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Gibraltar cops investigating campaign flap

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Gibraltar police are investigating whether a campaign employee of Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) illegally removed signs of Democratic challenger Mark Slavens on Sunday.

Police are also investigating alleged confrontations by Patterson with a Gibraltar woman and her boyfriend that reportedly ensued.

The parties involved agree there were shouting matches and foul language involved. But that's where the similarities end. How many encounters and who started them is a matter of contention, which Gibraltar Police Chief Lehr is attempting to sort out.

According to 27-year-old Amy Brittain of Gibraltar, and her 32-year-old boyfriend Steve Sorge of Maumee, Ohio, the couple was on their way to lunch when they noticed a man removing Slavens' signs near West Jefferson at Gibraltar roads.

"When I confronted him, he dropped the signs and ran," Brittain said. "About a half-mile down the road, we saw a green van with the same kid who was taking down the Slavens signs. We drove up, Patterson got out of the vehicle and came over to the passenger side of the truck and leaned inside, screaming at me, calling me a 'dumb b----'."

The pair say they drove off, and pulled into a nearby subdivision. A few moments later, Brittain said Patterson's van pulled in front of their truck, keeping it from driving away, with Patterson once again getting out.

"He repeated 'dumb b----' more times than I can remember," Brittain said. "And, he tried to bait my boyfriend, saying, 'Are you the big man trying to protect the little girl?'"

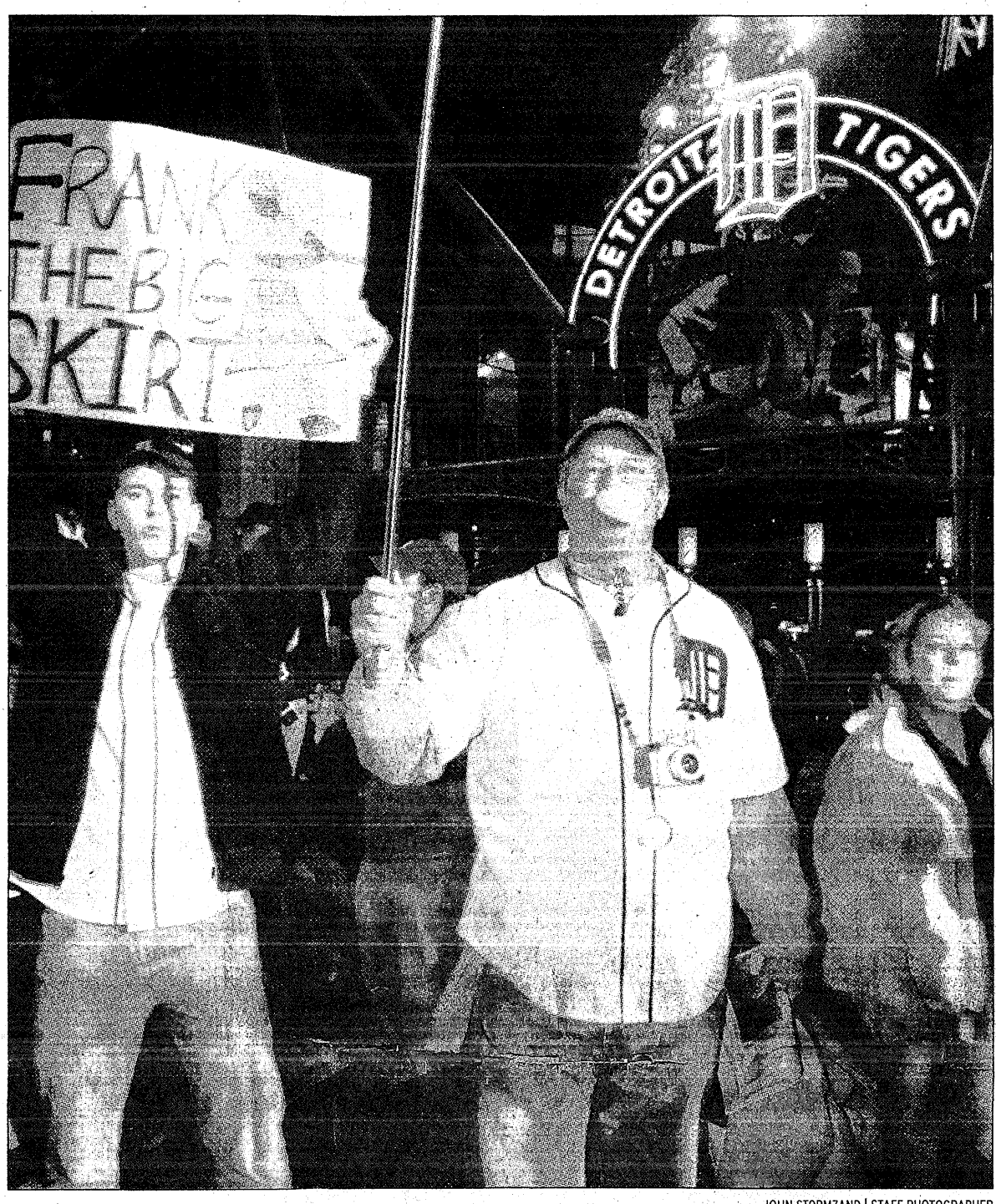
Sorge said he told Brittain three times to get into the truck so they could leave.

"This guy just scared me," Sorge said. "She's a small girl, and I thought he was going to kill her. I slammed the truck into reverse and got out of there."

Patterson — whose version is much different — said he was filling the gas tank of his rented van while his campaign aid went inside the convenience store when he heard a woman screaming.

"I hear this voice saying,

PLEASE SEE PATTERSON, A5



Derek Vermeulen (left) and his dad, Jim (blowing the bubble), of Plymouth, were among Detroit Tigers fans who streamed into the streets of Detroit after their team completed the sweep of the Oakland A's in the American League Championship Series. Please see page A13 for more photos.

'A dream come true'
Local fans burn with Tiger World Series fever

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With base runners on first and second and two out in the bottom of the ninth and Magglio Ordonez up to bat, Jim Vermeulen on Saturday had his sights on the possible game-winning hit that would propel the Detroit Tigers into the World Series for the first time since 1984.

"I had my digital camera and I said to myself, 'I'm going to get a picture of the game-winning hit,'" remembered Vermeulen of Plymouth Township, who had fourth-row seats along the left field line. "The fans were swinging their white towels, and when Magglio hit the ball, I didn't even see the actual swing. I heard the crack (of the bat) and the crowd go crazy. I looked to left field and the ball was going into the stands. The whole place erupted."

"It was pretty awesome, like a dream come true," said Vermeulen, a funeral director. "I just hope we can finish and take care of business."

Vermeulen said he's had season tickets to Comerica Park since 2000, the year the new stadium opened, and has been to every playoff game thus far.

"Every family member I know — brother, sister and cousins — keeps telling me, 'Don't forget about me,'" he said. "We had 20 people online or on the phone trying to snag extra World Series tickets (Monday), but we couldn't get any."

Plymouth Realtor Nancy Baldwin was standing and cheering in the left field stands when Ordonez's home run came heading toward her.

"I saw him swing, and it was like slow motion ...

TIGERS TALES

The Detroit Tigers' World Series run has captured the spirit of our community and we'd like readers to share their stories of this thrilling ride with their neighbors. Write up your Tigers moments - whether it was snagging tickets to watch the game from inside or outside Comerica Park, celebrating with family and friends in your decorated family room, or joining hundreds of strangers in a pub to share the excitement. Send along a photo or two of the event. The more unique or touching your story, the better. We'll select from those items sent in and share them with readers in upcoming issues of the Observer. Send your Tigers tales to editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

the ball coming at us," Baldwin said. "We were sitting about nine rows behind where the home run landed. The moment it hit, people were screaming. There were grown men crying and jumping up and down."

"It was unbelievable, something I will never forget the rest of my life."

For those who didn't have tickets, many watched the game at area bars and restaurants, including Doyle's Tavern in Plymouth, where business was good during the game that propelled the Tigers into the World Series.

"There was standing room only," owner John Doyle said. "When Ordonez hit the homer, the whole place exploded. It was crazy."

State shuts doors on care center

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

While a Canton foster mother faces a felony murder trial in the death of her 2-year-old foster daughter, the child care center where the girl spent much of her time has now been closed amid allegations center officials did not report signs of physical abuse.

State officials Monday ordered Childtime Learning Center in Plymouth to close its doors, suspending its license and announcing an intent to seek revocation as a result of "a recent investigation of a complaint regarding the day care center."

The complaint, made by former Childtime teacher Cher Majeske, involved the center's failure to report what Majeske said were signs of abuse on 2-year-old Allison Newman. Majeske claims she told her supervisor, who did not report the abuse to the state.

Allison Newman died Sept. 22 at Michigan Mott Children's Hospital. The Wayne County medical examiner ruled the cause of death as head trauma.

Allison's foster mother, Carol Poole, has been charged with felony murder, child abuse and involuntary manslaughter in the case.

State Department of Human Services spokeswoman Maureen Sorbet wouldn't comment further on the state's action, citing the ongoing nature of the case.

"There are a number of reasons for such an action," she said of the center's closing. "Generally, it's done to protect the children being cared for at the child care center."

State records show the center has had other problems. An employee was disciplined following a January complaint the staff member picked up a 3-year-old girl by the arm, causing an injury. The center was also investigated for having too many children being cared for by too few employees. Records show corrective action was taken by facility management.

Childtime officials said they conducted an internal investigation into Majeske's claims, but found no evidence to substantiate them. In a statement released by Childtime, officials said they are cooperating with the state.

"Childtime is committed to providing a safe environment and quality care to all of the children we serve," officials said. "The children are our top priority so we are taking the necessary steps to reopen our Plymouth location so that we can continue providing the high level of care that our families are accustomed to."

Sorbet said the center could appeal. If an appeal is

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Royal subjects

Plymouth High School's Nicole Ambrose and Nate Gholston, Salem's Andrea Spohn and J.P. Truesdell and Canton's Alyssa Johnson are this year's local homecoming kings and queens. Not pictured is Canton High's King, Eric Stanko.

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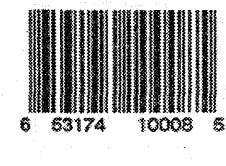
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Coming Sunday in Health

Health care providers aren't expecting shortages of influenza vaccine this season so there's no reason not to get your shot. Vaccination helps reduce the spread of the disease.



Library computers

As part of the Library renovation, the public computers will not be available starting Oct. 18. The computers, which were housed on the Library's lower level, will be moved to a new location up on the third floor. The library staff hopes to

make this move and restore this service as quickly as possible.

Check with the library for updates through (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

Voter guides

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has recently distrib-

uted 8,000 Voter Guides to public libraries in the area. Each library was given a set of Voter Guides produced by the League of Women Voters of Michigan, which contain non-partisan candidate information about the statewide candidates as well as pro and con positions about the five ballot proposals.

Also distributed were Voter Guides produced by the NW Wayne County League which cover candidates for State Senate, State House of Representatives, Wayne County Executive, Wayne County Commission, Wayne County Probate Court, the 3rd Circuit Court and District Courts.

Voters are urged to pick up both Guides for complete election information. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization which never supports or opposes any political party or candidates. Both Voter Guides are also available on the League's Web site at www.lwvww.org.

Phoenix Mill fund-raiser

The Phoenix Mill Women's Museum's third-annual Spa Pampering event takes place 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Those attending can get a back massage, hand massage, hand-waxing and mini-facials, as well as do some shopping. The \$25 ticket cost covers all pampering and a light repast plus door prizes and a shopping bag. A silent auction will be conducted, and donations will be accepted.

All proceeds go to the permanent women's history exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum, as well as for the Women's History Educational Program.

Checks made payable to Phoenix Mill Women's Museum can be mailed to Pat Harris, 42518 Schoolcraft, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more information, call Lyn Bankes, (734) 522-0227.

Garden Club greens sale

Members of the Plymouth Garden Club will take orders Oct. 21 and Oct. 28 for the club's holiday greens, including wreaths, roping, bows, door swags, centerpieces and mixed greens to be delivered to buyers' homes the week of Nov. 20.

Additionally, the club will offer decorated mini-pumpkins, potted bulbs and garden gloves at the Market.

The club will also take orders by phone through Nov. 13; call JoAnn at (734) 455-4224. All profits support the Plymouth Garden Club Scholarships awarded to local high school students.

Shopping extravaganza

The Plymouth First United Methodist Church Shopping Extravaganza takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, 45201 North Territorial in Plymouth.

The \$1 admission gets access to vendors/crafters, a bake sale, silent auction, prizes and Bob's Sloppy Joes. Proceeds to benefit the Chancel Choir outreach tour.

Wedding workshop

The Meeting House grand ballroom in Plymouth is the site for a wedding workshop, "How to Plan Your Wedding in 90 Minutes," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24.

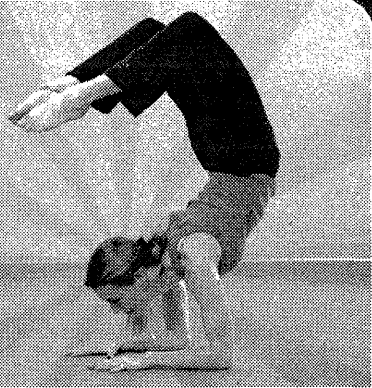
A panel of experts will answer questions ranging from tips on making a wedding run smoothly, avoiding the most common wedding mishaps, educating yourself to create a stress-free wedding and saving gas and time.

Reservations in advance are complimentary; tickets at the door cost \$10. All couples attending will get a free engagement portrait. Light refreshments and desserts will be served.

The Meeting House is located at 499 S. Main in Plymouth. For reservations and more information, call (734) 416-5100.

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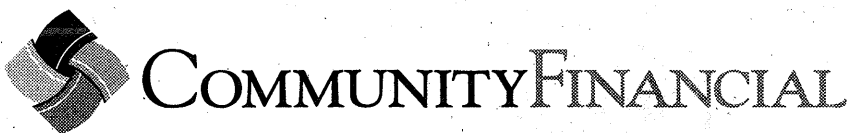
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Musical showcase

Invite gives marchers a chance to shine

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The bright, cool, fall day was a welcome plus as more 6,000 band fans filled varsity stadium at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Saturday for the annual Great Lakes Invitational marching band spectacular hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and booster organization.

"This is one of our largest fund-raisers we have during the year," said booster president Mark Stamper. "It allows us to bring people into the community that have never been here before. It also allows us to showcase the Educational Park and our group."

The 29 competing high school marching bands hailed from as far away as Portage Northern and Grand Rapids Northview. Observer-area bands included Farmington Harrison, second, and Redford Thurston, third, in Flight III; Livonia Franklin, second in Flight II; and Westland John Glenn, seventh in Flight I. Flight I schools have the largest student enrollment.

The nine-plus hours of colorful, choreographed, musical, marching mastery was coordinated for the second year by Karl and Suzanne Widak.

"We're sophomores now," said Karl Widak, taking a moment from overseeing the multitude of band parents and other volunteers running the show. "We filled 370 shifts with volunteers. That's everything from tickets to people in the kitchen, parking and security. That's probably the most nerve-racking part of this job, getting all those shifts filled."

Widak had nothing but kudos for the boosters, especially the parents taking on more than one shift as well as



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Tuba players Matt Davison (left) and Ryan Hoffman hit the low notes during Plymouth-Canton's exhibition performance of "The Passion Within" while color guard member Emily Smith uses the violin as a prop on Saturday at the finale of the 30-band marching extravaganza at the Park.

the help from the National Honor Society.

"We are very thankful for them," he said.

The P-C Marching Band put on another spectacular performance of their award-winning, 10-minute show, "The Passion Within," in exhibition as hosts of the event.

Just before the beginning note and the release of 187 yellow-and-black balloons representing each member of the band, three red balloons were released by Kari Miller and her family in honor of her husband, L. John Miller, who passed away this year. Fondly known as "The Apple Man," Miller was well-known and loved for his many years of unwavering support of the program and the kids whom he supplied with bushels of apples after each competition.

Saturday's performance was considered Plymouth-Canton's best so far this year by director and students alike.

"It was amazing," said baritone section leader Michael Wells, a Salem junior. "I think

we stepped it up a notch from last week. We're getting our muscle memory down and it is becoming habit to do it now."

Clarinetist Angela Ayoub, a Plymouth senior, said, "We worked really hard today and I think a lot of it showed up in our performance."

"They were definitely better," said Plymouth-Canton director Marc Whitlock. "They were cleaner and more detailed, but I think there is more room for emotional exploration. If we want the audience to feel chills, we have to feel it ourselves first."

That's something he thinks will be evident in the next few weeks, especially by the State Championships Oct. 28 and the Grand National Championships in November.

"This is a different show for Plymouth," said Salem senior clarinetist Lindsay Gerst. "It is a happy show and it kind of grows on you."

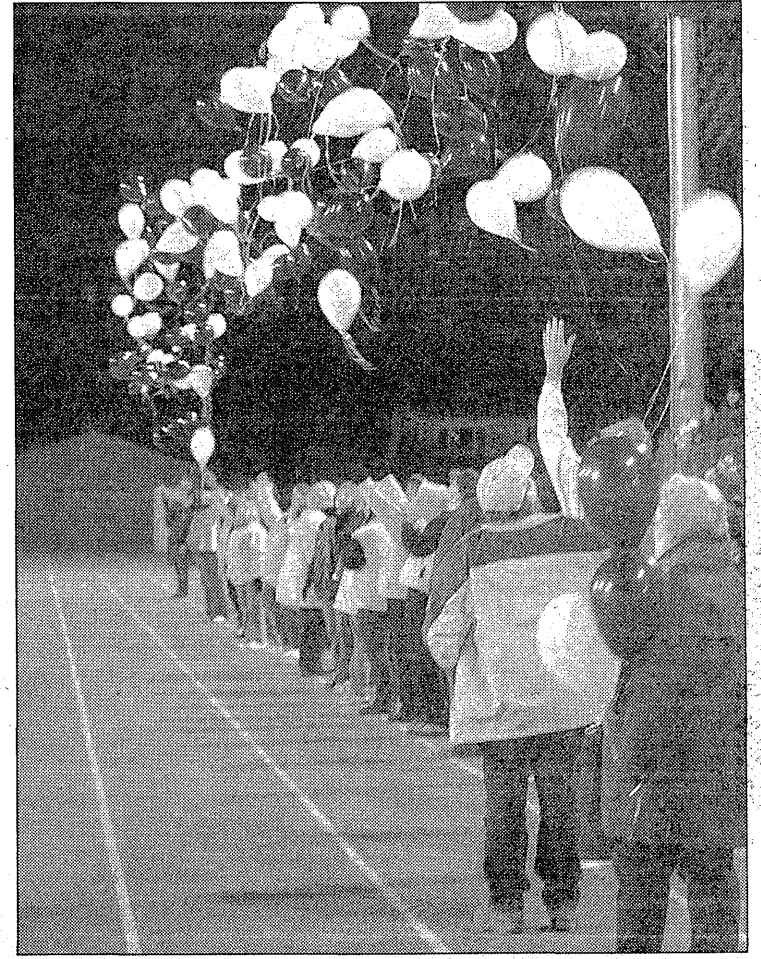
Award presenters for the evening included State Senator Bruce Patterson; Plymouth-Canton School Board president Barry Simescu and secretary

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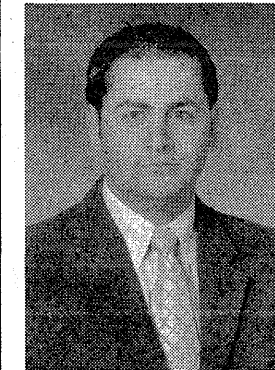
Would you like to see the Regional Championship Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band in action for free?

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Judy Mardigian; Plymouth assistant principal Julie Kaminski; Kari Miller; and Dee Lundy, who presented the Lundy trophy to the South Lyon Marching Band for achieving the highest score, 77.30, of all 29 competing bands.



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New eatery stirs up success on Ford Road

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Hungry? You may want to know that bd's Mongolian Grill is opening its eighth metro area restaurant on Ford east of

Lilley in Canton Monday, Oct. 23. The restaurant will be at 42089 Ford in the space formerly occupied by Blockbuster. To introduce people to the restaurant, a fund-raiser will be held 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

21, to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Organizers hope to raise some \$5,000, said spokesman Brad Russell, who noted the success of a similar fund-raiser at the Roseville location where many

gave more than \$10.

"We serve create your own stir-fry," Russell said. Diners choose meat, seafood and vegetables and can add sauces.

"I highly recommend the sauces," he said.

The Oct. 21 fund-raiser is a walk-in event designed to attract as many as possible. Diners will pay \$10 at the door for an all you can eat stir fry, soup, salad and soft drinks. (A bar will also be available with a charge.)

"We're looking to grab as many people off the street as possible to come in," Russell said.

The bd in the name is Billy Downs, founder and owner. The first restaurant opened in 1992 in Royal Oak. Canton will be the metro area's eighth, and there are 30 total in 10 U.S. states and one in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia in Asia.

The Canton site will open for business Monday, Oct. 23, including a 10:30 a.m. Canton Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting. The restaurant has some 188 seats and will be a nonsmoking facility. Reservations should be made for parties of six or more for regular dining at (734) 844-5800.

Headquartered in Ferndale, bd's Mongolian Grill is a privately owned restaurant company. Each creation is grilled on bd's 6-foot diameter, 600-degree flat grill.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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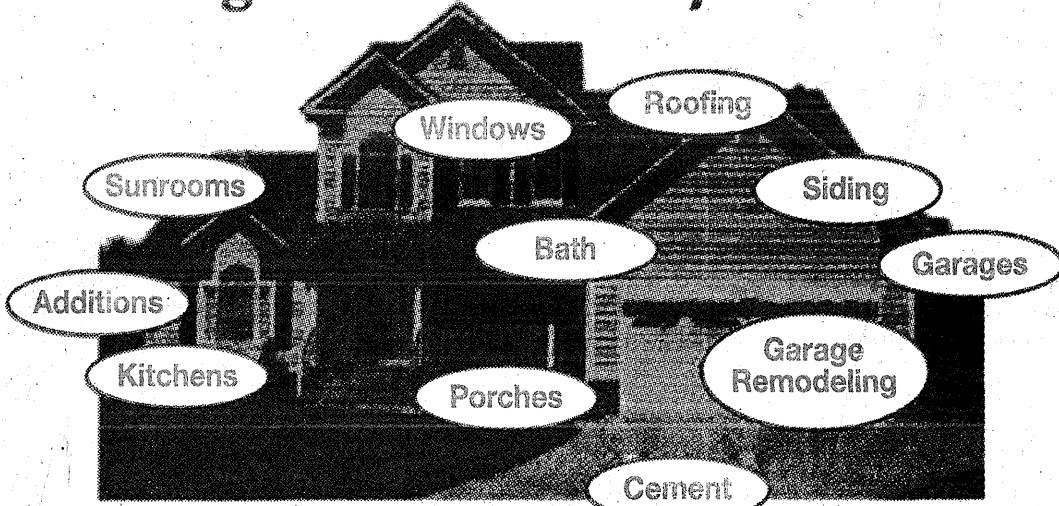
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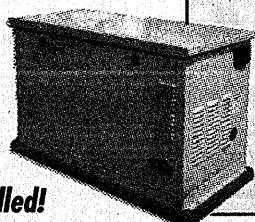
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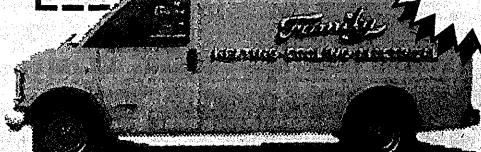
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W
Donald E. Wall
 Wall, 67, of Canton, died Oct. 15.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page A18.

PATTERSON

FROM PAGE A1

'Hey, you SOB' — though she didn't put it like that — 'give me back those signs,' Patterson said. 'She yanks the door (of the store) open and yells, 'I'm going to kick your a--. Give me back those signs.' Patterson said he questioned his employee about what was happening.

'He told me, 'She came after me because she saw me taking Slavens' signs out of there,' said Patterson, who noted his employee admitted taking the signs from the public right-of-way. 'I told him he's not supposed to do that and said, 'Technically it's litter, abandoned property, as long as you

don't take them off private property.' Patterson said it was he who drove off, and noticed the couple's truck following them. Patterson said after the truck pulled up alongside his van, Brittain noticed the campaign worker.

