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Mohamed Afify is reopening the former LaShish as LaSharm.

## Vacancies continue to plague prominent shopping plaza

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Back in March, things were looking good for the Centre Village Plaza: tenants were in place and the aging church that sat north of the plaza had been demolished.

Then, the popular Middle Eastern restaurant chain, La Shish, closed its doors around metro Detroit leaving a prominent spot open in Centre Village, which sits near the southwest corner of Ford and Canton Center roads.

Now, nearly eight months later, another eatery, La Sharm, is set to take La Shish's place, but two additional restaurants, CiCi's Pizza and Mariachi Restaurant, have closed their doors, leaving noticeable vacan-

cies in the development.

The company that owns the plaza, Stuart Frankel Development Company, was saturated with inquiries immediately following La Shish's closure and didn't expect the space to be vacant for too long, but Darren Frankel says the economy began to weigh in.

"Take a look around," he said, adding that the company is "very relieved" about La Sharm, which is expected to open this weekend.

La Sharm owner Mohamed Afify of Troy had no affiliation with La Shish, but said his menu will reflect roughly 90 percent of what they offered.

"We're not connected, but we'll have the same food and some of the same chefs," he said, adding that

he hopes to woo the former eatery's loyal customers. "I think we'll do good."

Debbie Barns, the office manager of Sharper Vision, which is located inside Centre Village, said she is thrilled about La Sharm's arrival.

"I hope it helps the plaza," she said, adding that the development has had its share of comings and goings in the last several years. "Gateway Computers is gone, Dearborn Music is gone and now CiCi's is gone."

The buffet-style pizzeria shut its doors less than two months ago and an orange sticker dated Sept. 23 from the township's ordinance department has been placed on a window. The sticker warns that all signs must be removed from the space.

"Dozens of people a day go there" thinking it's still open, Barns said. "There was no announcement."

Mariachi, which opened in May 2007, was the brainchild of Angel Silva Gomez. The Puerto Vallarta native opened the restaurant with his wife, Jennifer, and later created another spot in Plymouth, Mariachi Dos. Both restaurants are now closed.

With vacant spaces on both sides of La Sharm, Afify said he is optimistic about the future.

"I'm happy here," he said, noting that the owners of La Shish had left much of the space's ornate dining area in place. "We are going to see how it goes."

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## A spooktacular time

Hundreds of kids show up for annual Trick or Treat Parade

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thousands of costumed little ones took over Summit on the Park Thursday for the annual Trick or Treat Parade.

In case you missed it, there was a hippie, a spider, a blue M&M, a couple bottles of ketchup, a karate champ, Batman, a New England Patriot, a baby chicken, bumble bees and several Oompaloompas.

"This is what it's all about," said Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin as children and their parents snaked through 17 candy stations at the Summit.

About 2,000 children age 10 and under were expected at the event and less than an hour after the parade began, the kids had formed a line that extended outside the building, where a juggler, disc jockey and pair dressed as salt and pepper shakers entertained the crowd.

While they waited, some kids adjusted their masks and the mother of one princess gave her daughter's perfect



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Juggler Joe Chasney entertains families waiting to enter the Summit for the annual Trick or Treat Parade on Thursday.

**Editor's note:** To see a photo gallery of Thursday's Trick or Treat Parade, please visit our Web site at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

spirals one last shot of hair spray.

The juggler, Joe Chasney, had fun with the crowd as he told one boy, whose mask featured two monster faces, that he was going to call the

Ghostbusters on him.

"Stop looking so mean," he pleaded.

Once inside and armed with the classic, plastic pumpkin, the youngsters collected candy as they walked through the stations of varying themes, including Cinderella, Winnie The Pooh and the sports teams of Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Ohio State University.

As she kissed her 5-month-old daughter on the forehead, Andrea Schimmelpenneg of Canton watched as her 2-year-old daughter collected another batch of goodies and said she was having a good time at the parade.

"I wanted to do something different and this is our first experience here," she said. "We have started a tradition."



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Abagale Tyler, a fifth grader at Tonda, fills out her voter registration form for the mock voting process.

## Mock vote gets Tonda students involved in election

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students at Tonda Elementary will be holding their own presidential election Monday, the results of which may be a precursor to the Tuesday, Nov. 4 general election.

And, like any other voter, 9-year-old Colton Burke of Canton Township has the facts to make an informed decision on who he wants for president.

"I know (John) McCain has seven kids and (Barack) Obama has two," said Colton, a Tonda fourth-grader. "I

think I'll vote for McCain ... but I don't know why."

The school's Library Media Specialist, Donna Sarrach, declared this the Year of the President at Tonda. Each week during library time Sarrach has discussions with the K-5 students about the presidential election, the civic responsibilities of a U.S. citizen and helped each to register to vote. Students also listened to speeches by candidates running for student council before voting this past week.

"I learned that James Madison is the smallest

Please see **STUDENTS, A5**

## Schools closed for election day

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the first time in recent memory Plymouth-Canton Schools will be closed on election day.

Student safety played the key

role in the decision to close the district Tuesday, Nov. 4, for the general election.

"With all the homeland security issues and our attempts at keeping our schools safe we'll be closed," said Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs. "It's

not to say voters pose a threat, but there are people who take that opportunity."

Jacobs said there were too many issues to overcome to have both school and elections

Please see **ELECTION, A3**



## Military veterans: Share your memories

The "Observer & Eccentric" is looking for photographs and stories from local veterans. Send us your memories, anecdotes, and stories - no longer than 200 words - and we'll publish them in an upcoming issue. Include a photo from your time in the service, as well as a recent photo. E-mail the photos - attached as JPEGs - and information to [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com) or mail to Sharon Dargay at the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Be sure to include a telephone number and your city of residence. Submissions must be received by Tuesday, Nov. 4. All memories and photographs will be published in the Sunday, Nov. 9, edition.

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**ELECTION**  
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# District voters asked to approve two ballot measures

in the buildings on the same day. There are issues dealing with serving lunch, and the Americans With Disabilities Act requirements involving elections, Jacobs said, not to mention parking issues.

"We made a conscious decision to fix the issues and the solution was not to have school those days," Jacobs said.

BY PEGGY WALSH-SARNECKI  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Voters in the Van Buren Public Schools district will be asked Tuesday to approve a millage for a new Belleville High School and changes in a millage passed in 1998 to pay for improvements to other schools.

The Belleville-area district serves about 6,580 students and has nine K-12 schools and three specialty schools. The district boundaries include the southwest portion of Canton Township.

The new high school would

cost up to \$79 million and raise taxes by 2.98 mills. On a home with a taxable value of \$100,000, that would be \$298 a year.

The proposal for the 1998 millage would reduce that millage 0.13 mills, to 1.13 mills. The owner of a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 would save \$13 per year.

Taxable value is half or less than a house's market value.

The new high school would be built in stages on the site of the current school. Only the music wing, auditorium and cafeteria would remain. Those areas were built in the 1990s,

and reusing them will save an estimated \$8.5 million in construction costs. The rest of the school was built in 1926 and renovated following a fire in 1956. Students would be moved into the new building as each section is completed.

The new school would add about 132,000 square feet and hold about 150 more students. It would have 24 more classrooms and a media center almost double in size, plus more gym space and an enlarged pool.

The sinking fund millage originally passed in 1998 at 1.28 mills and was autho-

rized to build two elementary schools, Edgemont and Rawsonville, and add media centers and gyms to Elwell and Haggerty elementary schools. However, since the millage passed, property values in the school district have increased. The millage has generated a surplus of \$4.6 million that is not needed for the original purpose and continues to generate revenue that can't be used for anything other than the projects already completed.

"When they calculated this back in 1998, they calculated it on the tax that was being collected from property back

then," said Paul Henning, district communications specialist.

"Over the last 10 years, our property values have gone up." The district is proposing lowering the millage and changing the purpose of the sinking fund, so the surplus and other revenue generated can be used for repairs.

"It's a win-win situation," said Kelly Owen of Belleville, who has children in the second, fifth and seventh grades.

The bonds were refinanced at a lower interest rate two years ago and can't be paid off until 2015.

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**THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION**

**When:** Tuesday, Nov. 4, polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Canton Township has 39 different voting precincts. There are a total of five different ballots, depending on where you live. To see a map of the different voting locations, as well as a sample ballot for the precinct in which you live, visit the Canton clerk's Web site at [www.canton-mi.org/clerk/voting.aspx](http://www.canton-mi.org/clerk/voting.aspx).

■ You can also visit our Web site at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) and click on the Canton Observer link to find a sample ballot.

Also, please visit our Web site on Tuesday for updated election information, including an electoral map, which will be available on election night.

■ Voters needing help getting to the polls election day can utilize Michigan 2-1-1, which can provide transportation to the polls and help finding information on candidates and ballot proposals. It's an initiative sponsored by the Michigan Participation Project, a non-partisan, non-profit group dedicated to expanding the role of non-profit organizations in voting and elections. Michigan 2-1-1, the health and human service equivalent of 9-1-1 to give or get help, currently services 71 percent of Michigan's population through regional call centers.



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## THE TRUTH FROM THE DESK OF TOM YACK

October 31, 2008

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I am writing you to address the issue of our roads. Our current commissioner Kevin McNamara claims to have \$23 million coming to Canton for new roads. This just is not true. He is using projections through the year 2030. This is misleading at best! McNamara clearly has not delivered.

Sincerely,  
**Tom Yack**  
Canton Township Supervisor

## The TRUTH on a couple more troubling issues:

Canton Township has sent \$8.5 million to the County over the past 12 years in a recreation millage, and \$7.9 million has been given to other communities. Detroit sent \$20 million and received \$31 million back. Did Detroit get our \$7.9 million?

**McNamara has not delivered!**

## Detroit Free Press

July 12, 2008

"Kevin McNamara is unwilling to spend more money to prosecute Kwamee Kilpatrick"?????

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LETTERS

**No Kwame endorsement**

In the interest of accuracy, I am writing in response to Mr. Roesers' Oct. 23 letter to the editor in which he erroneously claimed that I solicited former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's endorsement of my candidacy for 35th District judge. I can only assume that he made an honest mistake considering the fact that I am endorsed by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, who as we all know successfully prosecuted Mr. Kilpatrick's case with the utmost class and dignity. As a district court prosecutor I couldn't be more proud to have the endorsements and support of Ms. Worthy, the state's chief law enforcement official, Attorney General Mike Cox, and over 60 Judges.

signs are now gone while his opponent's signs remain in place.

For the past 25 years I have served in the United States military, prepared to defend the rights and freedoms of this nation's citizens. Among these is our right to support a political candidate of our own choosing.

It saddens me that someone would steal yard signs in apparent disagreement with a differing political position. This despicable act performed in the dark of the night is as un-American as anything I can imagine.

To the persons who have been stealing Senator McCain signs, please stop and think about the terrible price he and so many of our nation's heroes have paid to protect the rights of every citizen.

**Bob Dobson**  
Canton

**Barone?**

Having spent considerable time with Joe Barone, I know that he is one of the finest attorneys that I have ever met. He is remarkably intelligent in all areas of the law. He and his wife, Maria, have built their Main Street law practice from scratch. You will see Joe as a volunteer at many, many community events. He has the remarkable quality of being a good listener. And over all, he is one of nicest guys you will ever meet.

I encourage all those citizens that voted for me in the August primary to consider Joe Barone and I'm sure that the other candidates feel the same and ask that you vote for Joe Barone because he will make a great judge.

**Jim Malinowski**  
Canton

**Plakas more qualified**

I was very surprised after receiving a mailer from Joe Barone this weekend. He paints an appealing picture of himself on TV and his Web site as being truly impartial. Barone claims how important it is for judges to distance themselves from partisan politics. Then his mailer came with a one-sided list of his supporters and I realized that he is no different from so many other politicians - dishonest and misleading.

Mr. Barone - don't tell us what sounds good to win you a vote, just tell us the truth. He also said that his endorsements were based on friendships. Shouldn't endorsements be based on qualifications and

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**STUDENTS**

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president and he was also the lightest (in weight)," said Kaitlin Harries, 9, of Canton, who was running for student council secretary. "I'm not really sure what they do, but my mom - when she was younger - she ran for secretary and told me it was a lot of fun, so

that's why I'm interested."

Fourth-grader Erika Lindberg of Canton knows it's important to study the presidential candidates and what they stand for.

"Because you wouldn't want to vote for the wrong president who would do bad for the country," said Rebecca.

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**Consider Barone**

If you read this newspaper and have been receiving any of the many mailings from the "Joe Barone for Judge Committee" you have read that all four former candidates for 35th District judge, Martha Snow, Cam Miller, Art Butler and I, are now supporting Joe Barone. You have to ask yourself, "Why would all these former candidates prefer Joe

**Stealing signs despicable**

Saturday morning I discovered that my "Veterans for McCain" yard sign had disappeared during the night. As I drove around the neighborhood, it became apparent that nearly all the John McCain

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### Salute to service

Canton will honor area servicemen and women who have served and who are currently serving in our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The "Salute to Service" ceremony will recognize our military personnel in active duty and our veterans for their exceptional commitment and dedication.

Photos of Canton residents who are currently in our Armed Forces will be on display during this program. The public is encouraged to attend this free event, sponsored by Canton Township, Canton Community Foundation, and Canton Veterans Memorial Association. A short program will take place on the Theater's main stage at 3 p.m.

For more information please call (734) 394-5193 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

### New Historical Society board

The Canton Historical Society would like to announce the elected board members for the 2009 year. They are Elizabeth Carlson, David Curtis, Martin Hershock, Richard Barker, Gregg King and Ronnie Curtis. They will join Bill Tesen, Tom Barker and Karen Russell.

The Society is always looking for volunteers to help with events and work on committees. If interested please contact the Society at (734) 307-0088.

### Family dance

Canton's littlest princesses and superheroes are invited to suit up for an adventure and dance the afternoon away at the Princess and Superhero Family Dance on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Summit on the Park. The action takes place from 3:30-6 p.m. in the Summit's Grand Ballroom, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Families will be able to enjoy music, dancing, punch, cookies and an exciting balloon drop.

Be sure to Invite that special little lady or young gentleman in your life and enjoy an afternoon of dancing to age-appropriate music and light refresh-

ments. Keepsake photos will be available for an additional cost. Pizza, pop, and souvenirs will also be available for a nominal fee.

Tickets are currently on sale now for \$8 per person for residents and \$10 per person for non-residents. Children two and under will be admitted for free. Both parents and youth will require a ticket for admission. Space is limited, so don't put those Halloween costumes away just yet and register today.

For more information or to register, visit leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

### Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers monthly meeting scheduled for 7:15 p.m., Nov. 5 will welcome Jeannette Williams from the Canton Summit Aquatic and CPR Center, who will be speaking on how we can best handle emergency situations at home (someone falling or fainting, general cuts, and other home disasters) and the best remedies for these situations. Demonstrations will be done with club volunteers.

In addition, Showroom of Elegance will be holding a "Gold Party." Bring your unwanted jewelry to be paid in cash for your items. This event also supports our club's fund-raising goals.

The group welcomes new members and visitors, including residents who have lived in Canton a few months to more than 50 years.

The meeting will take place at the Sunflower Subdivision Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford Road, Canton. For more information, visit the group's Web site at www.cantonnewcomers.org for more information or call Melanie at (734) 660-2328.

### Canton Economic Club

Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson will be the guest speaker at the Canton Economic Club luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 11:30 a.m., at the Summit on the Park.

The luncheon is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The cost is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 394-5185.

The Economic Club hosts semi-annual luncheons with special guest speakers. The

luncheons were developed with the purpose of introducing Canton's business and professional sector to leaders in the areas of manufacturing, government, entertainment, health care and economics.

### Women wanted

The goal of the Canton Business & Professional Women (BPW) is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. The group will host its next monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton. The guest will be Deb Mulka from The Parent Talk System on Communications. The group is always looking for new members.

