fournier decided the game in the shootout.

Terry scored on Mason in the first shot of the shootout when he faked a forehand and stuffed a backhand by Mason.

After Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped London's Andrew Wilkins and Beljo, Fournier won the game with the same kind of shot that was successful when he decided a shootout Oct. 18 in Windsor — he rifled a slap shot past Mason from the hash marks.

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)981-0303 on 11/29/07 at 12:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due. Personal property described below in the matter of: 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, Matress, 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 Publish: November 15 & 22, 2007

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 6, 2007 for the following:

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at <u>www.canton-mi.org</u>, 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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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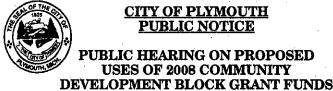
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Personal property described below in the matter of:

- 1005 Voncile 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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Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Year 2008 Federal Community Development Block Grand (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits to senior citizens. 1.
- 2. To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- З. To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs.

PROPOSED YEAR 2008-09 PROJECTS:

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$66,000 in CDBG funds for the contract year 2008-09, and has identified the following potential projects and corresponding estimated allocations for use of these funds:

1.	Bricks & Mortar Projects	\$46,860
2.	Public Services-Senior Transportation	\$12,540
3.	Administration/Planning	<u>\$ 6.600</u>

TOTAL \$66,000

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives.

A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 2008 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

> Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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LOCAL SPORTS

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Following this year's cross-campus girls swim meet between Canton and Salem, the Rocks presented Chief All-State swimmer Allison Schmitt with a plaque and a banner that was signed by each member of the team wishing her luck at next summer's United States' Olympic trials. Schmitt is pictured at far right accepting the gifts from the Salem swimmers.

FROM PAGE BI

"It's fun to watch her swim. I only wish every coach out there had the opportunity to experience the thrill of coaching a girl with Allison's talent."

Schmitt's brilliance shined through early in her career at Canton.

As a freshman, she earned All-State honors in the 200 and 500 freestyles with sixthand eighth-place showings at the state meet.

"When I came in as a freshman, I really didn't have my eye on setting state records or anything like that," said Schmitt. "But before this season started I definitely did. Before the season I talked to coach Weber about the goals I wanted to reach and we figured out the splits I'd have to do to reach those goals, and it's all worked out.

"The records and everything are nice, but I just want to keep a positive, friendly attitude."

A perfect blend of talent, physical tools (Schmitt is a slender 6-feet tall) and a world-class work ethic helped the rising star chop huge blocks of time off her personal bests while rising up the charts in not only Michigan, but in the United States.

Last summer, she qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials set for July in Omaha, Neb., and she was invited to compete on Ann Arbor-based Club Wolverine, one of the premier club teams in the United States.

"She started opening a lot of eyes nationally at last year's Junior Nationals," said Ralph Schmitt, Allison's father. "While we're proud of her accomplishments, I think we're most happy to see the inner-drive and determination she has developed. Allison knows how to focus in when she needs to do well in the big races."

Schmitt would be on the All-State Modesty team if there were such a thing. Despite her near-Olympic status, her ego is as small as when she first stepped into the Chiefs' pool four years ago.

The easy-going Schmitt is popular with teammates and opponents alike, which was demonstrated following a meet last month when members of archrival Salem presented her with a gift and a large banner wishing her luck at next summer's Olympic Trials.

"It's exciting to know that I have the support of the girls on our rival team, too," Schmitt said, regarding the surprise presentation. "I have a lot of friends on a lot of the teams we swim against, including Salem and Ann Arbor Pioneer, so I hope they do well, too."

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Ignition declaws Cougars, 16-13

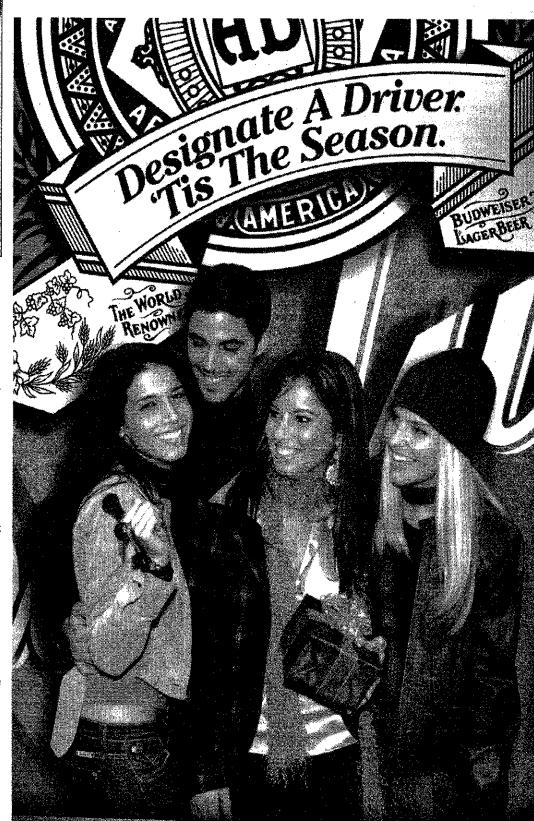
The Detroit Ignition defeated of four regular-season games the California Cougars 16-13 Sunday in Stockton, Calif. to improve to 3-1. The Cougars slipped to 1-2 with the setback. Ignition players Jamar Beasley and Ryan Mack each notched two goals in the contest. The match-up was the first

between the two clubs, with the next contest slated for Jan. 4, at Compuware Arena. The Ignition will host the

Baltimore Blast (5-0) on November 30 at 8 p.m. Information regarding Ignition season, group, and

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individual tickets can be obtained by calling the club at 1-888-436-GOAL (4625), by visiting the team's official Internet property, www. detroitignition.com, by calling TicketMaster at 248-645-6666, or by using www.ticketmaster.com.

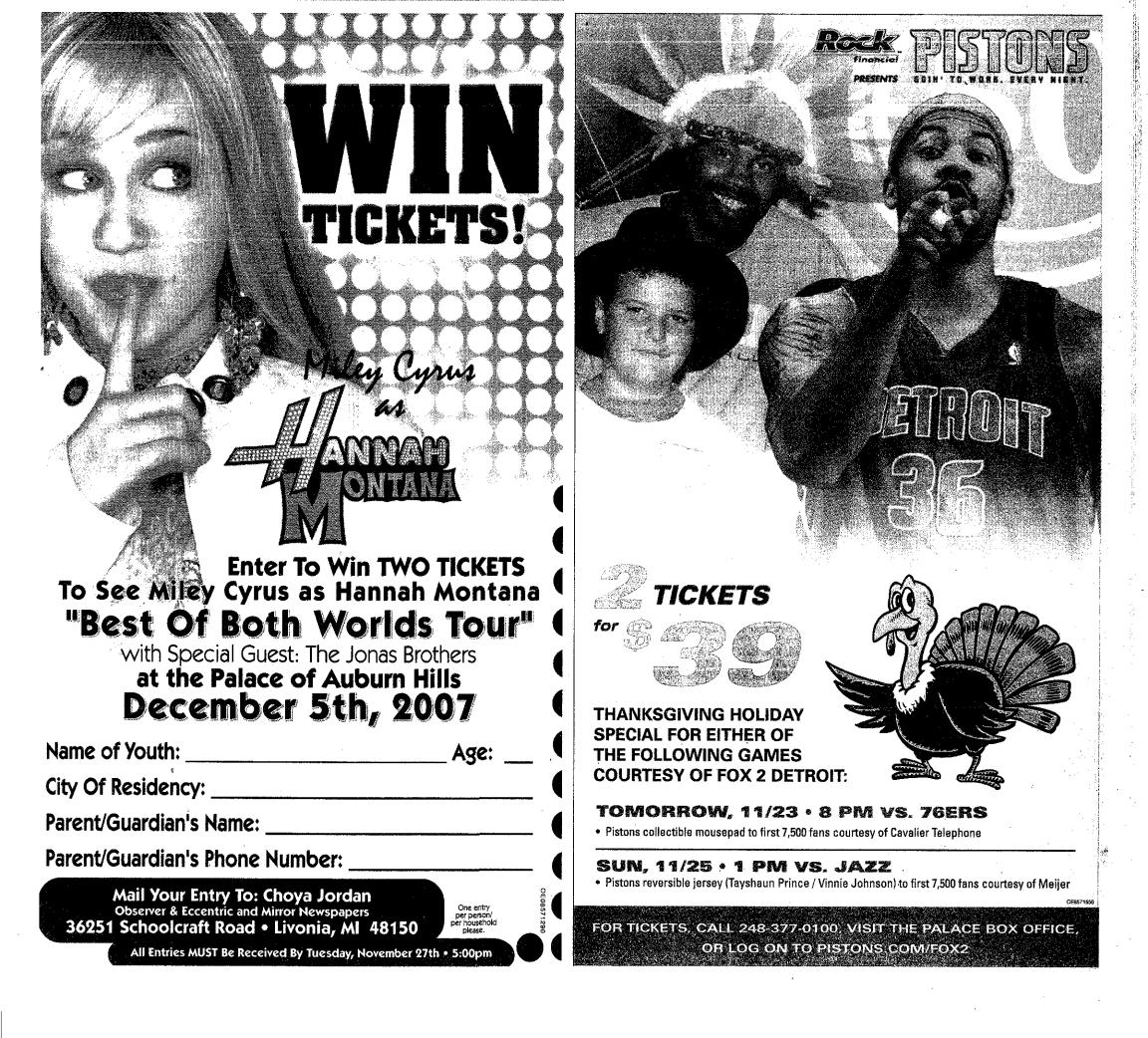


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Habitat Gala at Schoolcraft highlights building

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

The Building Houses, Building Hope Gala - the fifth annual celebration for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County - drew some 270 people to Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia Saturday, Nov. 3.