'She said, 'You SOB, I'm going to kick your a-- for stealing those signs,' Patterson said. 'I then said, 'He's going to file a police report on you for assaulting him.' Patterson said, 'I know who you are, you're Senator Patterson,' relayed Patterson, who also said Brittain told him, 'I'm going to fix you. I work for the state Democrats and I'm going to file a report on you, you SOB.'

As for the alleged confrontation in the subdivision, Patterson said, 'They're making that up. I don't know anything about that.'

Lehr said he's still waiting to find out the identity of the Patterson worker, who was supposed to file a statement with Brownstown Township police, where the couple reported the incident in the subdivision.

'I'm going to ask the city attorney if there's anything to go on for a charge of larceny,' Lehr said. 'The signs were returned, so there was no larceny in the true sense. 'Technically, they're someone else's property and he shouldn't have taken them,' Lehr added. 'The ordinance does say there are no signs allowed in the public right-of-way. If someone is to take them down, they should be taking all the illegal signs down, and turning them over to us.'

And, Lehr said, that includes Patterson's campaign signs. 'His are in the right-of-way,'

Lehr said. 'I saw one yesterday (Tuesday) in the same spot at Gibraltar and West Jefferson.' Brownstown Township Police Chief Dan Grant said, 'It was a verbal confrontation in Brownstown, so I don't see anything that rises to criminality.'

Brittain — who admits to working with the Michigan Democratic Party, but said she's mainly volunteered with non-partisan judge races — said she doesn't even know Slavens.

'If I wasn't for Slavens before, I sure as heck am now,' Brittain said. 'He (Patterson) got caught doing something he wasn't supposed to do and he went postal.'

Patterson said negative campaign tactics once again are labeling him as an intimidator, not surprising considering campaign literature by his state Senate opponent in 2002

described him as a bully. 'I know I'm big and I'm loud,' Patterson said. 'It's easy to throw mud, and when it's at a big guy you generally don't feel obliged to come to his defense. When you look at the record, I've never been afoul of the law.'

Slavens said he ran against Patterson partly because of the incumbent's behavior. 'It's really sad he's acting like this. Obviously, it's part of the reason why I ran,' Slavens said. 'I believe the citizens of the 7th Senate District don't deserve this type of representation, or this type of embarrassment.'

Lehr said he was hoping better heads would prevail. 'I was sort of hoping he would write an apology for any misunderstandings and she would accept it,' Lehr said. 'I was hoping common sense would come into play here.'

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made, it would be heard by an administrative law judge, who would make one of three recommendations to the director of Human Services: continu-

ance of the license suspension; revocation of the license; or overturning the original decision to suspend.

'The director of the department would decide what to do,' Sorbet said. 'If (Childtime) still wishes to appeal, they could take it to circuit court.'

Childtime officials called the

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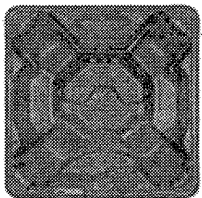


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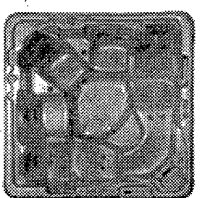


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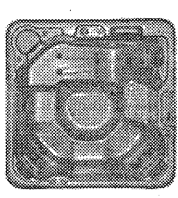
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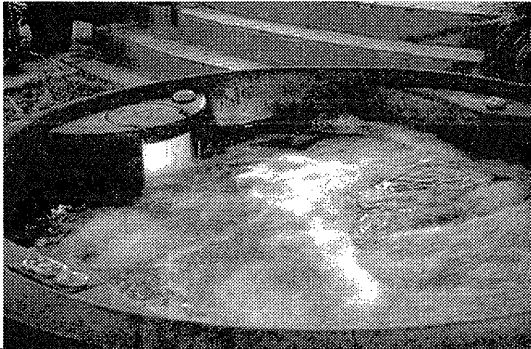
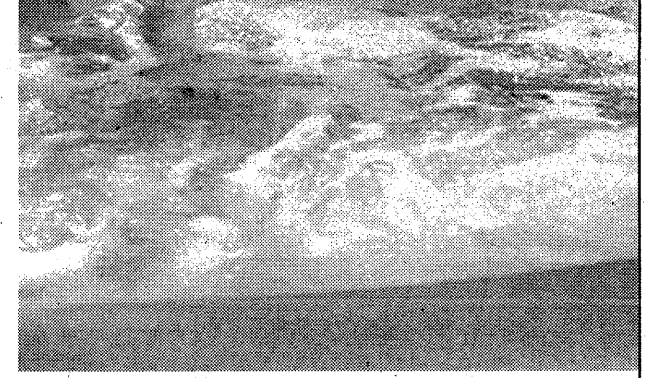
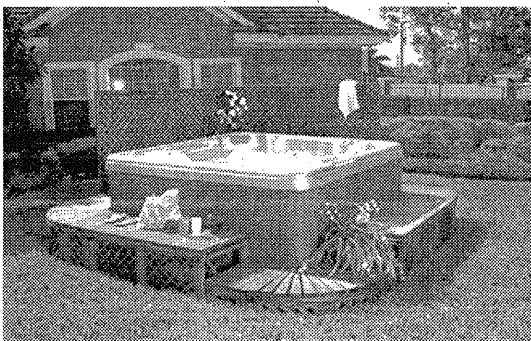
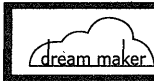


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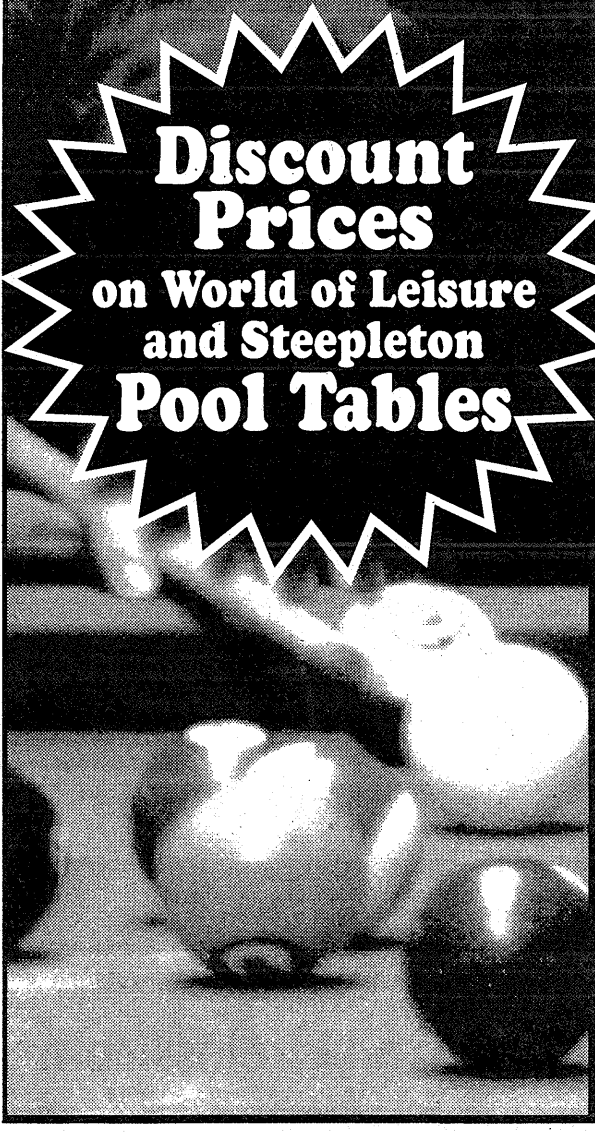
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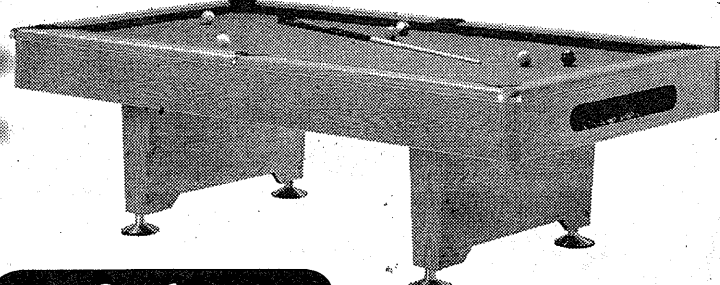
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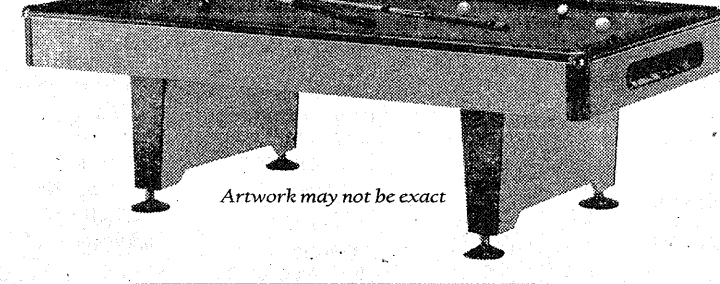
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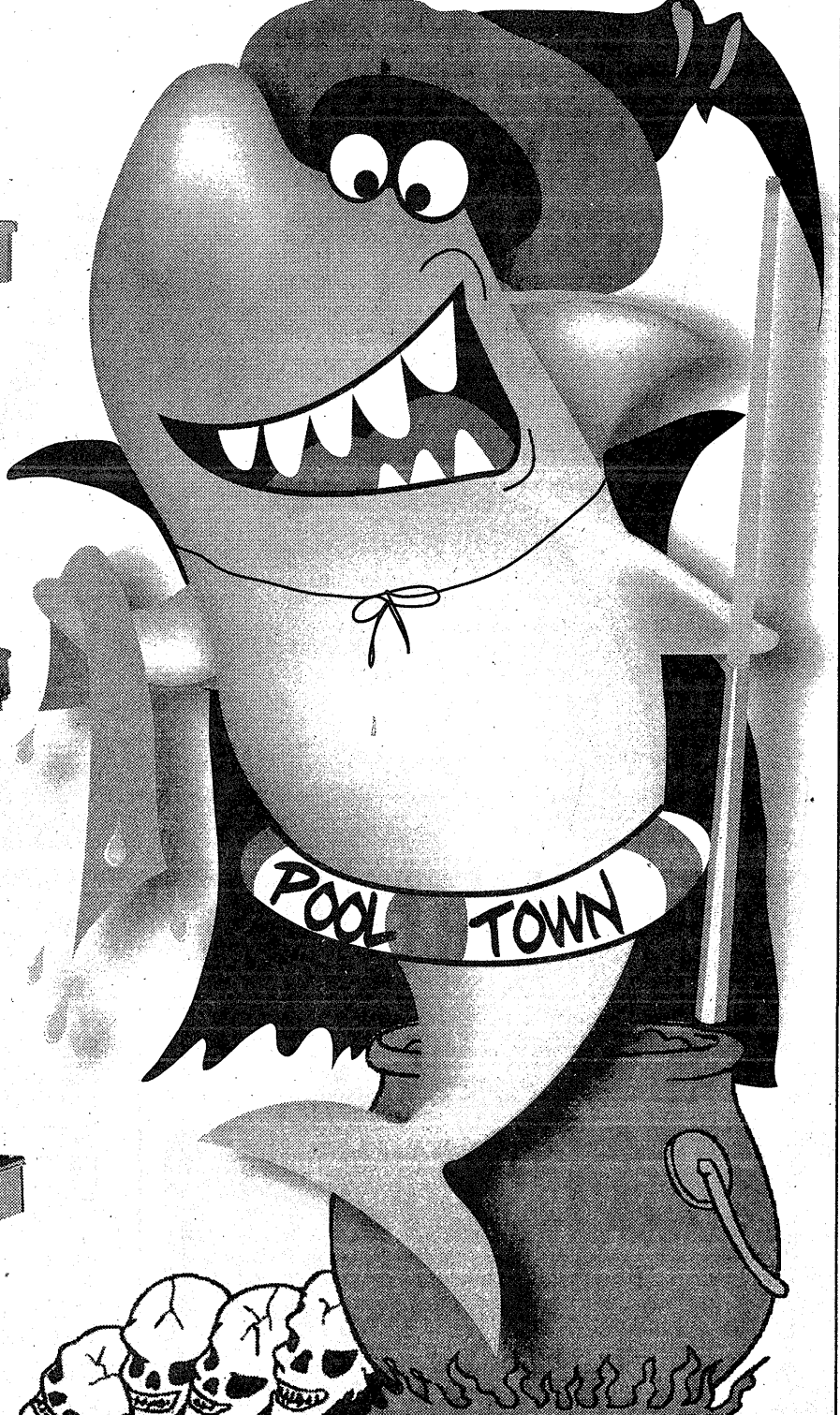
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Inventor lights up DTE Energy Music Theater stage with cardboard box bass

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Chris Badynee's Web site simply states that his cardboard upright bass rivals in sound quality with basses that sell for \$6,000.

The Westland man developed and sells the Bogdon Box Bass in kit form for \$49.95. That's right. A bass, made of cardboard, that can be plugged in and made electric. Assembly requires a screwdriver, hot glue gun, packing tape and a knife.

His Bogdon Box Bass is so off-beat it caught the eye of a crew member in the Clint Black band and suddenly the Dearborn postal worker with 18 years seniority was invited backstage at DTE Energy Music Theater Oct. 8. He even had a couple of minutes onstage after the Dwight Yoakum and Clint Black performances.

Badynee was thrilled to be given a dressing room and a chance to joke with members of both bands. But, the best part, he said, was learning how great his two-string cardboard bass sounded with all the equipment on stage.

The band members wanted to see if the cardboard box upright bass was real, Badynee, 47, said.

"I jammed my bass as if I were in Carnegie Hall as the road crew cheered," he added.

Always ready with a joke, Badynee said when he was backstage with the guys from the Black and Yoakum bands he told them that he's a mailman at heart who plays music "until I make it big in the postal business."

About his 15 minutes of fame, Badynee said: "It's my cardboard box upright bass that's gaining celebrity status. I'm merely the box bass valet."

OUT OF NECESSITY

He got the idea for the cardboard instrument out of necessity.

"Because I'm stone broke," Badynee said. "Every time I save enough money for a bass, we need tires on the car or something for the kids."

He was in the basement of the home he and his wife, Debby, had built three years ago.

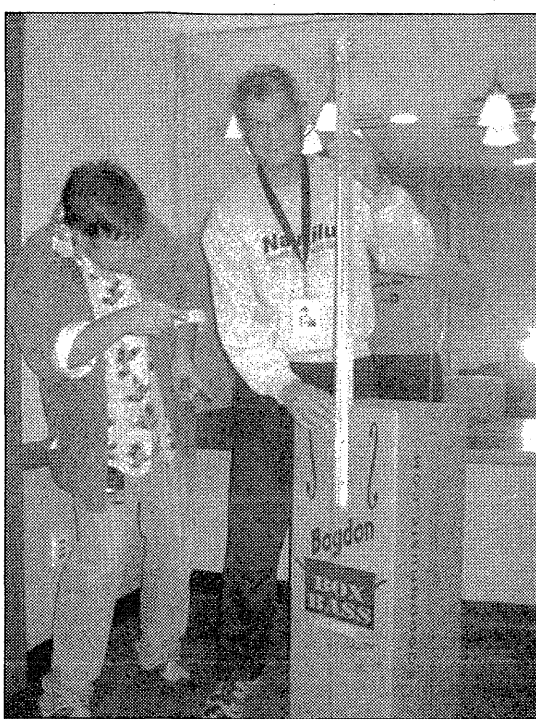
"We still have boxes down there and we have all this scrap oak flooring and there was this weed whacker twine," he said. "I started to wonder what would happen if I put that stick with that box with that string. I video taped myself and posted it on the Web."

That was last July and he has generated about 370,000 hits on the Web site since. So, far he's filled 18 orders, including one request from Italy.

"Musicians love it because it's a novelty and non-musicians love it, because it's as easy as playing the kazoo," Badynee said. "I'm very satisfied knowing that I did something original."

Starting the business making cardboard basses came naturally, he said explaining that he has a lawyer, businessman, audio engineer and an electrical engineer in the family.

And making something out of nothing, he



Dane Bryant, Clint Black's keyboard player, listens as Chris Badynee plays his Bogdon Box Bass backstage at DTE Energy Music Theater.

said, isn't unusual for him, either.

"I grew up in Detroit," Badynee said. "I'm used to not having money, but I'm used to having everything I want, because I make it."

After the DTE Energy gig, he got a call from "Good Morning America." Badynee and his homemade bass was on for about 10 seconds earlier this week.

BRUSHES WITH FAME

These weren't Badynee's first brushes with fame. He was on *Star Search*, when he was with the band, Skeleton Crew, in the early 1990s competing against the preadolescent, Beyonce.

"We won (that stage of the competition, but failed to come in first place) and she cried on national television in front of 8 million people," Badynee said. "That high point was also my low point. But, the cool thing is that Beyonce included me in her MTV story about how she became famous."

Badynee also played large venues since 1979 with different bands, including Cadillac Kidz, Dave Gilbert's Homewreckers and the Purple Gang. He currently plays with a band he describes as "strange," called Bazooka Jones and another band, Lemon James, a female Jimmie Hendrix.

"I've played Pine Knob dozens of times," he added.

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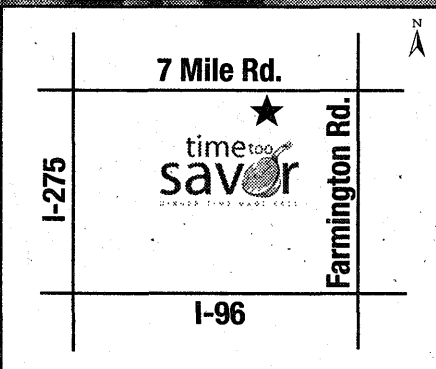
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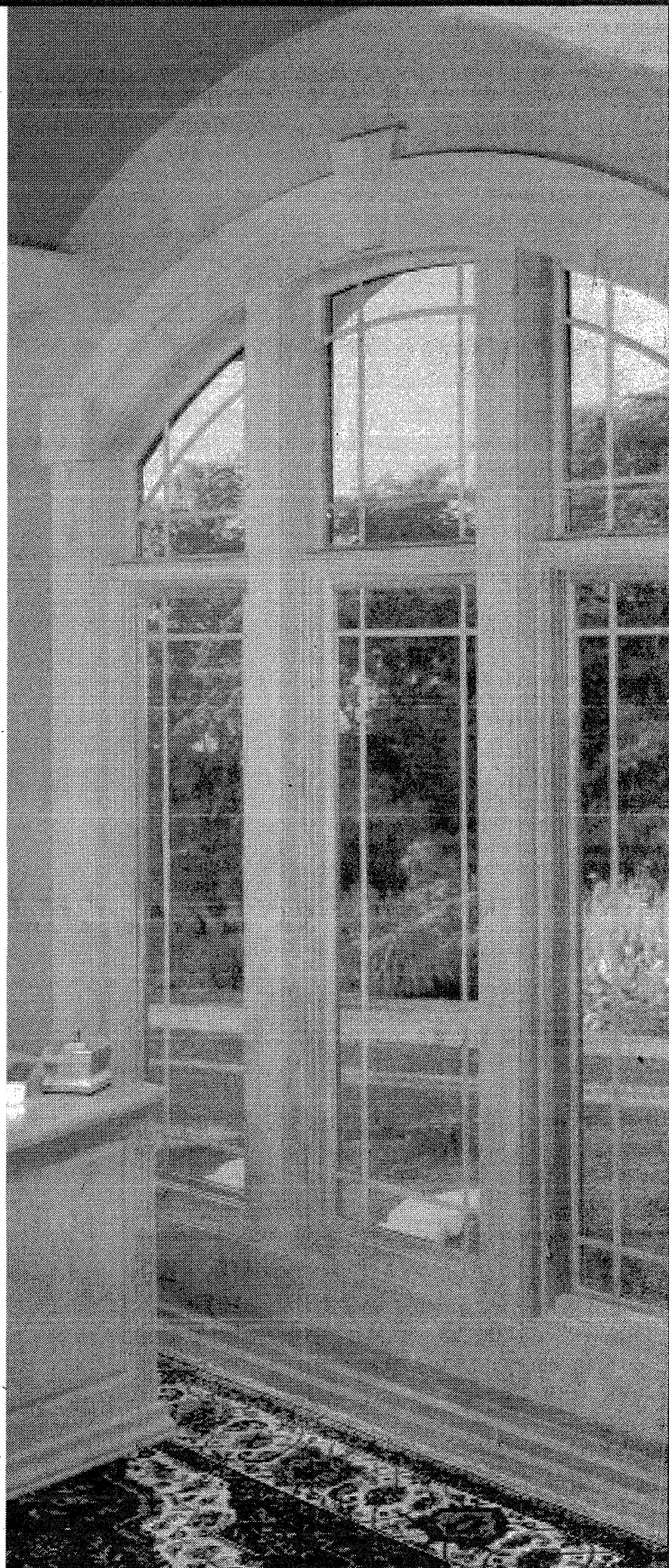
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State proposals add to lengthy election ballot

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Ballot Proposal 2 will greatly restrict affirmative action programs; Proposal 5 will lock educational funding for K-12 schools — both of these initiatives either affect millions of people or millions of dollars.

But there are three other ballot initiatives that will appear on the Nov. 7 general election ballot that will affect natural resources budgeting, hunting regulation and public policy related to private property. The latter three don't have the high-profile attraction of the first two, but their passage or rejection will have a definite impact on residents all over Michigan.

Proposal 1 asks voters to amend the Michigan constitution to protect Department of Natural Resource funds by combining them into one fund. The fund, protected by its enshrinement in the state constitution, would be held inviolate and could not be raided by other state departments during

budget time.

On the plus side, when the state goes into annual budgeting, DNR funds could not be used to shore up other state departments. On the minus side, adding the 1,800-plus words to the constitution means any changes needed for functional purposes, no matter how small, necessary or urgent, would have to be first approved by statewide referendum.

DOVE HUNT

Proposal 3 would allow the hunting of mourning doves within the state, something currently allowed as a pilot program.

A yes vote on the measure would change the classification of the mourning dove from song bird to game bird — opening it up to hunting. Construction manager Frank Rewold, a Rochester-based hunter, said the initiative would put the state on the same regulatory footing as 41 others.

"There are a lot of mourning

doves. They reproduce quickly and only live a couple of years," Rewold said.

Those favoring the ban argue mourning doves are popular among bird watchers. They argue the doves are at a low weight during the hunting season and therefore cannot be considered a source of food. To hunt them, they say, would be hunting for hunting's sake at best or target practice at worst.

While he's personally concerned that the opponents of the dove hunting initiative are using it as a gateway issue to ban all hunting in Michigan, Rewold said non-hunters can get behind the initiative because of the impact it will have on the state's economy.

"Hunting and fishing are important," he said. "Hunters represent \$3.3 billion to the economy."

LAND GRAB

Proposal 4 would amend the constitution to further regulate the governmental power of eminent domain. Eminent domain, the ability of the gov-

ernment to take private property for the public good, has long been inherent to the federal as well as state and local governments.

The proposal would allow eminent domain if it served "public necessity of the extreme sort," provide public oversight after transfer to a private entity, and the property is selected based on "facts of independent public significance," rather than the interests of the private entity receiving the property.

According to Farmington Hills Attorney Joel Grand, of the law firm of Grand & Grand PLLC, Proposal 4 is a reaction to situations outside Michigan rather than a reaction to something homegrown.

"In the 2005 decision of *Kelo vs. the City of New London*, the U.S. Supreme Court said it did not violate the federal Constitution to use eminent domain to turn someone's private property over to another private concern for development," Grand said. "Now there's an outcry across the

country to restrict this. Several states are looking at it."

Currently, the Michigan Supreme Court, in the ruling *Wayne County vs. Hathcock*, has set relatively restrictive rules concerning when the government can condemn private property for development use. Most recently, the ruling was cited when the city of Detroit was condemning and consolidating land for the development of riverside casinos.

The problem with Proposal 4, Grand said, is the last provision which refers to the *Hathcock* case.

"If passed, there would be language that refers to language not in the Constitution," he said. "It's not well-written, it doesn't add clarity."

For more information on these ballot issues and exhaustive information and analysis on all ballot initiatives, go online to the Citizen's Research Council of Michigan's Web site, www.crcmich.org.