For more information please contact June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561 or junenicholas@comcast.net. Please RSVP for this meeting.

### Business Network Professionals

Business Network Professionals, a local chapter of Business Network International, meets weekly from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Canton Coney Island at the corner of Lilly and Joy roads. Any person in business in the Plymouth, Canton and surrounding area is invited to attend as a guest and meet with other businesspersons, for purposes of networking, referrals, and supporting one another.

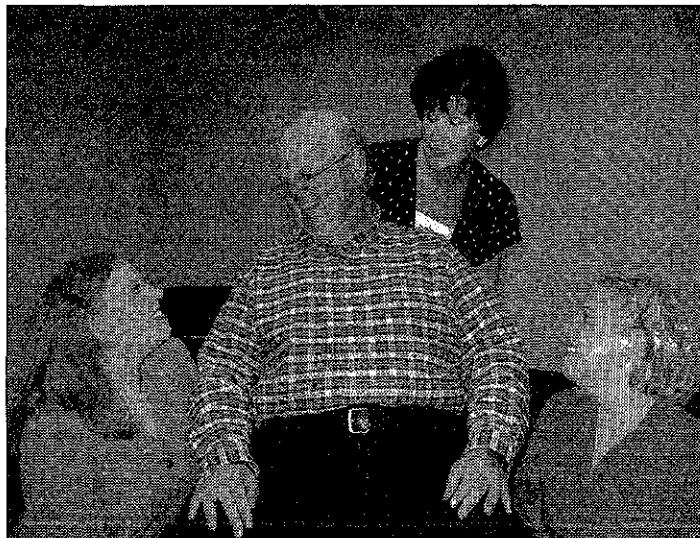
Contact Bill MacFarland, chapter president, at (734) 812-3845 for more information.

### Salem sports fund-raiser

Salem High School wrestling and football teams are having a Texas hold-em poker fund-raiser Nov. 6 through Nov. 9 at the Shark Club of Canton on Ford Road just east of Lilley in Canton. Call Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 if you have questions.

### A Toast to Canton

A wine and food tasting event to raise funds for the Canton Rotary Club, elementary playground equipment and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 7, from 7-9 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill (42600 Cherry Hill Road). There will be approximately



### A heart-warming comedy

Actors Meg daPonte, Jerry Carney, Barbara Bloom and Cara Manor of the local theater group Spotlight Players will perform the comedy "You Can't Take It With You" Nov. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, Dec. 5-6 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Showtime is 8 p.m. except for Nov. 23 and 30, which will be matinee performances at 2 p.m. The show is about a family that lives the credo, "If you aren't having any fun, why do it?" Many people are familiar with the 1939 Oscar winning movie starring Jimmy Stewart and directed by Frank Capra. However, the play, written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, won the 1937 Pulitzer Prize. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd in Canton, Michigan 48176. To buy tickets, which cost \$15-\$18, or for more information, visit www.spotlightplayers.net or call the box office at (734) 394-5300.

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

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 or the Canton Supervisor's office at (734) 394-5185.

### Seniors security seminar

The Canton Senior Safety Coalition and Canton Public Safety have scheduled their annual Seniors Safe, Sound & Secure seminar for Wednesday, Nov. 12, from noon-3 p.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park.

This year's event will include guest speakers from The Senior Alliance speaking on HIV/AIDS concerns for seniors, Medicare fraud, Senior Alliance programs such as adult day care, caregiver support, holiday meals program and legal assistance. Speakers will also talk about Single Point of Entry - a clearing point for seniors who need help deciding if at home or nursing home care is needed. Police and fire personnel will also speak and have handouts available.

This free event includes a pizza lunch. For reservations contact the Canton Senior Desk at (734) 394-5485.

### Sounds of Canton

The Sounds of Canton will perform a "We are the World" concert on at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7 and 2 p.m., Nov. 8 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The aged 55 and older singers will embark on a musical tour and pay tribute to our brothers and sisters around the globe with this cultural concert. Featured songs represent numerous cultures and countries, including songs such as "La Vie en Rose," "Somewhere My Love," "The

Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Brazil," and "Scarborough Fair."

Ticket are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and youth. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit www.canton-mi.org/villageheater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park or the Village Theater box office. The Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

The Sounds of Canton singers welcome anyone 55 and older with a love of music to join their volunteer group. Often the group sings for fellow senior clubs, nursing homes, community clubs and school groups throughout the metropolitan area. For details check out the Canton Discover brochure, which can be downloaded at leisure.canton-mi.org.

For more information call (734) 394-5485, e-mail seniors@canton-mi.org, or visit leisure.canton-mi.org.

### Hazardous waste collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westland DPS Yard located at 37137 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road. This free event is open to Wayne County residents only and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive

materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete. For information on how to dispose of these items, contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

For more information or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, please call (734) 326-3936 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

### Chorus help

The Canton Community Youth Chorus and Adult Chorus, under the direction of David Welling, is currently accepting new members. The Youth Choir is comprised of boys and girls 6-15 years of age, while the Adult Chorus is for anyone 16 years of age and older.

The purpose of these groups is to provide an outlet for those individuals interested in singing in an organized choir. Various vocal and performing skills will be taught through vocal exercises and choral work. The groups will explore many styles of music, including classical, pop, musical theatre and jazz. Whether you are a beginner or have performed in choirs before, come and enjoy this shared musical experience.

The chorus' concerts this season included an on-stage dress rehearsal on Dec. 11 with the main stage performance schedule on Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets for this entertaining performance are just \$12.

The Adult Chorus meets every Monday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Biltmore Studio of the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. The Youth Chorus meets Monday evenings from 6-7 p.m., also in the Biltmore Studio.

The cost to join the Youth Chorus is \$40. There is a \$50 fee to join the Adult Chorus. Register at the Summit on the Park. For more information contact, Jennifer Tobin, Canton Arts Coordinator at (734) 394-5484 or by e-mail at jtobin@canton-mi.org.

### Attention crafters

Connection Church (previously Tri-City Christian Center) is currently accepting applications for its Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 6 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, north of Michigan Avenue.

For more information contact Sharon Chefan (734) 397-1777 or sharon@connectionchurch.info.

### Christmas assistance program

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance for residents of Northville, Plymouth, Canton, and Belleville. Families in need of assistance should contact The Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464 to set up an appointment. Candidates will be interviewed on Tuesdays and Fridays through Nov. 14.

Applicants will need to bring picture ID for all household residents, proof of household income and expenses. For more information, please contact The Salvation Army Family and Community Ministries office at (734) 453-5464.

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OUR VIEWS

# We endorse McCotter, Dunleavy

This promises to be a good year for Democrats in their effort to retain and expand their control of the U.S. House of Representatives.



McCotter

A troubled economy and widespread concern over jobs, health care and retirement are expected to benefit Democratic candidates.

But in the 11th Congressional District, Republican Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia is expected to win easy reelection in a predominantly Republican district. He faces Democrat Joseph Larkin, a Livonia attorney; Green Party candidate Erik Shelley of Redford; and Libertarian candidate John Tatar, a retired Livonia school teacher.

Larkin has presented the Democratic case and has deep concerns about the war in Iraq and the foreclosure problems, but he lacks government and political experience.

McCotter is a bright, articulate man.

He sees himself as a true conservative and, as chair of the Republican House Policy Committee, he helps the party set its conservative agenda. He was a leader in a group that opposed the Bush bank rescue plan, though he has generally supported the president on most of his initiatives.

Still, as a member from southeast Michigan, he also votes the district on issues involving trade, the auto industry and minimum wage.

Given his intelligence, his flexibility on issues of local importance, his broad legislative experience and his constituent service, we support the re-election of **Thaddeus McCotter** for a fourth term.

### Wayne County offices

In heavily Democratic Wayne County, countywide elective offices are usually decided in the primary. This year is no different.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy ran unopposed in the primary and general election. Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood is unopposed in the general election. Sheriff Warren Evans and Clerk Cathy Garrett have nominal opponents in the general election.

The only race drawing any interest this year is the race for treasurer. Incumbent Raymond Wojtowicz, 79, who has served in his position for 32 years, faced 10 opponents in the Democratic primary, including a strong bid by county Commissioner Phil Cavanagh of Redford.

On Tuesday, Wojtowicz faces Republican Brendan Dunleavy, 48, of Plymouth, former Wayne County auditor general.

As county auditor, Dunleavy released a scathing audit of the Treasurer's Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund in 2004. In the audit, Dunleavy says that Wojtowicz would not cooperate and supply information. Dunleavy raised questions about the department's accounting practices, awarding of no-bid contracts and other "irregularities." Wojtowicz said the audit was politically motivated and procedures have improved.

We believe that Dunleavy has raised serious concerns and offers interesting ideas for helping people facing tax foreclosure and for handling foreclosed properties that come into the possession of the county. We believe it is time for a change in the treasurer's office and support **Brendan Dunleavy** for treasurer.

## LETTERS

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experience? Our community can do better than "friendly" back scratching. The choice is clear. Jim Plakas is far more qualified, has bi-partisan backing, and his endorsements are from people who truly know the courts.

Nick Wilson  
Canton

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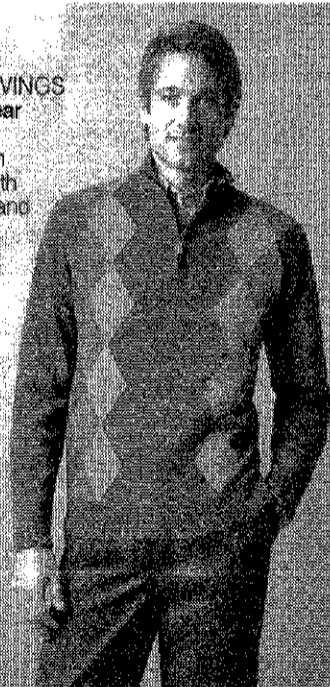
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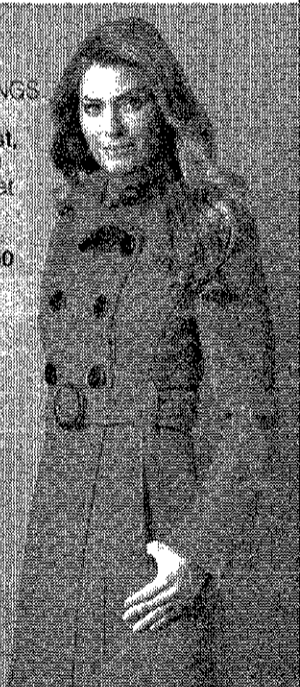
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# Panel argues that money, interest groups undermine judiciary

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

When Edward Thomas ran for the Michigan Supreme Court in 2000, he estimates that almost \$20 million dollars was spent in a campaign for three court seats.

"Why would anyone spend that much money for a Supreme Court justice seat that pays approximately

\$165,000 a year," he said during a forum Wednesday at Schoolcraft College. "It's because of the decisions that are made that benefit certain people."

The role of money and outside influence on the court were the topic of "A Fair and Impartial Michigan Supreme Court," sponsored by the League of Women Voters Oakland Area.

The forum comes when incumbent Justice Clifford Taylor faces Judge Diane Hathaway in another expensive and politically charged judicial campaign for the Supreme Court.

State Rep. Paul Condino (D-Southfield), chair of the House Judiciary Committee, was moderator for a three-person panel: Thomas, a former Wayne County Circuit

judge and currently Wayne County corporate counsel; Brian Dickerson, a columnist for the *Detroit Free Press*; and Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network.

Michigan has an unusual method for selecting Supreme Court justices. Candidates run on a non-partisan ballot and can run as independents, but the political parties also

nominate candidates for the courts. In this year's election Taylor is endorsed by the Republican party, Hathaway by the Democratic Party. Justices serve an eight-year term.

When a seat becomes vacant, the governor appoints a justice without having to seek legislative approval. During his time in office, Gov. John Engler appointed four of

the seven justices, creating a strongly conservative court.

Thomas ran with the endorsement and financial backing of the Democratic Party in his race against Justice Stephen Markman. Thomas and the other Democratic-endorsed candidates lost in that election.

"Each of us lost by the same percentage basis. I believe it was because of the incumbent status, a tremendous advantage," he said.

Incumbents are identified by their title on the ballot.

Edwards said there are pros and cons for both appointing and electing justices.

"I think back to one particular governor I had great faith in and that was Gov. Milliken," he said. "The way he went about picking judges for various courts was impartial, well thought out and fair-minded. Some governors, and I'm not talking about anyone in particular, come in with agendas and pick judges that will follow what their agenda is and that's not good for the public in my estimation."

Brian Dickerson was less reticent about naming a governor with an agenda. He said he first realized that things were changing during the 1998 court election. He said he attended a Republican fund-raiser during which then Gov. John Engler said tort reform passed in the legislature and reinforced by conservative judges "made it much safer to do business in Michigan."

Dickerson said Engler saw judicial reform as an economic development tool. He said Michigan citizens have been adversely affected by the conservative 4-3 decisions of the current court.

"As citizens of Michigan you've all been a party to many, many state Supreme Court cases, and I will argue that, sadly, you've been on the losing side in many cases," he said.

Dickerson cited three cases that came before the court in which the court ruled against individuals and environmental interests in favor of business interests.

Rich Robinson's organization keeps track of campaign financing. He said large amounts of money are given to judicial campaigns "not for selfless reasons."

He said the 1998 campaign was the first "million dollar" Supreme Court campaign.

"The game changer was when different groups weighed in on the campaigns. We had not experienced these expenditures in past elections," he said.

He said one major change was the advent of "issue ads" in which groups advocate on a certain issue without exhorting a vote for or against a candidate, but strongly implying a positive or negative view of the candidate.

He said millions are spent in this way and the contributions are "off the book." He said many of these ads are anonymously funded.

Robinson and his organization are advocating full disclosure on who is paying for these issue ads, similar to requirements in federal elections; setting standards for when a justice has to recuse him or herself from a case where a major contributor is a party; and public funding for judicial races to avoid these conflicts.

"This is not a liberal or a conservative issue, this is an issue of impartial justice," he said.

He added, "I would say that the net effect of all of this, including the campaign that is going on today, is to undermine trust and confidence in a fair and impartial judiciary and we need to address this or have a further erosion in rule of law in this state."

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Todd Lajoy for State Representative

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Steve Johnson for Wayne County Commission



## Vote for the people who have goals for our community...



## PHIL LAJOY for Canton Supervisor

Business Owner      Veteran of U.S. Marine Corps      31-year resident  
13-year Township Trustee      State Representative for 6 years

"I want to build on the successes of our community and continue to provide a safe environment for our children...one with governmental services that are second to none."

Phil Lajoy offers proven leadership in Canton Township, where he served as a Township Trustee for 13 years before representing our community in Lansing for the past six years. As our Township Supervisor, Phil Lajoy will fight to protect Canton businesses and work to bring new business to our community.

Phil Lajoy will work tirelessly to ensure that every tax dollar in Canton Township is spent in the most efficient and cost effective way possible. Just as he did in Lansing, Phil Lajoy will work to streamline Canton Township government to provide the most service to every resident. As our Supervisor, Phil Lajoy will work to improve our roads and to continue the quality of life Canton residents enjoy.

"Canton is a great place to live and raise a family. I want to build on the successes of our community to continue to provide a safe community, one with governmental services that are second to none."

## Choose MELISSA McGLAUGHLIN as Canton Treasurer

Melissa McLaughlin is a lifelong Conservative who is determined to help Canton families informed as possible to make the best decisions for their homes and families.

As a Canton Township Trustee, Melissa McLaughlin always sought to help Canton families and taxpayers get the most for their tax dollar without ever compromising community services or safety.

Melissa McLaughlin's goals for our township include providing additional information and links on the Township Website that will make it easy to understand and help residents find programs that can help them. She will make Post Marks the on time factor in tax payments, just as the IRS does, and work to make payment plans and options available to taxpayers.