"It went really well," said Alice Dent, executive director of the Habitat affiliate. "It was very successful. I'm looking forward to next year."

The revelers, who enjoyed great food, celebrated the work of providing housing for families in need. "We were able to all come together to celebrate what we've done this year," said Dent of the event, at which WXYZ-TV Channel 7's Glenda Lewis was the award presenter.

Some new sponsors were lauded this year: "It's always great when you can add additional sponsors," Dent said.

She noted the challenging economy and the fact of sig-nificant support continuing. "It was great to see there are still people who care about others. The volunteers are the essence of Habitat for Humanity," she added.

Dent was pleased a number of local churches were honored for support this year, noting their help is vital as is that of businesses. The churches are "very giving, very dedicated and they're very consistent."

"People from western Wayne were pretty excited" at the event, Dent said, noting volunteers from such communities as Livonia, Canton and Lincoln Park were recognized.

The "Building Houses, Building Hope" event included an awards ceremony and silent auction. Master of ceremonies was Robin Sullivan, host of "The Praise Company" on

WMUZ, 103.5 FM. Jennifer Lee, a Habitat partner family, received the Good Neighbor Award. Ed Sponseller was the Habitat Volunteer of the year award recipient

Chuck Lenz was the Habitat Positive Image Award recipi-ent. Richard "Dick" Plummer of Livonia received the Raymond J. Carbott Service Award.

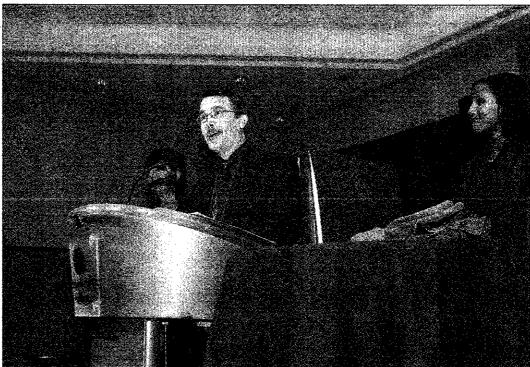
Jim Krone accepted The Sponsor of the Year Award on behalf of The Apostles Build. Chris Distelrath of Canton hosted the live auction which featured an autographed Pistons basketball, Lions football, two roundtrip tickets donated by Northwest Airlines and Red Wings tickets and a hockey puck

Barbara Fichtenberg of Canton chaired the silent auction. Plante Moran was one of many corporate sponsors for the evening event.

Additional corporate sponsors included: Ford Credit, Saturn Printing and Mailing, General Motors Livonia Engine, Northwest Airlines, Yazaki North America Inc., LaSalle Bank, Citizens Bank, Fifth Third Bank, DTE Energy, UPS, Down **River Association of Realtors** Charitable Foundation, family of Raymond J. Carbott, Marketing Associates, TCF Bank and Versacom Inc.

Community Financial, Fidelity Bank, Great Lakes Trophies and Engraving made financial contributions to the gala.

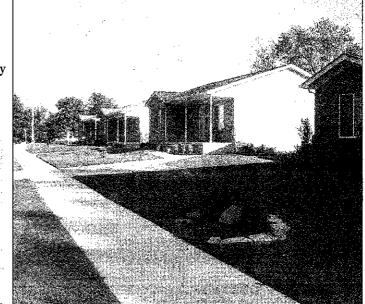
Churches from the Apostles Build include sponsors: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Geneva Presbyterian Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel



Jim Krone, a representative of the Apostles Build Steering Committee, representing Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, accepts the Sponsor of the Year Award on behalf of the churches involved. Robin Sullivan is on the left and Glenda Lewis on the right.

Parish, Resurrection Parish, St. John Neumann Parish, Christ Temple City of Refuge, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope Lutheran Church, Timothy Lutheran Church, Salem Lutheran Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and St. Thomas a 'Becket Catholic Church.

Participating church volunteers are from: (The Community of) St. Robert Bellarmine, Meadowbrook Congregational Church, and Allen Park Presbyterian Church. The Apostles worked on a home on Dunning in Inkster, with a groundbreaking Sept. 17, 2006, and dedication Aug. 25, 2007.



The Habitat homes on Dunning in Inkster have helped to transform the neighborhood.

Analyze market in L.A. area

Q. I have been thinking about developing a condo in the Century City portion of Los Angeles. I'm wondering if you have any information concerning the ability of space and/or occupancy rates?*

A. There is a mega hotel going up



in Century City, but it appears that there is additional land and demand for additional hotel space in the area.

Occupancy rates

continue to be high and there is also continued development of office. and retail in the area. Obviously investment in that area requires extensive marketing analysis, adequate financing and the ability to sustain economic variations. You are best advised, obviously, to contact local counsel to assist you in the process of investigating the opportunities in the Century City area.

Q. I have heard about the term prescriptive easement but I am wondering whether or not it could be established through the seasonal use of a facility as opposed to its continued use. Do you have any comments?

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	34031 Edna St \$127.000	48439 Binghampton Dr \$670,000	Redford
These are the area resi-	30011 Foxgrove Rd \$303,000	17049 Carriage Way \$100.000	25301 Five Mile Rd \$40,000
dential real-estate closings	20805 Gill Rd \$303.000	19171 Clement Rd \$220,000	8906 Appleton \$115,000
	24715 Glen Orchard Dr \$265.000	17630 Cranbrook Dr \$730.000	11427 Centralia \$99,000
recorded the week of July	28087 Hickory Dr \$385.000	46100 Curtis Rd \$445.000	17462 Centralia \$105,000
23-27, 2007, at the Wayne	30943 Hitching Post Ct \$340,000	44105 Greenview Ln \$505,000	19236 Dalby \$147.000
County Register of Deeds	35501 Johnstown Rd \$370.000	16133 Homestead Cir \$370,000	24848 Dover \$127.000
	21331 Oxford Ave \$121.000	15976 Morningside \$137,000	26010 Elba \$189.000
office, plus some from	21320 Parklane St \$220.000	39635 Muirfield Ln \$320,000	17326 Fox \$145.000
Oakland County, Listed	39386 Plumbrook Dr \$269.000	17186 Orchard Ridge Rd \$515,000	18491 Fox \$123,000
	21428 Riverwalk Ct \$358,000	49871 Parkside Dr \$100.000	20395 Fox \$120.000
below are cities, addresses	30469 Rockshire Ave \$275,000	860 Spring Dr \$260,000	13531 Garfield \$127,000
and sales prices.	27533 Shiawassee Rd \$135.000	39627 Springwater Dr \$176,000	18248 Indian \$119,000
•	37911 Wendy Lee St \$142,000	311 Yerkes St \$160.000	18692 Kinloch \$135.000
	Garden City	Novi	24646 Lyndon \$142,000
	6569 Inkster Rd \$95,000	45425 Andes Hills Ct \$154,000	25050 Midland \$120,000
Canton	6846 Schaller St \$120,000	23822 Arovle St \$543.000	17370 Olympia \$109,000
43171 Barchester Rd \$193,000	Livonia	2001 Austin Dr \$120.000	8971 San Jose \$155,000
7527 Corbin Dr \$210,000	16098 Alpine Dr \$274,000	27617 Belgrave Pl \$85,000	26126 Student \$124,000
6477 Edgewood Rd \$254,000	14576 Bainbridge St \$175,000	23095 Brockforest \$232,000	10019 Virgil \$111,000
255 Edington Cir \$210,000	11424 Berwick St \$165,000	21237 Chase Dr \$450,000	15883 Wakenden \$87,000
46311 Ford Rd \$95,000	14971 Cavour St \$110,000	41082 Clermont Ave \$435,000	17658 Wakenden \$98,000
7016 Foxthorn Dr \$109,000	34125 Coventry Dr \$206,000	22447 Cranbrooke Dr \$155,000	South Lyon
45851 Gainsborough Dr \$218,000	30725 Fargo St \$130,000	50102 Drakes Bay Dr \$1,300,000	26106 Cornell Dr \$300,000
45000 Geddes Rd \$190,000	18208 Floral St \$137,000	22560 Fuller Dr \$366,000	26438 Great Plains Dr \$302,000
7347 Hillsboro Dr \$230,000	18513 Gillman St \$150,000	22584 Fuller Dr \$377,000	960 Hearthside St \$181,000
45281 Horseshoe Cir \$163,000	33038 Grennada St 🛛 \$168,000	24792 Kings Pointe \$193,000	61540 Rambling Way \$190,000
726 Kings Way \$193,000	19350 Lathers St \$125,000	25828 Lochmoor Ln \$326,000	Westland
47479 Parkgate Ct \$375,000	33039 Martin St \$176,000	26468 Mandalay Ct \$210,000	344 Brookfield Dr. \$141,000
790 Pheasant Woods Dr	35999 Middleboro St \$195,000	23685 Meadowbrook Rd	394 Brookfield Dr \$137,000
\$275,000	34620 Northland Dr \$272,000	\$165,000	523 Brookfield Dr \$141,000
538 Pinehurst Dr \$305,000	29615 Nottingham Cir \$147,000	40768 Mill Road Ct W \$200,000	35648 Canyon Dr \$147,000
A1636 Sevan Dr \$287,000	27851 Pembroke St \$200,000	24524 Olde Orchard St \$110,000	144 Cherry Oak Ct \$227,000
46941 Southgate Dr \$255,000	32908 Perth St \$190,000	25834 Peninsula Dr \$500,000	7662 Cherrywood Dr \$226,000
45308 Thornhill Rd \$320,000	37690 Plymouth Rd \$65,000	24356 Saybrook Ct \$614,000	32835 Comanche St \$180,000
563 Torrington Dr W \$350,000	30540 Saint Martins St \$210,000	21923 Siegal Dr \$215,000	8060 Coventry St \$77,000
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. Farmington 23098 Violet St \$160.000	19961 Weyher St \$170,000	Plymouth	30766 Middlebury St \$126,000
FarmIngton Hills	35439 Wood St \$233,000	11536 Aspen Dr \$180,000	2022 N Crown St \$158,000
22149 Atlantic Pointe \$106.000	Milford	817 Deer Ct \$196,000	1644 S Parent St \$115,000
37814 Blossom Ln \$305.000	1043 Bird Song Ln \$209,000	45224 Pinetree Dr \$340,000	640 Superior Pkwy \$120,000
28044 Brookhill St \$270,000	2533 Demink St \$326,000	45827 Primrose Ct \$293,000	38509 Watson Cir \$175,000
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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer

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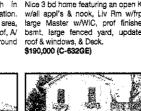


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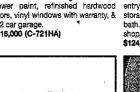
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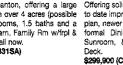




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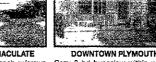
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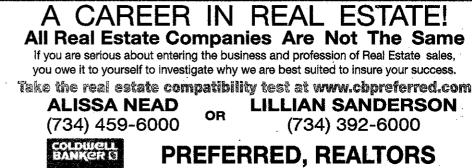


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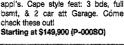
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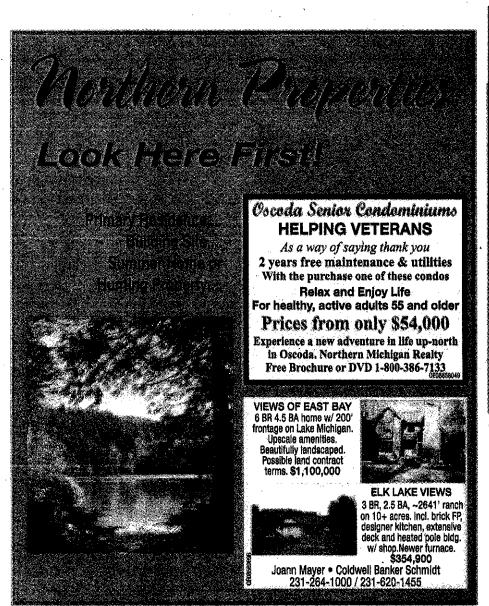
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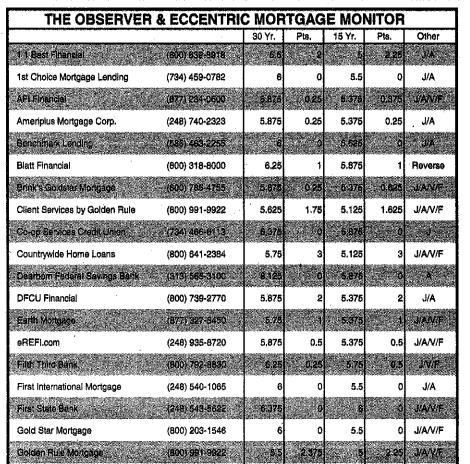
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The series reports on the economic impact of land conservation.

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A much anticipated series of research reports compiled by the Land Policy Institute (LPI) at Michigan State University through a joint project with Heart of the Lakes Center for Land **Conservation Policy recently** became available. The series reports on the economic impact of land conservation related to a number of factors, including property values, effect on local economies, and the amount states spend across the nation on land conservation.

"The Land Policy Institute is spearheading a body of research that informs many issues critical to success in the New Economy," said Dr. Soji Adelaja, LPI director and the John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor in Land Policy at MSU. "The protection and conservation of our natural resources, and maintaining a green infrastructure in Michigan's communities, will be a key to

attracting and keeping the knowledge-based workers we need to build prosperity."

The first report in the series looks at how much states spend on natural resources and environmental programs and the factors that drive those spending levels. Findings of this report show that states vary widely in what they spend on natural resource and environmental protection. Surprisingly, the amount and variety of natural assets a state has does not play as significant a role as socioeconomic and political factors in these spending decisions.

Only one state spends less, per capita, than Michigan on natural resources and environmental protection. LPI developed a model to assess what a state should spend given its natural resource base and socioeconomic and political realities. Based on this model, Michigan had the largest underspending gap in the nation.

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"These findings promise to be important tools for policy makers nationwide, as well as those working to solve our own state's problematic disinvestment in Michigan's natural assets," said Rachel Kuntzsch, executive director for Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy. "While the link between our natural resources and the state's economy is fairly intuitive, these studies help to quantify that economic connection. The results provide further support for the need to reverse the current trend of de-funding our natural resource and environmental programs."

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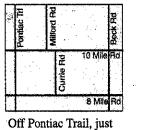


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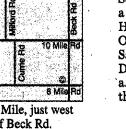
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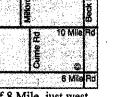
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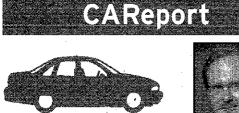
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By Dale Buss

Now that the "regular-season super bowl" is over -with the New England Patriots' defeat of the Indianapolis Colts two Sundays ago -- football advertisers as well as fans are turning more attention to the official Super Bowl XLII on February 3. And despite the fact that Fox already has sold out more than 90% of its commercial spots for the game broadcast, automakers aren't among the major advertisers clamoring to get in.

In fact, General Motors and its divisions have decided to cut the company's total number of in-game TV advertisements down to just one, compared with three during the 2007 Super Bowl. And Honda has decided for the first time in four years to bow out of running spots during the Super Bowl telecast itself. Other automakers either are standing pat, haven't decided for sure about their Super Bowl plans, or aren't talking.

Both GM and Honda, however, maintain that their reduced participation in Super Bowl ads reflects tactical decisions rather than any strategic deemphasis of the long-term importance of the global marketing phenomenon that is expected to reach more than 90 million people.

Honda simply doesn't plan a new product launch or have ready "a major message" whose timing could take advantage of Super Bowl XLII, said Tom Peyton, senior marketing manager for national advertising.

Last year, Honda's most memorable ad was an ode to Elvis Presley's "Burning Love" and the automaker's redesigned CRV; the company also bought a spot touting the overall fuel efficiency of its fleet. That followed a 2006 spot in which Honda bragged about its Ridgeline being named Motor Trend's Truck of the Year and a 2005 commercial that introduced Ridgeline.

"It's still an outstanding [advertising] vehicle if you've got a Super Bowl-worthy message, or a new product launch," Peyton said. "It's still the best vehicle you can use to get broad awareness and immediacy. And it drives a lot of web traffic and creates a lot of additional impressions. Not too many other properties



The MVP of the 2008 Super Bowl is destined to get one of these: a Cadillac Escalade.

have that.

"But we just don't feel we have a message befitting the Super Bowl," he added. "The only thing that would change our plans is a last-minute fire sale" on ad space.

GM marketers recognized a similar reality in making their recent decision to drop to one Super Bowl spot from three. "None of our vehicle launches is taking place around then," spokeswoman Ryndee Carney noted. "That's what we always do with our decision: We're always balancing our business need at any given time with opportunities to purchase media."

The company's single in-game spot will be a 60second Chevrolet ad, but the division hasn't decided exactly what it will promote with it, Carney said. Right now, Chevrolet marketers are pulling out all the stops promoting the launch of their all-new Malibu compact.