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American Harvest opens for dinner with new menu

The very best in Michigan and American comfort foods will grace the menu when Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant opens for dinner on October 18. The fall and winter menus will reflect the bounty and quality of local farms and regional suppliers.

"We will continue to present high quality cuisine," said Bruce Konowalow, director of the Culinary Arts Department. "We have created a menu where the quality, food and price are very attractive."

The restaurant will be open 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Reservations are encouraged but walk-in patrons will be welcomed. For reservations, call 734-462-4488.

AAA warns drivers 'Don't veer for deer'

With the days getting shorter and the state's deer herd on the move, AAA of Michigan is warning drivers to keep an eye out for migrating animals.

That's a natural, but what they're asking drivers to do, though, may seem counterintuitive. This year, the safety message coming from AAA and the state is "Don't Veer for Deer."

"Statistics show that most motorist deaths and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting the deer and strike a fixed object, such as a tree or another vehicle," said Michigan Deer Crash Coalition Chairman Jack Peet. "No one wants to see a deer destroyed but striking the animal is often the safest action."

In 2004, there were 1,551 car/deer crashes in Oakland County. In 2005, that figure rose to 1,704 — a 9-percent increase. Statewide, there were

58,741 incidents where cars and deer crossed paths in 2005. The crash figure is 6 percent less than the previous year, but significant considering the least impact with a deer can represent a \$1,000 loss.

This year, the MDCC says the deer herd will be as large as 1.75 million head. Crashes, overall, will cost the state as much as \$130 million in damages.

The MDCC estimates that more than 17 percent of all crashes in the state involve deer — nearly half of those coming between October and December — and in those crashes nine people died and another 1,700 were injured.

Copies of MDCC literature can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/ohsp or obtained by sending an e-mail request to trafficsafety@michigan.gov or by calling (517) 333-2722.

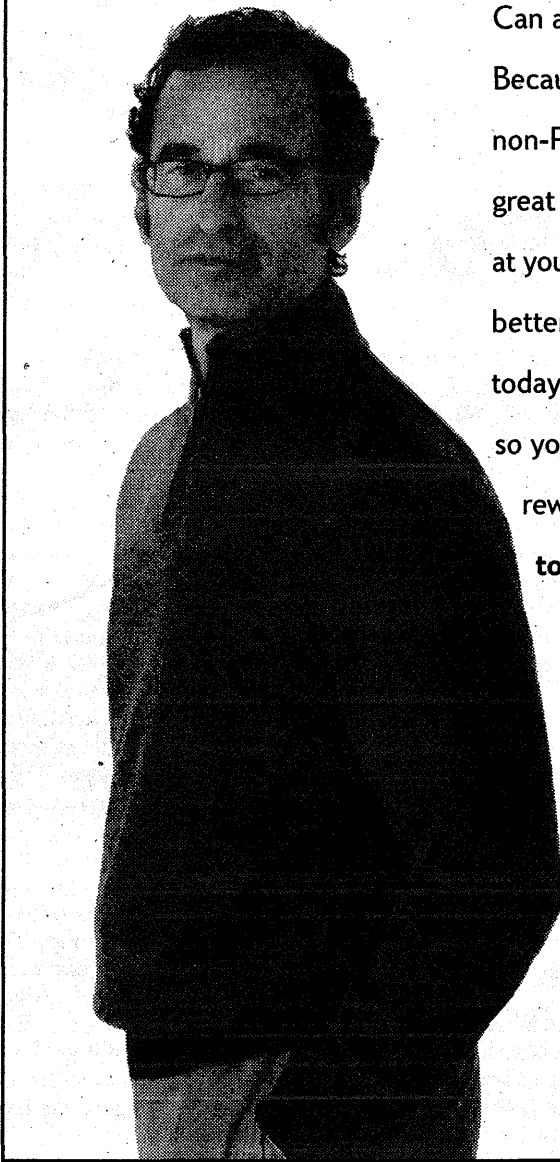


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OUR VIEWS

Lowe our pick for court seat

Judge Ron Lowe, seeking re-election to the 35th District Court in the Nov. 7 general election, is certainly not perfect.

But we believe he's the right choice over attorney James Plakas of Northville to retain the seat he's held the last dozen years.

Lowe has handled more than 40,000 civil and criminal cases in his 12 years on the 35th District Court. Before that, he spent 12 years in private practice, including time as the attorney for the city of Plymouth.

A resident of the district since 1968, Lowe has been instrumental in creating some of the 35th District Court's most effective programs, such as the sobriety court and teen court. The sobriety court focuses on substance abuse of certain qualifying offenders charged with drunken driving. The teen court, a tool used by the court's juvenile probation officer, is a partnership with Plymouth High School (and being renewed this year with the Northville High School) wherein students taking the practical law class are taught about the juvenile justice system, sentencing alternatives and when they would be appropriate, and how to fill the role of teen juror.

Lowe is willing to look at tough questions, such as whether a third judge is still necessary at the court in light of declining caseload and revenues, and at the court's budget, likewise affected by declining revenues and rising costs.

He's active in the community and either currently serves or has served on the boards of most of the major legal associations. His re-election would continue an institutional memory that will be severely hampered in two years when long-serving chief Judge John MacDonald retires.

Speaking of MacDonald, his concerns about Lowe's ability to get along with people and his personality traits should be considered. Lowe certainly should take the necessary steps to ensure a smooth-running, effective courthouse and not let personalities get in the way of doing the job. Most of the lawyers from whom we've heard have said Lowe is capable of doing just that.

Plakas brings a solid resumé and a broad range of experience to the table, but Lowe's institutional knowledge and experience make him the best choice. His continued presence would have the greatest impact. Voters should return Lowe to the 35th District Court.

Roar on Tigers, good luck in World Series

When Magglio Ordonez hit his second home run Saturday night, a collective roar spread across Michigan from Monroe to Copper Harbor.

After 22 years of waiting, the Detroit Tigers finally won the American League pennant. Baseball is special. It's America's game, even though some of the best players come from the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Mexico, Japan and Korea. It's a game that crosses generational lines, racial divides and class differences. It embraces everyone.

It's a game that plays long into the summer and now autumn night. It's a game of precision — by pitchers, batters and fielders. It's a game of managerial chess, at which the Tigers' Jim Leyland is obviously a grand master.

So congratulations to Mike and Marian Ilitch, Dave Dombrowski, Jim Leyland and the wonderful 2006 Detroit Tigers on a great American League season and good luck in the World Series.

As the old song from the Tigers' 1968 triumphant season says "We're all behind our baseball team."

It's a community thing. Get in the game!

No to Proposition 3

Supporters of mourning dove hunting in Michigan say to stop the season would be the first step to curtailing other forms of hunting in Michigan.

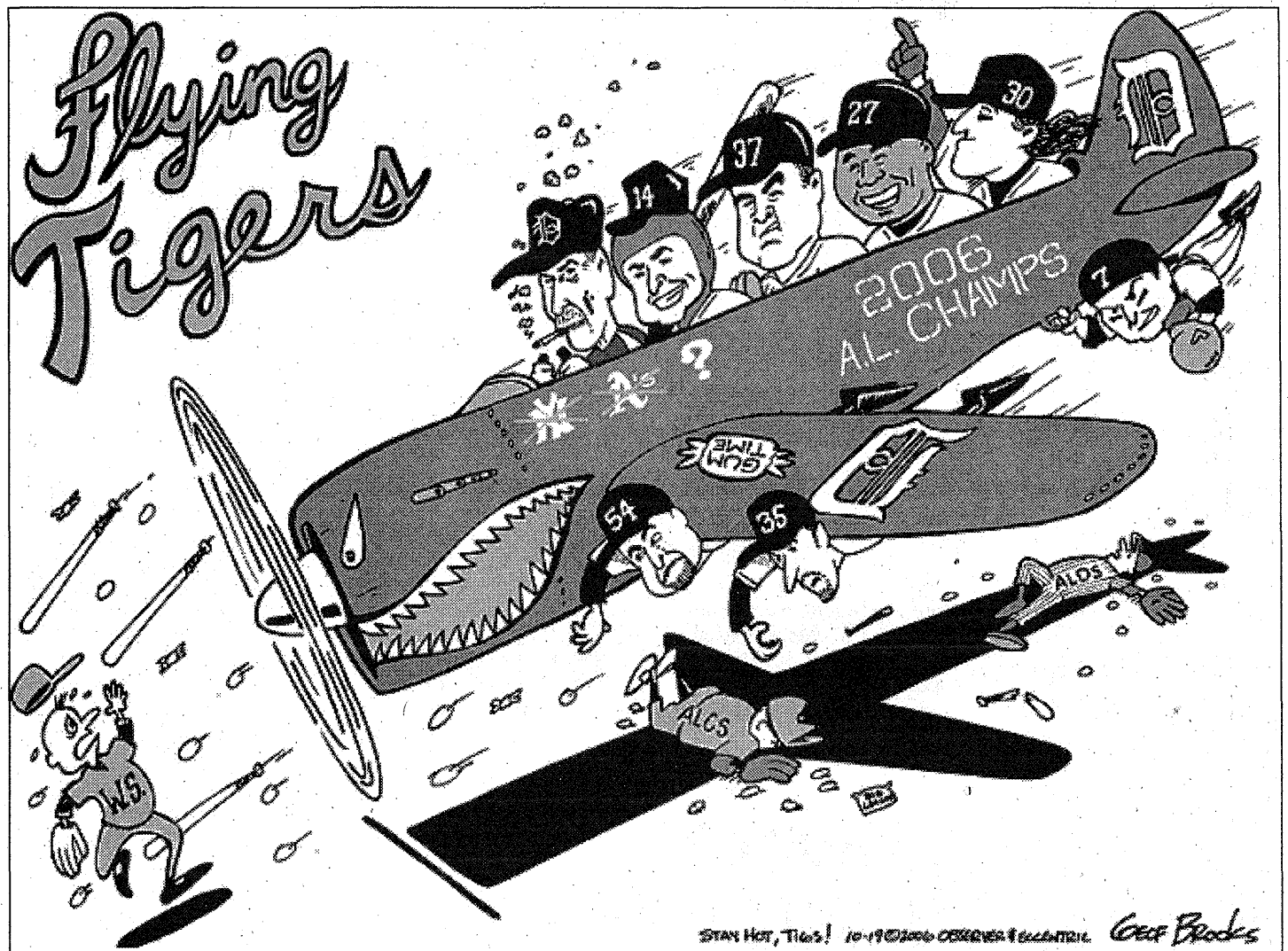
That's highly unlikely and appears to be a scare tactic on the part of supporters of the referendum. Michigan has a rich tradition of hunting that won't be harmed by the lack of dove hunting. Even without doves, hunters have some 40 other species of birds to hunt.

The vast majority of those urging a no vote on Proposal 3 do so to retain Michigan's 100-year-old ban on hunting doves — a traditional backyard songbird.

We urge a no vote on Proposal 3 for the following reasons. Doves are not overpopulated. According to experts, they are not pests and they do not damage farm crops.

Dove hunting will not be an economic boon to the state. Doves are small and, for the most part, will become target practice.

There's no overriding economic or social reason to enact a permanent dove hunting season. Vote no on Proposal 3.



Crawl thanks

We would like to heartily thank all of the restaurants and businesses for their support of the recent Restaurant Crawl, Penn-taste-tic.

It was such a wonderful night, thanks to the generosity of all. The support of the community in such an event was so evident. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for putting this one on for us.

We appreciate what everyone was able to do. Again, thank you all.

Debbie and Ray Maloni
Friends of the Penn

Bond clarifications

In the Sept. 28 edition, Plymouth Township resident Clyde Parrott asked the *Observer* to research the 2004 bond to see what the school district did with the "22 million" for the remodeling of Central Middle School. I was disappointed that the *Observer* did not point out in an editor's note that the district only received \$1.4 million for Central Middle School in the 2004 bond.

In addition, Mr. Parrott needs to know that those funds went for safety work on this 83-year-old building. Work on the exterior brick was done so bricks would not fall off and hit anyone. We made the necessary safety repairs with a majority of this money (\$800,000).

Secondly, Mr. Parrott wanted to know why we did not budget more money for building upkeep and repairs as well as money for building expansion, remodeling and repairs. I hope your reporter does ask us why. He will find out that 95 percent of our funding comes from the State of Michigan and 90 percent of our budget is for personnel.

With one of the lowest foundation grants in the area (even lower than Detroit), we make our funding provide the needs for the quality education we deliver. There is little money left to do the idyllic budgeting Mr. Parrott would like to see. This school district has never had the ability to budget for capital improvements.

I look forward to further inquiries. The public will find out just what a great job our board of education does with the funding entrusted to us.

Jim Ryan, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Supports Lowe

I've been a resident of Plymouth for 17 years, and have known Judge Ron Lowe for the last 12 years. In that time I have seen Judge Lowe actively involved in this community. He takes the time to teach our children about the law, participates in community events, and gives of his time generously to the Rotary and other organizations. He's earned my respect.

My question is, what has his challenger, Jim Plakas, done for our community? Before I give my vote to a person who has only lived here a couple years, and works elsewhere, I'd like to see some involvement in and commitment to the community. My vote is for Lowe.

Kathy Schroeter
Plymouth

Sizzling success

The 11th annual Great Lakes Regional

LETTERS

Chili Cook-off on Oct. 1 was a sizzling success. Sanctioned by The International Chili Society, events like this are successful because of the time, effort and financial support from so many individuals and businesses.

As chairperson and president of The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off, I would like to thank those supporters.

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Many thanks to all the restaurants who participated in the Restaurant Chili Challenge, including this year's winners The Omelette & Waffle Café as well as Station 885. Other participating restaurants include Compari's On The Park, Sean O'Callaghan's, Doyle's Tavern, E.G. Nick's, The Great American Grill, 1999 Tavern, Boulder's Restaurant, Cassel's Little Café, The Caboose, Crawford's Kitchen, Rocky's of Northville, Penn Grill & Bar, and Little Bros. Burgers.

Also thanks go to The Men In Black Band, Taylor Brown who sang the National Anthem, Graph-X Signs & Designs. Our four dance teams: Children's Dance Theatre, Center Stage Dance Company, Toll Gate Cloggers and Piazza Dance Company. Dale and Brad for running the Bike Show, Kathy and the whole crew at J & J Concessions, Jill Andra Young Photography, Carl Berry on security, Mike Shelton from Motor City Harley-Davidson, Rigid and the whole Motor City Harley Hog Chapter for their block captains, The Michigan State Police, The Wayne County Sheriff's department as well as the Plymouth Police department. Charlene Miller for putting together the "Hottest Dog In The Coolest City" contest. All the bike show ballot counters, The Christian Motorcycle Riders, the parking crew and especially to all the volunteers who came out for the charity ... Habitat For Humanity — western Wayne County Michael Sage, Kathy Browne and Dean Jabara all from Habitat. The Canton Chiefs High School baseball team along with their parents for set-up, and Boy Scout Troop 781 for the clean-up help. All 60 chili judges who hopefully had no indigestion afterward. All 102 chili and salsa cooks who supported the event and the City of Plymouth for having this great downtown to hold this event in!

Thank you from the bottom of my Chili pot!

Annette Horn
Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off
Chairman & President

Light argument obvious

This is such an obvious case. The state has done studies that the intersection does not need a traffic light. The temporary traffic signal is exactly that — temporary. They are needed for other upcoming MDOT projects.

The amount of fender-benders at that intersection are not enough to justify the installation of a \$100,000 traffic signal permanently. The irresponsibility and impatience of motorists who fail to yield to

Ann Arbor Road traffic should not impose such a burden to taxpayers.

Maybe if they invest \$500 in signs that read "look both ways before turning" or "pay attention," they could save the \$100,000 cost of traffic signals and the monetary mess for insurers.

If anyone should be fighting for a traffic signal, it should be at the intersection of Godfredson and Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road, where there have been two fatal accidents in about the last year. This is where alleged drunken drivers traveling on Godfredson did not notice the lone stop signs and proceeded through the intersection at a high rate of speed murdering two innocent people in two different crashes.

Both victims were local, one from Northville (17 years old) and the other from Plymouth (I believe 24 years old). Both had the right-of-way. Both crashes were in daylight with clear weather.

Ed Siegner
Salem Township

Corriveau best choice

Marc Corriveau is the best choice for the Michigan House of Representatives. As a retired public school teacher, I believe Marc has the right ideas for strengthening our public schools, which educate nearly 90 percent of Michigan's children.

Corriveau understands the need for stable, equitable and adequate funding. He supports a strong academic core curriculum, highly qualified and certified teachers, and accountability to parents and taxpayers for the investment made in our young people.

On the other hand, his opponent supports vouchers, tax credits for home-schooling, and increasing the number of unproven charter schools in Michigan. All drain scarce funding dollars away from traditional public schools.

As state representative, Marc Corriveau will fight to ensure that we have quality public schools. Marc is endorsed and supported by many parents, grandparents, and retired and current school employees, including the Michigan Education Association and The Michigan Federation of Teachers.

Marc Corriveau is the best choice for state representative in the 20th House District — the Northvilles, the Plymouths, Canton, and the City of Wayne. Our children can count on Marc Corriveau.

Martha A. Trafford
Canton

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"I think we're matching what the public told us in the last bond. While we need a lot in this district, I think we're being mindful of things that are going on in Michigan with the economy..."

Plymouth-Canton school board member Steve Sneiderman on the board's decision to ask voters for a \$63 million bond

Candidates for governor both playing shell game

William Shakespeare's famous lines from *MacBeth* about history being "a tale of sound and fury, signifying nothing," were written before there was a Michigan.

But the bard could just as well have been commenting on the race for governor between Gov. Jennifer Granholm and challenger Dick DeVos. The fact that his words apply so well at a time when we badly need straight talk and solutions is a tragedy in itself.

Granholm argues the terrible state of our economy isn't her fault (quite true), blaming instead the wrenching restructuring and downsizing of the automobile industry (also true) and President Bush (doubtful, but he's an easy target).

DeVos asserts the governor has done a lousy job of fixing Michigan's economy (mostly not true, but something he hopes sounds good to folks losing their jobs). He claims it takes a businessman to solve our economic problems (possible, but then why do so many businesses fail?).

Granholm says her 21st Century Jobs Plan is the boldest and most comprehensive economic development plan in Michigan history (probably true, but it likely will take years to show results). DeVos says if elected he'll take personal charge of Michigan's economic recovery (dramatic ... but does he really want that?).

Yet both candidates are producing little more than sound and fury when talking about our basic problem: Michigan state government is essentially broke. After six straight years of budget-cutting, there's virtually nothing left to cut.

And every politician in the state is terrified of even thinking about increasing taxes.

The state still faces a chronic structural budget deficit of at least \$500 million, even after something like \$4 billion has been cut from state spending over the past six years. Tax revenues are not going to improve, as they used to do, from an upturn in the auto industry.

And the costs of Medicaid, corrections and public employee health care and pensions are going to do nothing but go up. But DeVos says taxes are too high. Last week, he proposed to cut business taxes by a net \$950 million.

He'd endorse last summer's legislative

repeal of the Single Business Tax, throw in a new business tax based essentially on corporate profits, and go on to eliminate \$1.7 billion in personal property taxes. Throw into the cauldron the existing structural deficit, plus the effects of an earned income tax cut adopted last month by the Legislature, and you have a state budget deficit of nearly \$2 billion — more than 20 percent of the state's \$9.3 billion general fund.

That would mean disaster. DeVos has repeatedly been asked how he'd manage the enormous resulting deficit. He's ducked the question every time. This is simply irresponsible for somebody running for the highest office in Michigan.

Granholm's 2007 budget calls for more spending on education and health care. Where she'll get the money to do so is anybody's guess, but at least she wants any tax that might be adopted to succeed the now-dead SBT to be revenue-neutral.

And naturally, she is very carefully staying away from talking about increasing taxes ... because she has to get re-elected.

And neither candidate is coming anywhere close to addressing the fundamental fact facing Michigan: If we're going to get out of the jam we're in, we are going to have to invest in Michigan's competitive resources, which include our universities, the skills of our workforce and our research and development capability.

But unless we resolve the chronic budget deficit, there simply will not be any money available to invest on our future.

The state has to have the money it needs to do the job that we need it to do. Yet bluntly put, neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have the courage or political will to face this plain fact.

And until both parties face this reality, they will continue to turn off most intelligent voters. Thinking people can easily see the terrible and damaging disconnect between the campaign rhetoric the candidates are spewing and simple economic reality.

Most people I talk with are simply fed up with the kind of shell game both parties are playing. Maybe the politicians will change after Nov. 7, when we find out who won and who lost.

But don't hold your breath.

Phil Power is the founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here are his own and do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. He welcomes comments at ppower@hcnnet.com.

Tragic lesson shouldn't have to be repeated before state listens

Tom Tiderington generally watches the workings of government with a bemused look, a wry smile crossing his face.

And why not? The government body for which he works is the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, and sometimes the police chief is entitled to the wryness. While being performed by dedicated trustees generally only interested in doing their community some good, government work can often get pretty silly.

But it's not a wry smile on Tiderington's face when he talks about the Michigan Department of Transportation's decision to remove a full traffic signal at the intersection of Ridge and Ann Arbor roads, simply because some traffic manual says it must be taken down.

Tiderington wears a look that is part confusion, but larger parts anger and frustration.

"This defies logic," he said simply. "Last year alone, there were at least six accidents that would have been avoided if that light had been there. If we can't do something this simple,

with police and fire and residents and political leaders calling for it, that's crazy."

Residents and leaders in the area have for years been calling for a traffic signal at that intersection. It's dangerous because there's a rise coming from the west that lessens visibility. Drivers wanting to turn east onto Ann Arbor Road off of Ridge have a hard time seeing oncoming traffic, especially if those drivers are clipping along at 55 mph or faster.

The Picnic Basket and the CVS store on the south side of Ann Arbor Road are also popular destinations, particularly for school-age kids headed for an afternoon snack. But crossing Ann Arbor Road is a challenge. That collective sigh you heard a couple of months ago came from residents in the area when MDOT put up the full traffic signal that's there now, in response to the crush of traffic being caused by people trying to avoid the construction on M-14.

The resulting collective groan came from those same people, when MDOT said a couple of weeks ago the light was only scheduled to be temporary and will be taken down, to be replaced by the old flashing signal, when M-14 opens fully to east- and west-bound traffic, sometime in the next week or two.

"That signal is scheduled to come out when all lanes are open on M-14," said Mike Budai, traffic and safety engineer for MDOT's Taylor Transportation Service Center. "It's kind of on a week-by-week basis, but we're estimating about three weeks."

Budai said MDOT must adhere to guidelines set forth in the Michigan Vehicle Code and Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. MDOT has agreed to do another traffic study, but Budai said a proper study cannot be done if the signal is already existing.

Budai pointed out there are minimum criteria the intersection must meet in terms of traffic volume and the number of accidents. The road is also supposed to be widened to include left-turn lanes for each direc-

tion, work that is slated to begin next year.

"The last time we did a study (two years ago), it did not meet minimum warrants," Budai said of the intersection. "Things may have changed since then, but I can't say anything until the data shows us."

Tiderington thinks MDOT could do the study with the light up, because it's going to consist mostly of counting cars, a number that won't change because of the existence of the signal. You could probably make the argument that volume is actually up with the light, because people no longer avoid the intersection at all costs.

Tiderington chuckles wryly when he thinks about the subsequent traffic study, which will show the number of accidents is actually down — because of the light. But Budai said accident figures from before the installation of the light will be used.

Meanwhile, people like Ed Siegner of Salem Township think the hub-bub about a light at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge ignores more serious problems at intersections like Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson, where two people have died in the last year or so.

"The amount of fender-benders at that intersection are not enough to justify the installation of a \$100,000 traffic signal permanently," Siegner wrote in a letter to the editor. "The irresponsibility and impatience of motorists who fail to yield to Ann Arbor Road traffic should not impose such a burden to taxpayers. Maybe if they invest \$500 in signs that read 'Look Both Ways Before Turning' or 'Pay Attention' could save the \$100,000 cost of traffic signals and the monetary mess for insurers."

"If anyone should be fighting for a traffic signal, it should be at the intersection of Gotfredson and Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road, where there have been two fatal accidents in about the last year. This is where alleged drunk drivers traveling on Gotfredson did not notice the lone stop signs and proceeded through the intersection at a high rate of speed, murdering two innocent people in two different crashes."