"I will work with my fellow Trustees to ensure that Canton continues to provide the top level services, using the most cost effective policies available. Together, we will keep Canton a great community."



## Retain TERRY BENNETT as Treasurer Clerk

For 13 years, Terry Bennett has proven her worth and expertise as the Canton Township Clerk. Under her supervision, Canton has been able to maintain the lowest local tax rate since 1985. She supports fiscal responsibility, balanced budgets and has worked to provide exceptional public services which have made Canton the desirable place to live and work it has become. In addition to her work as Township Clerk, Terry Bennett volunteers her time on many community advisory boards and committees to ensure that the people of Canton are represented and their interests protected.

"Serving the Canton community is an honor I take seriously. I intend to ensure that Canton continues to provide a high level of service, using solutions that are efficient, and focused on containing our costs. We need to continue to look for creative ways to do business as we partner with other branches of government, continue to partner with businesses and work for our residents to ensure a "great" and stable quality of life in Canton."



## Retain KARL ZARBO Canton Township Trustee

As a current Canton Township Trustee, Karl Zarbo has worked tirelessly to protect the superior community environment we all enjoy. He has worked to help bring \$150 million in commercial investment to Canton, and knows how important the thousands of jobs are to our area and the state. As a Trustee, Karl Zarbo has helped keep the tax burden in Canton low by paying attention to business and encouraging responsible development. He supports buying coalitions and partnerships to save taxpayers' money.

"As your current trustee, I am working every day to position Canton to attract new residents and businesses while retaining our existing ones. I support partnerships and coalitions to extend the efficiencies and effectiveness of every tax dollar. Our resident retention has been substantiated by providing quality services at an affordable rate. I will continue to work for Canton's desirable quality of life."

## Retain TODD CACCAMO Canton Township Trustee

As a Canton Township Trustee, Todd Caccamo has worked and fought for fiscal responsibility on the board. He has been the voice of grassroots government and response to concerns of residents. His goal is to find ways to be more efficient, refocusing on rebuilding the local economy and roads. He wants to bring more business to Canton with high tech jobs. He is concentrating on alternative fuel production, such as hybrid batteries and fuel cells as business anchors for the township. Todd Caccamo wants to build on the great success of the past for prosperity in the future and supports a friendly, effective government that responds to those they are elected to serve.

"I plan on continuing to work hard to find solutions to today's issues, such as finding ways to be more efficient. We need to be supporting local workers by buying local products, not those manufactured abroad. I will work for a grass roots township government supported by the people. I plan on delivering again on my promises as I did in the past."



## Elect JOHN ANTHONY Canton Township Trustee

After 35 years in Canton Township, Candidate John Anthony has some definite ideas about protecting the quality of life he, his family and his neighbors enjoy in the community. John Anthony, a former FBI special agent, takes public safety very seriously and has promised to ensure that the superior Canton Public Safety Department continues to provide the best in public service to residents. He will fight to ensure that funding for public safety is not reduced or cut, while continuing to support fiscal restraint. John Anthony understands the importance of working within the existing funding levels at the township and will not support any tax increase.

"I want to maintain the current level of funding for our existing programs and recreation activities that provide opportunities for families and develop a sense of community involvement. I intend to be the hardest working trustee for all the citizens of Canton Township."

## Choose PAT WILLIAMS Canton Township Trustee

Pat Williams, an account manager with Automotive Component Holdings, LLC, a Ford Motor Co. subsidiary, vows to bring his business expertise to help keep Canton Township government on track. With bachelor and masters degrees in Business Administration, he has promised to be a tireless watchdog of taxpayers' money. He has been endorsed by current and past elected officials who praise his common sense approach to managing the delicate balance of township finances. He and his partners built a profitable business and sold it to a publicly traded company using his experience and skill as a financial manager. Pat Williams wants to use that skill to help our community stay on the right path and get more for our money. His skills will be an invaluable aid on our Township Board of Trustees.



# Plakas Is The Most Qualified & Most Endorsed Candidate For 35th District Judge.



**Plakas**



<b>Legal Experience (Years)</b>	Prosecutor (13) Assistant City Attorney (13) Criminal Defense Attorney (13) Civil Litigator (13)	(0) (0) <b>Criminal Defense Attny. (11)</b> <b>Civil Litigator (11)</b>
<b>Cases Prosecuted</b>	Over 15,000	0
<b>Judicial Endorsements</b>	63 Judges (Including retiring 35th District Judge, Hon. John E. MacDonald)	3 Judges
<b>Jury Trials</b>	23 Within Last 7 Years (Over 35 In Last 13 Years)	8 Within Last 7 Years
<b>Law Enforcement Official Endorsements</b>	Kym Worthy Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Cox Attorney General Warren Evans Wayne County Sheriff	None
<b>Police &amp; Firefighter Endorsements</b>	Canton Professional Fire Fighters Northville Township Professional Fire Fighters Police Officers Assoc. of Michigan MI Assoc. of Police Organizations Wayne County Sheriff Road Patrol	None
<b>Newspaper Endorsements</b>	Detroit Free Press Canton Observer Plymouth Observer Northville Record	Eagle/Journal
<b>Women Lawyers Association Of Michigan Rating for Judge</b>	"Outstanding"	Unrated
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<b>Years of Local Residency</b>		
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## ENDORSEMENTS

### Phil LaJoy gets nod for supervisor

Longtime Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is not seeking re-election. Yack has decided to



Phil LaJoy

step aside after leading the township with a steady hand through its most prosperous era. With his departure, the township will be losing a wealth of experience. That's why we think voters would be best served by choosing Republican Phil LaJoy, who is currently serving his third and final term as a state representative in Lansing.

The 64-year-old political veteran, who has lived in Canton for more than three decades, faces a modest challenge from political newcomer and Democrat David Marsh. LaJoy knows the Canton community — its people, its strengths, and its challenges — as well as anyone. In addition to representing Canton in Lansing, he served for 13 years as a Canton trustee and has been involved in the community for many years.

In Lansing, LaJoy has been an active sponsor of bills, fought government waste and pushed for greater transparency of government spending. He also is the former chair of the House Transportation Committee, which means he has a clear understanding of issues impacting our roadways, something of great importance to Canton residents.

When you add up all LaJoy's experience, it points towards him being an effective supervisor. We highly recommend Phil LaJoy for Canton Township Supervisor.

Current Canton Clerk Terry Bennett and fellow Republican Melissa McLaughlin, who is running for township treasurer, are both running unopposed and will fill the other two full time positions once the new Canton Board of Trustees takes office after the election.

### Here are our picks for Canton Township trustee

Canton voters have an interesting slate of candidates to choose from for Canton trustee. There are four Republican candidates (John Anthony, Todd Caccamo, Pat Williams and Karl Zarbo), one Democrat



Anthony

(Syed Taj), and one Libertarian (Charlie Page) vying for the four seats. In our opinion, voters should re-elect incumbents



Caccamo

**Karl Zarbo** and **Todd Caccamo**, as well as elect newcomers **Pat Williams** and **John Anthony**.



Williams

Caccamo has consistently fought to rein in the cost of township government, and he has displayed independence and the ability to speak out on issues. We think Caccamo, who is a U.S. Marine reservist, has done enough to earn a second term. Zarbo, who is completing his sixth year as a trustee, has a firm grasp of the issues impacting the



Zarbo

Canton community and government. With his background in commercial real estate management, he has provided an influential voice when it comes to development issues, particularly along Ford Road.

Anthony, a township resident since 1973, spent 25 years as a special agent with the FBI before retiring in 1993. Anthony brings a ton of experience to the table, especially when it comes to public safety. In fact, his main goal is to make sure Canton's Public Safety Department is well-funded and maintains its excellent reputation. Williams, who has lived in Canton for 23 years, seems to have been groomed for the position of trustee. He is a past president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Canton Lions Club, and a graduate of the Leadership Canton program. He has also served on Canton's Board of Review. He is also a small business owner and an accounts manager with Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, which is a Ford Motor Co. subsidiary.

### Plakas is best choice for district court

Voters will have to choose between two strong candidates to replace retiring 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald.



Plakas

**Jim Plakas** and **Joe Barone** were the top two vote-getters during the August primary election, and now face each other for the six-year term, which pays \$139,272. Voters can select only one candidate. We believe that candidate should be **Jim Plakas**.

Plakas seems to have been training for this particular job most of his career. He's been a prosecutor, a city attorney and a defense attorney. He's handled all manner of cases in a variety of courtrooms.

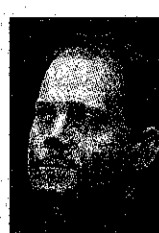
He comes from an experienced legal background, has a sound judicial temperament and has the backing of many judges.

### Todd LaJoy our pick for 21st House seat

Current Canton Township Trustee Todd LaJoy is running to succeed his father, Phil LaJoy, as state representative for the 21st District, which encompasses a large portion of Canton, as well as Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville. Voters would be wise to select **Todd LaJoy**, who is running against Democrat Dian Slavens and independent candidate Brian Cronan.

Having served as a trustee on the Canton Board of Trustees for four years, LaJoy is the only candidate in this race with legislative experience, and he is also a small business owner — both attributes that will benefit him in Lansing. LaJoy, 35, also has good ideas that he plans to take to Lansing, including ways to help new small businesses succeed by giving them tax breaks for several years. He also says the new Michigan Business Tax needs to be reformed to help businesses succeed. He is also committed to reforming what he believes is a bloated state government.

LaJoy, who is a past president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, also has the right temperament to reach across the aisle and work with Democrats to help fix a



Todd LaJoy

dysfunctional Lansing. He understands that partisanship has crippled state government in recent years and vows to build relationships with everyone in the State Legislature.

When you look at depth of experience, knowledge, and ideas of all three candidates, it is clear 21st District voters would be best served to select **Todd LaJoy** as their state representative.

### Corriveau earns our endorsement

There were more than a few raised eyebrows two years ago when Democrat Marc



Corriveau

Corriveau of Northville won a state House seat, the 20th District, which has been a Republicans stronghold. His re-election should come as far less a surprise.

Corriveau, who defeated Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo two years ago, faces Republican Jerry Vorva of Plymouth, a former 20th District representative, in the Nov. 4 general election. Neither had a primary challenge.

The district includes both Plymouths (city and township), the Northvilles (city and township), the City of Wayne

and a small portion of Canton Township (east of I-275).

Corriveau went to Lansing with a promise to keep his constituents in mind, and we believe he's done that. He'd barely gotten his seat warm when he and other legislators had to tackle issues such as removal of the Single Business Tax (he believed eliminating it without a suitable replacement already in hand was a mistake) and the huge deficit in the state budget. Say what you want about his decisions, but Corriveau took into account what his constituents wanted when he cast his votes. And one of the things we like best about Corriveau is his willingness after those votes to put himself out there to explain his thought process.

Corriveau has the ability to work without regard to party lines. He talks regularly to the elected officials in his district, many of whom are Republican, and most of whom speak well of him.

We believe **Marc Corriveau** has earned re-election in the Nov. 4 general election.

### McNamara gets our nod for county commission

The race for the Wayne County Commission's 11th District seat is one of the more intriguing local



McNamara

match-ups on the Nov. 4 ballot. It pits incumbent Democrat Kevin McNamara, who is serving his first term but has

been around the political scene his entire life (his father was former Wayne County Executive and Livonia Mayor Ed McNamara), against Republican Steve Johnson, who has never held political office, but is also well connected (his stepfather is developer Glen Shaw, who also owns the Wayne County Appraisal Company).

Both men bring plenty of positives to the race. However, we believe the voters of the 11th District, which encompasses Belleville, Canton Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, and the city of Wayne, would be best served to re-elect **Kevin McNamara**.

McNamara, 51, has lived in Canton for 12 years. The former Schoolcraft College trustee serves as vice chair of the Commission's public safety, judiciary and homeland security committee, and is also a member of several other committees. He has fought hard to make sure Canton gets its fair share in road funding, something of great importance to Canton residents. He is the first to admit he would like to see Canton get more, but he is fighting to get a piece of a shrinking pie with dozens of other communities.

The main reason we support McNamara, however, is his ability to navigate the political waters of Wayne County government. He knows how things get done. An example is the recent budget battle with County Executive Bob Ficano, in which McNamara and some other commissioners were able to spare a number of layoffs that would have had a negative impact on western Wayne County.

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# WNIC radio personalities to host lunch at Buddy's

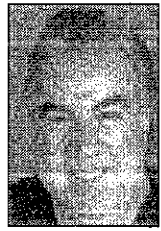
WNIC listeners are in for a treat because the winner of this month's Dining With the Stars will lunch with Lisa Barry, co-host of the WNIC Breakfast Club, and Kevin O'Neill, WNIC's weekday afternoon (2-7 p.m.) drive-time host.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Barry and O'Neill of WNIC-FM (100.3) at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to [BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com](mailto:BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com) by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

In addition to lunch with the WNIC radio personalities, the winner will be



Barry



Neill

treated to a limo ride courtesy of Class Plus Limo, mini-makeover by Sebastian and Heba of I Design Salon and Spa in Dearborn, \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Barry, a lifelong metro Detroit, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Bentley High School.

She received a singing scholarship to Olivet College, where she graduated with a degree in communications. She started working at the campus radio station and has spent her entire career in Michigan and mainly Detroit on-air at news talk and country radio stations prior to WNIC.

Barry, who has two children — Benjamin, 17, and Parker, 13 — enjoys traveling, movies, shopping and eating out. She is active in her church and in the com-

munity.

After her son, Benjamin, spent an entire month in Beaumont Hospital — when a benign tumor was found on his spine — she selected The Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Hospital as her children's charity of choice.

"During this time ... Buddy's was also nice enough to send over pizza to the hospital to cheer up Benjamin and share with the staff something that made my family forever grateful to the wonderful people at Buddy's," Barry said.

Staffers at WNIC describe O'Neill as "sweet,

kind, funny and just a really nice guy."

O'Neill was born and raised in Cleveland and his mom knew that broadcasting was in his blood when, at the age of 6, she found him creating his own "radio shows" (Dick Clark-style) using a soup strainer for a microphone. The rest is DJ history.

Throughout his career, O'Neill has worked at a variety of stations, including those in Cleveland, Akron and Oberlin, Ohio, as well as in South Bend, Ind., and Houston. He was offered a job at New York's premier oldies station WCBS-FM and


declined because he had little interest in becoming a New Yorker. Years later, O'Neill made it back to the Midwest and to the Detroit area he loves so much.

Becoming a part of the WNIC family on Labor Day weekend of 2004 was the "right thing to do," O'Neill said.

O'Neill's life would be changed forever — twice — when his son, Brendan, was born in 1982 and again June 11, 2007, when a quintuple bypass would save his life.

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## CANTON 35, PLYMOUTH 28

# CLASSIC CLASH

## Late interception helps Chiefs thwart Cats' valiant comeback

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following 47 minutes and 55 seconds of goal-line-to-goal-line action, Friday night's Division 1 playoff game between Plymouth and Canton was decided by the oldest football practice ritual known to man: the tip drill.

With Canton clinging to a 35-28 lead, the clock winding down and Plymouth setting up shop at the Chief 31, Canton's David Wilcox tipped a Matt Skubik pass into the arms of diving teammate Nick Sweda's arms at the 7-yard line with 0:05 left.

The interception — Sweda's second in as many weeks — put a cap on a Halloween night encounter in which electric plays were good and plenty.

"That could have been the last game for the seniors, so we had to play our hearts out," said Sweda. "We were in a cover four, my man went out, I backed up deeper than their deepest, (Wilcox) tipped it and I caught it. It feels great to win."

"Plymouth's a great team and we knew they'd play well tonight. We just came out on top at the end."