In Super Bowl XLI, Chevrolet purchased two spots. One was the memorable ad featuring men in various stages of "beefcake" undress washing an HHR -- a spot that was conceived by college students whose idea ended up winning a contest under which Chevy produced the ad. Chevrolet also ran an "anthem" spot with celebrities including Mary J. Blige and Dale Earnhart Jr. singing songs with "Chevy" in the lyrics.

And, of course, during the 2007 Super Bowl, GM paid for an infamous corporate ad that promoted its new 100,000-mile warranty program with a suicidal robot. Anti-suicide groups ranted that GM's ad was insensitive to actual humans with real suicidal thoughts.

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On the other hand, Cadillac plans a significant enhancement of its marketing partnership with the Super Bowl post-game, including its long-running sponsorship of the contest's Most Valuable Player Award. Last year, Colts Quarterback Peyton Manning received a Cadillac Escalade in an on-field ceremony after the game.

But in determining to gain better leverage from its MVP sponsorship and its overall status as an official sponsor of Super Bowl week in the host city – Phoenix, this time -- Cadillac decided to extend its marketing presence forward in time to the National Football League playoffs in January as well.

"We wanted to help 'pay off' our Super Bowl MVP involvement and the NFL's association with Cadillac, so the first time that you hear about it no longer will be at the end of the Super Bowl," explained Liz Vanzura, Cadillac's global marketing director. "We figured, 'Why not engage people earlier?"" So, Cadillac plans to sponsor in-game "vignettes"

So, Cadillac plans to sponsor in-game "vignettes" that will be produced and shown on the fly during each of Fox's last four playoff games before the Super Bowl, featuring National Football Conference teams. They will be called "Cadillac MVP Moments," produced by both Cadillac and the National Football League, and be integrated into the telecast as well as available afterward online.

"Online and digital-space connections with [the Super Bowl] are no-brainers," Vanzura said. "But we haven't explored them before. We'll take a more active role in that this year."



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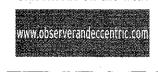
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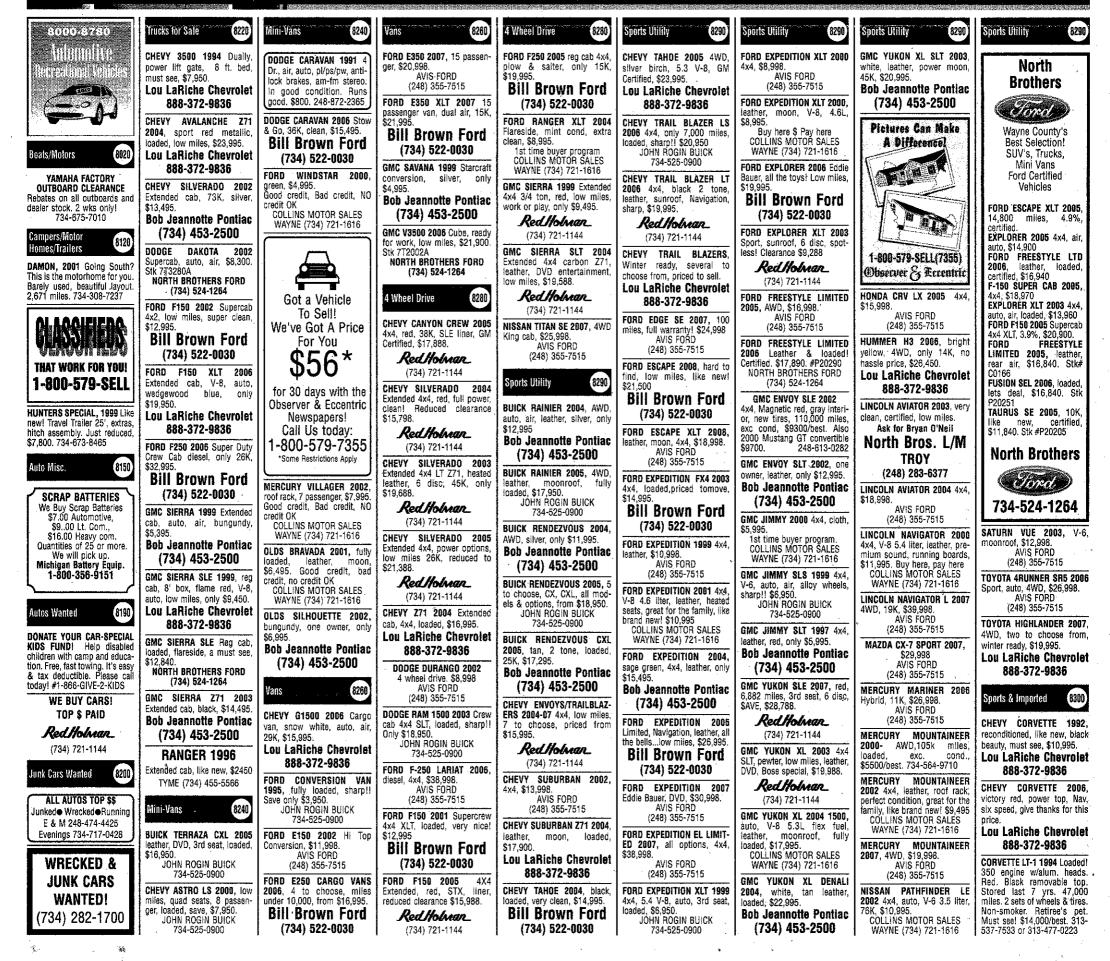
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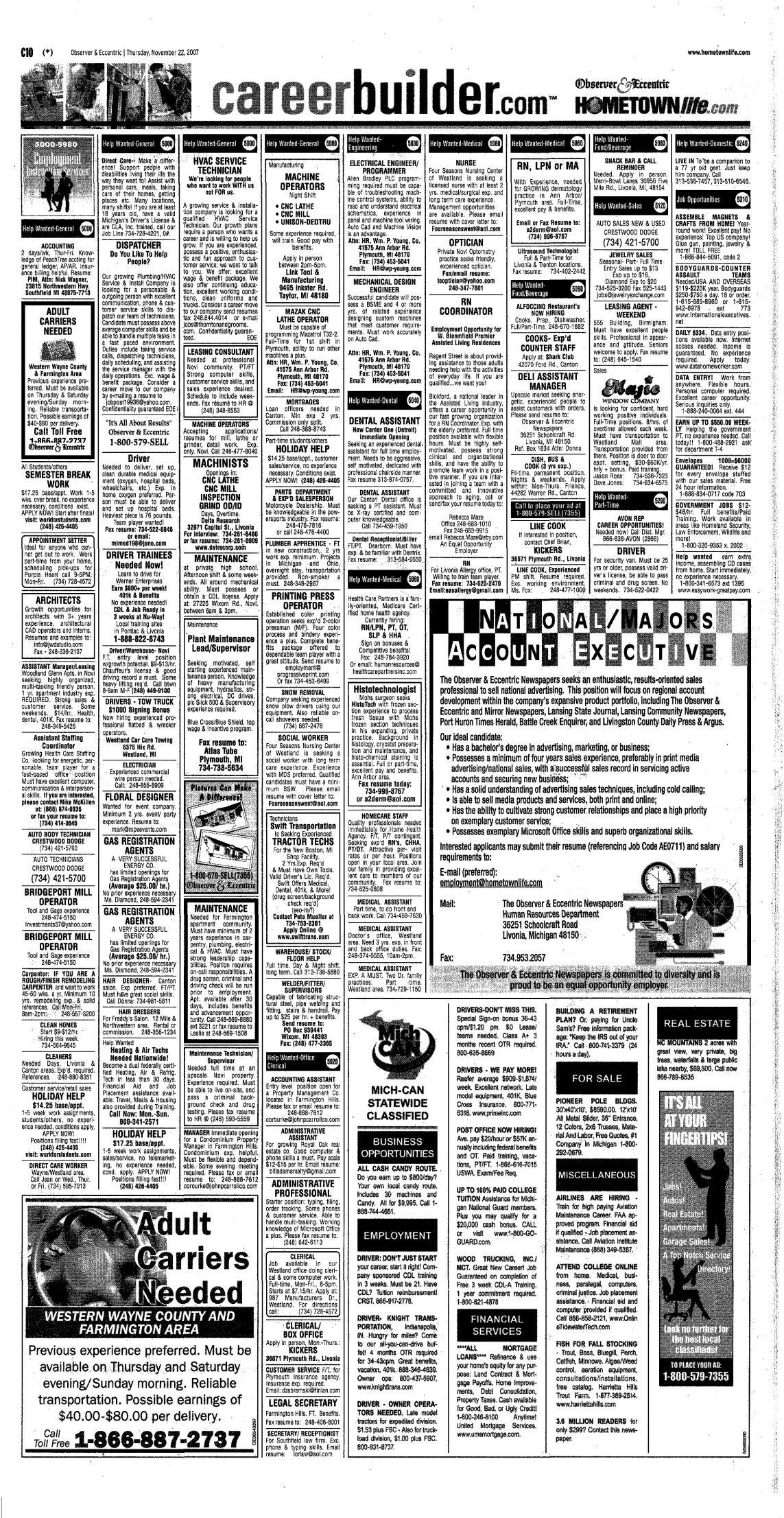
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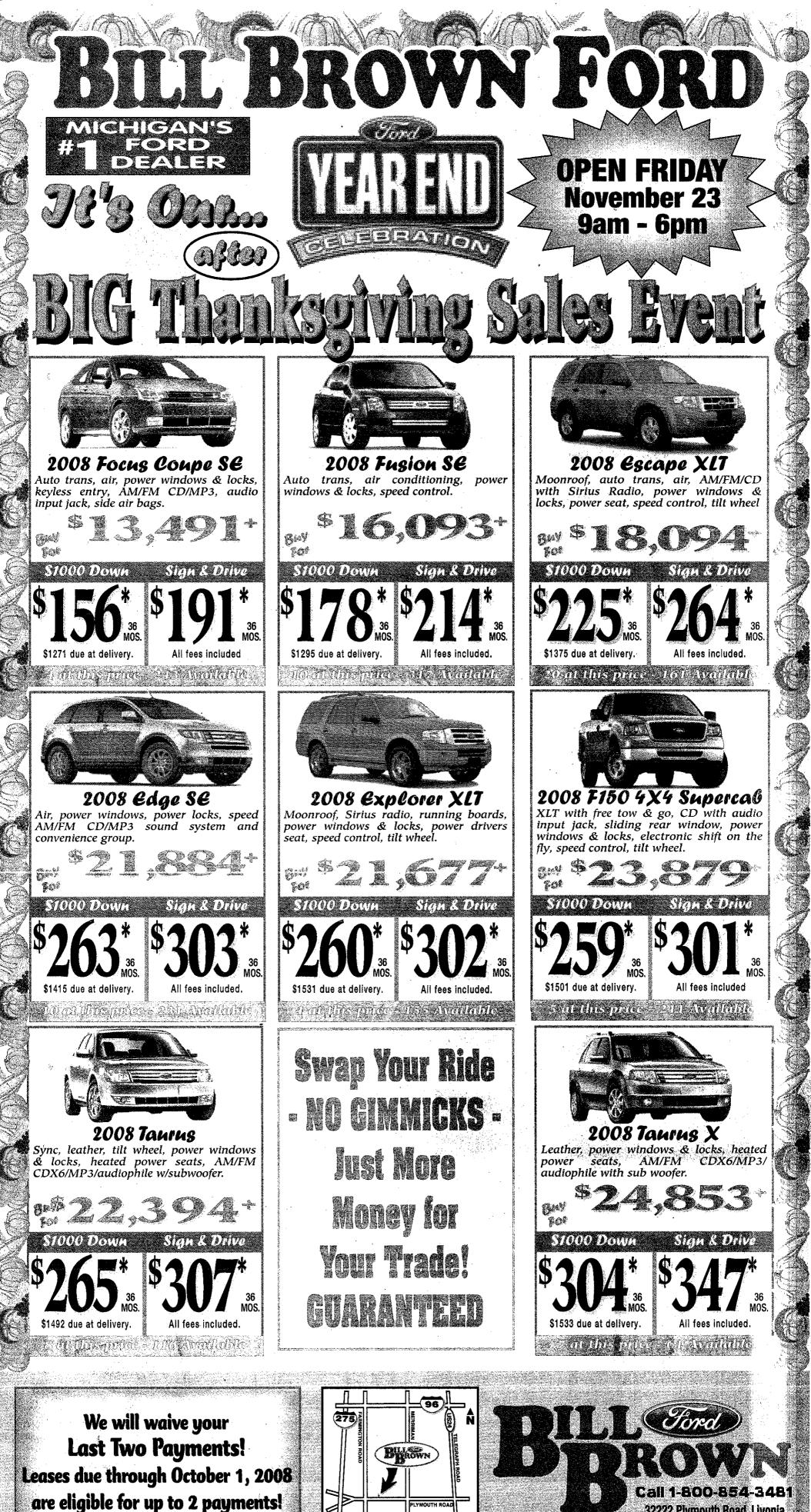
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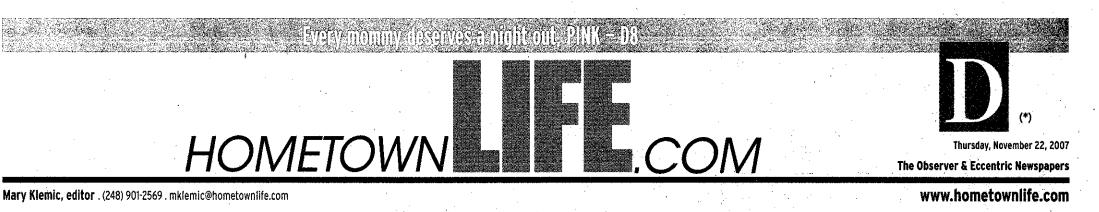
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Turkey is great on Thanksgiving, and even better beyond.