Mr. Siegner gets no argument here. Let's put up a light at Gotfredson and Ann Arbor Road. But those kinds of fatalities are exactly what residents and leaders in the Plymouth community are trying to avoid.


Let's be fair to MDOT here: A study is going to be commissioned, maybe sooner than could reasonably be expected, since one was done just two years ago. Getting any government entity to move that quickly is impressive.

But it's not enough, not for the police chief, not for the residents, certainly not for potential victims.

"This is nuts," Tiderington said. "This isn't about a couple of people wanting to cross (Ann Arbor Road) to get to the Picnic Basket. This is a safety issue being ignored by MDOT. It appears a tragedy is going to have to occur before anyone listens."

That's the lesson learned at Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson. Is it really going to have to be repeated?

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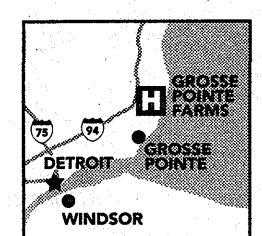
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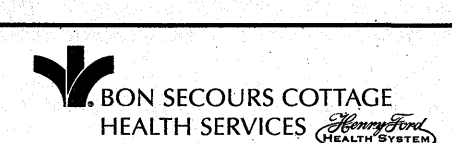
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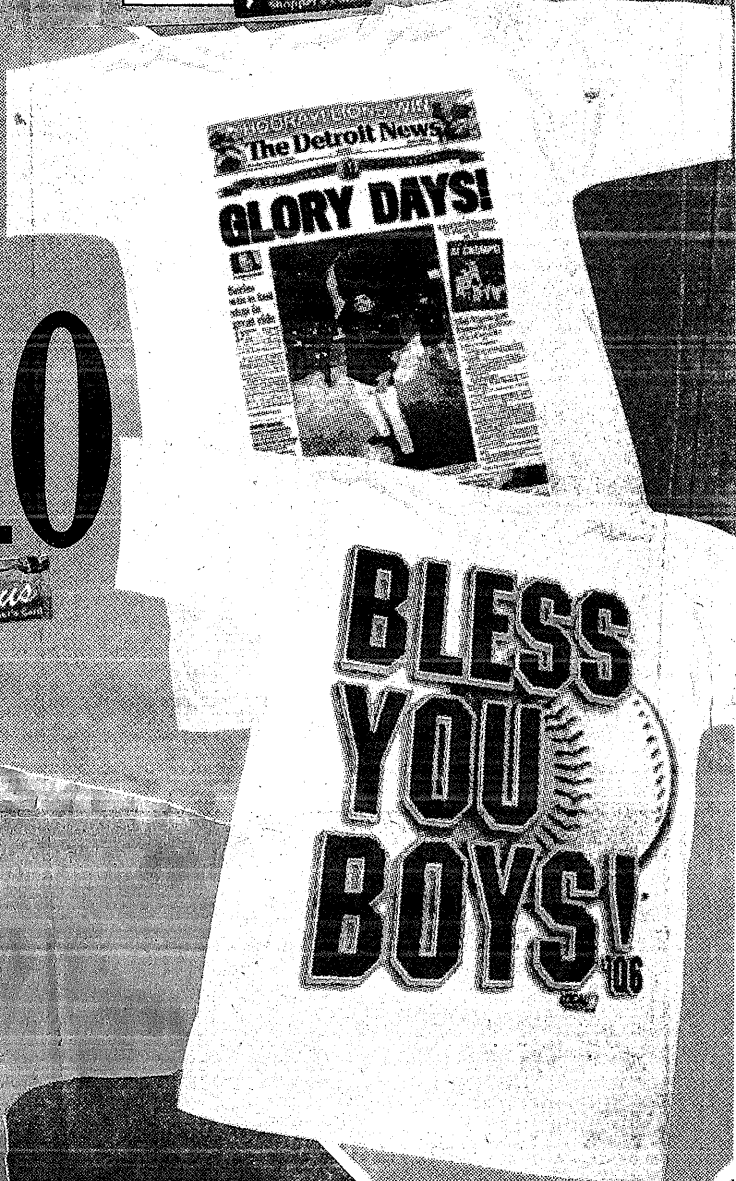
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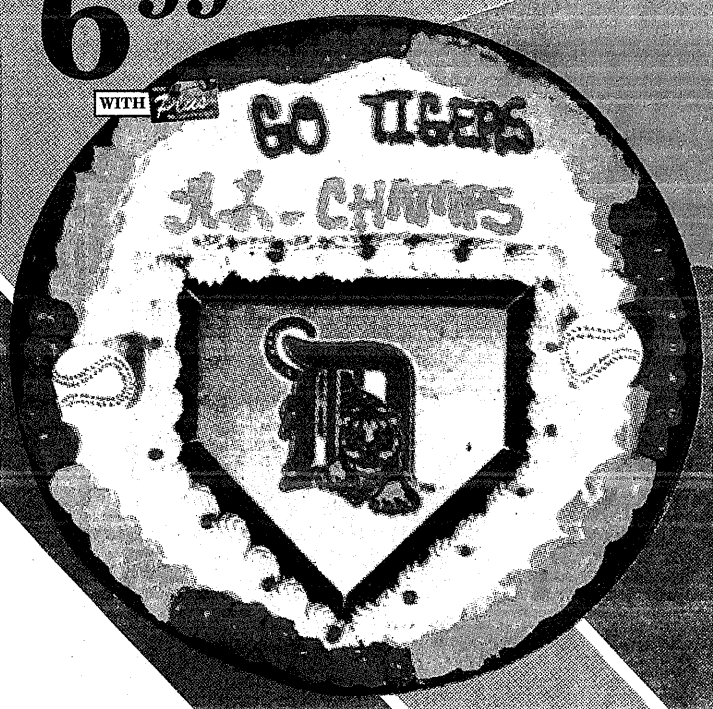
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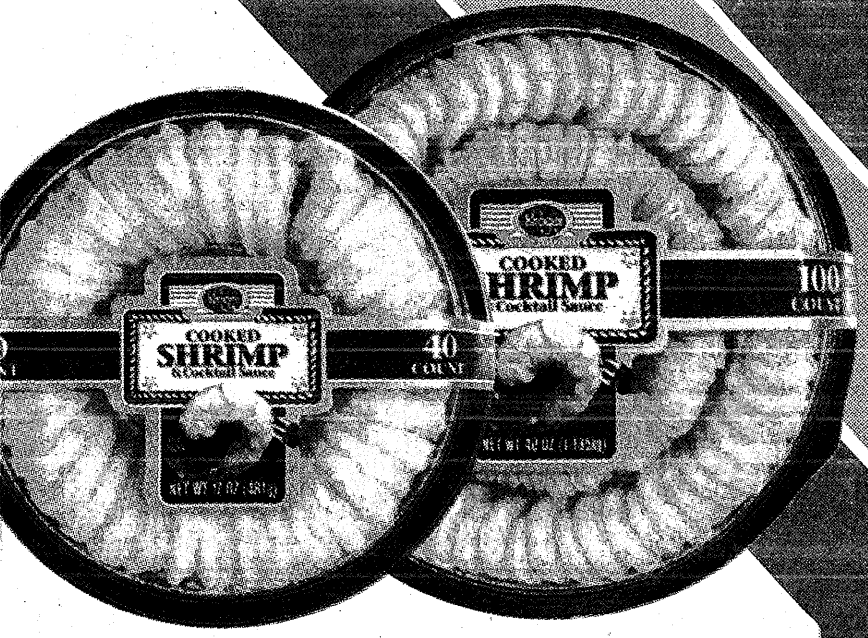
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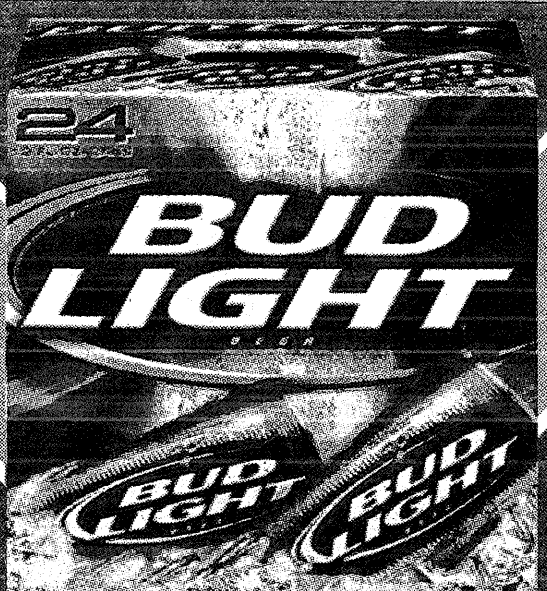
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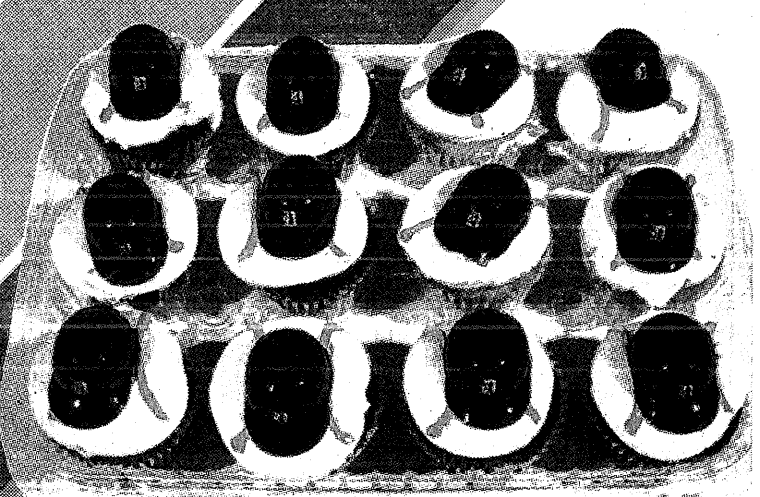
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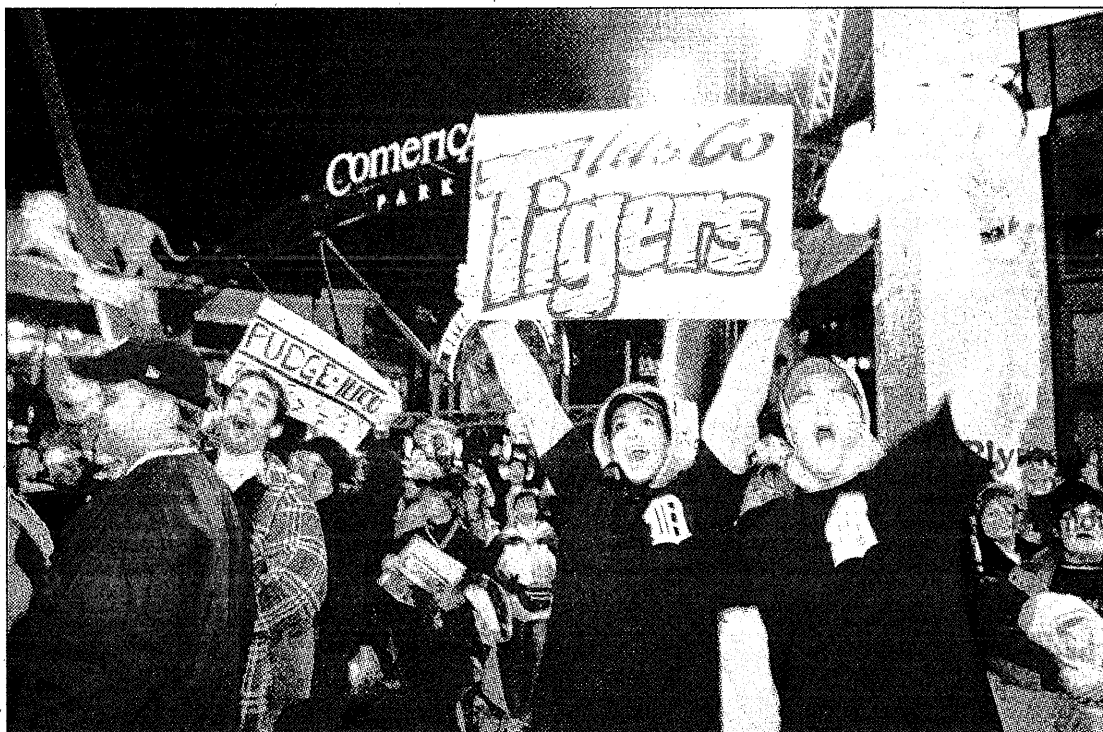
It was party time in downtown Detroit Saturday. Bottom of the ninth inning, two out, two on, the score was tied 3-3. Magglio Ordonez came to the plate and blasted a line drive home run, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 6-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics and their first American League pennant in 22 years.

The standing-room only Comerica Park crowd streamed out to mingle with another crowd already forming around the stadium, ready to party and celebrate the long-

awaited victory. The celebration at the ballpark was an ignition to celebrations all across the state of Michigan. Police report that the celebration was spirited but generally trouble free.

Now it's on to the World Series against the winner of the St. Louis Cardinals-New York Mets National League Championship Series.

Observer & Eccentric photographer John Stormzand was at Comerica Park to capture the color, high spirits and sheer joy of a pennant victory.



It seems that everyone had their own special sign to cheer on the Tigers at Comerica Park.



These masked marvels could play the phantoms of the ballpark. They were among the celebrators at Comerica Park Saturday.

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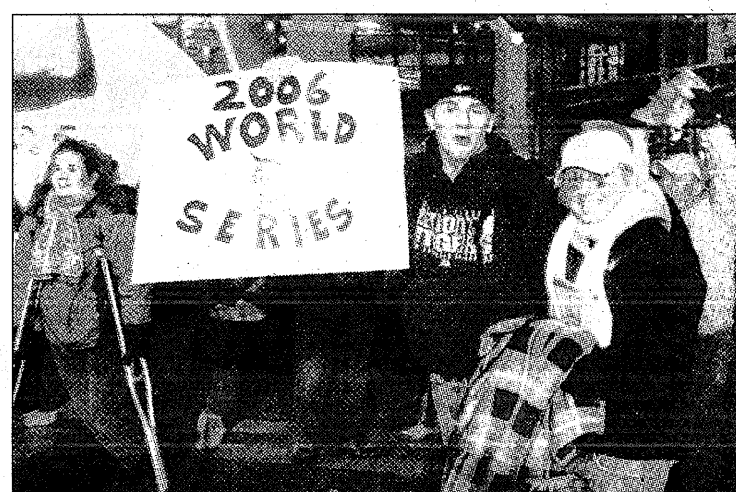
As this fan demonstrates the Tigers did a clean sweep of the Oakland A's in the American League Championship Series.



A young fan gives a tiger roar as Detroit Tiger fans streamed out of Comerica Park Saturday to celebrate a four-game sweep of the Oakland A's to clinch the American League championship.



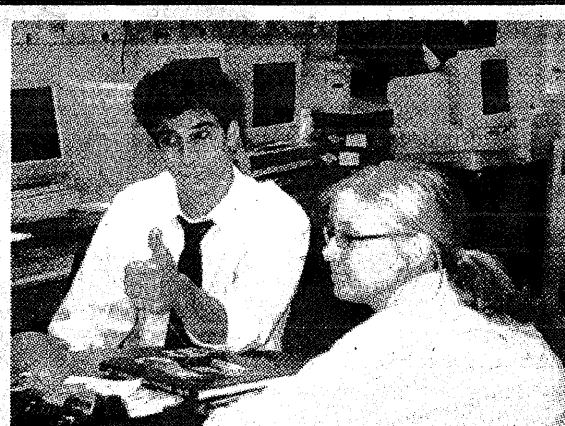
It was high-fives all around as Tiger fans streamed out of Comerica Park.



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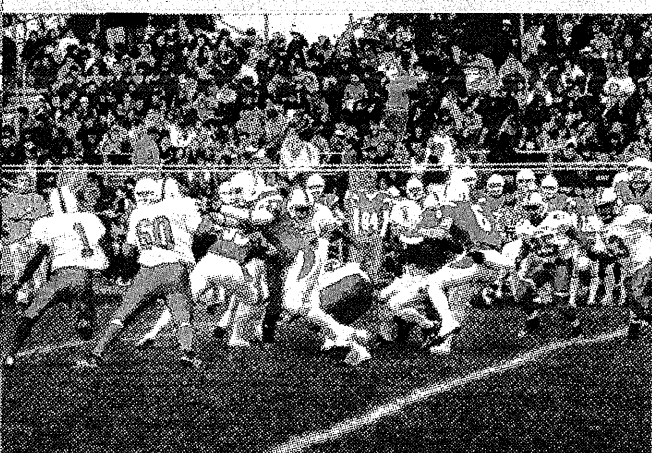
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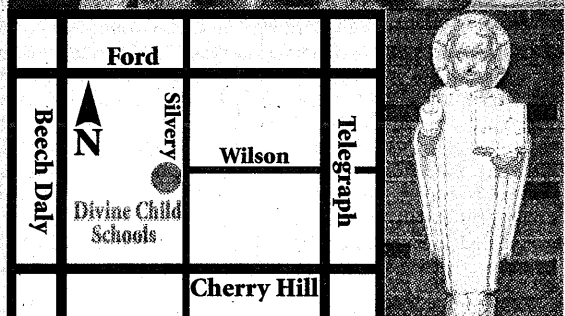
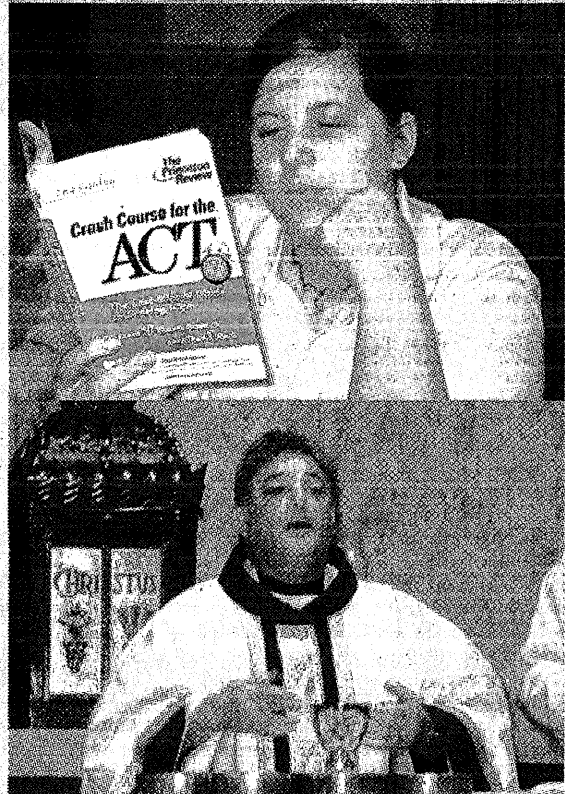


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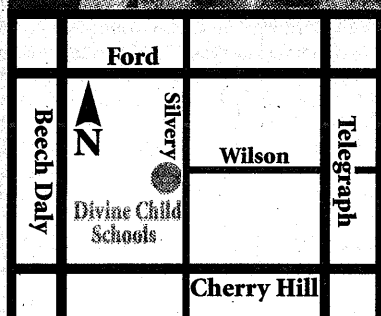


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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- October 10, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Bennett, Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding G-23, Approve Waiver from Purchasing Policy regarding Capital Spending. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Minutes of September 19, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Minutes of September 26, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Citizens Non-Agenda Item Comments: Bob Stewart, 41160 Gainsborough, stated on his water bill there is a charge for no sump pump and disagrees with this charge. Tom Pellerito, 3159 River Meadow Circle, wished to remind residents to attend the DNR Public Hearing on Hunting in Canton on October 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for October 10, 2006. Table with columns for Fund Name, Amount, and Total. Funds include General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, Summit Operating, Street Lighting, Cable TV Fund, Twp Improvement, E-911 Utility, Auto Forfeiture(wva), Federal Grants Fund, Auto Theft Grant, Downtown Dev. Auth., Cap Proj-Summit Const, Cap Proj-Road Paving, Golf Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Trust & Agency Fund, Construction Escrows, Post Employ. Benefits.

Total - All Funds 1,336,971.47

PRESENTATION: PRESENTATION OF SERGENT BADGES. The Canton Police Department has promoted police officers, Mark Gajeski and Scott Hughesdon to the rank of sergeant. Sergeant's Gajeski and Hughesdon completed an intensive testing process prior to being selected for the promotions. PRESENTATION BY JERRY VAN DUSEN OF HIS BOOK, IMAGES OF AMERICA - CANTON TOWNSHIP. PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR TAKAO AMERICAN CORP. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo, to open the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Takao American Corporation. Motion carried by all members present. No public comment. Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin, to close the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Takao American Corporation. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution to consider tax abatement for Takao American Corporation. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF TAKAO AMERICAN CORPORATION INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, Takao America Corp. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility and personal property to be acquired and installed within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on October 10, 2006, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before August 29, 2006, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the expanded facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Takao America Corp. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to real and personal property to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: Parcel # 71-046-99-0008-730 12K1B2A.M1B1.O1L1B2A PT OF NE 1/4 E NW 1/4 SEC 12 T2S R8E DESC AS BEG N 02DEG 07M 49S W 85.50FT AND S 88DEG 45M 59S W 49.51FT AND S 02DEG 07M 49S E 10.08FT AND ALONG A CURVE TO THE LT RAD 549.50FT CHORD S 18DEG 58M 25S E 318.44FT AND S 35DEG 49M 02S E 96.71FT FROM N 1/4 COR SEC 12 TH S 35DEG 49M 02S E 103.29FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 450.50FT CHORD S 18DEG 57M 54S E 261.20FT TH S 02DEG 06M 46S E 9.19FT TH S 88DEG 45M 59S W 144.31FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE LT RAD 260.00FT CHORD S 75DEG 59M 21S W 115.00FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 200.00FT CHORD S 75DEG 59M 21S W 88.47FT TH S 88DEG 45M 59S W 761.21FT TH N 09DEG 08M 34S W 66.06FT TH ALONG A CURVE TO THE RT RAD 11356.16FT CHORD N 06DEG 02M 32S E 636.38FT TH N 88DEG 45M 59S E 933.54FT TO POB 9.14AC be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 12 years in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in M.C.L. et seq. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR ZSI, INC. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to open the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. to consider tax abatement for ZSI, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. No public comment. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to close the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. to consider tax abatement for ZSI, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo, to adopt the resolution to consider tax abatement for ZSI, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF ZSI, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Singh Executive Park Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, ZSI, Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new personal property to be acquired and installed within the Singh Executive Park Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on October 10, 2006, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before September 1, 2006, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the expanded facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an

amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of ZSI, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new personal property to be acquired and installed on the following parcel of real property situated within the Singh Executive Park Industrial Development District, to wit: 35A2 UNIT 2 WAYNE COUNTY COND SUB PLAN NO. 568 AKA SINGH EXECUTIVE PARK T2S R8E L 32631 OF DEEDS P 436 TO 489 WCR Split on 01/13/2006 with 71 138 01 0001 000, 71 138 01 0003 000 into 71 138 02 0001 000, 71 138 02 0002 000, 71 138 02 0003 000, 71 138 02 0004 000; Parcel #71-138-01-0002-000 be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 3 years in accordance with Township requirements and applicable statutory provisions found in M.C.L. et seq. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPOINTMENT OF PENSION/DEFERRED COMP PLAN ADMINISTRATOR AND MMRMA MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve the appointment of Rick Eva, Finance Director, as Plan Administrator for all of Canton's Pension and Deferred Compensation plans. I further move to approve the appointment of Rick Eva to be the Canton Member Representative to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. These appointments shall become effective October 11, 2006. I further move to approve the attached resolutions amending the Charter Township of Canton Retirement Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan. Motion carried by all members present. ACTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON THE undersigned, constituting all of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, hereby unanimously consent to and authorize the following actions and adopt the following resolutions: WHEREAS, in accordance with the authority provided in Article 8, of the Charter Township of Canton Retirement Plan as amended and restated (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan"), the Employer has the right to amend the Plan subject to the limitations of Article 8; NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Richard Eva, is appointed to serve as the administrator of the Plan within the meaning of Section 3(16) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. He shall have all the responsibilities and powers accorded to the plan administrator under the Plan and ERISA; Further it is resolved that Daniel G. Durack currently serving as the administrator of the Plan be removed as administrator effective October 10, 2006. AMENDMENT TO CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON MICHIGAN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN BY THIS AGREEMENT, Charter Township of Canton Michigan Deferred Compensation Plan (herein referred to as the Plan) is hereby amended as follows, effective October 10, 2006: 1. Under the terms of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan Deferred Compensation Plan, a Trustee may be appointed or replaced; Now, therefore, Daniel G. Durack is removed as Trustee of the Plan; Richard Eva, is added as Trustee of the Plan. Charter Township of Canton By Employer The Trustee, by executing this Amendment, accepts its position as Trustee and agrees to all of the obligations, responsibilities and duties imposed upon the Trustee under the Prototype Plan and Trust Agreement. The Trustee has signified its acceptance, on this 10th day of October, 2006. Signed: [Richard Eva/Trustee] Item 2. CONSIDER 2007 PLANNING COMMISSION SCHEDULE. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to set the 2007 Planning Commission Meeting schedule as follows: Every first Monday of the month, and the third Monday of the month, as necessary, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, with the following exceptions: January 8, January 22, September 10, September 24, October 22nd. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to re-appoint Randy Blaylock and Steven Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three (3) years terms. (Term expiring August 31, 2009). Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. RE-APPOINTMENT TO BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to re-appoint Joseph Philips to the Building Board of Appeals. (Term expiring 12/31/2008). Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2006 AS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH IN CANTON. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution proclaiming October 2006 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Canton. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 14, 2006 AS "MARTIAL ARTS DAY" IN CANTON. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution proclaiming October 14, 2006 as "Martial Arts Day in Canton". Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CANTON CENTER/GEDES ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the Reimbursement Agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and Canton Development, LC. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER J.C. DEVELOPMENT REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of J. C. Development. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of M.A.L.A.C. LLC WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 33 acres located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Morton Taylor and Lilley Roads be rezoned from MR, Multiple-Family Residential District to C-3, Regional Commercial District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos. 103-99-0001-003 and 138-99-0004-000 from MR, Multiple-Family Residential District to C-3, Regional Commercial District. Item 2. CONSIDER M.A.L.A.C. LLC (No 1) REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of M.A.L.A.C. LLC. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of M.A.L.A.C. LLC WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 5.68 acres located on the west side of Morton Taylor Road north of Michigan Avenue be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family Residential and O-1, Office District to C-3, Regional Commercial District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos. 133-99-0001-001, 133-99-0001-002, and 133-99-0001-003 from R-2, Single Family Residential, and tax EDP Nos. 133-99-0001-004 and 133-99-0002-000 from O-1, Office District, to all C-3, Regional Commercial District. Item 3. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR JOYOUS HEART YOGA. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for Joyous Heart Yoga. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Joyous Heart Yoga WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Ms. Carrie Honore, has requested special use approval for Joyous Heart Yoga, an indoor recreation facility, to be located on Lilley Road between Joy and Warren Roads, identified as tax EDP #008-06-0003-000; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives of the Township, subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Ms. Carrie Honore, to conduct the special use for the proposed Joyous Heart Yoga subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 4. CONSIDER M.A.L.A.C. LLC (No 2). REZONING Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution

for rezoning request of M.A.L.A.C. LLC. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of M.A.L.A.C. LLC WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 1.75 acres located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads be rezoned from O-1, Office District to C-3, Regional Commercial District WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos. 133-99-0008-000 and 133-99-0009-000 from O-1, Office District, to C-3, Regional Commercial District. Item 5. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR McDONALD'S REBUILD. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for McDonalds Restaurant Rebuild. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for McDonalds Restaurant Rebuild WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Jeff Chase, has requested site plan approval for the McDonald's Restaurant Rebuild to be located on Ford Road between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads, identified as tax EDP # 039-99-0026-002; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Jeff Chase, to approve the site plan for the proposed McDonald's Rebuild subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 6. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR MEIJER GARDEN CENTER AND PHARMACY ADDITION. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use and site plan for Meijer Garden Center and Site Improvements. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use and Site Plan for Meijer Garden Center and Site Improvements WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested special land use for an outdoor garden center and site plan for improvements to the Meijer facility located on the east side of Canton Center Road and south of Ford Road on Tax EDP no. 058-99-0003-719; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special land use and site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL, subject to the items mentioned, above; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed request for special land use and site plan approval and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the special land use and site plan for the proposed outdoor garden center and site improvements to Meijer, located on the east side of Canton Center Road and South of Ford Road (Tax EDP no. 058-99-0003-719); subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 7. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR MICHIGAN XTREME CHEER. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the special land use approval for Michigan Xtreme Cheer. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use Approval for Michigan Xtreme Cheer WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested special land use for a Gymnastics/Dance Studio for Michigan Xtreme Cheer located on the west side of Ronda Drive between Joy and Koppernick Roads ; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special land use to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed request for special land use approval and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the special land use for a Gymnastics/Dance Studio for Michigan Xtreme Cheer located at 7855 Ronda Drive (Tax E.D.P. no. 008-99-0001-702); subject to all other regulations of the Township. Item 8. CONSIDER EXTENSION OF THE TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR ROSEWOOD PLACE. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for extension of the tentative approval of the preliminary Plat for Rosewood Place Subdivision. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Extension of the Tentative Approval of the Preliminary Plat for Rosewood Place Subdivision WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, has requested a 12-month extension of the tentative approval of the preliminary plat for Rosewood Place Subdivision located west of Ridge Road, south of Ford Road and east of Napier Road (Tax ID # 069-99-0010-700); WHEREAS, the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the request and recommend approval to extend the tentative preliminary plat. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, to extend the tentative approval of the preliminary plat for the proposed Rosewood Place Subdivision for 12 months, expiring October 25, 2007, subject to compliance with any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning and Engineering Divisions, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 9. CONSIDER AMENDED FINAL PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SHELDON ESTATES SUBDIVISION. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for final approval of the amended preliminary plat for Sheldon Estates. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final Approval of the Amended Preliminary Plat for Sheldon Estates WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, has requested final approval of the amended preliminary plat for Sheldon Estates to be located east of Sheldon Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill Roads, identified as EDP# 085-99-0005-701; and, WHEREAS, the Planning and Engineering Officials have reviewed the amended plat and made a recommendation to approve the plat as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Don Marhofer, to grant final approval of the amended preliminary plat for the proposed Sheldon Estates, subject to compliance with any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any additional conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 10. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DEMOLISH THE VACANT HOUSES AND REMOVE DEBRIS AT 965 AND 903 LOTZ RD. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to award a contract for the demolition of the houses at 965 and 903 Lotz to Universal Consolidated Enterprises in the amount of \$ 9,478.00. I further move to approve the following budget amendment in the Public Improvement Fund for this contract: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #245-000-699-0000 \$9,478.00. Increase Appropriations: Expenditures #248-245-700-0000 \$9,478.00. This budget amendment increases the Public Improvement Fund budget from \$1,735,085 to \$1,744,563. Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2, SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR ROAD REPAIRS FOR COPPER CREEK CONDOMINIUMS SAD 2006-1. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the special assessment resolution No. 2 schedule the Public Hearing of Necessity for road repairs for Copper Creek Condominiums SAD 2006-1 on November 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Motion carried by all members present. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION (Copper Creek Condominiums SAD No. 2006-1) Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Board Room at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in said Township on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time. The following preamble and resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett and supported by Member.

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State probes Milford construction accident that killed Canton man

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Jose Covarrubias-Melendez, 23, of Canton was killed and three other Canton workers injured Monday afternoon in a construction accident at a Milford church.

The Milford Police Department reports that police and fire personnel went to the site at about 3:09 p.m. Monday at South Hill Baptist Church. Initial reports indicated that several roof trusses had collapsed on the second floor at the site where an addition was being built, and that at least two workers were trapped under the collapsed trusses. "We were putting on a new addition to our church," said

David Hughes, pastor of South Hill Baptist Church. Hughes wasn't at the church at the time, as he was picking his son up at school.

The men worked for Allied Construction of Milford, the pastor said.

The trapped workers were freed by co-workers just prior to the arrival of emergency responders, according to Milford police. Four workers were injured, two critically and two seriously, when approximately 16 of the 75-foot long roof trusses collapsed. All were taken to area hospitals.

Covarrubias-Melendez was pronounced dead upon his arrival at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township. An autopsy was

conducted Tuesday by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office.

"We're going to do a prayer service this Sunday evening at 7 o'clock," said Hughes, adding a collection will be taken for the deceased man's wife, Virginia, also 23. The couple had no children.

"We had kind of an impromptu prayer meeting last night," the pastor said Tuesday morning. Children's programs for Tuesday were canceled at the church.

"Right now, everyone's somber," Hughes said, adding the full impact won't hit until Sunday services. "Just pray for the family" and the injured men, he said. "That's the only resource we have right now."

A Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigator was conducting an investigation. The cause of the collapse remains under investigation.

"We had a safety inspector out there late yesterday," Bob Pawlowski, director of MIOSHA Construction Safety and Health Division, said Tuesday. "He is continuing

with the investigation today."

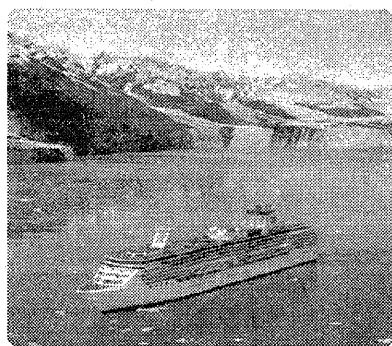
With construction involving trusses, proper temporary bracing is needed, Pawlowski said. "These things normally take several weeks," he said of the investigation, in which the supervisor and employees will need to be interviewed.

Lt. Michael Lauridsen of the Milford police said the injured

men are Luis Barajas-Sanchez, 19, Adan Rodriguez-Benavides, 26, and Jose Concepcion-Rodriguez, 31, all of Canton. Barajas-Sanchez, who was critically injured, was moved out of the intensive care unit on Tuesday night. Lauridsen had been unable Wednesday morning to get updates on the other injured men's medical conditions.

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For further information about today's column, call the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY at 455-8370 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. We have easy access and parking. New patients are gladly accepted.

P.S. The medical term for "tennis elbow" is lateral epicondylitis.

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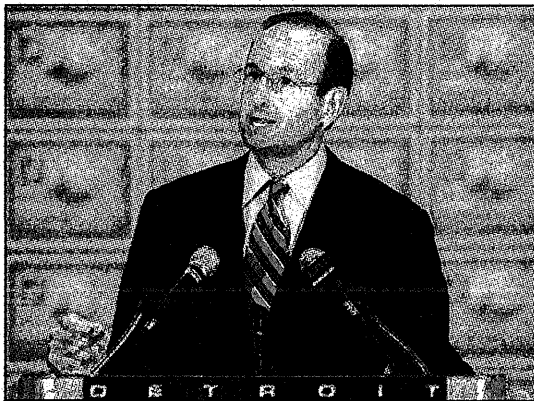
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Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm told members of the Detroit Economic Club Michigan must compete to be the best place to do business.



Republican challenger Dick DeVos asked the Detroit Economic Club the age-old campaign question: "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?"

DeVos, Granholm press their case before Economic Club

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Unlike the two previous gubernatorial debates, last week's Detroit Economic Club luncheon was a chance for Gov. Jennifer Granholm and challenger Dick DeVos to make their claims about who is best-suited to be Michigan's chief executive.

Granholm and DeVos each were given 15 minutes to convince the crowd of Motor City movers and shakers that they were the one with the plan to take the state forward.

The full house, nearly 1,200 people, at the Riverview Ballroom in Cobo Center was

capped off by a cross-section of some of the most powerful names in Michigan politics.

Attending the event were Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, U.S. Reps. John Dingell, John Conyers and Sander Levin, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, members of the Oakland, Wayne and Macomb county commissions and representatives of the Detroit consulates of Japan and Italy.

Granholm won the backstage coin toss and addressed the crowd first. She said comments about it being "time to fire the governor" miss the essential point of elected office.

"My contract is up at the end of this year. This is the world's longest job interview," she said. "I've had a few more job interviews than my opponent."

Similarly, she said focusing solely on what can make Michigan a cheaper place to do business misses the point, too. In a competition with China and southeast Asia, she said Michigan can never be the cheapest place to set up operations. What it can do is offer the best competitive value.

"We have to offer the best workers," Granholm said. "I want to make Michigan more competitive and we can win by investing in our human capital."

To do that, she said she's pushed for a K-12 educational curriculum that's the third-toughest in the nation and set a goal of doubling the current number of college graduates.

"I've pushed for \$4 billion in projects to renovate roads, bridges and other infrastructure that will create 40,000 jobs," Granholm said. "I've also pushed for the largest investment of any state for diversifying the economy — \$2 billion."

DeVos told the crowd that Granholm's skill in job interviews will come in handy and wished her all the best in her next round of interviews. He said residents are asking themselves how they feel about the governor's performance and vowed that his administration would be markedly different.

"I would take charge of the (Michigan Economic Development Corp.) myself and call a special session of the Legislature to replace revenues for the Single Business Tax and repeal the personal property tax," DeVos said.

He also said he would set up a fund to improve teachers and pay for it by cutting the educational bureaucracy around the state. His plans include cutting permit times for new businesses to 30 days and setting up economic trade offices in 10 countries, starting with Japan.

There can be no resurgence of Michigan, he said, without a resurgence of its largest city.

"I will meet with Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick," DeVos said. "Detroit's success is critical to Michigan's success. I will work to make Michigan the state of opportunity we know it can be."

He finished his comments with the age-old political question: Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

"I will get more done in 45 days than Gov. Granholm has in the last 45 months," he said.

Both candidates used the forum to urge people to vote against Proposal 2, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

Waterford resident and Democrat Ray Goodman said DeVos did better in this debate than he has in previous ones, but that didn't change his opinion of the candidate.

"I have more respect for DeVos, but I fear what he might do to the economy," Goodman said.

West Bloomfield resident and Republican Richard Fritz said he's been wavering close to voting against his affiliation and the DEC event changed his mind.

"From a business standpoint, (DeVos) is right for the job now," he said. "Granholm inherited a lot of problems, but she's said that too many times. There are fewer people with jobs now and it's not easy to find one."

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Comedy comes to Canton

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jon Sandberg tries to stay out of the spotlight. Lately, he's been busy building sets, painting backdrops and writing a second sketch comedy show with his group, Not Raccoons.

The 7-member cast takes to the stage 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill at Ridge, in Canton.

Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. For more information, call (734) 812-7860.

The 20-year-old Canton resident began writing comedy in 2001 during his sophomore year at Plymouth Canton High School where he joined the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) Improv Club. Most of the members of Not Raccoons were part of the Sketchy at Best improv group hand-picked by teacher Jordan Brun to produce an annual show. Sandberg performed in his last show at the high school just before graduating in 2005. After living in Chicago for six-

months then returning home to Canton, he reunited with PCEP core members to put on Not Raccoon's first show in July 2006. The second show is rated PG13 and targeted for high school and college students but funny for all ages except those younger than 13.

Cast members range in age from 17-20.

"Our format is we follow one character through the show. You can see how the world around this character," said Sandberg, the director and head writer. Sandberg hopes one day to professionally produce shows and film sketches for their Web site www.notraccoons.com.

"In the first show one character studied science and was supposed to be first man on the moon, but never made it. He was on the moon but the Neil Armstrong character pushed him out of the way."

The second show is a surprise and revolves around two characters that had appearances in the first show."

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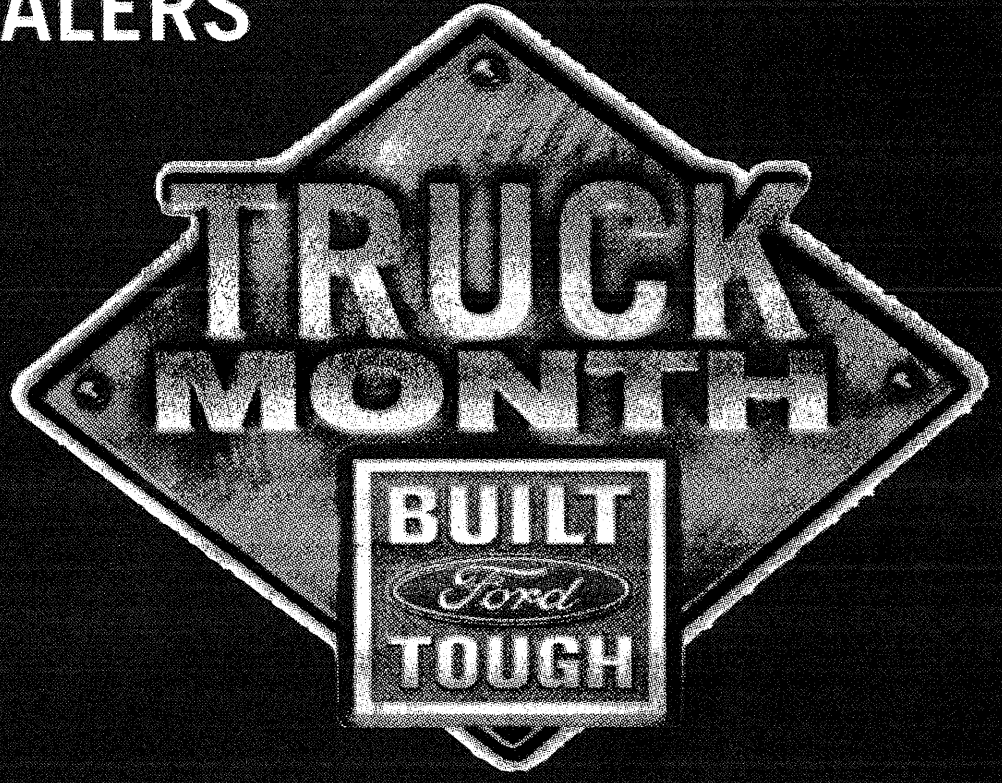
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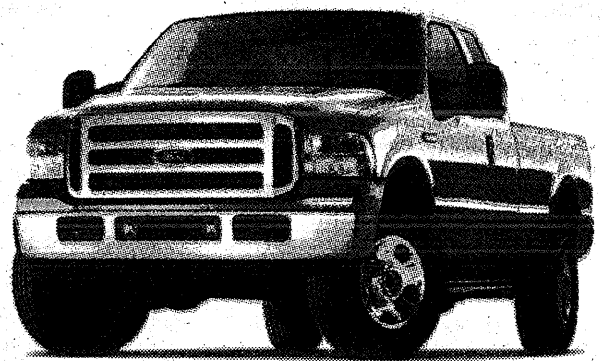
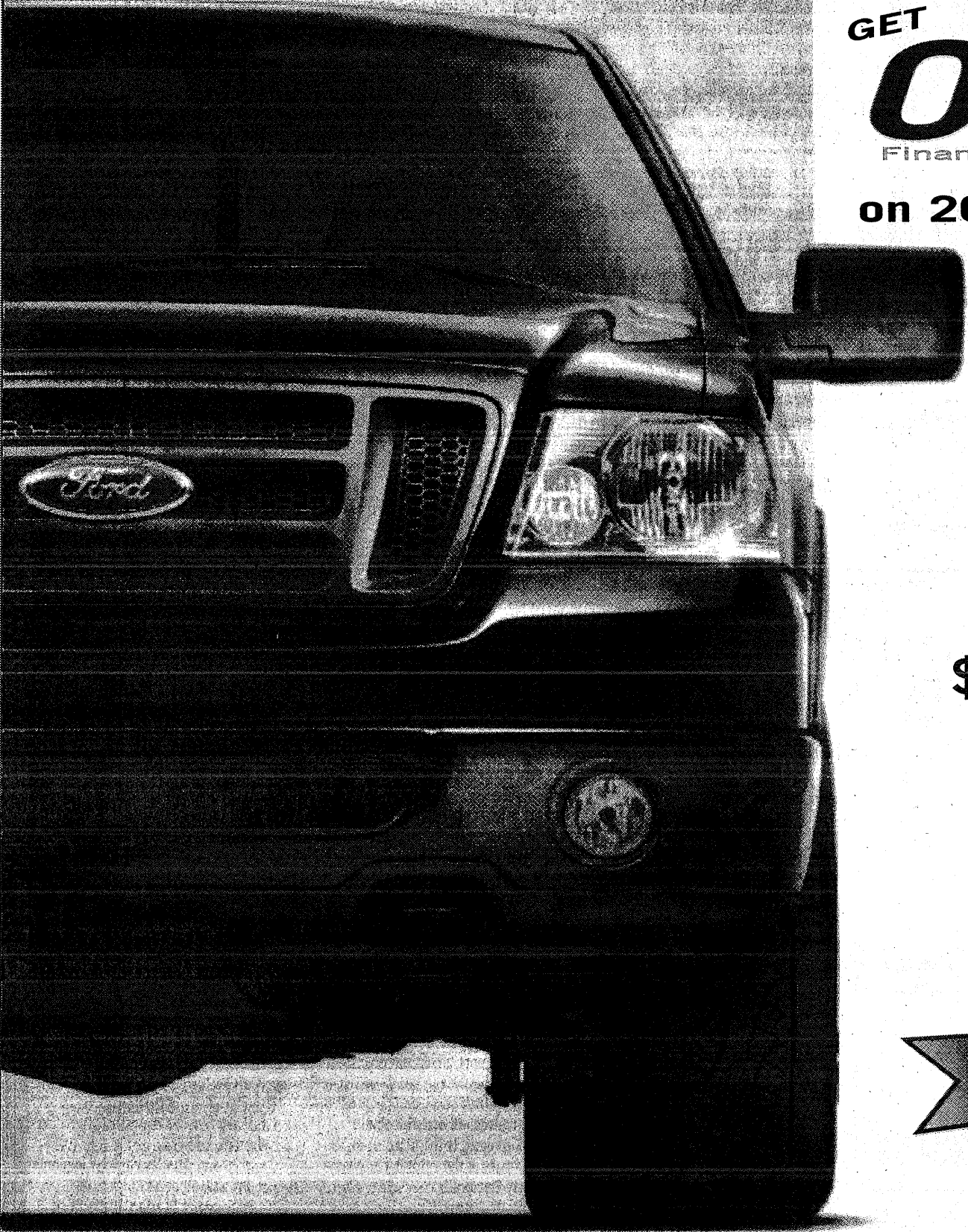
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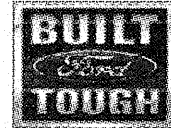
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OCTOBER

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 21, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 8601 27 Mile Road, Washington. Call (586) 781-5567.

Singles dinner
Bus departs from Lot F at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville at 6:15 p.m. for Los Galenas in Mexican Village. Tickets are \$22 for dinner and transportation and must be purchased in advance. Space is limited to 26 people. Call (248) 374-5920.

Dinner theater
Schoolcraft College presents Moon Over Buffalo Friday, Oct. 20, dinner is at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center on campus. Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, is organizing a group to attend the evening of culture. There will be a limited number of tickets for call. For reservations, call (734) 513-9479.

Meet your candidates
7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, meet your candidates night at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Call (734) 421-7620.

Vegas Night
St. Bernardine Parish at 31463 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman, Westland, is having a Las Vegas Party 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 20. No smoking rooms will be available and hot dogs, potato salad, snacks and pop are included in \$7 admission. Games include Black Jack, Roulette and Beat the Dealer, and there also will be hourly 50/50 drawings and a raffle. Beer will be available at \$1 a glass.

Rummage sale
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 21, in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church fel-

lowship hall, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. \$2.00 bag sale on Saturday. Proceeds to benefit The Smile Train, an organization which provides repair of cleft palate deformities to children in poverty stricken countries; children's hunger in Detroit and an orphanage in Monte Christi, Dominican Republic. In addition, part of the profits will assist the church's youth group who will be traveling to New York on a mission project.

Fall retreat
Heart, Mind & Soul takes place Friday-Sunday, Oct. 20-22, at Gull Lake Bible & Missionary Conference Center near Kalamazoo. Cost is \$219 and includes transportation, lodging and food. For information, call (248) 374-5920.

Quilt show
Christian Union Church at 1046 Wayne Road will hold its second annual juried Quilt Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. There will be quilts on display, quilting demonstrations, vendors, a bake sale, and hourly door prizes. A \$3 donation is requested for admission. For more information, call Mary Surbrook at (734) 721-6871.

Single focus
Relationship seminar, Fulfillment of Life Through Christ as a Single Person, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$10. Call (248) 374-5920 or visit www.ward-church.org/singlefocus.