Canton's 35-28 triumph propelled the 9-1 Chiefs into Friday's 7 p.m. District final at home against Saline (7-3), which nipped Ann Arbor Pioneer, 37-36.

"Our defense played so hard all night, it was nice to finally get a break," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "We've been talking about creating turnovers — stripping the ball, getting deflections — and we got a big one at the end tonight."

Plymouth closed its season with a 6-4 mark.

Canton used a trick play, a long touchdown pass and some solid defense to build a 21-0 lead less than 14 minutes into the game. But the 'Cats kept clawing back before eventually knotting the game at 28-all when Terrance Guthridge scored a 4-yard TD on a toss sweep with 5:38 left.

"When we were down 21-0, we kept telling the kids that there's a lot of time left and not to quit," said Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "They never quit."

"Tonight showed why football is such a great game and why you can learn so much about life by playing it."

Guthridge was a one-man wrecking crew for the Plymouth offense, gaining 181 yards on 35 carries.

Half of the elusive senior's yards came on a 93-yard scoring sprint that closed the Wildcats' deficit to 21-7 with 10:39 left in the first half.

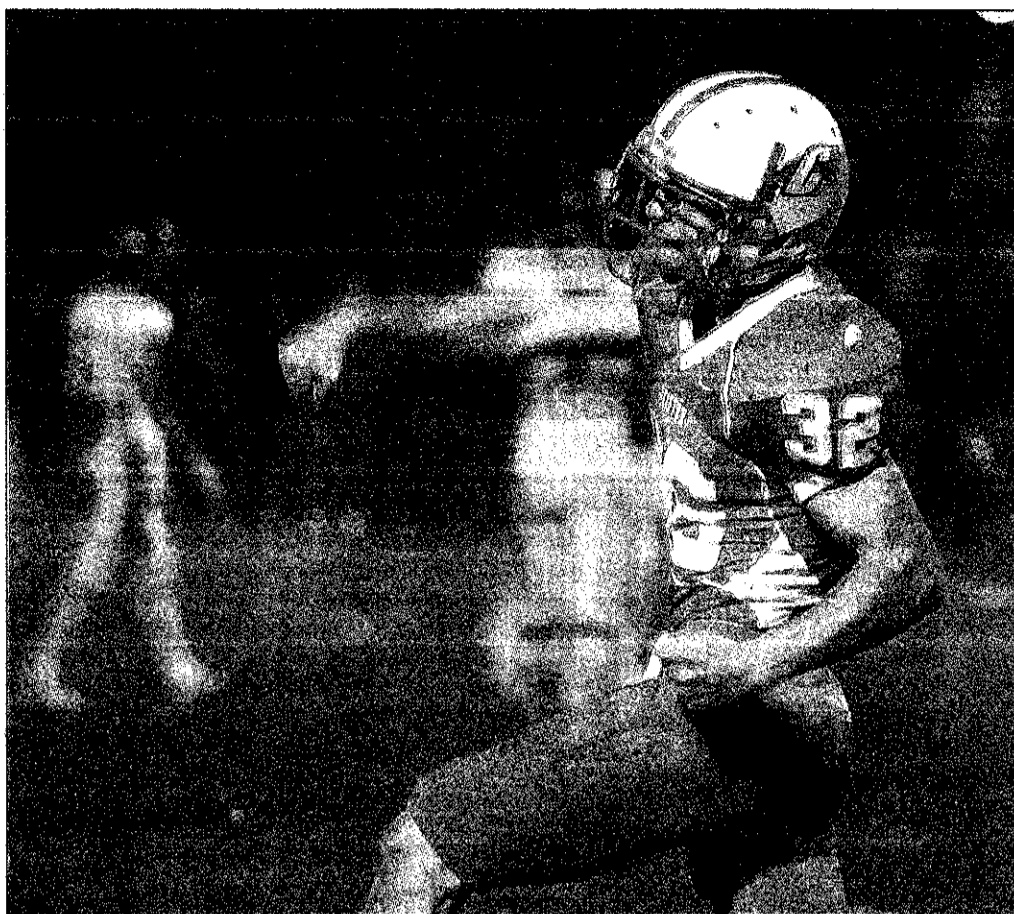
"Terrance is our bread and butter," said Sawchuk. "You have to run the football against Canton if you want to have a chance. You have to take time off the clock and keep the ball away from them, and I thought we did a pretty good job of that."

Canton's balanced, run-dominated offense churned out 345 yards compared to Plymouth's 251.

Junior fullback Adam Payter led all Chief rushers with 109 yards on 13 carries. Sophomore Davion Stackhouse netted 84 on 13 runs while junior quarterback Kevin Delapaz ran for 64 yards and passed for 78.

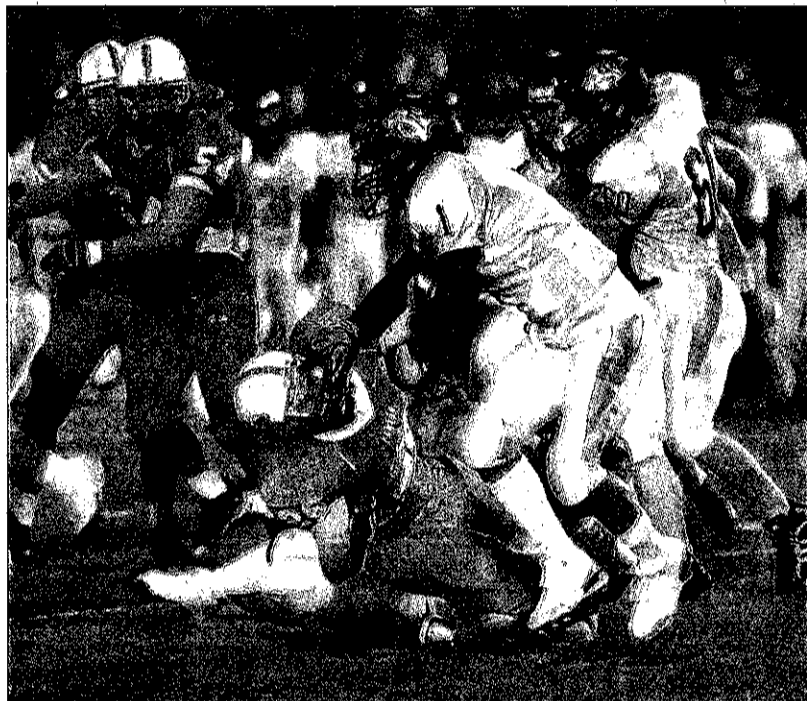
After Plymouth's defense forced a Canton three-and-out on the game-opening drive, the Wildcats drove to the Canton 30 before the

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Canton senior defensive back Nick Sweda exalts following a big play during Friday night's game against Plymouth. Sweda's interception with five seconds left sealed the Chiefs' 35-28 victory.



Plymouth's Terrance Guthridge grinds out a few of his 183 yards during the second quarter of Friday night's playoff game against Canton.

# Sidelines

### Free throw contest

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For more information, call (734) 394-5354.

### Matt Nokes hitting seminar

Precision Baseball in Canton will be presenting a hitting seminar by former Detroit Tiger Matt Nokes on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m..

The 90-minute PowerPoint seminar and 90-minute training session — entitled "The Art of Hitting Your Way" — will focus on timing, angles and blocking.

The cost of the seminar is \$75. To reserve one of the limited spots, call (734) 459-5921.

Precision Baseball is located at 7835 Market St. in Canton.

For information on Nokes, visit <http://mattnokes.com>.

### Salem cross country third

The Salem girls cross country team placed third in the Lakeland Freshman-Sophomore Invitational, which was held Oct. 28 at the Lakeland Educational Campus.

Milford won the event with 104 points, followed by Pinckney (120) and Salem, which compiled 127 points.

Two Salem runners medaled: Victoria Tripp, who placed ninth in 20:30, and Kelly Kerwin, who crossed 12th in 20:34.

Also contributing to the Salem cause were: Phoebe VanHoof (28th in 21:14), Allison Walker (31st in 21:24), Autumn Burin (47th in 22:01), Amanda Beyer (53rd in 22:16) and Mackenzie Rogers (71st in 22:45).

# Wright or wrong, here's what I think



Ed Wright

■ Olympic ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto don't deserve to be bashed just because they bolted Canton earlier this year to train full-time in Pennsylvania.

After all, this is America — the land of the free skate and home of the brave.

I'm also certain they don't deserve to have a Canton Township

street named after them near the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, their former training complex.

That's why I'd like to give a perfect 10.0 score to the township official who decided to yank the green-and-white Belbin-Agosto sign that was erected in their honor after the duo captured a silver medal in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

There are too many loyal home-grown heroes who deserve the honor more than a couple of great athletes who trained here because it's where their coaches happened to be based.

While I'm glad they took down the sign, the pole looks bare with nothing up there at all.

That's why I'm proposing the

street be renamed after a humble, incredibly hard-working, bronze medal-winning Olympian who has called Canton home since she was a few weeks old.

Let's rename the street Allison Schmitt Lane.

■ I usually don't pay too much

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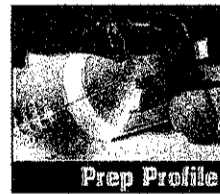
Salem cross country runners Kelly Determan (left) and Linda Ling are masters when it comes to juggling ultra-busy schedules.

## Salem runners perfect art of high achievement

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How in the world do Linda Ling and Kelley Determan do what they do?

How do the two Salem seniors juggle nightly stacks of advanced placement-level homework, two hours of cross country practice and other extra-curricular activities including music, student



council and National Honor Society?

How do they do it? In a word, skillfully.

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RUNNERS

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Parents of eighth-grade girls looking for role models for their young daughters would benefit from finding the blue-print Ling and Determan have etched throughout their four-year stay at Salem.

Both two-sport athletes — Ling plays tennis along with running cross country while Determan excels in cross and track — the seniors have managed to accumulate 4.0-plus grade-point averages along with earning National Merit Scholar semifinalist status — just two of 15 Salem students to do so — by finishing in the 99th percentile in a standardized test taken their junior year.

"I honestly don't know how they do it all," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "You can stereotype most kids that run cross country as intelligent and self-motivated, but these girls are the extreme. You have to be very, very, very motivated or you wouldn't be able to do what they do."

"They question a lot of things we do at practice — not in an unrespectful way, but in a curious way, like 'Why do we do it this way and not that way?' They'd both make great coaches some day."

The key to Ling's multi-leveled success is organization. "As dorky as it sounds, I wouldn't be able to do all this without my planner," she said, smiling. "I have so much going on, I need to write everything down."

"To keep up with everything, I don't get to hang out with my friends as often as I'd like and I probably don't get as much sleep as I need, but I love everything I'm doing. I wouldn't change anything."

Judging by her resume, a future in politics may be on the horizon for Ling. She's president of the National Honor Society and vice president of Salem's Student Council.

"I like being involved," she said. "I don't know if I'd like to get into politics, but I definitely wish I was born three months earlier so that I could vote next week."

When tennis — the sport she's been competing in the longest — got switched to the spring last year, it opened up a door to cross country in the fall for the personable Ling, who has registered a personal-best 5K time of 20:36.4.

She's come a long way on the

trails in the past two years, she readily admits.

"If you would have told me two years ago that I'd be able to run eight miles without stopping, I'd have said you need to be on some strong medication," she said, laughing. "Our coach does a great job of coming up with a training calendar so that we can all improve like we do."

"I've never experienced so much pain in my life since I've started to run cross country. It's taught me to push through no matter what."

Believe it or not, Determan is as busy as Ling. Her schedule is stocked with AP classes, she's involved in student council and NHS, and she runs every day.

"For me, running is a stress-reliever," she said. "When I have a million things going on, I need to take at least a half-hour a day — more during cross country season — to run so that I can get my mind off of things."

How does Determan get through the "wall" that crops up at times for all long-distance runners?

"What helps me when I'm racing in meets is trying to stay up with other runners," she revealed. "In practice, I tell myself the more it hurts now, the less it will hurt in the actual races."

"Running is applicable to the situations we face in life. We have a joke here that says for every 100 crappy days of running, you'll have three amazing days. That's the way it is in life, too. Everybody will have a few rough days, and then the next day they'll find a \$10 bill on the sidewalk."

Heading into this weekend, Determan's name was listed 10th on Salem's all-time record board thanks to a 19:44.8 she ran at the Haslett Invitational.

There's a good chance she may get bumped off the board, however, by one of her teammates who competed at Saturday's Division 1 state meet on a relatively flat course.

"I have bittersweet feelings about it," Determan said. "Above all, I want to see her do really well at the state meet, so I hope she beats my time in that way. But it sure would be nice to stay on the board, too."

Between them, Determan and Ling have earned just one non-A grade in their three-plus years at Salem, which leads one to ask: How to they do it?

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Wildcats post impressive win on 'Senior Night'

Plymouth's volleyball team closed its regular season with a bang Thursday when it defeated Walled Lake Central in four games on "Senior Night."

In a match that featured close scores throughout, the Wildcats won 25-23, 15-25, 26-24 and 25-24, to improve their record to 17-16-4 heading into next week's Division 1 District tournament.

"We started off pretty slow — maybe it was the jitters of 'Senior Night' — but the girls pulled it together in some pretty close games," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "I was proud of our seniors for refusing to lose."

"The underclassmen also stepped it up by putting the ball to the floor during the tight games. The whole team contributed to the win, but I am still looking for our offensive and defensive puzzle pieces to fit together for Districts."

Five seniors excelled on the night their careers were recognized: Megan Quinlan (23 digs, six kills), Jenna Livingston (16 digs), Lauren Scott (12 digs), Mandy McManus (six kills) and Briana Beyer (25 digs).

Underclassmen who sparked were Dani Risi (career-high 21 kills), Katie Salo (26 assists) and Kayla Bridge (six kills).

Chiefs eye record  
Canton's three-game sweep of Howell Thursday night improved the Chiefs' record to 33-8, placing them just one win from the school's single-season wins

record total of 34, which was set in 1997 — head coach Jen Barnes' senior year. The Chiefs won 25-15, 25-17 and 25-19 thanks to a versatile effort from Jordan Kieley, who racked up 23 kills, four blocks, 17 digs and three aces.

"I know we've been in and out of our line-up in the last few weeks because of injuries, but we're back to our regular line-up and it started to look comfortable tonight," said Barnes. "We served aggressively and played strong at the net."

"I think we can keep this chemistry going into this weekend and next week." Joining Kieley atop the stats columns were Kacy Moran (33 assists, seven kills and four aces), Shelby Anthony (21 digs), Torry Riley (six kills) and Kristen Muir (20 digs, five kills).

Southfield man makes 800 series look easy

There are plenty of very good bowlers who have never achieved an 800 series. That translates into averaging 267 for three games.

Now, along comes Jeff Brown II, a 21-year-old right-hander from Southfield who rolled an 864 on Oct. 12 and came back a week later with 826 on Oct. 19.

To make this feat all the more incredible, he did it while subbing in the West Chicago League at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. This was no fluke, though, because Jeff is a very talented bowler who not only is very good, but had an unusual streak of "hot" shooting.

His game scores were: 300-266-298 for the first series and 236-300-290 the following week.

Jeff had shot one 800 previously, and the second 300 game was his ninth perfect game. To take another perspective, almost every ball rolled must be a strike.

He had 33 strikes in the 864 set. Jeff started out quite young, in fact he was a third-grader when they had an after-school bowling program for the kids.

His Dad, Jeff Brown, Sr., gave him good coaching and later on he had advanced work with Michelle Mullen, Aleta Sill and Lisa Bishop from the pro shop at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Asked about his equipment, Jeff said, "I use a 15-pound Ebonite — 'The One' — which I think is a terrific ball. They came out with it a couple of years ago, dropped it last year, and just started making them again."

Jeff is hoping his hot streak stays with him a while longer, as he has a shot at bowling with the pros when they come to Taylor Lanes starting on

Nov. 9, as he won a spot to bowl in the qualifier, a possible entry after winning the sweeper at Taylor.