New ideas for Thanksgiving leftovers

BY J.M. HIRSCH AP FOOD WRITER

The beauty of Thanksgiving leftovers is that they taste great pretty much no matter what you do with them.

Slap stuffing, turkey and cranberry sauce between slices of bread and you have a great sandwich (add cheese and pop the whole thing in a 350 degrees F oven for 10 minutes and it's even better).

Or simmer the turkey meat, mashed potatoes, vegetables and gravy with a few quarts of chicken broth for a hearty soup (season with salt, freshly ground black pepper and a touch of cayenne).

Then there's Thanksgiving

macaroni and cheese. Toss cooked noodles with chopped turkey, shredded cheese and vegetables, then transfer to a baking pan. Top with a thin layer of stuffing and more cheese, then bake until browned.

And, of course, there are fritters, an easy way to use just about any leftovers. These are served with a sauce made from cranberry sauce and tomato salsa, but leftover gravy would be delicious, too.

THANKSGIVING FRITTERS

Start to finish: 30 minutes Servings: 4 to 6

½ cup cranberry sauce

½ cup tomato salsa

2 cups mashed potatoes 1 cup stuffing 1 cup chopped cooked vegetables

1½ cups chopped turkey meat (or more) ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

- ¼ cup minced onion 2 eggs
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 cup breadcrumbs 2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil
- Preheat oven to 200 degrees F.

In a small saucepan, combine the cranberry sauce and salsa. Mix well and bring to a simmer over low heat.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl,

More leftover turkey recipes, D3.

combine the mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, turkey meat, parsley, onion, eggs, salt, pepper and paprika. Mix well. Place the breadcrumbs in a large, shallow bowl.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high. With lightly floured hands, form about ½ cup of the mashed potato mixture into a patty, then set it in the bowl of breadcrumbs, turning it to lightly coat both sides.

One or two at a time, place the patties in the skillet and cook 3 to 4 minutes per side, or until lightly browned. Transfer the fritters to a baking sheet and place into the oven to keep warm. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Serve fritters with warm cranberry salsa.

Hashbrowns are another leftover highlight



MERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Enjoy this two-potato, apple and cranberry hash, flavored with stuffing seasoning, with leftover turkey this weekend.

BY DANA JACOBI FOR THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

This two-potato, apple and cranberry hash is flavored with stuffing seasoning and highlights the best of Thanksgiving's flavors. Although this recipe calls for mashing fresh potatoes, leftover mashed potatoes can be substituted. Enjoy it with turkey on Friday, then accompanied by a poached egg over the weekend.

SWEET POTATO, APPLE AND CRANBERRY HASHBROWNS

2 cup fresh or frozen cranberries, coarsely chopped
 2 teaspoon each of ground thyme, sage and ginger
 2 teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Low-fat sour cream (optional)

1 large (3/4 pound) orange-flesh sweet potato, peeled and cut into1/2-inch pieces

2 medium yellow-flesh potatoes (1/2 pound), peeled and cut into $\ensuremath{\mathsf{k}}$ -inch pieces

2 tablespoons canola oil

1 medium onion, finely chopped

2 green onions, white and green parts, thinly sliced % Granny Smith apple, finely chopped

Boil the peeled potato pieces in large pot of water until tender, about 15-20 minutes. Drain. When cool enough to handle, place in a large mixing bowl. Set aside.

Heat I tablespoon of the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion, green onions and apple until the onions are translucent, about 4 minutes. Add them to the potatoes. Add the cranberries, stuffing seasoning, salt and pepper. Using a fork, gently mix, slightly mashing the potatoes to help the mixture hold together a bit. Carefully wipe out the hot pan with a paper towel.

Heat the remaining tablespoon of oil in the pan over medium-high heat. Add the hashbrown mixture to the pan, forming eight mounds. Press lightly with the back of a fork.

Cook until the hash is dark brown on the bottom, 6-8 minutes. Using a wide spatula, turn the patties over, pressing them back together if they crumble. Continue cooking for an additional 6-8 minutes. Serve immediately. Garnish with low-fat sour cream, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 181 calories, 7 g total fat (<1 g saturated fat), 27 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 169 mg sodium.