Women's conference
The fourth annual Women's Conference, (for women of all ages, and young adults age 14 and above) sponsored by The Archdiocese of Detroit, Department of Parish Life & Services, Office of Evangelization 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. This year's conference, A Woman's Journey to the Heart of Christ, will conclude with Mass celebrated by His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$45 for adults, \$35 full-time college or high school students, includes conference and lunch. Religious are free of charge, but must register. More information on the conference (including a

downloadable registration form) can be found at www.aadonline.org. If you would like to receive a registration form or for more information, send e-mail to dignityofwoman@aol.com, or call (734) 459-9558.

Monthly breakfast meeting
Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For information, call (734) 513-9479.

Covenant coffee house
Featuring D'Art band performing a selection of contemporary Christian and original music built on a foundation of the classic rock tradition 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in Myers Hall at Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student, and Beech Daly, one block north of Five Mile, Redford. Call (313) 535-3100.

Crafters needed
Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar Oct. 21 at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event, contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

Matt Haimovitz concert
The classical cellist performs 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or visit www.vivace-series.org.

Singles bridge
Play is by party rule, partners not necessary 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in room 3515 at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Basic knowledge of the game and rules is appreciated but not required. For information, call (248) 374-5920.

Sisterhood tea
"Not So High" Tea will be held by Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood for their opening meeting 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Members are requested to dress for the occasion including hats and gloves. Along with tea, sandwiches, scones and cookies there will be entertainment by humorist, singer-songwriter Jack Bailey. For

information, call (248) 477-8974.

Field trip
To the Arab American Center 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22 (admission is \$4, public invited, call (248) 626-7606) from Church of Our Saviour Presbyterian U.S.A. at 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Regular services take place 10 a.m. Sunday (worship and school), Monday Morning Quarterbacks Bible Study meet 11 a.m. Mondays, the Rev. Jim Faile began hosting Wine, Cheese and Theology 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 with an emphasis on religion of our neighbors in Can't We Just Get Along?

Lecture
International speaker/author Janet Smith, Ph.D. presents A Culture of Life, a Culture of Death, 4-5:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 23, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road. Smith holds the Father Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. The author of Humanae Vitae: A Generation Later, and many articles on ethical and bioethics issues, she also is editor of Why Humanae Vitae Was Right: A Reader. Smith taught for nine years at the University of Notre Dame and 12 years at the University of Dallas. She speaks nationally and internationally on many issues including the Catholic Church's teaching on sexuality. In this eye-opening presentation, Smith looks at the many and surprising connections - philosophical, legal and existential - between contraception, abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, and same-sex unions and how they affect our culture. Smith will shed light on the church's teaching on abortion, euthanasia and same-sex unions. Some may be surprised to learn that what were once considered crimes in the 1960s have become "rights" in the 2000s, and that behind all of these "rights" is a dubious "right to privacy." Attendees will learn how the modern view of man and Christian view of man are very different and how skepticism, relativism, and materialism are behind many modern values. For more information, call (313) 883-8500.

Trunk or treat
6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. Dinner at 6 p.m., games in Fellowship Hall followed by 7 p.m. Trunk or treat. Costumes - kids of all ages. Questions, call (734) 421-8628.

Meeting
Hundreds of millions of people do not have God's Word in their language. Learn how Wycliffe Bible Translators is meeting that need when you attend the Wycliffe Associates Banquet Thursday, Oct. 26 (doors open at 6:15 p.m., salads 6:45 p.m., open prayer at 7 p.m.), at Holiday Inn, I-275 and Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 274-3646.

Divorce recovery workshop
7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 26, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$35, \$15 for previous participants who wish to repeat the workshop. Free child care. Call (248) 374-5920.

Hallelujah festival
Presented by Canton Christian Fellowship 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley, Canton. Come out for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate this alternative to Halloween. For more information, contact the church office at (734) 404-2480, or send e-mail to info@CantonCF.org or www.CantonCF.org.

Lighthouse cafe
7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$5 at the door. Free childcare provided. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Conference
International Christian Education Association presents the 60th Sunday School and Church Workers' Conference Oct. 27-28, in Northville. Non-denominational. Four general sessions free to public. Register now for more than 50 workshops and seminars, Exhibit City, Kids Korner, Make and Take Puppetry, lunches. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaOnline.org.

Rummage sale
Grace Lutheran Church is having it's annual Rummage & Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck roads, Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities.

District convention
54th Annual Michigan Southeast District Convention will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme is Glorify the Lord based on Psalm 35:3. Registration at 8 a.m., opening service at 9 a.m. Guest presenter is Steve Siegel, director of U.S. Ministries for Lutheran Hour Ministries. For more information, call (734) 729-0306. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of Bringing Christ to the Nations- and the Nations to the Church. LHM produces Christian radio and TV pro-

gramming for broadcast, as well as internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 40 countries. LHM's flagship program, The Lutheran Hour, airs weekly on more than 800 stations.

Crafters wanted
Deadline to register is Oct. 28. Craft show is 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Table rental is \$20. \$20 registration fee must be paid by Oct. 28 to hold your spot (and will go toward table rental). Remaining balance for additional tables must be paid at time of set up. Mail registration fee by check or money order to Community Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 85139, Westland, MI 48185. For more information, call Marge at (734) 729-2578 or Jean at (734) 421-0733.

Trunk or treat
6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in the parking lot at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. Children go from trunk to trunk seeing and hearing a Bible story and receiving candy.

Harvest festival
Fun-filled afternoon of family-oriented activities including carnival games, crafts, funhouse, bake sale with proceeds to benefit Livonia Goodfellows No Child Without a Christmas 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (734) 425-7280.

Organ concert
By Kirk in the Hills organist Glenn Miller 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students.

Kirk's Sanctuary organ consists of more than 4,600 pipes ranging in size from over 32-feet long to smaller than the average pencil, divided between the four corners of the room. All are welcome to attend. For tickets or information, call (248) 626-2515, ext. 109.

Pastie fund-raiser
Newburgh United Methodist Church is making and selling Cornish Pasties as a fundraiser. Cost is \$3 each and can be ordered by calling the church office at (734) 422-0149 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 31-Nov.1. Call in orders only. Do not leave orders on answering machine. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored. Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early. Only 1000 pasties will be made.

UPCOMING

Caregivers support
Dr. Peter Lichtenberg address the issue of enhancing wellness for adult children caregivers of aging parents New Hope - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Wixom 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 29218 Lyons Oaks Drive, north of Grand River, between Napier and Old Plank. The new support group will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 421-8174. No charge. All are welcome.

Lichtenberg is the director of The Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

Crafts and more
Christmas gifts, jewelry, attic treasures, bake sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 3-4, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly. Lunch is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit mission and church programs. Call (313) 937-3170.

Haiti dinner buffet
5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw at Washington, Ypsilanti. Donation is \$18 adults, \$8 children age 11 and under. A benefit for The Haiti School Project, a plan to build and improve schools in northern Haiti. For information and tickets, call (313) 278-4849.

Vegetarian holiday testing
11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist School Gymnasium on Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. Reserved tickets at \$14 adults, \$5 ages 6-12. Call (734) 459-0472. Make checks payable to Metro SDA School and send to Holiday Tasting, 695 N. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48187-4635.

Fundamentalism
A Pastoral Concern. In biblical times the Word in the Scriptures was alive and applied to every situation. Fundamentalism freezes the Word at the time it was written. The pastoral challenge is to make the scriptural Word alive in every age, culture, and social situation. This two-part series will critique fundamentalism's approach to the Scriptural Word. David J. Conrad, Director of Faith Formation, presents Part One: A Descriptive Definition of Fundamentalism, Fundamentalism as a Theological, Pastoral, Social, Personal, and Evangelical Challenge 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8. Part Two: An extended analysis of the theology of Fundamentalism, and the Catholic Church's understanding of the topics

in question 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov.15 in the Fellowship Hall (church building), St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Bagpipe entertainment
During St. Andrew's Day Dinner Sunday, Nov. 12. The St. Andrew's Bagpipe Band will also perform during the worship service, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults, \$5 children. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations

Thanksgiving bingo party
Doors open at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy, Westland. Cost is \$8 for admission. Must be age 18 or older to play. Prizes include all of the Thanksgiving necessities including turkeys, hams, basket of plenty. Hall phone is (734) 525-3550.

SOUEL
Students Of Upper Elementary Activity Night 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov.17, at St. Aidan Catholic Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. Our theme is Pirates. Dress as a pirate; there is a best dressed pirate prize. Pillage our free pizza and ice cream. For fifth and sixth graders (feel free to bring a friend). No registration required. Contact David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.

Sisterhood luncheon
For paid up members of Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19. Canton Harry Sturm will delight with a concert of traditional Jewish melodies. Members are requested to bring in new, unopened toiletries to be donated to a local charity. For information on membership or to RSVP, call (248) 477-8974.

Hanukkah gift shoppe
Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood Hanukkah/Judaic gift shop opens 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays beginning Nov. 19 and continues to Dec. 10. Selection includes holiday gift wrap, chocolate coins, dreidels, candles, electric and traditional menorahs and many Judaic gift items. Congregation Beit Kodesh is located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.

Thanksgiving choir festival
More than 100 voices will join in celebrating Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by brass, handbells and organ as well as an audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, one mile east of Beck, Plymouth. Participating choirs are from First United, Our Lady of Good Counsel, First Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal, and First Baptist. Brass players from the Plymouth Community Band led by Carl Battishill will add to the festivities. Admission is free but an offering will be received to benefit a local charity. Call (734) 453-5280.

Crafters wanted
For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley, Canton. The church is accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

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

Adult literacy classes
Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Ladies Bible studies
Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress 9:30-11:15 a.m. (\$15 registration fee includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor 6:45-8:15 p.m. (\$20 fee and no child care).

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

Farmington Women Aglow
Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

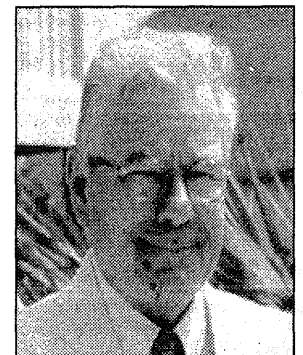
Bible and playtime
For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiwasssee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.



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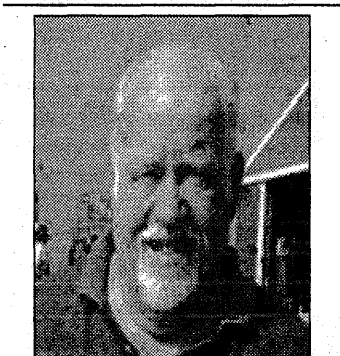
DAVID MICHAEL MARTIN

Age 69, of Kure Beach, NC died Sunday, October 15, 2006, after a long illness with Alzheimer's. He was born in Flint, Michigan on August 7, 1937, the son of the late Elsie Mickelson and stepfather Maurice Mickelson. David is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jeanne Martin; daughter, Julie Romano and husband Michael of Fraser, MI; daughter, Shelly Johnson and husband William of Wilmington, NC; sister, Diane Mickelson of Taylor, MI; and aunts, uncles, and cousins in the Flint, MI area. He graduated in 1955 from high school in Grand Blanc, MI and received his BBA degree from Michigan State University in 1967. David retired from Ford Motor Company in 1998. After moving from Livonia, Michigan in 1998, David was a volunteer for the Island of Lights on Pleasure Island and a member of the Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed walking on the beach and his classic Corvette. Local memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association located at 400 Oberlin Road, Suite 220, Raleigh, NC 27605-1351 or The Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center, 1406 Physicians Dr, Wilmington, NC 28401. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.andrewsmortuary.com A Valley Chapel Service.



FLORENCE T. PANKOW

Age 90, died October 16, 2006 in Brighton. She was born December 22, 1915. She lived most of her life in Plymouth. She was a retired mortgage broker for NBD and was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She enjoyed Bingo, playing cards, and watching sports. She is survived by her daughter, Kathleen (Rhett) Hanert of Northville and her grandchildren, Matthew and Amanda Hanert. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harvey and her granddaughter, Heather. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

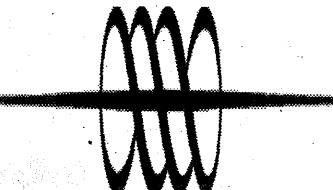


DONALD E. WALL

Age 67, of Canton, died October 15, 2006. He was born April 4, 1939, in Bloomington, Illinois. Don will be remembered as someone who knew everyone and who could strike up a conversation with anyone. He enjoyed giving people a hard time and a good laugh. His life was about loving his wife and taking care of his kids. Don will be greatly missed. He was a life-long member of the Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia. He is survived by his children, Samantha Wall of Canton, and Sean (Kathryn) Wall of Livonia; his grandchildren, Steven and Gabriella; and his sisters, Doris (Jerry) Bailey and Delores Hunter. He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Joyce. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Friday 1pm. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Interment will take place Monday, October 23, in Bloomington, Illinois. Memorials may be made to Sandcastles or Just Love.

MARJORIE A. WRIGHT

Age 62, October 11, 2006. Beloved mother of Michael (Suzi) and Melissa (Todd) Baughman. Loving grandmother of "Little Michael", Anthony, and Karisa. Beloved friend of "Tommy". Memorial visitation Sunday, October 22, 2pm to 8pm, at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly Rd., between 6 and 7 Mile Rds., Redford.



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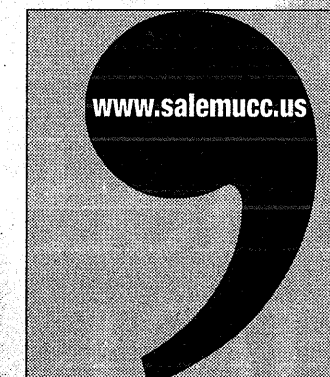
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Designer Diva

New director appointed to oversee top labels at Saks

By Wendy Von Buskirk

It's a tough job to be surrounded by the finest in luxury garments every day, but somebody's got to do it.

At Saks Fifth Avenue, that somebody is now Sharon Eisenshtadt.

Eisenshtadt was recently named Manager of Designer Collections at S5A Somerset. That means the Bloomfield Hills mother of two will oversee 14 employees who head up the most exclusive brands — Armani, Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Prada and Ralph Lauren to name just a few.

"We are very excited about her arrival here — she is smart and fun, and very young to be in this prestigious position for Saks Fifth Avenue," said Cheryl Hall Lindsay of S5A.

According to Eisenshtadt, the key to being successful in retail is sewing up great relationships with customers and staff. We caught up with the bubbly, energetic Eisenshtadt to find out about her new post, as well as her faves for Fall from the sales floor at Saks.



GARY R. MILLER PHOTOGRAPHY

Sharon Eisenshtadt is the new Manager of Designer Collections at Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset.

So how is it going?

It's fantastic. It's a dream job really. I've not only walked into a department full of beautiful clothes, I've inherited a seasoned staff who are experts on their lines, and they're able to teach me. We really can service the customer from head to toe, including clothing, accessories, make-up and everything to make them look perfect and feel fabulous.

Tell us about your retail background.

I was the personal shopping manager for Marshall Field's, which obviously doesn't exist anymore. I was doing that for about nine years. Prior to that I was actually working for Kim Nye (general manager of the Troy S5A) as her contemporary sportswear manager for five years, so I have a history with Saks and with Kim, and we had kept in touch. We have a good relationship.

How does your experience as a personal shopper translate to your new position?

I think that in general people are busy and they still like the idea of shopping by appointment. I am able to train associates to set up a fitting room prior to the cus-

and other labels that interpret the designer trends at a lower price point.

What do you say to people who are intimidated to stop in your departments?

It's not an intimidating place. We're here to serve. Our goal is to make our customers feel fabulous about themselves and to make their lives easier, so when the customer walks in it's all about them. You come in with your budget and our goal is to help you feel fantastic within that budget. We're just people working for a living who really love fashion.

Speaking of fashion, what are you loving right now?

Well the clothes this season are just beautiful. Personally I love all of the beautiful blouses, and mixing them with the menswear look — wide leg trousers and tweeds. Then there are the sweaters, I love the cable knits and the cowl necks. I love fur-embellished everything. Having fur around your neck I think is always flattering.

What are some of the hottest trends for Fall and Winter?

Velvet blazers are really big right now ... the satchel bag — Chloe purses are a lot of fun ... flat boots ... the narrow pantsuit ... leggings are really big. And I love the idea of a red lip on everybody.

What's one piece anyone can pick up at Saks to be fashion-forward this season?

Elegant high gloves are just fantastic. You can do them with a gown or sleeveless shirt, or a gorgeous coat. A beautiful pair of tight-fitting gloves goes back to old-time fashion, something special that will last. And you don't have to do them in leather. There's velvet, patent leather, metallic. A black coat looks great topped with a red or purple glove.

Have you made any purchases yet?

My biggest splurge so far was my Chanel skirt that's black with different colored ribbons going through it. I'll wear it with high boots and tights, which are really big this season. I also bought a Missoni wrap with all different colors.

tomers coming in, and giving them a 'wow' experience. That's how I've been trained, and I still live that.

Who is your clientele?

We have the customer who's been loyal to Saks since she was a little girl and shopped downtown, then we have the 25- to 50-year-old customer who's really just designer-driven or label-driven. Our customer is a fashion leader who wants to be ahead of trends.

What about us shoppers who can't afford the top designers?

Sometimes a customer just wants the opportunity to look around, pick up something they've seen in a magazine or get ideas. It's a big bad rumor that the only thing at Saks is expensive. We carry BCBG, Laundry, Diane vonFurstenberg

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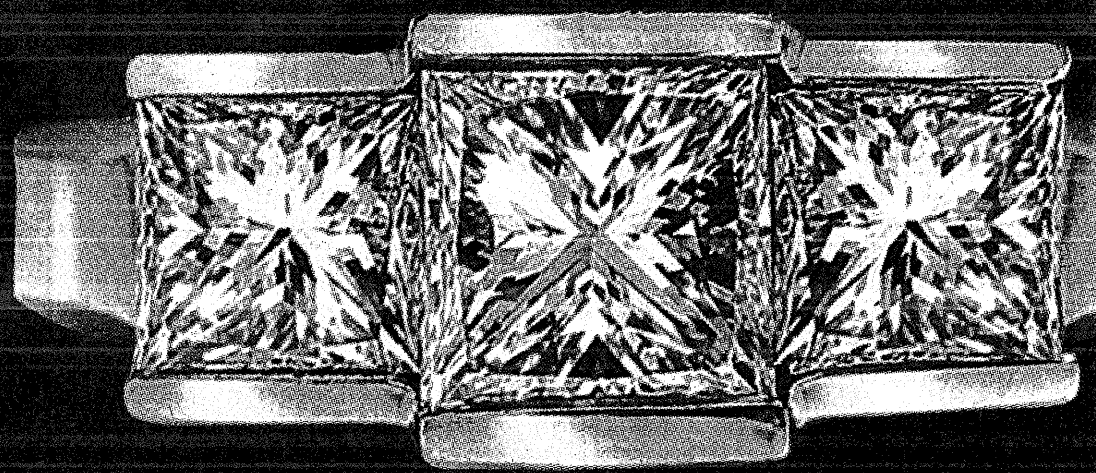


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O&E goes "Passionately Pink"

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the Observer & Eccentric went "Passionately Pink for the Cure" on Oct. 11. Employees, including Linda Pye (left) and Eve Howard-Jones, above, contributed \$857 to the Komen Foundation in exchange for a pink-and-jeans casual day. To learn more about how you can join this new, nationwide effort, visit www.komen.org.

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Leave it to Dreaver: Rocks advance to District final

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

As far as Salem soccer fans are concerned, Saturday night's opening game of the World Series will be the *second* most important sporting event taking place this weekend.

That's because the Rocks rebounded from a 1-0 halftime deficit to survive a valiant effort from Plymouth, 2-1, in a Division 1, District 6 semi-final game Wednesday night at South Lyon.

The stirring victory earned Salem a berth in Saturday's 7 p.m. District final against Saline, which edged Canton, 1-0, Wednesday in a double-overtime, shootout thriller.

Junior mid-fielder Scott Dreaver's fifth goal of the season with 25:38 left in the game proved to be the game-winner for the Rocks, who tied it 1-1 two minutes earlier on senior forward

Tom Bennett's goal.

Senior forward Brooks Belhart assisted on both of Salem's scores.

"It was a great ball in from Brooks, he flicked it on to me and I went in from there," said Bennett, reflecting on what Salem coach Ed McCarthy later said was the team's biggest goal of the season.

"At halftime, we talked about staying composed and winning every 50-50 ball," Bennett continued. "Coach told us to keep playing the way we've been playing all season."

The hustling, Colin Rolfe-led Wildcats owned the first half, but led just 1-0 thanks to a Salem own-goal at the 9:10 mark that was credited to Brad Brennan.

"In the first half, Plymouth unquestionably outplayed us — completely and totally," said McCarthy. "We only had one shot on goal, and even that

didn't have a chance to go in.

"After Plymouth dominated the first half, we knew we had to make some changes, so we switched from a 4-4-2 to a 4-3-3 with our big senior captain Jon Gibson up top. We forced the play more in the second half. Tom Bennett and Brooks Belhart were the difference."

The heart-breaking setback left the Wildcats with a 12-5-4 mark.

"I thought we played good enough to win," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "In the first half, we had so many chances to score and we limited their scoring opportunities. We just couldn't stick it in the net like we should have."

"Overall, this was the best season Plymouth's had in soccer so far. I know the players are upset with the loss, but they had a great season and they played right with some of the best teams in the

state all year."

Plymouth came within inches of securing a 2-0 advantage with 29:30 left in the game when Rolfe's laser from 30 yards out banged off the right goal post. Less than two minutes later, Bennett scored to totally swing the momentum to the Rocks' end of the field.

The Wildcats mounted a few other serious threats a short time later, but Rolfe's header from eight yards out sailed just high of the net and Andrew Koet's low, hard shot with 23:00 to go rolled wide.

Salem senior goal-keeper Brian Field sealed the Rocks' ticket to the final when he smothered a tough-to-handle shot that was re-directed with 11:47 left on the clock.

"I think everybody was a little too

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SATURDAY SHOWDOWN

- **What:** Division 1 District 6 boys soccer final;
- **Who:** Salem vs. Saline;
- **When:** Saturday, 7 p.m.;
- **Where:** South Lyon High School;
- **What's at stake:** The winner will advance to Tuesday's 7 p.m. Regional semifinal contest at Saline.
- **How they advanced:** Salem edged Plymouth, 2-1, while Saline nipped Canton, 1-0, in a double-OT shootout.

Canton swim team edges Rocks, 98-87

See complete results on Page B5

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls swim team had to dig deep to preserve its victory over Salem Tuesday night in the two teams' annual showdown in the Rocks' pool. Chief coach Ed Weber pointed to the points his team earned with its fourth- and fifth-place finishes as the key to the action-packed 98-87 triumph.