Jeff says, "I'm not thinking about turning pro right now. My real job is with Wal-Mart."

Tail Waggers USA  
Saturday, Nov. 8, is the time for one and all to come out to Woodland Lanes for the annual "Tail Waggers USA" fund-raising event for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

The registration fee is \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth bowlers 17 and under. This has been the "Pet" Project for Laura Zain, who has been dedicated to the cause for many years and has raised a lot of money for this worthy cause.

The squad times are: 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. with the special Pet Cadet squad for youngsters during the 9:30 a.m. time slot in which bumpers will be available for the little ones in which a parent must be present.

Registration forms are read-

ily available at the Woodland Lanes counter or visit www.tailwaggersusa.org to get a form immediately.

For those who choose not to bowl, but just want to donate \$40 or more there are some very exciting prizes to be won.

Laura says, "Our promise to you: A day of compelling stories, very special four-legged fur-faces, good fun, delicious food provided by our friends at Karas House Catering and fabulous prizes along with a warm-fuzzy feeling and we won't disappoint you."

For further information or questions, contact Laura Zain at (734) 560-4660 or Toby Robinson at (248) 353-7788. Woodland Lanes is located at 33775 Plymouth Road, just West of Farmington Road in Livonia.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. He can be reached by e-mail at tenpinalley710@yahoo.com.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

WRIGHT

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attention to post-championship medal ceremonies, but it was hard to ignore the one that took place following last Saturday's Salem-Saline boys soccer Regional title match.

It was hard to ignore because it seemed to take nearly as long as the actual game, which the Hornets won in overtime.

After lining up in numerical order about 15 yards from the spot where Saline's athletic director was handing out the medals — and with the disappointed Salem players looking on in the 30-degree late-October chill — one by one, the 25 Hornets walked at a snail's pace to retrieve their hardware in what appeared to be an

orchestrated effort to frustrate the fallen Rocks even more.

"It looked to me like they were trying to rub it in our faces," someone very close to the Salem soccer team told me moments after the incident.

Now, if I'm a sophomore or junior in Salem's soccer program, I'm going to lock that entire scene in my memory bank.

And if my team was fortunate enough to face Saline in next year's state tournament, I would unlock the memory bank minutes before the game and — BAMM! — I'm energized with a bonus dose of motivation.

And if my team won, I would encourage all my teammates who remembered what happened the previous year to jog when they picked

up their medals because — as every player's mother has reminded them since birth — two wrongs don't make a right.

■ On a personal note, I was a little apprehensive about signing up my 7-year-old son to play tackle football this fall.

I wasn't worried about him getting hurt as much as I was with him being overwhelmed by the four-days-a-week practice/game routine, the rigorous (for a 7-year-old) conditioning and all the other demands that go along with playing tackle football.

I didn't want him getting turned off to the sport at such a young age, and then never playing again.

Much to my delight, the opposite happened. He loved it. He made sure he had his

pads and practice uniform on every day 45 minutes before the start of practice — even though we live just a 15-minute drive from the field.

And the other day he said something I never thought I'd hear come out of his 7-year-old lips: "Dad, you know what my favorite parts of practice are? wide-base blocking and form tackling."

While he may never win the Heisman trophy, it appears my son has acquired the same love as I have for the best character-building sport known to man, and for this, I thank his Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior freshmen coaching staff — Paul Hult, Harry Walkley, Rick Convertino, Jason Kaye and Bob Lynn — five guys who obviously understand how to introduce a 7-year-old kid to football.

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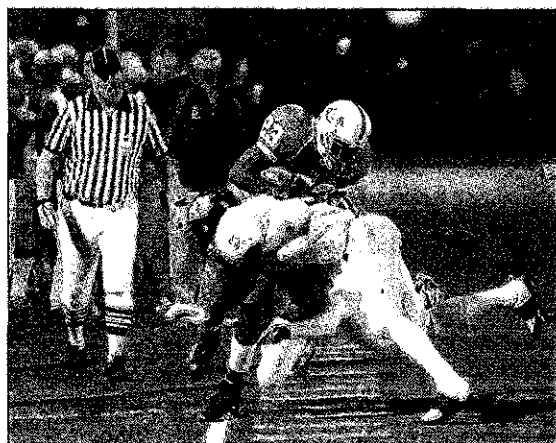
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Cheer for the hometeam, read today's SPORTS section

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE. At the Meeting of October 6, 2008, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2009: January 12, February 2, February 16, March 2, March 16, April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15, July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24, September 14, October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, December 7. The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Vic Gustafson, Chairman. Publish: November 2, 2008

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS. The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following: David Medley, ADA Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5280. Publish: November 2, 2008

Canton's Davion Stackhouse is knocked out of bounds by Plymouth's Travis Mewton during Friday night's Division 1 playoff game. Stackhouse finished with 83 yards rushing.



## CLASH

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impressive possession came up pointless when Canton senior cornerback Donnie Barlow swooped in from the left edge to block Kyle Brindza's 47-yard field goal attempt.

Three plays later, Delapaz lofted a soft pass to Kiere Daniels, who raced 65 yards down the sideline to paydirt to give Canton a 7-0 advantage.

Canton's fans got a treat from a trick play two minutes later when Satish Subramanian fielded a booming Brindza punt at his 15 before handing the ball to Arron Boudreaux at the 17. Following a crushing block by Wilcox, Boudreaux sped 83 yards to the end zone to put the Chiefs up 14-0.

"We've practiced that play all year and we've tried to run it in games, but a lot of times the punt will either go out of bounds or it will drop short," Baechler said. "When he boomed the punt, I thought, 'Here's our chance.' The blocks were set up well and Arron made a great run."

The Chiefs extended their lead to 21-0 on their next drive (five plays, 44 yards) when Delapaz scored on a 6-yard keeper.

Plymouth cut its halftime deficit to 21-14 thanks to Guthridge's end-to-end gallop and a 44-yard fumble return for a TD by senior cornerback Kelly Waite.

Payter busted loose for a 47-yard TD run on a fullback trap play with 7:40 left in the third quarter to double the Chiefs' lead to 28-14.

The Wildcats answered on their next drive, a 13-play,

60-yard doozy, that was climaxed by a 1-yard TD dive by Guthridge to close to within 28-21 with 23 seconds remaining in the third quarter. A leaping 19-yard catch by Zach Hamed on a fourth-and-6 play kept the drive alive.

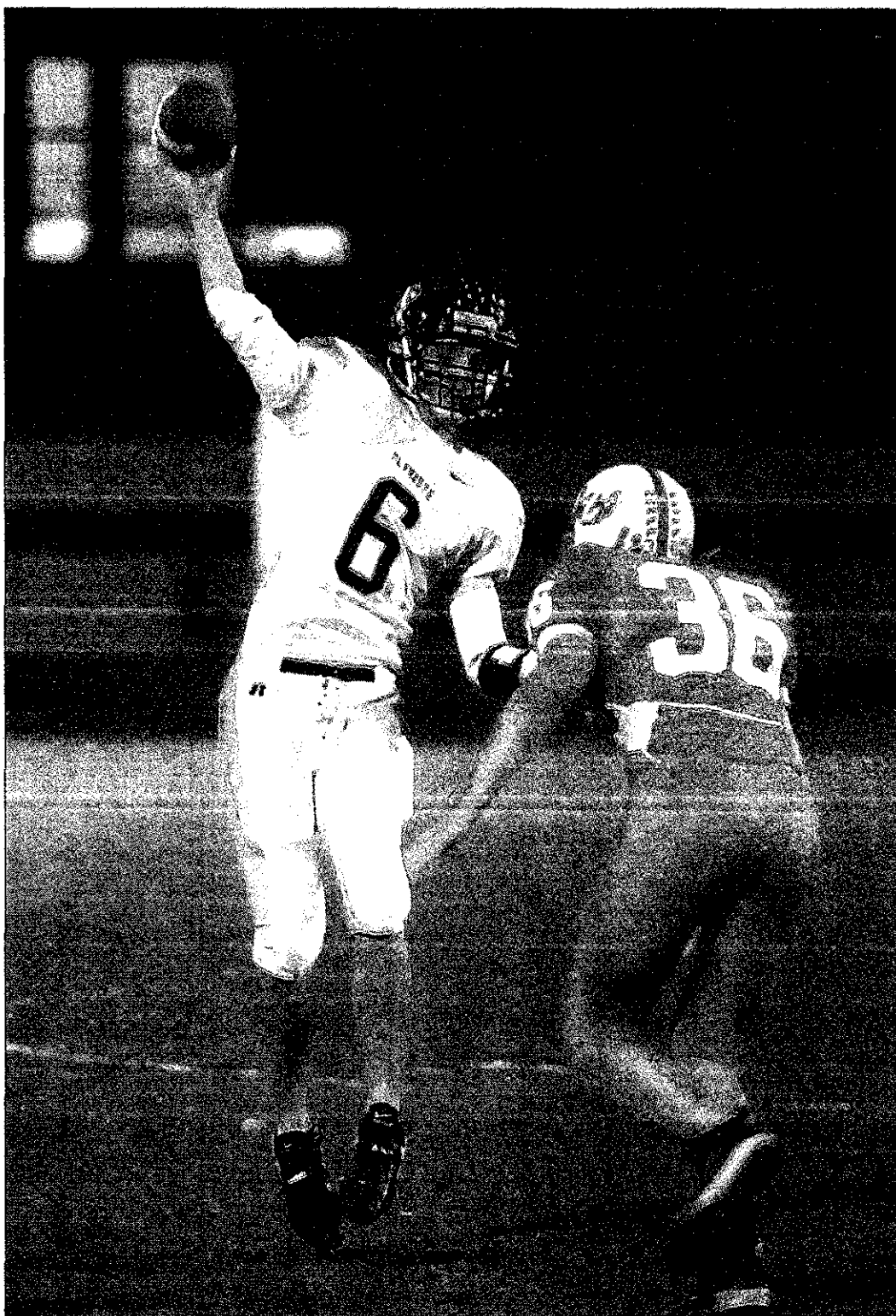
A Plymouth special-teams unit made a huge play moments later to set up the tying touchdown. On fourth-and-5 from the Chief 32, Canton punter Dan Stoney pulled the ball down and ran, however, he was stopped well short of a first down thanks to a heads-up tackle by Tony Rhodes.

Nine plays later, Guthridge scored on the toss sweep to even the game at 28-all. Plymouth converted another pivotal fourth-down play on the game-tying drive when Ronnie Goble hauled in a 16-yard spiral from Skubik on fourth-and-8 from the Canton 34.

After Brindza drilled the ensuing kick-off into the end zone, Canton constructed a run-only, 11-play, 80-yard drive that ended with Delapaz's 1-yard sneak into the end zone. Stackhouse accounted for 38 yards on the drive, including a 20-yard run that took the ball to the Plymouth 39.

"We wanted to feature the left side of our line on that drive because that's where we have two seniors — Justin Sneddon and Todd Turfe," Baechler said. "Plus, we wanted to run away from (Plymouth linebacker) Ronnie Goble's side. He's a heckuva football player and he was causing us all kinds of problems over there."

Trailing 35-28, Plymouth took over on its 45 with 40 seconds left thanks to a strong



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Plymouth quarterback Matt Skubik, hurried by Canton's Mike Clemens above, completed 7-of-15 passes for 62 yards Friday night.

kickoff return by Guthridge.

However, the Wildcats' last-ditch effort to force overtime evaporated in the arms of Sweda.

Both teams' kickers excelled. Stoney was 5-for-5 on extra points and averaged 33.3 yards a punt. Brindza hit all four of his PAT's and averaged 35.3 yards a punt.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Free throw contest

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### Canton Wrestling Club registration

Registration for the 2008-09 Canton Wrestling Club will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in room 305 of the Canton High School North building (phase III).

All participants should bring three copies of their birth certificate to the registration.

The club is a member of the MMWA and MYWAY wrestling organizations. Last year's team included 27 state qualifiers, 10 state placers and four state champions. The season runs from Nov. 17 to March 29.

For more information, visit [www.chiefswrestling.com](http://www.chiefswrestling.com).

### Saberettes clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a kids clinic from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

The clinic, which costs \$38, is open to children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The cost includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. All children participating in the clinic will be invited to perform at the Saberette Variety Show on April 3 and a Plymouth varsity basketball game.

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## Protecting public health

### Workplace clinics help prevent spread of flu

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Malutkowski hasn't missed getting a flu shot since college so when husband Kevin came home with news his employer was holding a workplace clinic she was glad it included the entire family. The Berkley woman makes sure she, Kevin, their daughter, Amelia, and are protected from the infectious virus every year. In mid-October she bundled up their 23-month-old daughter and headed for the American Concrete Institute in Farmington Hills. This year the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is recommending all children age 6 months to 18 years receive flu shots so ACI's decision to include families made it extremely convenient.

"It's a great opportunity. Hopefully we can miss getting the flu. We have a lot of kids getting sick in our neighborhood," said Jennifer Malutkowski. "I used to get the flu all the time and it used to wipe me out for a week."

Human resources director Barbara Cheyne is always looking for ways to help employees stay healthy.

"This is a way to make a benefit available to the staff with minimal disruption to the staff day. They don't have to leave to get a flu shot," said Cheyne. "When employees get the flu there's a costly impact on the organization."

You're not only risking the spread of disease but diminished productivity and quality overall. It's in everyone's best interests."

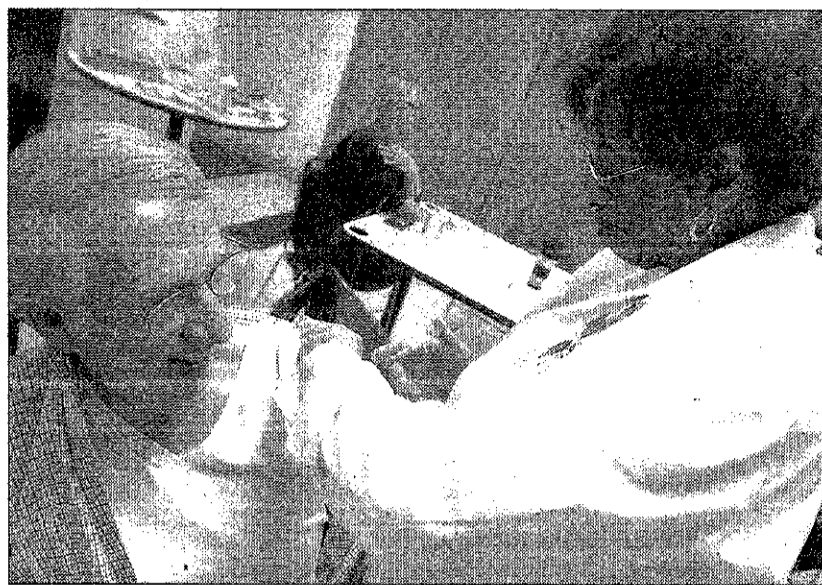
CEO Bill Tolley was among the first in line. Tolley gets a flu shot every year.

"Part of it is because of travel. I take 20 to 25 trips a year, this year to Brazil, Colombia, Hong Kong, and Vietnam," said Tolley. "I never have gotten the flu very much because I receive flu shots. There's nothing worse than being sick and traveling."

More and more workplaces are offering clinics. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan has held several already this season including the one at ACI. The Wayne and Oakland counties' health divisions offer public clinics as well as the VNA (www.vna.org).

"Children carry virus and spread it," said Kay Renny, a registered nurse and manager of community programs for VNA of Southeast Michigan. "They're not always washing their hands and doing the sneeze in elbow. They bring it home to grandma and grandpa and maybe a baby sister or brother."