New device delivers unlimited calling for \$40

ave I got a gizmo for you. It's called MagicJack (magicjack.com), and it lets you make unlimited local and long-distance from your PC. Or any PC.

About the size of a Zippo lighter, the MagicJack plugs into a USB port, where it automatically installs its own software. Neat.

Then you plug any standard corded or cordless phone into the MagicJack's RJ-11 jack. Presto: You've got a new phone line, complete with a new local number, for making and receiving calls anywhere in the U.S.

As you may have guessed, the MagicJack relies on voiceover-IP technology, much like Vonage,
 ViaTalk, and
 other Internet
 phone services
 I've mentioned
 in the past.
 The difference
 here is that it's
 a plug-and play — make
 that plug-and-

dial - experi-

ence: You're

not abandoning your landline,

The device currently works

systems, but a Mac-compatible

version is imminent. Whatever

system you use, it needs to

have a broadband Internet

with Windows XP and Vista

but rather adding a new line

that costs peanuts.

nternet MagicJack is totally transparservices ent: You pick up your phone

oned and dial it like you normally would. When a call comes in, ence your phone rings. The only real tit's difference is that the phone l- itself is plugged into your PC ke instead of the wall.

connection.

Obviously, that means your PC must remain on 24/7, which isn't exactly convenient (or energy-efficient). Of course, you could always turn it off and let inbound calls go to voicemail -- one of MagicJack's many included features. Other features include call waiting, three-way calling, and even Enhanced 911 service.

The experience of using

At first I didn't think this was a worthwhile tool for travelers: Who wants to schlep a bulky corded handset? But then I discovered that it also works with corded headsets; toss a cheap one in your bag and you're good to go. In fact, you can use the MagicJack in just about any foreign country to make free calls back to the U.S. You can also make free overseas calls from the U.S. to other MagicJack users worldwide.

Who else would benefit from owning one of these? Kids who want their own phone line; cash-strapped college students; home-based business

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Leftover turkey with Asian flair

Have you ever noticed some of the best tasting meals are those that evolve from leftovers? Leaving flavors to meld and deepen for even a day can have a major impact on flavor. Stir-fries are a great way to recycle - and reinvigorate - the extra food left on your table.

DAY-AFTER STIR-FRY

1 tablespoon canola oil 1 cup chopped green vegetable (for

example, snow peas, string beans, broccoli)

1 cup chopped red or orange vegetable (for example, carrot, bell pepper, red onion)

1 cup fresh, chopped bok choy, spinach or cabbage

3 cups steamed brown rice 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, for

garnist

¼ cup reduced-sodium soy sauce plus 2 tsp., divided

2 teaspoons sugar, divided 2 tablespoons mirin, sweet wine wine or sherry, divided

½ teaspoon minced green onion ½ teaspoon minced ginger

1 cup cooked turkey, cut into bite sizes

1 teaspoon cornstarch

In a shallow pan, mix ¼ cup soy sauce, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 tablespoon mirin, the green onion and ginger. Add turkey

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife. com, or fax (248) 644-1314. 2 Unique Classes

Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of 2 Unique Catering & Event Planners, offers classes throughout the fall, includand marinate 10 to 30 minutes. Discard the used marinade and pat the turkey dry with paper towel.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl or cup, mix together the remaining soy sauce, sugar and mirin with the cornstarch until well blended. Set aside.

Heat a wok or a large sauté pan. Add the turkey and cook over high heat until warmed through. Remove with slotted spoon and set aside. Add half of the oil and heat the vegetables in batches, making sure not to overcrowd the pan. Add the remaining oil as needed. If using leftover vegetables, stir-fry just long enough to rewarm, 30 seconds to 1 minute. The bok choy, spinach and cabbage cook quickly as well; heat until just wilted.

When all of the vegetables are tender-crisp, add the turkey back to the pan. Add the remaining soy sauce mixture and stir until sauce thickens. Serve immediately with steamed rice. Sprinkle with sesame seeds to garnish.

Makes 6 servings. Nutritional information per serving: 207 calories, 5 grams total fat (<1 g saturated fat), 29 g carbohydrate, 10 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 274 mg sodium. AICR's Web address is www.aicr.org.

Source: American Institute for Cancer Research



TURKEY CHOP SUEY

1 cup chicken broth, fat removed*

2 cups cooked, cubed turkey

2 cups sliced celery

1 tablespoon soy sauce

½ teaspoon salt (optional)

2½ tablespoons cornstarch

1 can (16 ounces) bean sprouts,

Spray a large frying pan

with non-stick cooking spray

and brown turkey. Add celery,

onion, broth, soy sauce and salt

5-10 minutes. Meanwhile, mix

(optional). Cover and simmer for

cornstarch, ginger, molasses and

water. Stir into hot mixture and

cook until thickened. Add bean

Makes 5 cups (4 servings);

Servings: 1; Exchanges: 3/2 very

lean meat, 3 vegetable; calories

197, total fat 3g, saturated fat

1g, cholesterol 68mg, sodium

dietary fiber 2g, protein 28g

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398mg, total carbohydrate 15g,

Each Serving: 1¹/₄ cups; Carb

sprouts and heat thoroughly.

Serve over noodles or quick-

cooking brown rice.

1 cup sliced onion

¼ teaspoon ginger

¼ cup water

1 tablespoon molasses

drained (or 1½ cups fresh)

users; and second-home owners who don't want to pay the phone company for year-round service.

I tested the MagicJack on a couple PCs and came away mighty impressed - eventually. When I first plugged it into a Windows Vista system, it didn't work. A trip to the MagicJack Web site revealed that I needed a software update, which I downloaded and installed.

sailing: I set up my account, chose a phone number, and plugged in my phone. I immediately heard a loud, clear dial tone. During my test calls, voice quality proved to be excellent, easily on par with my full-time phone service (ViaTalk). I then headed to Coffee

'N' More in Wixom (order a warmed-up cinnamon twist, you won't regret it), connected my Windows XP notebook to their free Wi-Fi network, and plugged in the MagicJack. After a few seconds of automated installing, my account

is that?

Whether you're looking for a dirt-cheap second line or you just want a simple way to testdrive VoIP, you'll absolutely love the Magic Jack. It's one of the coolest things I've seen all year.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@ amail.com.

CLICK REFE TO OPTIMIZE! 0 Select Your Current 911 Location The MagicJack automatically loads its own software, which provides an From there it was smooth address book, phone dialer, and other handy features. popped up on the screen. The gizmo remembers all your details, including contacts you add to its address book. Then I plugged in my embarrassingly bulky corded phone and picked it up: instant dial tone. Admittedly, there was a bit of drop-out during my test calls, probably owing to the relatively slow network,

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Don't be shy

everybody's doing it

but overall they sounded great. I've saved the best part for last: The MagicJack costs just \$40, which includes your first year of service. Each additional year is \$20. How incredible



FOOD CALENDAR

ing Cookie Exchange, 5-9 p.m. Nov. 23; 4303 Delemere Court (south of 14 Mile, two blocks east of Coolidge), Royal Oak, (248) 549-5242, www.twounique.com.

Hanukkah Cuisine Tasting

Try new items from a Hanukkah menu at Whole Foods Market, traditional cuisine will be available for sampling, as well as some new unconventional, yet delicious, Hanukkah options,

noon- 4 p.m. Dec. 2, Whole Foods Market Rochester Hills, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills (248) 652-2100. The Community House

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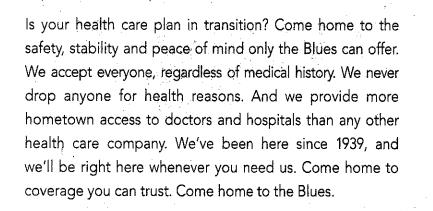
"Our intent is to emphasize regional fruit flavor and palate softness in wines with balanced oak," says Matt Koch, senior winemaker.

REGIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

As a first example, Koch cites the 2006 Rosemount Show Reserve Mudgee Chardonnay \$15. "Mudgee appellation vineyards are at elevations of 1,300 feet and cooler," he says. "Soils are unique and chardonnay has grapefruit and citrus notes in a crisper, more refreshing style."

While coming across crisp and clean, a defined creaminess establishes the palate softness Koch spoke to.

An excellent comparison pairs the Mudgee chardonnay with 2006 Rosemount Show Reserve Hunter Valley Chardonnay \$18. The Hunter Valley appellation is warmer and the wine has an overall richer impression, highlight-ing peach and tropical fruit. Koch matured the wine in 20 to 25 percent new French oak cooperage and retained the wine on its lees, with stirring for nine months, which built in layers of texture with fruit and oak in wonderful harmony. A similar comparison can be made between two Rosemount Show Reserve reds, 2005 Mudgee Shiraz \$16 and 2004 McLaren Vale Shiraz \$21. Mudgee is loaded with spice, pepper and savory tannins over delicious ripe red fruits. McLaren Vale experiences a maritime and warmer climate influence that highlights blueberry and cherry aromas and flavors in the wine, which can get up to 50 percent new oak, depending on the vintage, and comes across bigger and richer with supple and generous fla-VOIS.