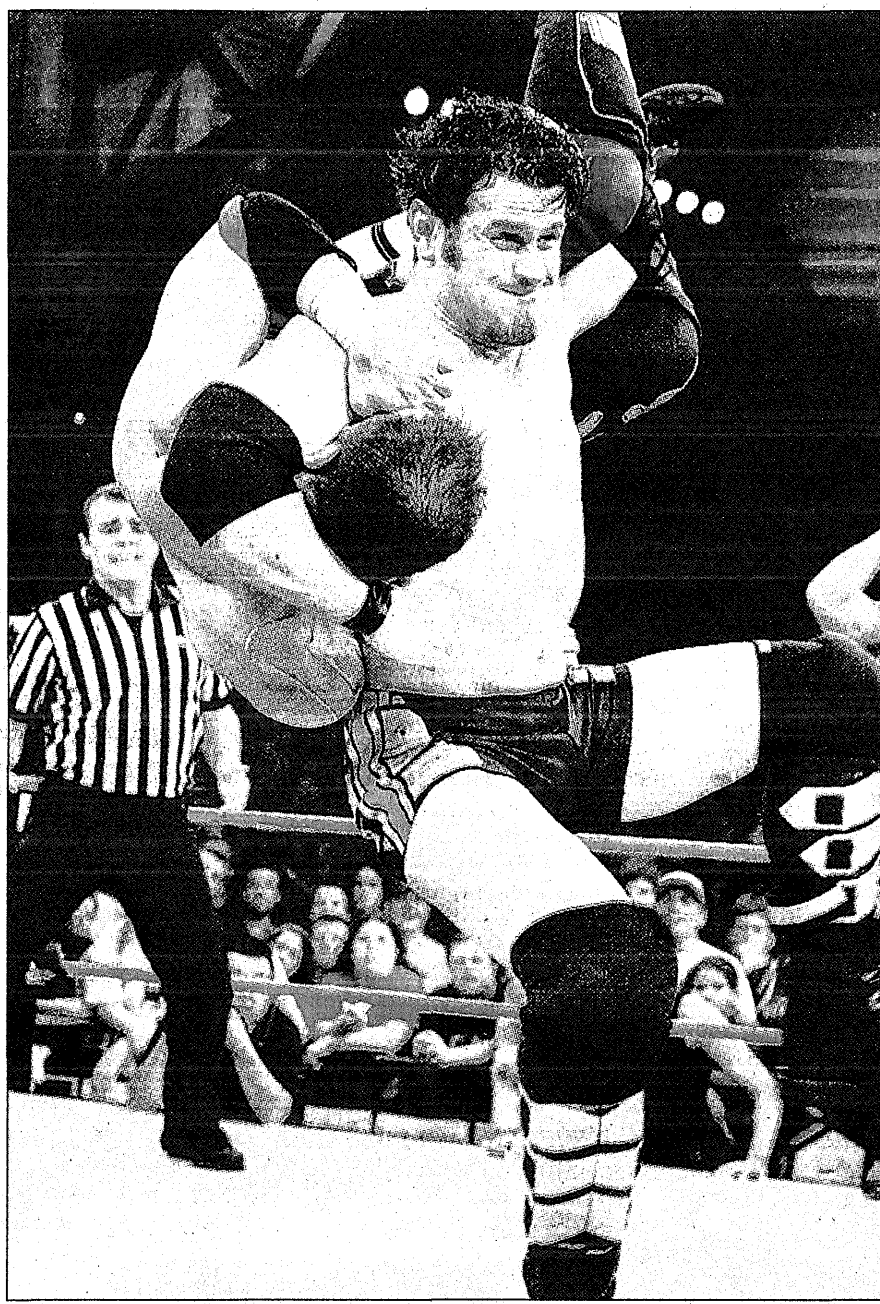
"Our depth was the key tonight," said Weber, mentioning the efforts of Katie Kubacki, Meghan Sears, Hannah Maxam, Maddy McDuff, Christine O'Keefe and Mallory Hudak. "We took first in eight of the 12 events and we won all three relays, but it was the fourth- and fifth-place points that helped us in the end."

"Everybody did what they had to do tonight to beat a good team like Salem. The triumph boosted the Chiefs' record to 4-3 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Salem slipped to 5-1 and 4-1, respectively."

"It was a good meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "I thought our girls swam well; we just didn't have enough firsts."

"Ally Stencil and Andrea Spohn had good swims. It was nice to see the senior captains do well in their last meet against Canton."

Canton junior Allison Schmitt was her usual dominant self, touching first in the 200-yard freestyle (1:52.24) and 100 backstroke (1:01.32) while anchoring the winning 200 and 400 relay contingents.



TNA WRESTLING PHOTO

Plymouth resident Patrick Martin (a.k.a. Alex Shelley) has the upper-hand in a Totally NonStop Action (TNA) Wrestling match held earlier this year. Martin will be competing Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the "Bound for Glory" event at the Compuware Sports Arena.

All the right moves

Plymouth's Martin pins down success in pro wrestling

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

On Sunday night, while many of his peers from the Redford Catholic Central High School Class of 2001 are settling down in their homes or dorm rooms following a hectic weekend, Plymouth resident Patrick Martin (a.k.a. Alex Shelley) will be applying his patented "ShellShock" move on an unfortunate professional wrestler.

Martin, 23, is one of the marquee performers on the TNA (Totally Nonstop Action) Wrestling tour, which will be making its second stop this year at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Martin's potent combination of athletic skill, charisma and cocky image have made him a rising star in the flashy, never-a-dull-moment world of professional wrestling.

"When I was growing up, I always wanted to be a super hero," said Martin. "Well, this is about as close as you can get to being one."

HEADLOCKS 101

During his early-teen years in Plymouth, while many of Martin's friends were reading comic books and sports magazines, he developed

an interest in an unconventional form of literature.

"Growing up, I always read professional wrestling magazines," said Martin, who was born in Detroit and raised in Redford and Plymouth. "It has always interested me. When I was 13, I ordered a 'How to Make it in Pro Wrestling' book. It was \$15, but it listed all of the pro wrestling schools that were out there and it had a lot of inside knowledge about the profession. It taught me what I needed to know to make it in this business. I learned how you had to start at the bottom and build your way up."

Given his current stature, it's somewhat surprising to discover that Martin discarded his high school wrestling career at Catholic Central after his freshman year.

The primary reason he gave it up is equally stunning.

"I was really into art, so I gave up wrestling in high school and enrolled in art school," said Martin. "I was always sketching something or doing a landscape drawing or an animation drawing. At the time, that's what I thought I was going to do with my life."

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Plymouth's senior soccer captains Travis Norris (left) and Anthony Sasinowski have helped guide the Wildcats to a Top 10 state ranking for the first time in the school's history.

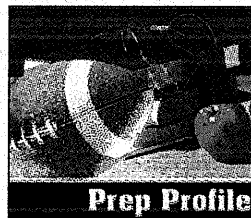
Captains lead 'Cats to unparalleled success

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

There are two kinds of leaders — the vocal kind and the ones who inspire others by their actions, not their words.

Plymouth senior soccer captains Travis Norris and Anthony Sasinowski fit both bills, but especially the latter one.

While both are capable of delivering a fire-the-team-up pre-game speech, they prefer to



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has helped the Wildcats achieve a No. 10 state ranking in the latest Division 1 high school coaches poll.

"They're both great leaders —

elevate their teammates' play with their own brand of never-slow-down effort that

on the field and off," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "Probably the No. 1 reason why they're good captains is their work ethic. Travis and Anthony work hard, their teammates respect that and it makes them want to work hard, too."

GAME-SAVER

The two plays that best illustrate Norris's value to the team unfolded in the Wildcats' 1-0 victory over cross-campus rival

Salem on Sept. 19. On two occasions, the fleet-footed, always-in-the-right-place sweeper ventured into the goal crease to knock away shots that had eluded goalie Brian Rissman and, thus, ultimately saved the school's most notable win up to that point.

"Travis is the one who holds our defense together," said Neschich. "He plays a great cen-

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tight in the first half," McCarthy said. "I told them at halftime to stay calm and stay positive in the second half and they went out and got it done."

SALINE 1, CANTON 0 (SHOOTOUT):

The Hornets advanced to Saturday night's District final contest by outscoring the Chiefs, 4-3, in the shootout, which followed 80 minutes of regulation action and two 15-minute, sudden-death overtime periods.

Matt Kaminski, Matt Garza, Alex Ocampo and Kyle Mattson converted shootout goals for the Hornets. Eric Zech, Kyle Gring and Keith Campbell countered for Canton.

Saline net-minder Jon Conzelmann turned away a pair of Chief shots while Canton's Kevin Krause stopped one. Canton, which finished with a 15-3-4 record, controlled play for most of the game — hitting the post with hard shots on two occasions — but couldn't manage to slide the ball past Conzelman.

"It's extremely frustrating to lose tonight because we dominated the game but couldn't score a goal," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "Saline plays to tie the game in regulation so that it goes to a shootout."

Tomasso called on junior goal-keeper Kevin Krause during the shootout after senior Parker Laabs manned the crease during regulation play and the two overtimes.

"Kevin made a save, so he did his job," Tomasso said. "I put him in there for the shootout because he's quick with good reactions and he's a big presence in front of the net."

"This loss is tough, but we had a fantastic season. We won the division and the conference, so we didn't leave empty handed. I'm proud of the kids' effort."

All 3 P-CEP soccer squads win in Monday's District openers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In Monday's Division 1 District opener on the P-CEP varsity soccer field, senior Willy Noetzel scored following a scrum in front of the Pioneers' net with 10:51 remaining in the first half to give the Chiefs a 1-0 victory.

Senior Ryan Dugan notched the assist.

"We had a corner kick that came out to the 18 before it was headed into the mix in front of the net," said Canton coach George Tomasso, describing how the Chiefs' game-winning play unfolded. "It was bobbled around and then cleared again. The ball was headed back in there again and Willy was there to pick up the garbage goal."

Tomasso said the victory was typical of the effort his team has put forth all season.

"These boys just want to win and they do whatever it takes to keep the ball out of the net," said Tomasso. "They show tremendous heart, a great work ethic and an unbelievable desire to win."

The game was a rematch of a Sept. 22 match that Pioneer won, 2-1.

"Our boys were up to the challenge tonight," said Tomasso. "These games can go either way, so we needed to be at the top of our game. Like everyone says, this is one of the toughest districts in the state, so whichever team comes out of this one can win a state championship."

Canton goal-keeper Parker Laabs recorded six saves, the

most impressive coming with 11:15 left in the game when he smothered a shot from close range.

The Chiefs nearly doubled their lead with 4:45 remaining when Eric Piwowar connected with Tim Belcher on a pinpoint pass approximately 25 yards in front of the net. However, Belcher's laser-like shot from 12 yards was secured by the Pioneer goalie.

SALEM 1, A.A. HURON 0: On Monday night at the P-CEP varsity football stadium, the game-winner came on Tom Bennett's goal from Bobby Towne with 15:08 left in the first half.

Tomne set up the goal when he stole the ball from a Huron defender at the 40-yard line and slid a perfect pass to a cutting Bennett.

"It was a great finish by Tom and a great play by Bobby to get him the ball," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Bobby Towne played outstanding tonight. He was probably the best player on the field."

McCarthy also praised the play of a trio of seniors, who all came up big at different junctures of the contest.

"Brian Field played great in net for us tonight and both of our captains — Jon Gibson and Brooks Belhart — played outstanding after missing a few games," said McCarthy.

"Both Jon and Brooks are still a little banged up, but they made a big difference out there for us tonight."

The River Sats sent a scare through the Salem crowd during the waning seconds of the first half when Victor

Ammons' high, arching shot from 35 yards out sailed over Field's outstretched arms and into the back of the net. The goal was disallowed, however, when the referee ruled that it came after the clock had expired.

"I was watching the clock at the time and I knew he kicked it a good two seconds after the clock it 0:00," said McCarthy. "The horn malfunctioned, though, so it gave the crowd the illusion that it was a goal."

"Even though the goal didn't count, it was a great lesson for our team. We talked about it at halftime — you can never let up, even when there's only a few seconds left."

PLYMOUTH 5, PINCKNEY 0: On Monday in a Division 1 District opener at Pinckney, the Wildcats broke open a scoreless halftime tie with a flurry of second-half goals. Five different players scored for the winners: Colin Rolfe, Anthony Sasinowski, Jeff Lucco, Tyler Floyd and Brad Brennan.

Michael Barretta and Brian Rissman split time in net for the Wildcats.

AGAPE 3, HURON VALLEY 1: In a Division IV district opener Monday, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-18) couldn't overcome a 3-0 halftime deficit in a loss to Canton Agape Christian (9-8-1).

Kurt Metzger scored the lone goal, unassisted, for the Hawks.

Mark Mullett scored twice for the Wolverines, while Jack Anleitner also added a goal.

Jared Miller made seven saves in goal for Agape.

THE MAIN EVENT

- **WHAT:** TNA Wrestling's "Bound For Glory" show;
- **WHEN:** Sunday night at 7:30 p.m.;
- **WHERE:** Plymouth Township's Compuware Sports Arena;
- **WHO:** Along with Plymouth's own Alex Shelley (Patrick Martin), the TNA roster of wrestlers includes Sting, Kevin Nash, Jeff Jarrett, A.J. Styles, Christopher Daniels and the TNA Knockouts.
- **HOW TO ORDER TICKETS:** Log on to www.ticketmaster.com.
- **RE-RUN:** The show will be replayed Thursday night at 11 p.m. on the cable network Spike TV.

MARTIN

FROM PAGE 1

PINS OVER PENS

But in his late teens, Martin's passion for wrestling on canvases overtook his love of drawing on them.

In March of 2002, the 19-year-old graduated from an intense, eight-month professional-wrestling training school. The experience proved to be the groundwork for his flourishing career.

Not long after the training ended, Martin earned his first gig — a show in the Upper Peninsula that earned him a whopping \$8.22.

"I learned quickly that I was going to have to work hard and pay my dues," he said. "I ended up wrestling on the East Coast and getting a lot of exposure. The more I wrestled, the more the hard-core fans liked my style."

Following a six-month stint with TNA in 2004, Martin took his unique talents to Japan, a country that embraces the physical sport of wrestling with a Sumo-like hug.

"They love combat-oriented sports over there," said Martin. "They love kick-boxing, sports along those lines. They respect my sport, too, more than some

people do over here. There are simple-minded people over here who say it's fake and they leave it at that. In Japan, they appreciate everything that goes into it."

ACHES AND PAINS

In his five years of professional wrestling, Martin has already suffered the kind of injuries — a shattered jaw and a broken collarbone — that make his family and friends wince when he steps into the ring.

But their apprehension dissipates as soon as they see the rapport he develops with the crowd and his relentless style of performing.

"Everybody has been very supportive of my career," said Martin.

"My mom questioned it a little when I hurt my jaw, but my family and friends understand that I'm doing what I love doing, so that makes them happy."

What kind of guy is Alex Shelley?

"He's definitely not the nicest guy around," Martin said. "I'm a bit of a jerk when I'm in the ring. I like to mouth off a little when I'm in the ring, it's amplified by 10. That doesn't mean I'm not a nice guy outside of the ring, but I definitely have an attitude when I'm in it."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Web site: www.plymouthtwp.org.

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006
6:00 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2006, commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider a request for two variance(s) from Marcos Makohon for property located at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth Township and a request for two variances from Robert Cliffe for property located at 11889 Fox Ridge Drive. The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Purpose of Meeting: Request variances from Zoning Ordinance No. 99, for a Stacking Spaces, Signs, Front Yard Setback, and Lot Coverage. For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department at 734-354-3208.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2005 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT**

On November 8, 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Rooms, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the above captioned activity. The purpose of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report ("CAPER") is to report on Community Development Block Grant activities for FY 2005 (July 1, 2005–June 30, 2006). The CAPER is available for inspection at the Community Services Division during regular business hours. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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CAPTAINS

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tral defender. He has good speed and great field sense. He also brings a calmness to our defense, which is important when things get crazy back there."

"As a captain, I'm just trying to make sure things go smoothly out on the field," said Norris, who started playing rec soccer at the age of 5 before moving onto advanced-level teams a few years later. "Our team chemistry is great this year, which is one of the reasons we've been doing as well as we have. Everybody gets along and there are no fights, no arguments."

POSITIVE PRESSURE

Norris said he thrives on the challenge of being the last man back on defense besides the goal-keeper.

"I like sweeper because a lot of times it's up to me to make a big play," Norris said. "If something goes wrong in front of me, I have to stop it so the other team doesn't score."

Sasinowski is the Wildcats' version of the Energizer Bunny. He never leaves the field and rarely rests when he's on it.

"I probably run a couple miles every game," the senior mid-fielder estimated. "It's amazing the number of runs there are in a game."

Like Norris, Sasinowski said the fact that he doesn't

get many opportunities to put the ball in the net doesn't bother him.

"I played forward my freshman year and I scored 19 goals, so I kind of got that out of my system," he said. "Now the only thing to me that's important is winning the game and doing anything I can to make sure we get that done."

"Anthony has fantastic skills," raved Neschich. "He does a great job of possessing the ball for us and, most importantly, he makes good decisions with the ball."

WELCOMED ROLE

Sasinowski said he was honored to be selected as one of the team's captains.

"It means a lot," he said. "I was a captain my freshman

year and I've been a captain on my club team, so I knew what it was like before this year. I like the responsibility and the pressure that goes along with being a captain. I also try to be a role model for the younger kids on the junior varsity and freshmen teams."

When asked why he thought the Wildcats have experienced unparalleled success this year, he said it's due as much to something they lack as opposed to an overabundance of one quality or skill.

"We don't have any big egos on the team this year," he said. "Everyone is unselfish and no one cares about their own stats. It's all about winning."

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Rock cagers win 9th straight, 52-31

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Apparently it's going to take a lot more than one shaky quarter to derail Salem's red-hot winning streak this season.

On Tuesday, visiting Walled Lake Northern closed a 15-1 first-quarter deficit to 24-18 at the half, but the Rocks rebounded nicely over the final 16 minutes to pull out a 52-31 Lakes Division victory over the Knights.

The win was the ninth straight for Salem, which improved to 12-2 overall and 7-0 in the division. Northern slumped to 2-12 and 2-5, respectively.

"We did a nice job in the first, third and fourth quarters, but in the second they got back into the game with their outside shooting," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was an effort thing. Instead of getting three feet from their shooters we figured it was good enough to be four-and-a-half feet from them, and they hit some shots."

Thomann said the Rocks' streak has been the result of a combination of factors.

"Offensively, we've been very consistent and our defense has been excellent," said Thomann.

Taylor Langham paced a balanced Salem attack on Tuesday, scoring 15 points.

PREP HOOP

Other making major contributions were Teresa Coppellie (11 points and five rebounds), Alaya Mitchell (10 points and six assists), Chelsea Davis (10 points and seven rebounds) and Lauren Kurtz (four points and seven rebounds).

Ashley Jolly led the Knights with 11 points while Melissa Guiles chipped in with seven. Eight of Jolly's points came in Northern's big second quarter.

The Rocks can clinch the Lakes Division title with a win tonight at Walled Lake Central, which was one game behind Salem heading into Tuesday night's action. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

NORTHVILLE 42, PLYMOUTH 39: On Tuesday night, the Mustangs overcame a 25-19 first-half deficit by outscoring the visiting Wildcats, 14-6, in the fourth quarter.

Northville improved to 9-5 overall and 4-3 in the WLAA's Western Division while Plymouth slipped to 5-9 and 3-4, respectively.

"It was a very competitive, exciting game — one that I'm sure was fun for the fans to watch," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "I thought we played very hard and with great effort. Northville is a very good, well-coached team."

The Wildcats led 39-38 until the Mustangs drained a pair of free throws with 17 seconds left to seize a 40-39 advantage. Plymouth turned the ball over on its next possession and the hosts buried two more free throws with 5.5 second left to put the game away.

Sophomore center Shaakira Hayward had an outstanding game for the Wildcats, netting 18 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Kelsi Robinson also played well, twining nine points.

Chelsea Atzinger led the Mustangs with 18.

Northville led 15-8 after one quarter before Plymouth surged to a 25-19 halftime lead. The Wildcats led 33-28 with eight minutes to go before the hosts mounted their last-minute rally. Plymouth connected on 10-of-16 free throws while the Mustangs went 14-of-20 from the stripe.

CANTON 49, W.L. WESTERN 39: The Chiefs tightened their grip on the WLAA Western Division lead with a solid road win on the Warriors' floor. The victory improved Canton's record to 12-2 overall and 7-0 in the division. Western slipped to 8-6 and 3-4, respectively.

Ja'nee Morton led Canton with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward Baylee Hollowell contributed

20 points and 14 rebounds. "It was an all-around good team effort for us," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Western is a hard place to play. We played especially well in the second and third quarters. Everybody stepped up and played well."

Carly Zeitlin led the Warriors with 10 points.

Canton drained 7-of-12 free throws while Western was just 4-of-9 from the line.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 46, PCA 14: On Tuesday night at PCA, Southfield roared to a 19-3 first-quarter lead and never looked back to improve their record to 11-1 overall and 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. PCA dropped to 6-7 and 1-6, respectively.

Southfield was led by Christina Hall, who poured in 19 points. Sara Ross and Peggy Abraham both twined four for PCA.

"They only have eight players, but they're all very athletic and very talented," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "Christina Hall can shoot the lights out and she can really handle the ball."

Southfield extended its lead to 27-6 at the half and 43-8 after three quarters.

PCA hit 3-of-8 free throws while Southfield canned 9-of-22 shots from the line.



PHOTO BY WALT DMOCH

Plymouth's James Neal continued his hot play last weekend, scoring in both Whalers game. Neal has nine goals and three assists in nine games this year.

Knights outskate the Whalers, 5-2

The London Knights broke open a 1-1 tie after one period of play with two goals in the second period and two more in the third to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 5-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,706 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

London, which also defeated Windsor, 9-2, on Friday, improves to 7-0-0-1. Plymouth, which lost to Erie, 3-2, on Friday, is now 5-4-0-0.

Veterans and rookies contributed in the London victory. Overage Sergei Kostitsyn — a Montreal Canadiens NHL draft choice — was the game's first star, with a goal, an assist and several other good scoring chances.

Rookie Sam Gagner, who leads the OHL in scoring, chipped in with a goal and two assists as the game's second star. Gagner now has six goals with 22 assists for 28 points over 8 games. Two

other London rookies — Pat Kane and Tony DeHart — added a goal apiece, while veteran Adam Perry also added a single.

James Neal (team-leading ninth of the season) and rookie Vern Cooper (first OHL goal) opened and closed the scoring in the game for Plymouth.

Steve Mason went all the way in goal for London, stopping 29-of-31 Plymouth shots. Michal Neuvirth stopped 25-of-30 shots in goal for Plymouth.

After Neal (4:09) and Kostitsyn (13:31) traded first period goals, London started to pull away on second period goals by Kane (power play at 0:28) and DeHart (12:42). The Knights pulled away for good in the third period as

Perry's power play goal at 1:21 and Gagner's goal at 6:19. Cooper closed the scoring at 16:45 when he scored in front of the London goal.

'06 a roller-coaster ride for some grid teams

Believe it or not, the 2006 high school football regular season wraps up this weekend and there have been plenty of teams on either end of the roller-coaster.

I've witnessed the highs and lows — mostly the latter, unfortunately — in my coverage area of Redford and Garden City.

Only one team, Redford Union, will enjoy the experience of state playoff action, the third season in a row for head coach Miles Tomaisaitis and his squad.

After the Panthers wrapped up victory No. 6 Friday night against Taylor Kennedy, it was the second loud cheer of the evening at Kraft Field. During the first half came the first, when a public address announcer heralded the Tigers' 3-0 win over Oakland in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series.

With RU's playoff berth in hand, Tomaisaitis and his assistant coaches, Ralph Heikkinen, Dennis Kazensky and Kris Westerkamp, watched with pride as seniors Desmond Latham and Isaac Burris led the players in a celebratory jump for joy out on the turf.

Certainly, the same exact scenario is being played out at a few other high schools where the playoffs are a certainty. We already know that Canton is in. So is Livonia Stevenson,

thanks to Friday's 27-24 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Unfortunately, the remaining 13 Observerland teams won't get to extend their season beyond Friday or Saturday as they are well short of the six-victory requirement.

Just within my beat, this has been a trying season for winless Garden City and 1-7 Redford Thurston. But their coaches, Mike Salter and Bob Snell, respectively, insist that nobody is quitting or not giving it the proverbial 110 percent on every snap.

Win or lose, these players are demonstrating another often forgotten aspect of high school athletics: the importance of finishing what you start, dealing with adversity and coming through at the other end better for the experience.

With that in mind, Observer sports editors also must finish the job, no matter how often the picks have been wrong. We must see things through, just like the players.

For myself, this has been a less-than-exemplary season in the prognostication department. Last week continued my year-long funk, with a 6-6 record, leaving my cumulative record at just 56-37. Hey, at least I'm guaranteed a winning mark.

Livonia-Westland sports editor Brad Emons, meanwhile, keeps rolling toward another office championship. He went 9-3 last week, to improve to 69-24 for the year. He holds a three-game lead over Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright, whose 10-2 record actually was the best for Week 8. Wright's totals stand at 66-

27.

The Emons-Wright battle could yet have a dramatic finish, after all.

Meanwhile, for the last time of the regular season, here are this week's matchups.

FRIDAY'S GAMES (all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Thurston (1-7) at Redford Union (6-2): These teams are at different ends of the standings in their respective Mega Conference divisions. But township pride and a trophy are at stake, and these two teams always gear up to face each other. It should be a night with plenty of offensive firepower. **PICKS:** Wright (RU); Emons (RU); Smith (RU).