As a medical historian, Dr. Howard Markel knows how quickly infectious disease can spread. As director of the University of Michigan Center for the History of Medicine he has studied flu pandemics which have killed millions of people around



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American Concrete Institute CEO Bill Tolley, left, receives a flu shot from Doris Apacanis, an R.N. with the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan at the ACI offices in Farmington Hills.



Kevin Malutkowski of American Concrete Institute, center, and his wife Jennifer, left, keep their 23-month-old daughter Amelia busy as she gets a flu shot from Doris Apacanis, an R.N. with the Visiting Nurse Association at the ACI offices in Farmington Hills. Amelia only cried for a little while probably because she had Pooh Bear with her.

the world. About 675,000 died of Spanish flu in the U.S. in 1918-19.

"It was a devastating pandemic," said Markel. "As a historian I tell people you need to pay attention to the past. Every 30 to 40 years we have a flu pandemic, in 68, 57. We're kind of overdue for one. Will it be one that kills a lot

of people or one that makes a lot of people sick? I can't predict, but flu shots are very, very important."

As a pediatrician, Markel recommends flu shots for patients as well as his children, ages 4 and 8. In recent years some parents have opted to avoid flu shots over fear

of a possible link between autism and vaccines.

"It's very safe. Studies have all disproved (a link) time and time again," said Markel. "Even if you don't want to trust me. Talk to your doctor."

While Malutkowski says the possible link between vaccines

and autism is always in the back of her mind, it's more important for Amelia to receive a flu shot.

"I would rather see her protected," said Malutkowski.

For more information about the flu, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

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## Lead can cause health problems in children

Lead exposure can cause serious and permanent damage to the health of young children that's why the Oakland County Health Division is trying to increase awareness. Most often children are poisoned by lead dust and lead paint in homes built before 1978. However, children can be exposed to lead by a number of household items and materials including toys, old painted furniture, glazed pottery, dirt and soil from flower pots, charcoal, and imported spices and food additives.

"While there is much recently publicity about toys, lead dust from house paint remains the main source of lead poisoning in children," said Kathy Forzley, manager/health officer of Oakland County Health Division. "The only way to be sure that a child does not have lead poisoning is to have them tested."

Lead can cause reading disabilities and attention and motor coordination problems in children. Signs of lead poisoning include tiredness, headaches or irritability. In most cases there are no obvious symptoms to indicate that the child has been exposed to dangerous lead levels.

Lead poisoning in children is preventable. Here are some tips to keep your kids safe.

Keep toys out of the child's mouth. Wash your child's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.

Look for and remove sources of lead in places your child lives and plays. Keep floors, window sills, blinds, and other surfaces dust and dirt free.

Throw recalled toys or items away, or return to the manufacturer as directed. For a complete product recall list, visit [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

For more information, call Oakland County Health Division's Nurse on Call at (800) 848-5533.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### NOVEMBER

##### Flu shots

For adults and children over 6 months of age available at Oakland County Health Division locations at 1200 N. Telegraph in Oakland County Complex Bldg. 36 East in Pontiac; 27725 Greenfield, north of 11 Mile at Catalpa Road in Southfield, and 1010 E. West Maple at Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Cost is \$11 (cash only). Medicare and Medicaid accepted. Bring photo identification and insurance cards. For information, call (800) 434-3358 or visit [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health).

##### CHADD meeting

Child & Adults with Attention-Deficit-Disorder meets Monday, Nov. 3, at Way Elementary School, 765 W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The Parent group will have Maria Godette speaking on AD/HD in the Black Home: The Real Truth. The Adult group will have Arthur Robin, psychologist and author, speaking on Can Your Marriage Survive AD/HD. Registration opens at 7 p.m. Meeting runs 7:30-9 p.m. Meetings free for CHADD members and up to a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call (248) 988-6716. The Web site is [www.chadd.net/527](http://www.chadd.net/527).

##### Girls' night out

Presented by Henry Ford Health System 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Pine Lake Country Club, 3300 Pine Lake Road, Orchard Lake. Enjoy a gourmet, heart-healthy dinner while learning about how to treat your heart right. Experts from the Heart & Vascular Institute will be available for small group discussions throughout the evening as well as present four short lectures. Tickets \$20 per person. Space limited. Call (800) HENRYFORD (436-7936) or visit [henryford.com](http://henryford.com) and click on Find Henry Ford classes.

##### Free seminar

To educate men and women about treatment options for erectile dysfunction and incontinence 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Henry Ford Hospital Warren Campus, Classroom BB, 13355 E. 10 Mile. To reserve a seat, call: (734) 261-7401.

##### Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

##### Healthcare symposium

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. Guest speaker is Margaret Dowd, president of the Lupus

Research Institute. Dr. Joseph McCune, chief of rheumatology at University of Michigan, leads a discussion by a panel of physicians whose specialties impact treatment of lupus. No charge, but a \$10 donation is requested for breakfast and lunch. To register, call (800) 705-6677, send e-mail to [info@milupus.org](mailto:info@milupus.org) or visit [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org).

##### Stomp out diabetes

Wine Tasting Benefit 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel in Bloomfield Hills. Guests will enjoy an evening of sampling and socializing all in support of the American Diabetes Association's efforts to prevent and cure diabetes. For tickets or more information, contact Debbie O'Leary at (888) 342-2383, ext. 6636 or [doleary@diabetes.org](mailto:doleary@diabetes.org).

##### Thyroid & your health

7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, on the 3rd floor of Livonia Civic Center Library-3rd floor, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman and Farmington Roads. Seating limited, call (734) 425-8588 to register. For more information, visit [www.KarlWellnessCenter.com](http://www.KarlWellnessCenter.com) and [www.KarlHolisticHealthcare.com](http://www.KarlHolisticHealthcare.com).

##### Fibromyalgia workshop

By Dr. Daniel Clauw, director of the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center at the University of Michigan 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road, Garden City. For information, contact Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768 or [lucyrowley23@hotmail.com](mailto:lucyrowley23@hotmail.com). No charge for the workshop presented by the Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group.

##### Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Do you ever wish you had an understanding person to talk to? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer support and assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones and offers valuable information at meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month 10 a.m. to noon at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue in Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile Road in Redford. Morning and evening options available. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the evening group meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. For information or if attending for the first time, call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, ext. 233.

##### Chocolate jubilee

To benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter noon Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn. Held annually, Funds will support programs and services to more than 70,000 metro Detroit families affected by the disease as well as fund research. The luncheon is followed by a chocolate tasting with over 20 exhibitors offering up their sweetest creations.

Luncheon and Jubilee tickets still available. To purchase or participate in the 50/50 Raffle or Sweet Chances, call (248) 351-0280 or visit [www.alzgm.org](http://www.alzgm.org) for details.

##### Get ready to have a baby

Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Childbirth Education Weekday programs held 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, to Nov. 19; Mondays, Nov. 17 to Dec. 15, and Wednesdays, Dec. 3 to Jan. 14. Childbirth Education One-day workshops 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6. There is a fee. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1162 for information or to register.

#### UPCOMING

##### Gala evening at the movies

A benefit for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at The Uptown Palladium Theater, 250 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. Evening includes the premiere of a new feature film and an hors d'oeuvres and dessert pre-glow reception. The honoree for the 31st annual Gala Evening at the Movies is The Michael Yendick Foundation for Children. To attend the event, purchase a listing in the Movie Gala Souvenir Journal from \$75-\$5,000 and receive complimentary tickets. Call (248) 737-0900, or email [michigan@ccla.org](mailto:michigan@ccla.org) for more information.

##### Butterfly ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan has rescheduled its black tie fund-raiser to 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets \$250 per person and include The Butterfly Ball will be highlighted by music and will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica Jimenez, Development Specialist, (248) 784-2018 or [jjimenez@alam.org](mailto:jjimenez@alam.org).

#### ONGOING

##### Physical performance classes

Incorporates jump-rope training, core work, and functional strength training using dumbbells and body weight for resistance 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. An Exercise Therapy class for a mid to lower intensity workout that stress functional fitness, core, balance, strength and flexibility 8:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. One hour sessions run through November at Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy Gym, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Drop in sessions \$6 each, 10 sessions \$48. These classes are both lead by Jeanie Weaver with the concept of training to spare the joints and improve back mobility and strength. She is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training

experience. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957 to register. For information send e-mail to [jeanieweaver@charter.net](mailto:jeanieweaver@charter.net).

##### CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at [www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar](http://www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar) or call (248) 937-3314

##### Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

##### Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursdays. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

##### Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to [marthapaul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthapaul@sbcglobal.net). Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit [www.recovery-inc.org](http://www.recovery-inc.org). No charge, contributions collected.

##### Low vision support group

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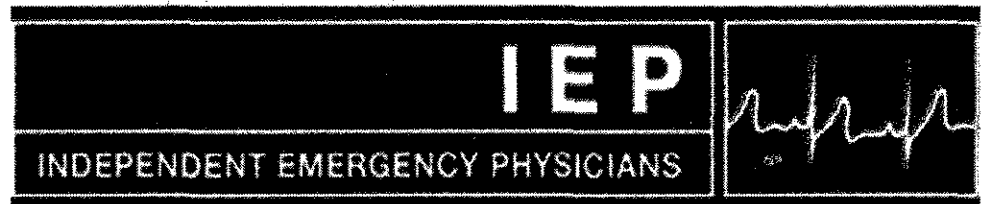
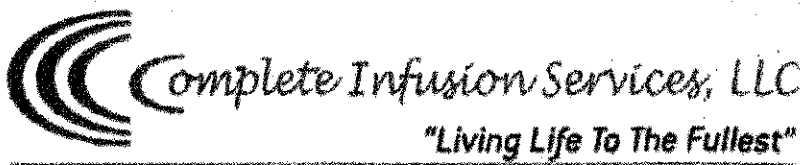
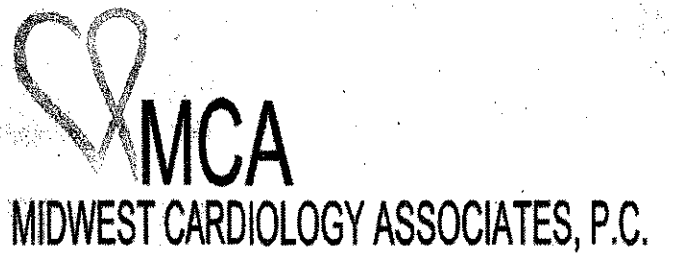
For the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi which is scheduled to open Sept. 5. Volunteers needed for variety of activities including responsibilities in the Emergency Center, surgical lounge, pediatric department, gift shop, and visitor services as well as duties in the areas of spiritual care, transporter, clerical, patient greeter. Must be age 18 and older and able to work a minimum of one, four-hour shift per week. To request an application packet, call (248) 465-4096 or send e-mail to [volunteerservice@stjohn.org](mailto:volunteerservice@stjohn.org).

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The Bunny Sanford dancers sport red sequin vests and shorts for the Le Jazz Hot portion of the show.

### NEW YORK VIBES

**What:** A fund-raising dinner, silent auction and concert by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra with special guests from the Bunny Sanford's School of Dance  
**When:** Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21  
**Where:** Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**Tickets:** \$70. Call (734) 591-0266 or (734) 421-1111. Items are still being sought for the silent auction.



Timario Wilkins directs the Philharmonic.

## Musically entertaining



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Sophia Washer, 7, of Bloomfield Hills, and Elizabeth Manning, 10, Garden City, play violin during strings class.

## Young instrumentalists play for fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
 O&E STAFF WRITER

### LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN

**What:** A nonprofit educational organization teaches young musicians orchestral skills  
**When:** Meets 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays from September to May  
**Costs:** For the season range from \$175 for beginning concert strings to \$250 for the philharmonic  
**Details:** Call (734) 634-5250 or visit [www.LYPM.org](http://www.LYPM.org).



Carl Karoub of Livonia leads the winds ensemble. Karoub is principal French Horn with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Most kids look forward to having fun with their friends on the weekend and members of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan are no exception. The only difference is they're playing classical music together instead of soccer. Four separate rooms of string and woodwind musicians sit on the edge of their chairs listening to conductors for the beginning to advanced ensembles. When

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## Dancers to kick up their heels Rockette-style

One professional ballroom dancer dressed in bright yellow is still twirling in the heads of many of the guests who attended last year's Livonia Symphony Orchestra fundraiser. This year's event promises to be equally as memorable as the chorus line from Bunny Sanford's School of Dance kick up their heels Friday, Nov. 21, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The nearly two dozen dancers, ages 15 to 19, perform in front of a silhouette of New York City, the theme this year.



Linda Chomin

Dance has always been popular as witnessed by the hundreds of little girls taking classes and performing in recitals locally, but lately more adults seem to be interested in a variety of styles thanks to the television hit, *Dancing with the Stars*. Last year's fund-raiser had just about everybody tapping their toes.

"Last year I set things up for the silent auction and had the opportunity to watch the dancers perform and it was just superb," said Patrick Beckley, vice president of the Livonia Symphony Society, the governing and fund-raising arm of the orchestra.

### APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE

The kick lines should bring as much applause as the tangos and cha chas last year. Dressed in gold shimmering costumes with tails for the chorus portion of the show, the young dancers change into bright red vests and shorts with bowler hats for the jazz section. The show is definitely up tempo with music selections ranging from *Give My Regards to Broadway* to *Hello, Dolly* and *A Salute to the Big Bands*. Angie Hahn directed and choreographed the dancers in the chorus line and *Le Jazz Hot*. Hahn has been teaching 21 years at the Livonia studio celebrating its 35th anniversary.

"It's a fantastic show," she said. "The chorus line production is like a Rockette-style number. It gives them the opportunity to do a professional show in front of an audience in case they want to continue on to become a professional dancer and it's a great chance to perform with the symphony and have live music."

### KEEPING IN SHAPE

In recent years, the Livonia Symphony has made an effort to reach out to the community just as Bunny Sanford and her students do. The dancers perform in local nursing homes. People of all ages love to watch them move to the beat of the music.

"Dance keeps them active, in shape. We have a lot of male dancers big into sports in high school, soccer, football," said Hahn. "It helps give them the coordination to excel at their sports. It gives them such a good base. There's a community spirit about them. A lot are on homecoming courts and in the Honor Society."

Nikki Fata isn't nervous about performing in front of the crowd since the dancers have been practicing for more than two months. The 16-year-old Westland girl has been taking classes

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## Holiday fair offers gifts that keep on giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
 O&E STAFF WRITER

If you're looking to give something different for the holidays don't miss the Alternative Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

The show promises to be bigger and better than ever with 45 charities selling everything from jewelry to teddy bears, hand-carved items, food including soup and dessert mixes, and even chickens and goats. While fair goers can't take the animals home for a price they can help Heifer International provide food and income for families in need. All purchases at the fair keep on giving by supporting organizations including Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Haven, Donate Life Coalition, Detroit Rescue Mission, Special Olympics Michigan, and Lutheran Child and Family Services, to name a few.

Jessica Beamer of Farmington stresses the fair is an ecumenical event. St. Fabian Catholic Church

in Farmington Hills is once again working with Hope Lutheran. Volunteers from both churches bake cookies for the fair.

"This is not a fund-raiser for either church but a gift of service for the community," said Beamer, fair coordinator. "In 35 hours of selling time over the last seven years we raised \$150,000 for the charities. They leave with that money."

Beamer especially likes to shop at the event every year.

"I like to buy handmade gift bags to put my items in, gifts for teachers, school staff, piano teachers, the people in my life I like to honor," Beamer said. "For some charities you might leave with a card saying you bought a school kit going to a child around the world. I always call them double gifts. They're for someone but you're helping someone too."

Last year M.I.N.D.S. (Mental Illness Needs Discussion) brought a professional photographer and took photos for Christmas cards,"

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Sales of bears and books go to Feed the Children.

### ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

**What:** The festival features gift items from nonprofit organizations  
**When:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15  
**Where:** Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills.  
**Cost:** \$1. For more information, call (248) 553-7170.