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GSM (standing for a blend of grenache, shiraz and mourvedre) has had something of a cult following. Its raspberry and cherry juicy fruit fills the mouth, complemented by nice oak touches. It's a big wine that's approachable and seductive.

Traditional, a blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and petit verdot is a steak wine, hard to beat at the price. If both Napa Valley and Bordeaux prices are beyond your reach, try this wine with outstanding length. A medium-rare grilled rib-eye comes to mind!

Eleanor & Ray Heald are contributing editors for the internationally respected. "Quarterly Review of Wines" and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers." Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.



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Fall schedule

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NOVEMBER

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. 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Understanding A Course in miracles takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, and Dec. 15. For more information, contact Jim White at (734) 259-0207 or send e-mail to love. comm@hotmail.com.

Heroes

Series explores the lives of five ordinary heroes 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, and Dec. 2, at Life Covenant Church which meets at East Middle School, 1042 Lillev (S. Mill). Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 634-2697.

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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.

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), email 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, Jowa. **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.theinnatstiohns. com or call (734) 414-0600.

Nativity displays

More than 200 Nativity displays from around the world in a Celebration of the Christmas Creche II 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 S50 and benefits the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, RSVP required by calling (313) 824-4710) at their building, 15415 E. Jefferson at Somerset, Grosse Pointe Park. The nativity displays are from the private collection of Bengt and Elaine Swenson.

Christmas concert

St. Aidan Adult Choir and friends perform a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the church on Farmington road, north of Six Mile in Livonia. Proceeds from this event help provide assistance to our Christian Service Commission in the preparation of Christmas Baskets for those in need. Admission is \$5 and 2 non-perishable food items.

ONGOING

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. 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. ora.

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-caneat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month. The breakfasts



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.

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)534-7730. **Thrift Shop**

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

Morning prayers

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church. 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God. 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer, For Information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa. higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Uplifting church services

Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. An open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland, Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Youth wanted

Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia, Come to one of the regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

Join with others as you discover ways to keep minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth),

org/celebrate. Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile , one block west of inkster, Livonia. For more information, call-(734) 422-1470.

Worship service

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

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

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

visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

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

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.*

Learner's Bible study

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

Church service

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

Eucharistic adoration

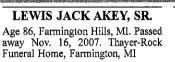
The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories. St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile. Redford, Call (313) 534-7730.



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MARGARET "Peg"

HAWKINS

Age 82, of Plymouth, died November 19, 2007. She was born July 20, 1925.

in Detroit. On June 13, 1946, she mar

ried her beloved husband, William

She was a member of Our Lady of

Good Counsel Church in Plymouth

She was a proud Irish lady who loved

her family. She is survived by her children, Nancy (Dennis) Johnson,

Kathy, Jim (Pam), Dan (Denise), and

John (Deanna) Hawkins; her grand-

children, Dennis (Laura) Johnson Jr.

Amy (Darrell) Murfree, Tim Johnson

Benjamin, Zachary, Megan, Stephanie,

Kim, Jamie, Kelly, Daniel, and Haley

Hawkins; and seven great-grandchil

dren. She is preceded in death by he

husband, William J. Hawkins. Funeral

from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial,

lymouth, Friday, November 23

10:30am. Friends may visit at church

beginning at 10am. Memorials may be

made to the Alzheimer's Association

Share condolences with the family at:

www.schrader-howell.com

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OBITUARY

are served in the school cafeteria at

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.

Mothers of Preschoolers meets on

the first and third Friday mornings or

first and third Wednesday evenings

at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy

(734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail

Road, Canton, For information, call

MOPS groups



BEATRICE MAE WAY

Age 86, of Rapid City, MI, formerly of Plymouth, passed away on November 16, 2007 in Traverse City. Beatrice was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, Kenneth. She is survived by her son Bill (Joyce) Way and daughter Olivia Way; grandchil-dren Jennifer (Scott) Weaver and Jonathan (Heather) Way; great-granddaughter Ana Weaver. Bea and Ken were married in 1950 and lived in the city of Plymouth until they built a home in Rapid City, MI and moved north. Bea was a member of the Kalkaska United Methodist Church. She had a great love for music, the out of doors, and spending time with famly and friends. Bea played the cello in the Benzie Orchestra and loved fishing in the northern rivers and lakes. She will be greatly missed by not only her children and grandchildren, but also by her large extended family and many friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, lymouth. Share memories at schrader-howell.com. Memorials to National Stroke Association, 9707 E. Easter ane, Centennial, CO 80112, or Kalkaska United Methodist Church. 2525 Beebe Rd, 49646, or to the Humane Society.



DAVID JOSEPH NINOWSKI

Of Westland, MI: Age 49. Died November 17, 2007 after a 4-1/2 year battle with esophageal cancer. Devoted husband of Donna for 20 years. Loving father of Jennifer, David and Dane, and grandfather to Rylee Payne. David is also survived his mother, Barbara Diles and father, Charles (Lynn) Ninowski and his sons, Steve (Kathy) Ninowski, Larry Ninowski, Scott Wedemeyer and Eric (Cristy) Wedemeyer. Son-inlaw of Charles (the late Dorothy) Dubauskas. Nephew of Mickey (Dan) Barr, Donna (Greg) Lenar, Ann Schrader, Olga (Bert) Show and Jim (Judy) Ninowski. Also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and his loyal dog, Gunny. Memorial visi-tation Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007 from 2p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorial Mass Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 at 10 a.m. at St. Damian Catholic Church, 30055 Joy Rd., Westland. In lieu of flowers, contributions to fund his children's education in c/o Donna Ninowski would be appreciated. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

ROBERT J. WILLIAMS

Age 60, Moorpark, CA, November

Home, Farmington, MI

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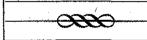
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WILLIAM D. BAXTER

Age 66, of Orlando, passed away November 15, 2007. Mr. Baxter was born on November 25, 1940 in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of William and Evelvn Cusac Baxter. He came to Central Florida in 2002 from Plymouth, Michigan. He worked in sales in the plastic industry. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Orlando. He was a board member of Penrickton Center for Blind Children for 13 years, Mr. Baxter is survived by his loving wife, Mary Baxter. A memorial service for Mr. Baxter will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 11:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church of Orlando, 142 E. Jackson Street, Orlando, Florida. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Road, Taylor, Michigan 18180. Arrangements entrusted to COLLISON FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY SOUTH SEMINOLE CHAPEL 335 E. State Rd 434 Longwood, Florida 32750. Phone (407) 260-5400.

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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 aroup focuses on dianity 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. Aldan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950.

Bible study

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Study the Gospel of Luke through November, then move on to Romans. Come once or more often, Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

Fellowship Dinners

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, \$6. At

Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990. Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360. Bible study

7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. Farmington Aglow is a Christian women's groups.

Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland, Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Celebrate Recovery

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebratcrecovery.com and www.wardchurch.

Eucharistic adoration

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

Unity of Livonia

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

Shabbat services

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

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton, Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Detroit World Outreach

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions. energized contemporary music, hightech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of

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the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Trinity Episcopal Church

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

Shabbat Rocks

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

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds

at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school

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

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

Single Point Ministries For ages 30 and older, join more

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

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

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward.

Call (734) 421-7620.

BELIEFS AND VALUES

Qigong The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

Worship services

At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland, Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Corinthians, breakfast at 7 a.m. for Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the Kerby Coney Island, Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile. Come when you can, leave when you must. Call (248) 924-2779.

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Believille Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494. Praver group

Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more

information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

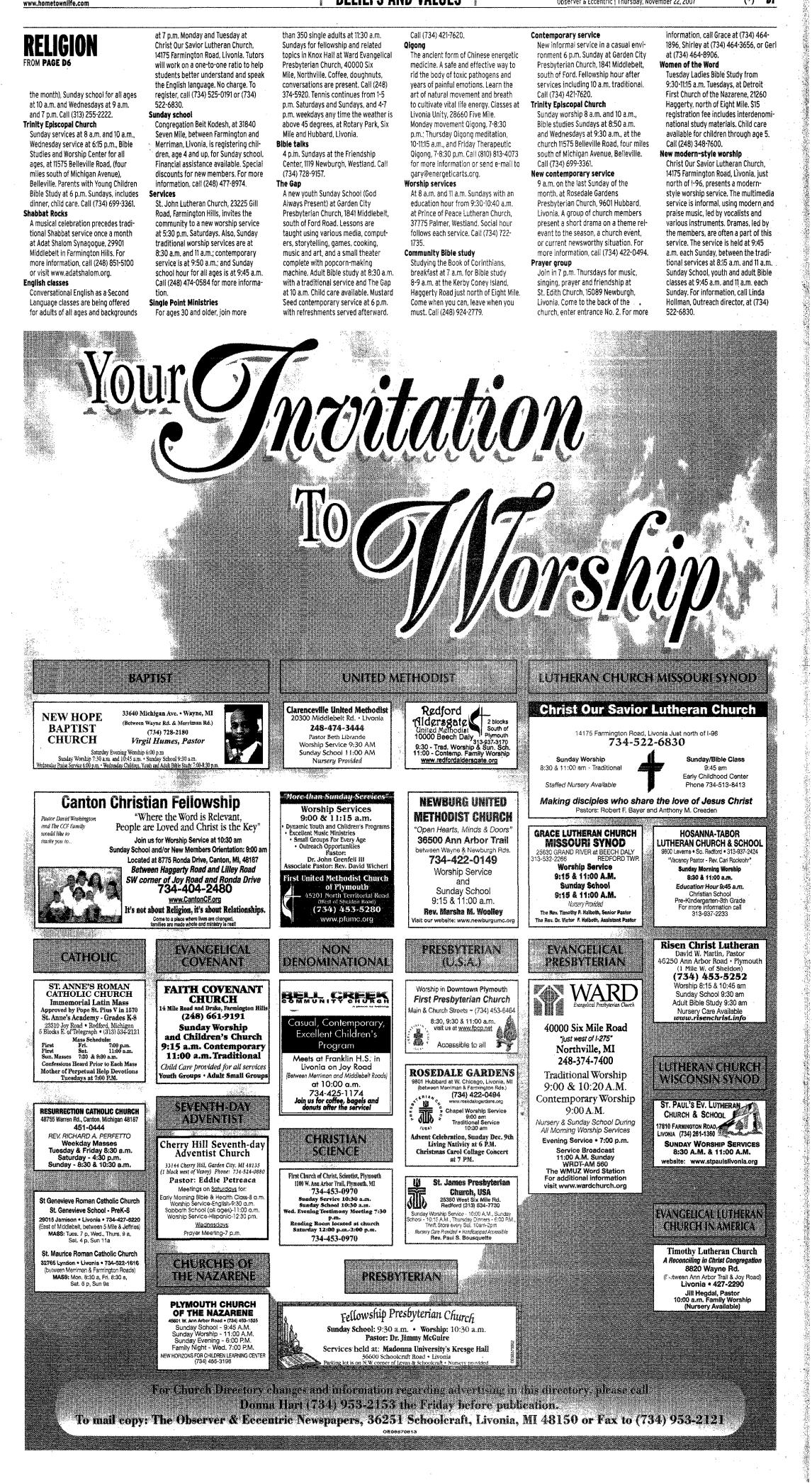
New modern-style worship

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96, presents a modernstyle worship service. The multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830.

Women of the Word

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To shop or not to shop? BY AMANDA ABUKHADER

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After you've gotten your fill of turkey and cranberry sauce set your alarms, because black Friday will be here. The day after Thanksgiving: one of the most well known shopping days, great deals and chaotic crowds. With shopper's doomsday almost upon us, Pink went out to ask the shoppers at Westland Shopping Center:

"Are you going to brave the crowds to go shopping on the day after Thanksgiving?"



"I'm working, but if I wasn't I would definitely go because there are some really great deals." Christina Milne, Garden City



"Of course (will, if I have the money that is." Melissa Tyree, Taylor "No, I changed jobs so we're going to try to be more frugal this year."

Angle Harris, Wayne

"Nope, it's just too crowdedi" Darcy Blakemore, Westland

Every mommy deserves a night out

With 52 fabulous entries for our "Mommy's Night Out" contest, it was difficult to choose a winner. One entry, however, stood out amongst the rest; the heartfelt story of Sheila James from Westland (see entry below). Sheila and her three guests won a Mom's Night Out package to see "MommyHood" on Nov. 15 at Andiamo Italia in Warren. The prize package included four tickets to the play, dinner for four at Andiamo Italia, and a signature "MommyHood" pendant designed by Lucido Fine Jewelry. Believe us when we say that making this decision was not an easy one, and to commend all the magnificent entries that we received, we would like to show case our top ten * choices, Enjoy!



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> **A PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY** Santa Claus will arrive at his house in Kellogg Park accompanied by a tree lighting ceremony and winter concert 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 to see "Gingerbread Houses on Parade." Vote for your favorite of the 55 gingerbread houses by handing in your vote at the Chamber or Michigan Made, and enter to win great prizes. 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.

"Shop & Champagne" 6:30-9 p.m. Nov. 28. Tickets, \$50-\$100 include 10 percent discount, valet, stroilling dinner, champagne and gift wrapping. The Holiday Shop is free and open to the public Nov. 30-Dec. 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; Noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.BBArtCenter.org.

HOLIDAY JEWELRY FESTIVAL

Native West will celebrate it's 18th annual "Holiday Jewelry Festival" with a fabulous selection of Native American jewelry from the Southwest, all made in the U.S. Festival Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30; 10 a.m.-6

Shella James invited three special people to share the evening with her. Left to right, Linda Mullins, of Whittaker , she is "Shella's mother, Shella James, Cheryl Meade, her cousin from Taylor, and Shella's aunt Bonnie Wallace from Romulus."

RUNNERS-UP:

l am Mom Mom I am Is each an exhausting day? Do I need time away? Yes! With munchkins 2, 5, 8 Cooking ... cleaning ... laundry ... LATE! Would PINK get "thanks" for a reprieve? Yes! Then I'd leave! I'd go with special gals. I'd share with mommy pals. Say! I do need OUT!

Mary Biber, Westland

I have 4 children (including twins) and haven't had a break since 1989. I also teach kindergarten and have 36 more little ones to take care of all day every day. A night out with grown-ups would be a chance to recharge. HELPIII Terri Proben, Livonia

My name is Delaney. I am six months old and I am writing you to tell you why my mom deserves a Mom's Night Out. My mom has four children: me, my two sisters and ... my dad. We range in age from me to my sister Kennedy who is 7 years old. In addition to the normal shuttling kids around for school and playdates, mom is a leader in Brownies, active on PTA, and started up a womens' neighborhood group. Also, my sister Kennedy requires physical therapy several times a week and mom works hard to make sure sis is getting the best therapy available. I think she REALLY deserves a moms night out.

Cheryl Jagnow, Northville

I'm a full time, employed, single mother of two boys who are busier than little bumblebees. I'm pursuing my MBA, take care of our home, car and all three of us without federal, state or family help, but still manage to provide the best for my sons and myself. As much as I need a getaway, I can barely be away from my children when they're on a overnight visit to Grandma's. I haven't gotten a chance to buy myself new work clothes because I'm constantly trying to save or when I do spend, I spend on them. Even if I don't get chosen, it's been very interesting telling about my boys. I love them to death and even though

I really need a getaway, I'd take them right along with me. Tiara A. Riley, Detroit

Mom's night out? Do moms really go out? Where do they go? What do they do? Do they get to eat meals that don't involve peanut butter or goldfish? Do they get to eat without being interrupted for "more milk" or a potty break? Do they get to talk about stuff other than Dora, sales on diapers and mysterious rashes?

Rosie Whitcher, Garden City

My husband decided he "needed to go find himself," my employer decided it needed to downsize, and the toilet decided it just won't flush on the same day the dryer decided it just won't dry. I am still smiling and taking care of my kids as I write this (you know you can't make this stuff up). That is why I need a mom's night out. I'll take three other deserving

moms with me!

Linda Busse, Northville

FROM THE DADS:

l am writing on behalf of my wife,

Mary Ellen Whittington. I think she needs a girl's night out! She is a wonderful wife and mother to our two children. Working part-time, she raises the family, providing love and support. With many friends, who reflect her kindness, she finds time to volunteer at school. She laughs, cares and listens. And because I love her.

Robert Whittington, Birmingham

l am entering on behalf of my significant other, Kristy. We have two children one year apart, Naveah and Vincent. When Naveah was only five months old, I enlisted in the National Guard. A week after signing the contract, we found out she was pregnant with Vincent. I was in training for eight months and she went through the birth of Vincent without my presence – I got emergency leave, but did not arrive until several hours after the birth. She is now going to school for massage therapy and remains a great mother.

> PFC Randy Hockenberry, Westland

- Compiled by Amanda Abukhader

TOYS FOR TOTS

Help less fortunate children enjoy holiday magic by donating to Toys for Tots. There will be a live broadcast from WMGC 105.1 of Jim Harper and the Magic Morning Show in support of Toys for Tots in the Lifestyle Cafe Food Court at 12 Oaks Mall on Monday, Nov. 26. For more information call (248) 348-9400.

SHOP & CHAMPAGNE

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MICHIGAN CHRISTMAS

The Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace will be open Nov. 29-Dec. 2 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Decorated trees will be raffled off as a benefit for Barbara Ann Karmanos **Cancer Center. Attendees of** all ages can make an ornament from Arts & Scraps. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus are available for a \$5 donation to the University of Michigan Burn Center. An Opening Night Benefit will be held 6-9 p.m. on Nov. 29, \$25. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www. MichiganChristmasShow.com.

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