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she said, referring to the Southfield-based organization that educates youth about mental illness and suicide prevention. "My three children are going to come looking quite nice."

**YOUNG ARTISTS**

The children at the Boys & Girls Republic in Farmington Hills have been making jewelry for weeks to get ready for the fair. The nonprofit offers a group home setting for abused, neglected and troubled youth who would otherwise be in foster care.

"The kids sell the things they make themselves — candy babies filled with candy, pens with flowers on top, hairpieces," said Latisha Early, representative. "Once a week we do crafts. It's very therapeutic when they're very stressed and having a bad day. They enjoy being creative."

The fair gives Julie Connoyer an opportunity to meet people from other social service agencies. Connoyer is community outreach coordinator for Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia. The nonprofit sells holiday greeting cards as well as Braille jewelry and books to provide low cost reading materials for blind children around the world. For \$10, supporters receive a holiday tribute card informing the recipient a book has been inscribed in their name.

"People feel Braille is only for blind children. Our books tell children there is another reading medium out there besides print. We have cute holiday books this year, one with a hand puppet, and all of the books are in print and Braille," said Connoyer.

**JEWELRY, PUPPY KISSES**

Samaritan Counseling Center in Farmington Hills is selling mustard seed jewelry with proceeds going to support the center's adjusted fee schedule. Each of the organizations offers something different. Joy DeFranco, fair committee person and volunteer liaison for Make-A-Wish, was involved with



Robin Danko holds a Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan bear.



Bruce and Sue Calderwood volunteer every year to sell soup mixes for the Detroit Rescue Mission. New this year are dessert mixes.

hosting a party where terminally ill children made holiday cards. The Farmington Hills woman always buys the greetings to send to family and friends.

"They drew it. It tells you their diagnosis and what their wish is," said DeFranco.

Suzanne Geliske is offering something very unusual — the opportunity to kiss a Paws With a Cause puppy

she's raising in her Pontiac home. When Halo, the golden retriever, is old enough she'll leave for Wayland to be trained as a service dog.

"They can just give a donation. They don't have to kiss the dog but puppies are cute," said Geliske. "If they just want to pet the dog that's OK."

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asked why they give up their Saturday mornings to rehearse at Churchill High School in Livonia, Jerusha Taylor, 8, of Farmington, Robert Sylvester, 8, of West Bloomfield and Damaris Micsa, 14, of Livonia resoundingly replied, "It's fun."

"I like performing," said Sophia Washer of Bloomfield Hills. The 7-year-old girl has been playing violin since age 4.

"Every semester she's given three options on what she wants to do and she chooses orchestra every time," said her mother Linda. "Miss Julia teaches kids how to play together. She makes it fun and picks engaging music. She challenges them."

Julia Kurtyka makes Bach fun. She's routinely on both sides of the baton not only conducting the two LYPM string ensembles, but performing with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

"LYPM gives them the opportunity to play in a group ensemble and have the camaraderie," said Kurtyka of Livonia. "They're not only playing their part but other people's parts and fitting their parts in."

### POPULAR SONGS

In the next room Timario Wilkins, conductor for the philharmonic, the most advanced LYPM orchestra, makes playing enjoyable as well, by leading young musicians through themes from *Superman* and *Jaws*.

"It's fun to work together with a bunch of people



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Julia Kurtyka of Livonia leads the strings class. Kurtyka plays with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

who like music," said Nick Atsklas of Livonia. The 13-year-old boy has been playing trumpet seven years, three years in the philharmonic.

"There are a lot of entertaining songs you can play with a group you can't play alone," added Rachel Martin, 12, of Northville.

Dave Lindenmuth can't believe the philharmonic students have never heard the haunting music or seen the classic thriller, *Jaws* so he's hosting a movie party at his Livonia home this month.

"It's going to give them the feel and flavor for the music and to socialize a bit," said Lindenmuth.

As LYPM president, Lindenmuth is doing everything possible to inspire students to pursue music studies. His own son, Danny, 12, became interested in strings through Livonia Public Schools. He now plays with Kurtyka's two

groups, the Concert Strings and Symphony Strings. Lindenmuth's daughter Kristi, 8, is in Carl Karoub's wind and flute ensembles down the hall. Karoub is a member of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and a private French Horn teacher.

### ALL WELCOME

A total of 112 students participate in the various ensembles for strings and woodwinds. The only criteria is that musicians must have taken a minimum of one year of lessons on their instrument. Half way through the season on Jan. 31, and at the close on May 16, the young musicians show off their talents in concert.

"We have an audition for placement, but we don't typically reject anyone. If a kid comes in with a skill set he or she could end up in the philharmonic," said Lindenmuth.

Linda Ignagni started playing violin with the

ensembles at age 10 and eventually went to college only to end up returning to help string players in the orchestras.

Ignagni, now a grandmother, is devoted to students in LYPM. She teaches privately and performs professionally with her Doree string quartet and the Southern Great Lakes Symphony Downriver.

"They were a major support in shaping who I am today," said Ignagni, LYPM strings specialist. "Students have gone on to become performers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, scientists. We have mentors, too, that help."

Lijun Deng can't praise the organization enough. Her daughter Kelly, 6, has been playing since age 4.

"We love music, the whole family," said Deng of Livonia. "She's really enjoying music from very little. Violin is like a toy of hers."

Jim Jonah has as much fun as his daughter Jessie, 9. He joined LYPM at the suggestion of Kurtyka who believes a child is more likely to continue playing if a parent does.

"I'm learning along with her. I'm the big kid in the orchestra," said Jonah of Highland.

While learning to perform as a group encourages teamwork, Wilkins says it also improves grades.

"It's inspired them through music to be a better student," said Wilkins, who earned a bachelor of music degree from the University of Michigan and is working on his teaching certificate at Eastern Michigan University.

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## Help people to help animals

There's still time to help Tail Waggers USA, a local animal charity, raise money Saturday, Nov. 8, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. The cost for the Tail Waggers Bowl is \$25 per person and includes bowling, lunch or dinner, commemorative gift, and lots of prizes. Participants will get an opportunity to visit with four-legged benefactors, hear compelling rescue stories and talk to pet owners who have received assistance from Tail Waggers USA.

Founder, Laura Zain of Livonia said that "with the tough economic situation that we are all in, it is with high hopes that any amount of money can be raised for the animals that are in need of assistance." Zain also stated that if donations are avail-

able, Tail Waggers USA will provide pet food for families that are struggling financially because of job loss.

"We want people to know that we are here to give assistance and by providing food, pet owners will have one less thing to worry about," said Zain. "Pets need to stay with their owners during these times and we are here to help."

Tail Waggers USA is committed to helping people help animals. The goal is to be able to support dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance along with providing necessary funding for those animals in emergency situations.

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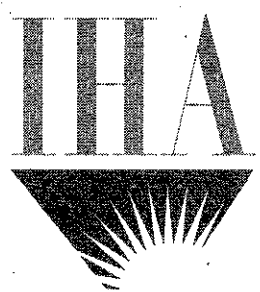
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**Class of 1978**

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# Party time

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Shaina Allen fell in love with roofing three years ago while working on her first Habitat for Humanity house.

"When Hurricane Katrina hit we decided to do something. We drove down and worked on a house for a week," she said, recalling her trip to Biloxi, Miss., with her husband, Robb. "It was an unbelievable experience. That was my first experience with roofing. I love getting up there and nailing the boards on. I'd have to say roofing is my favorite."

The Rochester couple will throw a block party next weekend in the hopes that some of their guests might also fall in love with roofing, hammering, painting or donating money to assist Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, the nonprofit organization that enlists volunteers to build houses in Pontiac for the needy.

The Allens are among about two dozen Habitat supporters who will invite family, friends, co-workers — and in some

cases the public — to simultaneous gatherings that collectively have been dubbed "The World's Biggest House Party," on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The parties mix fun — from beer-tasting to shoe shopping — with information about the organization and its volunteer opportunities.

Virginia Alan, a Bloomfield Hills resident and Habitat board member, said event organizers decided on the multi-party approach because it is unique.

"We were looking for a new idea for a fund-raiser, rather than having another sit down dinner, which seems to happen every weekend," said Alan, referring to the fall social season of charity galas and fund-raisers.

"We thought if we could get individuals to have a party in their own home, invite family and friends, they could have a personal discussion about Habitat for Humanity," Alan said.

She's co-hosting a "Girls Night Out" party at a Berkley shoe store, where Habitat for

## Gatherings mix fun, service, donations for housing group

Humanity of Oakland County will receive a portion of sale proceeds that night.

### HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

As manager of corporate giving and volunteerism at the Handelman Company, Alan became involved in Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County six years ago.

Like Shaina and Robb Allen, she has served on a volunteer building crew for several Habitat houses.

"Painting is my forte. I'm not too good with a hammer," she said, adding that Handelman employees joined other Habitat volunteers to build five homes since 2002.

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County generally builds about 12 houses annually. About half of those are constructed during "blitz" week in June. The others are built over 14-16 weeks.

"The people who receive the homes are so deserving," Alan added.

"It's so great when you see people get these homes," agreed Liz Pinto, a Troy resident who is co-

hosting a wine-tasting bash in Beverly Hills during the World's Biggest House Party. "And it's not a handout. They have to go through a process, get a mortgage and work 300 hours on the home. There's a lot of sweat equity they put into the home."

"They have a nice, safe place to live. It makes you happy to be a part of it."

### PONTIAC HOUSES

Allen said the organization has a waiting list of about 20 families waiting for a home. Home recipients must meet specific income guidelines and currently live in substandard housing or in a high crime area. Applicants can be from anywhere in or out of the state, but must be willing to move to Pontiac where the organization builds.

Allen invited a Habitat homeowner to speak at her block party in Rochester. At most parties, guests also will get a chance to sign a piece of lumber that's destined for a future Habitat house.

"We're doing it so that people will make a donation and I want

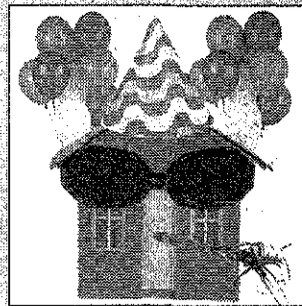
### WORLD'S BIGGEST HOUSE PARTY

What: More than two dozen parties raise awareness and funds for Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County

Where: Parties held throughout Oakland County. Two are open to the public: Shaina and Robb Allen's block party, starting at 4 p.m., at 302 Drace, at Pine, west of Main and north of University in Rochester; and a shoe shopping party from 7-9 p.m. at City Style, 3017 W. 12 Mile in Berkley

Details: Each party will include a DVD message event chairman Detroit Pistons coach Michael Curry. A Habitat homeowner will speak at the Allen party

Contribute: Throw your own party by signing up at [www.worldsbiggesthouseparty.org](http://www.worldsbiggesthouseparty.org); donate online or sign up to be a guest at a party.



them to learn something about Habitat," Allen said, explaining why she and her husband decided to host a public party.

The gathering on Drace near downtown Rochester will offer a little something for everyone. Paint Creek Center for the Arts donated tiles that children can decorate as gifts to Habitat homeowners. They'll also get a chance to make take-home projects from clay.

Local businesses have donated snacks and contributions, enabling the couple to hold a beer-tasting in conjunction with mingling and watching

televised football games.

There's no admission but guests can make contributions to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

"We're cleaning out the garage and putting couches and a TV in it. We'll have a tent as well and childcare from 4-6 p.m. I have a single mom with five kids, a homeowner, who will speak about her experience with Habitat for Humanity. And the city is allowing us to close off our street," Allen said.

"We're hoping to raise \$2,500. It's for a good cause. It should be a good time."

# Angela Hospice gala dazzles guests

For Angela Hospice friends and supporters, the Diamonds and Denim gala held Oct. 18, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi was an evening of dining, dancing, and donating to an important cause. More than 250 guests attended the benefit which combined casual denim with the glitter of diamonds for a fun atmosphere.

"Our guests enjoyed being able to come casual and just have a good time," said Barb Iovan, Events Coordinator for Angela Hospice. "We gave out super-sized flashing diamond rings as favors and it was great to see them all lighting up the dance floor."

The evening began with hors d'oeuvres as the silent auction and art auction opened. A gourmet dinner was followed by chocolate mousse and a dessert bar. The Rick Lieder Band performed and the

annual raffle added to the fun with a Hearts On Fire diamond donated by Orin Jewelers of Garden City and a 42-inch LG flat panel HDTV from volunteers Bill and Toni Bufo.

Proceeds from the event, totaling \$80,000, will support Angela Hospice's programs of care for terminally ill children and adults as well as patients' families. The charity's next fund-raiser is the annual Tree of Life held at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Providing an opportunity to honor loved ones during the holidays, the Tree of Life kicks off Saturday, Nov. 22, with an opening ceremony at 11 a.m., and will remain on display through Christmas Eve.

For more information about Angela Hospice and how individuals can get involved, visit [www.angelahospice.org](http://www.angelahospice.org), or call (734) 464-7810.



Helena Scappaticci was thrilled to win the Hearts On Fire diamond donated by Orin Jewelers for the Angela Hospice benefit. Scappaticci (center) is pictured with Orin staffers Joyce Pappas, Linda Minnaugh, and Antoinette and Gina Mazzoni.

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# Observer & Eccentric columnist signs book at local literary fair

BY SHARON DARGY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you're thinking of buying a condo, hold that thought.

You might want to get a word or two of advice from Robert Meisner, the "condo king," before taking the plunge into condominium ownership.

Meisner, whose Bingham Farms law practice specializes in community association and condo law, will make a brief presentation and will sign copies of his 2006 book, *Condo Living, A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium* during the 57th Annual Jewish Book Fair, Nov. 5-16, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, in West Bloomfield.

Abraham Foxman, author of *The Deadliest Lies: The Israel Lobby and the Myth of Jewish Control*, kicks off the two-week festival, at 8:15 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5. Tickets to his lecture, are \$10 in advance for center members; \$12 for non members and \$15 at the door. Check [www.jccdet.org](http://www.jccdet.org) for a full schedule of events, as well as admission prices on select presentations.

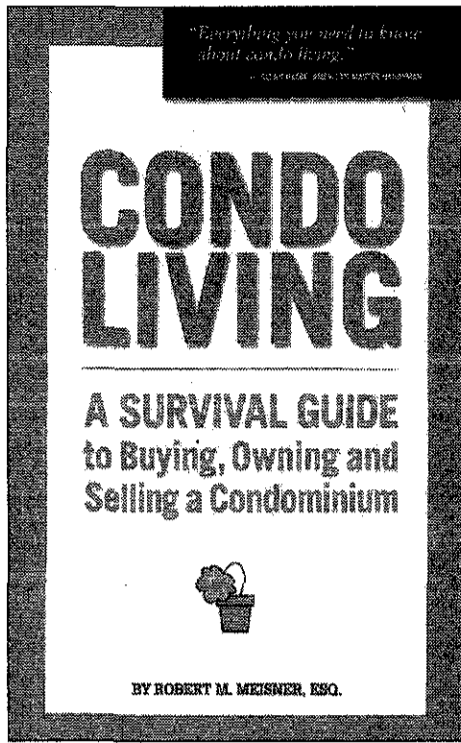
Meisner, a longtime columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric* and a co-architect of the state's 1978 Condominium Act, will present his book during a free local author event from 10 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Nov. 9.

His book is designed as a "survival guide" to buying a condo.

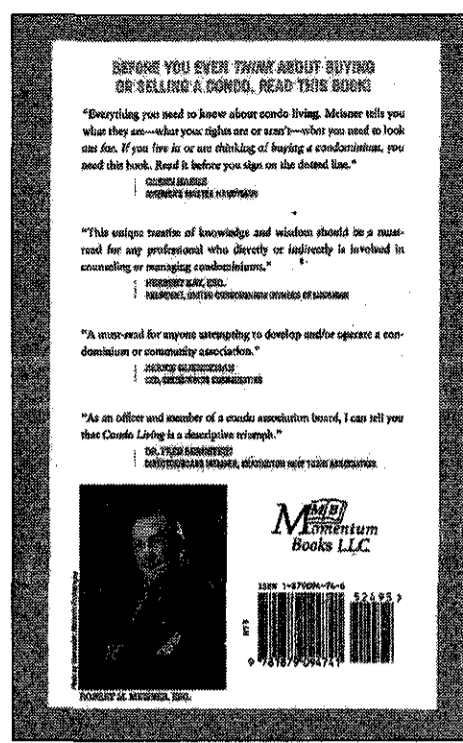
"I point out in the book the people don't understand what they are getting into. The condo association and board have tremendous power over how they live. It's not careful living. I call it careful living," said Meisner, dubbed the "condo king" or "guru" in legal and development circles.

"A lot of people are sold on the concept that the condo association will take care of the amenities — you don't have to cut the grass — and that's true to some extent, as long as the association does what it should.

"Unfortunately, you have people who are unenlightened about running a condo association, on the board. Their job is to run the association to make living better for everyone."



Above, the front cover of O&E columnist Robert Meisner's condo survival book, which was published in 2006 and has garnered lots of praise. At right, Robert Meisner appears on the back cover of 'Condo Living.'



### GETTING INVOLVED

But Meisner found that some boards spend as little money as possible or repair and maintain common areas and condo exteriors inconsistently. Some are reluctant to enforce deed restrictions — often because they've underfunded the association — and some take an overzealous approach.

"You need to watch how the board operates and participate in the association. I tell anyone who hires me, who wants to buy a condo, to get involved in the governance of the association. They have a lot of control over what you do and hopefully, you can take a leadership role."

Meisner said new condo owners sometimes don't understand the restrictions on their property. When they find out what's involved, they aren't willing to uphold them. Deed restrictions might include anything from a limitation on the number of

pets allowed in a condo unit to landscaping in front of the home to prohibitions on barbecuing in the back yard.

"You have a new brand of communal living that people aren't always able to adapt to from a supervisory or co-owner standpoint," Meisner said.

### BENEFITS

But those who do may find social and recreational benefits and satisfaction from being involved in the condo association board.

"There are some socio-economic benefits in terms of living in a condo. The cost per square foot may be less in a condo," said Meisner, a West Bloomfield resident and condo owner. "There are theoretical benefits in terms of maintenance. There's an economy of scale."

Meisner said about half of his book is "straight talk" about condo living for prospective buyers.

The other half focuses on the association and "things people living in a condo should know."

The book is \$24.95 and available through his office, 30200 Telegraph, suite 467, Bingham Farms.

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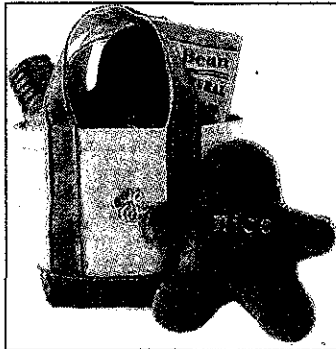
Wainz will show kids the proper way to approach a dog, tell them the 10 things they should never do to a dog; the 10 things they should do; and how to react if they encounter a strange dog. "Kids & Canines" will be interactive, with games, doggy demonstrations, and a chance to win prizes.

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# WHAT'S BEHIND PRODUCT, SERVICE REPACKAGING



**WORKWISE**  
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reshaping it for a brave new market. Ask yourself first for indications that you might need to repack. The most obvious of these is customer feedback.

Curtis Bingham, president of Predictive Consulting Group, Inc., in Littleton, Mass., identifies four other indicators:

- pricing pressure from competitors;
- product or service usage variances, depending upon the market served;
- a customer remark that pinpoints a benefit or value you've overlooked; and
- client contract renegotiation with you.

Debra Ellis of Wilson & Ellis Consulting in Barnardsville, N.C., compiles and organizes sales and service information for clients. Her work was going smoothly with larger clients, but she sought a stronger revenue stream from smaller companies. "Even though

there was an ROI," she states, "initial sticker shock pulled them back. I looked at downscaling the services (but it would) significantly reduce ROI, because these businesses need a comprehensive program, not bits and pieces."

Repackaging began when Wilson & Ellis developed an online workshop, which saves clients from having to travel and leave their businesses to learn. The Multichannel Analytics Intensive Workshop showcases the firm's most popular services. The first is analytics, which helps people maximize existing customer, marketing and operational data to find growth and profitability opportunities. The second service is benchmarking. It provides snapshots of a company's health over time and helps business owners identify trends before they have a negative fiscal impact.

The workshop enables participants to use their own information from their company, not samples. "This was very doable with the Internet," Ellis remarks. "We ended up with the best of both worlds. Clients can see anomalies, while data manipulation is taken from us." Breaking the process into manageable segments with reasonable time frames, such as a week or more, her firm shows them how to interpret their data. The workshop transpires over eight to 12 weeks.

Harris Family Foods L.L.C., in Roswell, Ga., found its inspiration very differently. This company oversees

the production of four Chet's Peanut Butter Breakfast and Dessert Toppings, with memories that stretch way back.

The two brothers and a sister grew up with few extras. One of their very favorite treats was the Sunday night ice cream, drizzled with a topping their father, Chet, made. Managing partner Tari Furey describes the moment of inspiration for herself and her brothers after their father died. "We stood around the kitchen," she says. "Randy wanted to honor Dad with something new."

They agreed to use their father's recipe to develop a new flavor. Brother Tim was in charge of product development for peanut butter topping with banana. Right away there was a hurdle over containers. The consistency wouldn't work with jars or tubes. It would "come out in huge globs," Furey said. Randy cased trade shows until he found a suitable container used by a juice manufacturer.

Ultimately, they maintained the product integrity they sought while adding unique flavors to peanut butter and putting it into a squeezable pouch to apply at breakfast and other times. This topping became known as Chet's Peanut Butter Banana Flavored.

The process of repackaging a service or product involves overcoming obstacles, large and small. Wilson & Ellis discovered a way to deliver their service in a new and innovative form to generate additional revenue.



Debra Ellis repackaged a service for larger companies to meet the needs of smaller businesses. It became a workshop delivered online so that the businesses could use the service on-site, at their convenience. Her firm, Wilson & Ellis Consulting, is based in Barnardsville, N.C.

Harris Family Foods developed a new product from an old recipe. In meeting an obstacle, they discovered a new package for all of their products: the squeezable pouch.

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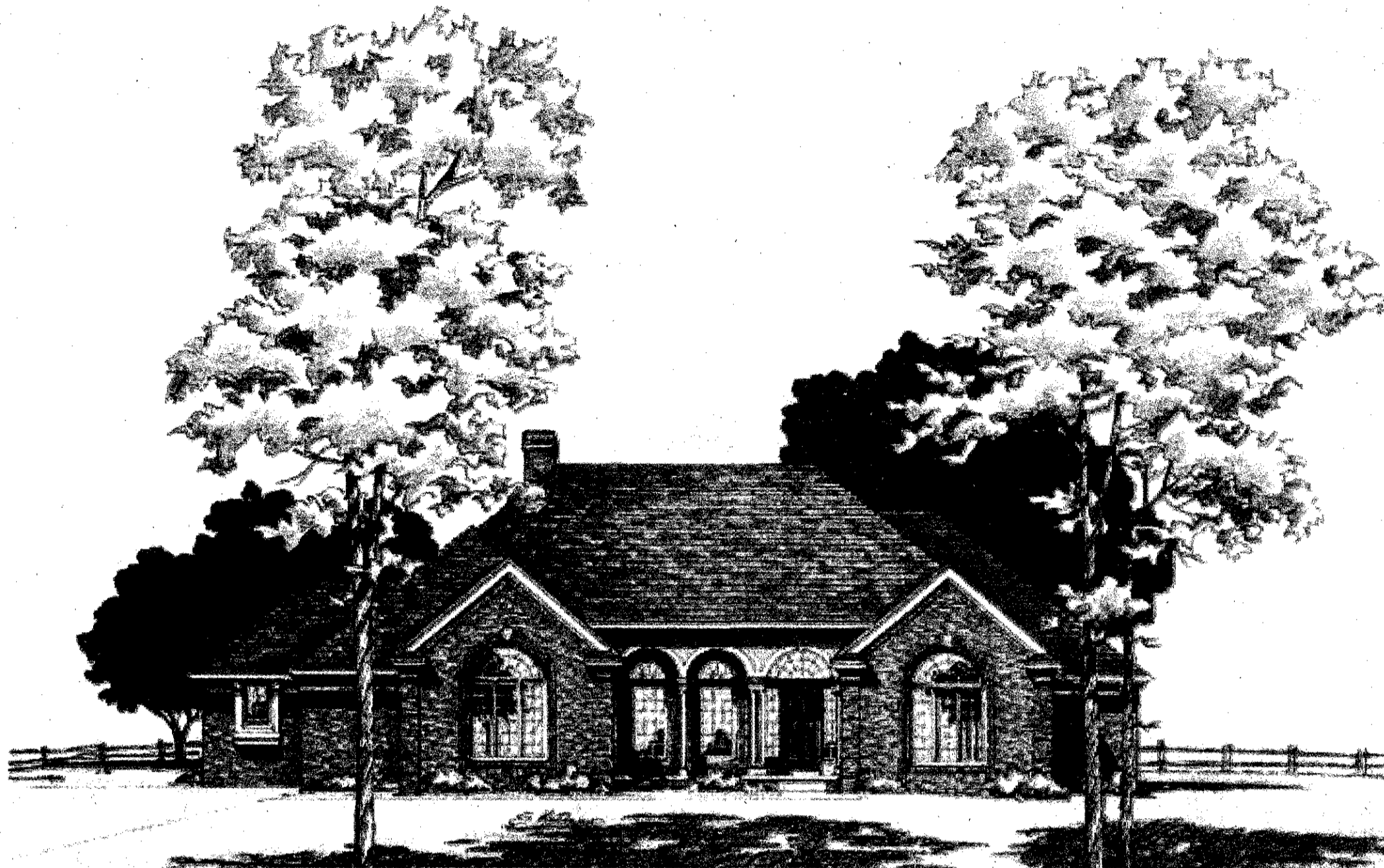


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## You'll 'see way' into living in comfy Lawrence

The brick façade with brick cornices and the half-moon windows give the Lawrence (D2652) a very warm contemporary look. There is a three-car garage that faces the left side, making this home ideal for a corner lot or the acreage that allows a sweeping driveway to the left. The Lawrence has 2,512 square feet of open living space.

The covered porch has wood columns that accent the windows behind. The door opens into an entry facing the great room and dining room. The dining room has a coffered 10-foot ceiling separated from the great room by decorative columns.

Great rooms are open and spacious and this room is no different. It has windows lining the rear wall that allowing the sunlight to warm the room. A two-sided fireplace separates the nook. An entertainment center is on the nook side and the wall behind is for the entertainment center facing the great room.

Circular shaped, the nook is surrounded by windows and faces the eating bar in the kitchen. The kitchen runs along the walls on the left side with two pantry cabinets and a built-in desk. Behind a pocket door is the utility room with a sink, built-in ironing board, and a freezer. Adjacent to the utility is a half bath and a door to the garage, as well as storage and linen closets.

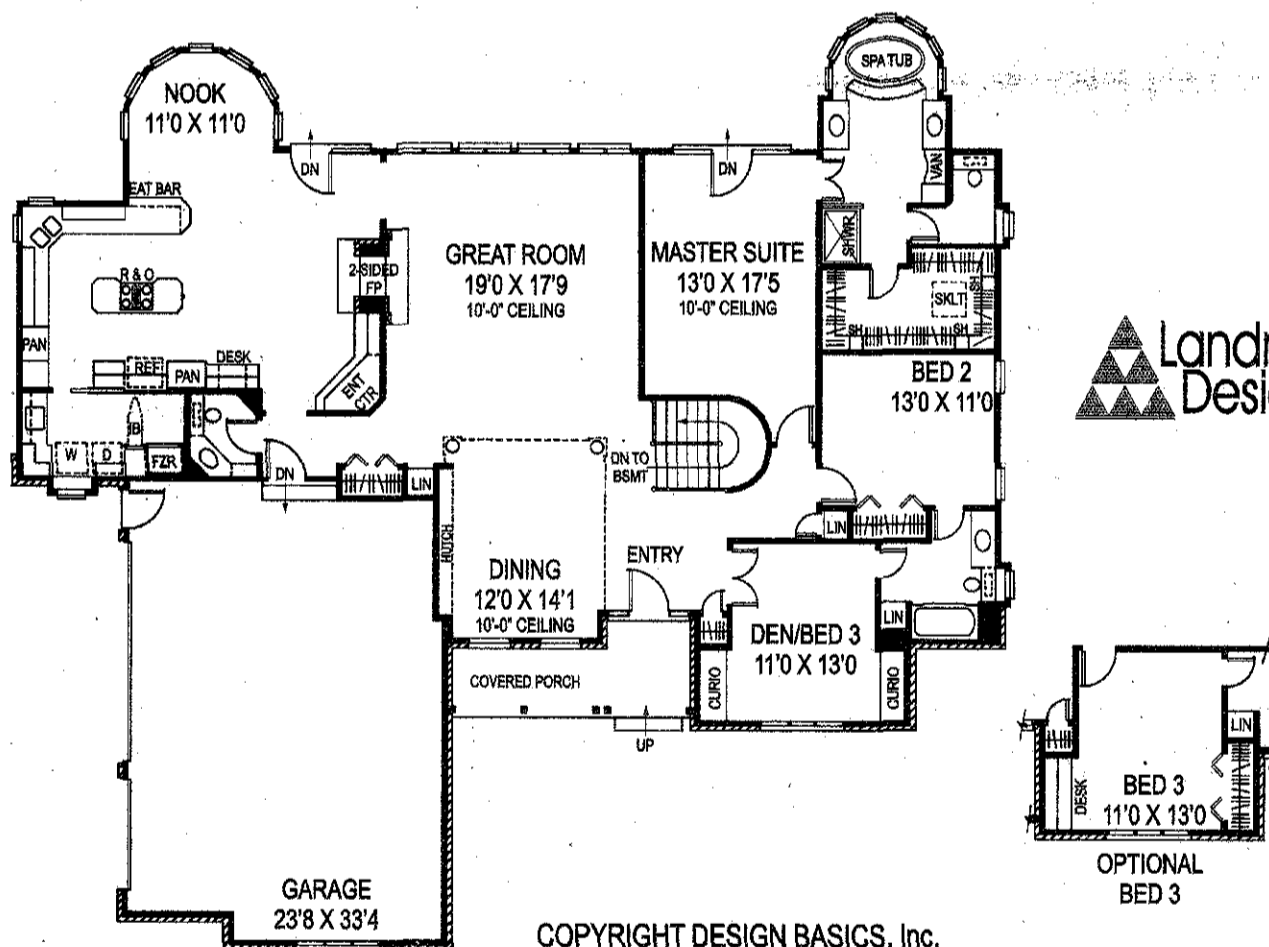
The right side of Lawrence

is the sleeping rooms.

Bedroom 3 can be a den with curio cabinets on the sides, and French doors to main part of the home. Alternately, if needed as a bedroom, the curio cabinets are replaced with a built-in desk and a wall closet. A full bathroom with a tub and single sink is accessible from both bedroom 2 and 3. In the hallway between the bedrooms is a linen closet.

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#### BIA

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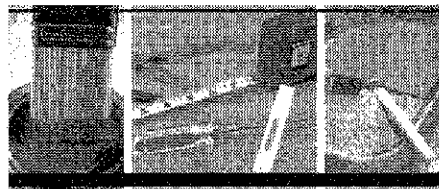
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