Woodhaven (2-6) at Garden City (0-8): The host Cougars have been more competitive in recent weeks, but have been hurt by turnovers and penalties at inopportune times. The Warriors are coming off a 33-12 defeat at the hands of Wyandotte Roosevelt. **PICKS:** Wright (Woodhaven); Emons (Woodhaven); Smith (Garden City).

Liv. Clarendonville (4-4, 4-2) at Clawson (6-2, 5-1): In a Metro Conference battle of the Trojans, the home team is fresh off a 61-0 spanking of Hamtramck and enjoys a points differential of 223-66 for the season. Clarendonville is looking to finish on a better note than last week's 26-6 loss to Sterling Heights Parkway Christian. **PICKS:** Wright (Clawson); Emons (Clawson); Smith (Clawson).

Liv. Churchill (3-5) at Liv. Franklin (4-4): The Patriots, who had playoff aspirations, appeared to be on their way to a victory last week after Michael Wood's fourth-quarter interception was returned for a touchdown, but Stevenson stormed back for a 27-24 win and Franklin now needs a win over the rival Chargers and a miracle to make the playoffs as a 5-4 team. **PICKS:** Wright (Churchill); Emons (Franklin); Smith (Franklin).

Brighton (3-5) at Liv. Stevenson (6-2): The host Spartans, fresh off

their playoff clincher, will take on this Kensington Valley Conference opponent in a final tuneup before the playoffs. Stevenson has won the last two meetings. **PICKS:** Wright (Brighton); Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

Wayne (4-4) at Westland Glenn (3-5): This annual Western Lakes crossover contest wraps up the 2006 season for both teams. The Zebras are looking to build on a 20-6 triumph over Walled Lake Northern, while Glenn would like nothing better than to rebound from a loss to Plymouth. Wayne has won the last two meetings, but Glenn leads the series, 27-7. **PICKS:** Wright (John Glenn); Emons (Wayne); Smith (Wayne).

Luth. Westland (3-5, 2-4) at Roch. Hills Luth. Northwest (3-5, 2-4): Each of these Metro Conference teams, with identical overall and conference records, will vie to outdo the other. The Warriors have the most momentum, however, having blanked Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 34-0. **PICKS:** Wright (Northwest); Emons (Northwest); Smith (Westland).

Salem (0-8) at Canton (8-0): This WLAA crossover promises to be the pits for the visitors. The Rocks have scored 59 points while giving up 317, almost the opposite of Canton's 300-86 points spread. **PICKS:** Wright (Canton); Emons (Canton); Smith (Canton).

Plymouth (3-5) at Mount Pleasant (6-2): The Wildcats face a tough road test against this Saginaw Valley Association opponent. Plymouth won 15-7 over Westland John Glenn last week. But the Wildcats' defense will be tested against the Oilers, who have scored 222 points this year. **PICKS:** Wright (Mount Pleasant); Emons (Mount Pleasant); Smith (Mount Pleasant).

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 20
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Mount Pleasant, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Oct. 19
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Friday, Oct. 20
PCA at A.P. Inter-City Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

DIVISION I

Saturday, Oct. 21
Finals at South Lyon H.S., 7 p.m.

DIVISION IV

ANN ARBOR GREENHILLS (host)
Friday, Oct. 20: Championship final, 4:30 p.m. at Greenhills. (Winner advances to the Allen Park Inter-City Baptist regional semifinals vs. Jackson Christian district champion.)

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Oct. 20
WLAA meet at Willow Metropark, 4:45 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Oct. 20
WLAA meet at Willow Metropark, 4:10 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Oct. 19
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 19
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 21
Schoolcraft at Wayne Co. CC, noon.

NEW'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Oct. 21
Cincinnati St. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct. 21
NJCAA Region Meet at Lansing CC, TBA.
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Plymouth takes inaugural Wildcat Invite

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The first-place trophy for the inaugural Wildcat Invitational boys cross country meet didn't travel nearly as far as the competitors did on Saturday.

The hardware was moved straight to the Plymouth trophy case following the host Wildcats' convincing win in the 5,000-meter race held on the P-CEP grounds. Led by senior Anthony Scaparo's second-place finish (17:08), the Wildcats compiled 26 points, less than half that of runner-up

Birmingham Brother Rice's 64. Filling out the field were Canton (65), Berkley (95), Livonia Franklin (135), Brother Rice "B" (135), Salem (223) and Westland John Glenn (234).

Scaparo battled eventual winner Anthony Wile (Brother Rice) toe to toe for the first 2.5 miles before succumbing to Wile's kick down the stretch.

"I told Anthony to sit behind Wile early in the race, but Wile's coach told him to sit behind Anthony," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "They were together for a while, but once they got out of the wind Wile wound

it up and pulled away.

"It was a nice, low-key event. We do well when we run as a team, and Saturday we did OK. Our sixth runner is injured, so we had to runners — Ty Schroeder and Henry Xu — racing for that spot. They were right together until there was about a half-mile to go when Ty pulled away from Henry."

The girls portion of the race was won by Northville, which finished with 29 points. The only local team competing was Canton, which placed sixth with 175 points. Rachael Brunk paced the Chiefs with a 30th-place finish in 24:18.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

PLYMOUTH INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 14 at Plymouth H.S.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth (A), 26 points; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice (A), 64; 3. Canton, 65; 4. Berkley, 95; 5. Livonia Franklin, 135; 6. Brother Rice (B), 135; 7. Salem, 223; 8. Westland John Glenn, 234.

Individual winner: Anthony Wile (Rice), 16 minutes, 54 seconds (5,000 meters).

Plymouth finishers: 2. Anthony Scaparo, 17:08; 3. Derek Lax, 17:17; 5. Patrick Slavens, 17:37; 7. Justin Huey, 17:43; 9. Cristian Chagas, 17:55; 16. Alex Noble, 18:17; 26. Tyler Schroeder, 18:47; 28. Henry Xu, 18:59; 35. Warren Buzzard, 19:28; 42. Justin Scaparo, 19:51; 48. Stephen Ostrowski, 20:28.

Canton finishers: 4. Duncan Spitz, 17:20; 10. Kyle Clinton, 17:59; 13. Zach Spreitzer, 18:14;

15. Greg Reed, 18:15; 23. Mike Emers, 18:41; 27. Josh Osinski, 18:50; 46. Aaron McClellan, 20:05.

Salem finishers: 36. Chris Rowley, 19:31; 41. Neal Gerlach, 19:49; 47. Mayur Patel, 20:10; 49. Jared Jones, 20:40; 50. Mike Giles, 20:42; 54. Andy Steinman, 21:08; 55. Ryan Hayes, 21:14.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 29 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 76; 3. Livonia Franklin, 79; 4. Farmington Hills Mercy, 84; 5. Berkley, 87; 6. Canton (B), 175.

Individual winner: Lindsay Hagan (Northville), 20 minutes, 30 seconds (5,000 meters).

Canton finishers: 30. Rachael Brunk, 24:18; 33. Jessica Zomermaand, 24:49; 35. Ashley Dupuis, 25:02; 38. Shelby Olsen, 25:32; 39. Breanna Miller, 25:43; 40. Margaret Murphy, 27:03; 41. Hannah Zomermaand, 27:05.

ANN ARBOR GABRIEL RICHARD INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 14 at Hudson Mills Metropark

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (Division I): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 31 points; 2. Grand Blanc, 41; 3. Saline, 103; 4. Hartland, 108; 5. Pinckney, 110; 6. Plymouth, 129; 7. Livonia Churchill (B), 190; 8. Belleville, 217; 9. Redford Union, 269; 10. Wayne Memorial, 297.

Individual winner: Rebecca Hiemstra (Pioneer), 19:42.4 (5,000 meters).

Plymouth finishers: 10. Pam Bhullar, 20:04.6; 16. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:19.3; 31. Molly Slavens, 21:21.5; 34. Lauren Ahern, 21:27.5; 40. Paula Green, 21:49.4; 47. Julie Forster, 22:20.6; 57. Elise Chagas, 23:21.9.

SPORTS BRIEFS

'CAT SWIMMERS

SHINE AT MISCA

Several members of the Plymouth girls swim team enjoyed outstanding days at Saturday's 2006 MISCA meet at Eastern Michigan University as four school records were broken. Sijia Hao eclipsed her own mark in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:21.31. She also set a new record in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.38).

Also excelling were the 200 freestyle relay team of Melissa McKinstry, Ellen Palczynski, Michelle Chang and Alyssa Liakos, whose time of 1:48.17 set a new Wildcats' record. The other record fell when the 400 freestyle relay team of Emily Clanton, McKinstry, Liakos and Hao touched in 3:58.94.

OLGC RUNNERS EXCEL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel Middle School boys and girls cross country teams continued their success at the Oct. 14 Catholic Youth Organization championships at Cass Benton. The boys were led by individual champion Mitch Clinton as they won their fourth consecutive CYO title. Other members of the team included Ben Spreitzer, Keegan Sullivan, Tom Patterson, Derek Gielarowski, Tyler Schwaegler, Aidan Yee, Kevin Wegienka, Kevin Kullen, Jimmy Hogsdon, Joey Weishaar and Malek Alawieh.

The girls team, running without two of their top runners, fought hard for an exciting second-place finish. The girls team was comprised of Sarah Falvey, Mackenzie Rogers, Kristina Klusek, Rosanna Reynolds, Katie Grimes, Meaghan Flynn, Victoria Tripp and Mandy McSween.

LIONS SWEEP 'SKINS

The Canton Lions varsity football team upended the Dearborn Heights Redskins, 30-12, Sunday afternoon. The winners' offense was paced by offensive linemen Ken Durham, Austin Jatzcak and Clay Behrman. Defensively, Dave Edwards, Devin McMillian and Austin Payne led the way for the Lions.

Canton's JV unit improved to 6-0 with a 43-19 victory over the Redskins. The offensive line was anchored by Luke Denzer, Collin Hall, Zach Salvaggio, Danny Stropes, Daniel Tidwell and Kyle Dexter. Lucas Bunting continued his outstanding place-kicking efforts by kicking three two-point conversions while Zachary Smilo added an extra point with a reception. Leading the defensive charge were Alex Bonifacio, Brandon Lee, Alex Smith and Daniel Zugaj.

The Lions freshmen boosted their record to 5-1 with a 39-25 victory over the host Redskins. Westen Price sparked the Lions with a pair of early TD runs. He finished the game with three scores. Kenny Arnold added two touchdowns, including a coast-to-coast kickoff return. Also playing well for the Lions were Jake Stropes, Andrew Hunt, Daniel Jipping, Cody Sirls, Alex Pantaleo and Tyler Langer. On Sunday, the Lions will host the Belleville Cougars for the Division title.

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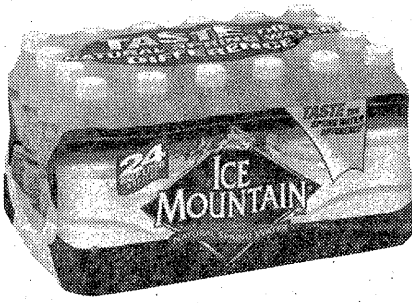


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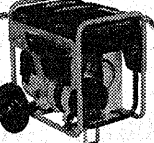


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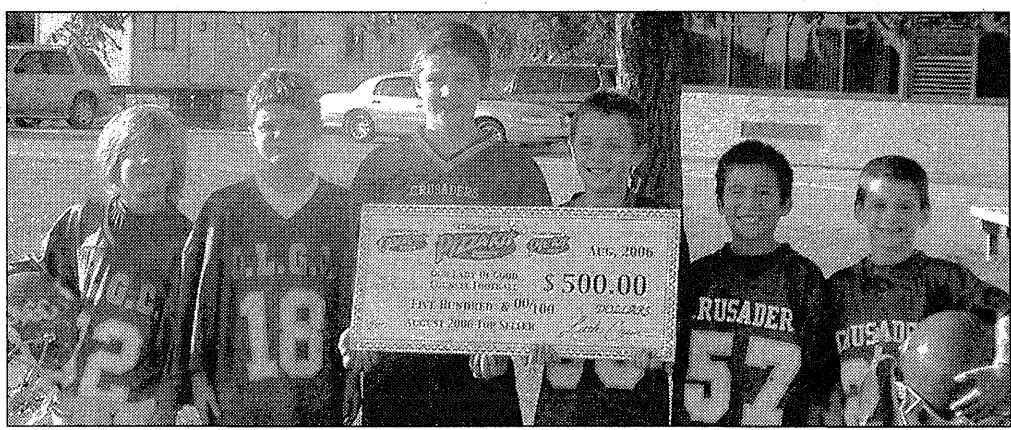
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Rolling in the dough

Members of the Our Lady of Good Counsel football team earned a \$500 check after being top sellers in the Little Caesar's pizza kit fund-raising program.

SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 98 SALEM 87 Tuesday at Salem 200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson, Monica Blaesser, Maddy McDuff), 2:01.98; 2. Salem (Whitney Aumiller, Jennifer Grodus, Katie Gorman, Andrea Spohn), 2:03.42; 3. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Sara Spala, Emily Bair, Rena Clark), 2:06.09.

SWIM TIMES

OBSERVERLAND BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES (as of Oct. 16) INDIVIDUAL EVENTS 50 freestyle Allison Schmitt (Canton) 24.32 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 25.51 Ally Stencel (Salem) 26.09 Mandy Nameth (Ladywood) 26.26 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 26.56 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 26.69 Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 26.76 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 27.04 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 27.21 Katie Gorman (Salem) 27.25

(Continued from page A14) resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett and supported by Member. WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, received a petition signed by more than 51% of the Canton property owners to be served by the improvements (petition attached) and deems it tentatively desirable to undertake public improvements consisting of subdivision road repairs in the Copper Creek Condominiums in the special assessment district tentatively designated and described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and make a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused plans to be prepared by registered engineers showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and the estimate of cost thereof; and WHEREAS, the same have been received by the Township Board; and WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the public improvements; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The plans showing the public improvements and location thereof and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination. 2. The Township Board tentatively declares its intention to make the aforesaid public improvements. 3. There is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto. 4. The Township Board shall meet at the Township Hall located in the Board Room on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the proposed public improvements or the special assessment district. 5. The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of the hearing, and shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all record owners of or persons with interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the last township tax assessment records of the Township at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing. 6. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form: NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: Copper Creek Condominiums, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan SIDWELL NUMBERS 41-07-0001-000 41-07-0002-000 41-07-0003-000 41-07-0004-000 41-07-0005-000 41-07-0006-000 41-07-0007-000 41-07-0008-000 41-07-0009-000 41-07-0010-000 41-07-0011-000 41-07-0012-000 41-07-0013-000 41-07-0014-000 41-07-0015-000 41-07-0016-000 41-07-0017-000 41-07-0018-000 41-07-0019-000 41-07-0020-000 41-07-0021-000 41-07-0022-000 41-07-0023-000 41-07-0024-000 41-07-0025-000 41-07-0026-000 41-07-0027-000 41-07-0028-000 41-07-0029-000 41-07-0030-000 41-07-0031-000 41-07-0032-000 41-07-0033-000 41-07-0034-000 41-07-0035-000 41-07-0036-000 41-07-0037-000 41-07-0038-000 41-07-0039-000 41-07-0040-000 41-07-0041-000 41-07-0042-000 41-07-0043-000 41-07-0044-000 41-07-0045-000 41-07-0046-000 41-07-0047-000 41-07-0048-000 41-07-0049-000 41-07-0050-000 41-07-0051-000 41-07-0052-000 41-07-0053-000 41-07-0054-000 41-07-0055-000 41-07-0056-000 41-08-0001-000 41-08-0002-000 41-08-0003-000 41-08-0004-000 41-08-0005-000 41-08-0006-000 41-08-0007-000 41-08-0008-000 41-08-0009-000 41-08-0010-000 41-08-0011-000 41-08-0012-000 41-08-0013-000 41-08-0014-000 41-08-0015-000 41-08-0016-000 TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements consisting of road repairs in Copper Creek Condominiums. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$400,000. The estimated cost per property owner is \$800 per year. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 2006, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof. Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk Charter Township of Canton (3) 7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. Item 12. AWARD THE BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF RANGE BUILDING ROOF. (PSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for the replacement of the roof at the gun range storage building to M.W. Morss Roofing Inc., 15423 Oakwood Drive, Romulus, MI 48174 in the amount of \$30,888. Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment in FY 2006 Police Fund Budget for the replacement of the roof at the gun range storage building Transfer to Fund Balance #207 301 999 0000 (\$30,888) Maintenance and Repair of Buildings #207 301 930 0000 \$30,888 This budget amendment will neither increase nor decrease the FY2006 Police Fund Budget. Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FLASHLIGHTS FOR PATROL. (PSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 60-Streamlight Stinger XT Flashlights and chargers from COPsPlus, 38-01 23rd, Ave. #407, Astoria, NY, 11105 in the amount of \$5220. FY2006 Police Operating Supplies Account # 207 301 740 0000. Cost Center # P00049 0000 0000. Motion carried by all members present. Item 14. CONSIDER TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY. (PSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for the replacement of the transformer that services the Public Safety Department to the Talbot Company, 11887 Belden Court, Livonia, MI in the amount of \$16,800; Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment in FY 2006 Public Safety Police Fund Budget for the replacement of the transformer that services the Public Safety Department. Transfer to Fund Balance #207 301 999 0000 (\$16,800) Maintenance and Repair of Buildings #207 301 930 0000 \$16,800 This budget amendment will neither increase nor decrease the FY2006 Public Safety Police Fund Budget. Motion carried by all members present. Item 15. PLAYGROUND SURFACE REPAIR - HERITAGE, VICTORY, GRIFFIN AND FLODIN PARKS. (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the Playground Surface Repair to Engan-Tooley-Doyle & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 829, Okemos, MI 48805-0829 in the amount of \$6,935.00 to be paid from Account # 101-270-930-0000 (Maintenance & Repair). Motion carried by all members present. Item 16. EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL REPAIR WORK AT VICTORY PARK. (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment for emergency electrical repair work at Victory Park to Van Buren Electric, 141 N. Mill, Plymouth, MI 48170, in the amount of \$7,379.00 to be paid from Account # 101-270-930-0000 (Maintenance & Repair). Motion carried by all members present. Item 17. AUTHORIZE CONCRETE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT SUMMIT AND PRGC. (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve Gaglio P&R Cement Inc., 13320 Mortonview, Taylor, Michigan to perform concrete sidewalk replacement at The Summit on The Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course in the amount of \$7,917.00 to be paid from Account # 246-750-970-000 Item # 8 (Paved Surfaces on Township Properties). Motion carried by all members present. Item 18. APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF AIR HANDLER UNIT (ACSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve the low bid with Delta Temp, Inc for \$78,300 (Capital Outlay Building and Improvement funds, facility maintenance account) for the installation of a replacement roof top air handler unit for the Administration Building. Motion carried by all members present. Item 19. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS-BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND AND RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENTS (FINANCE & BUDGET DIRECTOR) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by to approve the transfer of the funds remaining in the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund #402 to the General Fund in the approximate amount of \$1,400,000 to include interest to the date of transfer. I further move to approve the following budget amendments for this transfer and appropriation of funds for the projects specified: GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues: Transfer from Capital Projects Building Construction #101-000-676-4000 \$1,400,000 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment-General Government #101-200-977-0000 \$ 20,000 Capital Outlay-Equipment-Finance & Budget #101-223-977-0000 1,600 Capital Outlay-Bldg & Impr-Facilities Maint 101-265-975-0000 98,000 Capital Outlay-Land & Impr-Parks Division 101-270-971-0000 11,200 Capital Outlay-Equipment-Building Svc 101-371-977-0000 20,000 Contracted Services-Performing Arts Center 101-760-818-0000 50,000 Capital Outlay-Equipment-Performing Arts Center 101-760-977-0000 24,500 Transfer to Fund Balance 101-959-999-0000 1,174,700 =Total \$1,400,000 This budget amendment increases the General Government budget from \$694,980 to \$714,980, the

Finance & Budget Department budget from \$1,026,236 to \$1,027,836, the Facilities Maintenance division budget from \$926,583 to \$1,024,583, the Parks Division budget from \$1,629,563 to \$1,640,763, the Building Services division budget from \$1,866,725 to \$1,886,725, the Performing Arts Center division budget from \$704,918 to \$779,418, the Transfers Out division budget from \$3,555,352 to \$4,730,052 and the General Fund budget from \$28,132,425 to \$29,532,425. CAPITAL PROJECTS-BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND: Increase Revenues: Interest Income #402-000-664-0000 \$ 10,000 Interest on Savings 402-000-665-2000 26,000 Appropriation from Fund Balance 402-000-699-0000 1,364,000 Total \$1,400,000 Increase Appropriations: Transfer to General Fund 402-302-965-1010 \$1,400,000 This budget amendment increases the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund budget from \$82,970 to \$1,482,970. Motion carried by all members present. Item 20. ADOPT FY 2007 BUDGETS. (FBD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution adopting the FY 2007 Budgets. Motion carried by all members present. WHEREAS, 1978 P.A. 621, requires that the annual budgets be adopted by resolution and; WHEREAS, The Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton has held public hearings, and has reviewed the budget materials submitted; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenditures and transfers for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2007 are hereby appropriated on an activity (Department) total. General Fund \$ 26,676,836 Fire Fund 10,165,752 Police Fund 14,647,365 Community Center Fund 2,450,810 Street Lighting Fund 258,655 Cable TV Fund 885,000 Public Improvement Fund 1,448,247 Community Improvement Fund 2,776,497 911 Service Fund 340,000 WVN Forfeiture Fund 362,038 Special Investigative Fund 105,975 Federal Grants Fund 207,023 State Projects Fund 339,575 Capital Projects-Road Paving Fund 2,810,855 Capital Projects-Golf Course Fund 485,000 Golf Course Fund 2,243,918 Water and Sewer Fund 31,007,275 Post Employment Benefits Fund 953,398 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenues and transfers for the 2007 Fiscal Year are estimated as follows: General Fund \$ 26,676,836 Fire Fund 10,165,752 Police Fund 14,647,365 Community Center Fund 2,450,810 Street Lighting Fund 258,655 Cable TV Fund 885,000 Public Improvement Fund 1,448,247 Community Improvement Fund 2,776,497 911 Service Fund 340,000 WVN Forfeiture Fund 362,038 Special Investigative Fund 105,975 Federal Grants Fund 207,023 State Projects Fund 339,575 Capital Projects-Road Paving Fund 2,810,855 Capital Projects-Golf Course Fund 485,000 Golf Course Fund 2,243,918 Water and Sewer Fund 31,007,275 Post Employment Benefits Fund 953,398 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Supervisor has the authority to make budget adjustments within an activity (department), excluding salary, overtime, fringes and capital outlay, after consultation and recommendation by the effected Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director and in accordance with adopted policies. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall not be any new, full-time positions created and/or filled without prior Township Board approval, and that existing vacant and budgeted positions may be filled by the Township Supervisor only after review and recommendation by the Executive Director and Finance & Budget Director. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all purchases and expenditures will be made in accordance with adopted procedures. Motion carried by all members present. Item 21. BUDGET AMENDMENT-CAPITAL PROJECTS ROAD PAVING FUND-GEDES & CANTON CENTER RD. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (FBD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment in the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund to adjust the fund balance appropriation for 2005 purchase orders carried over to 2006 and for the Canton Center and Geddes intersection improvement project: Increase Revenues: Contribution-Private Sources #403-000-675-0000 \$ 250,000 Fund Balance Appr-Encumbrances 403-000-699-1000 (285,025) Total \$(35,025) Increase Appropriations: Construction #403-506-969-0000 \$(35,025) This budget amendment decreases the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund budget from \$2,732,401 to \$2,697,376. 2005 purchase orders carried over to 2006: 403-506-803-0000 53643 Mansell Assoc. Intersection Improvement \$ 6,240.00 54854 Mansell Assoc. Transportation Study \$ 150,000.00 403-506-803-0000 Total for this Account \$ 156,240.00 403-506-969-0000 43754 Cadillac Asphalt Denton Rd. Improvements \$ 49,414.00 42684 Carrier & Gable Mast Arms \$ 15,812.70 54922 Carrier & Gable Mast Arms \$ 8,985.00 55611 Florence Cement Co. Intersection Improvements \$ 972,027.37 47577 Wade Trim Inspection Days Denton Rd \$ 2,921.62 403-506-969-0000 Total for this Account \$1,049,160.69 Fund Total \$1,205,400.69 Motion carried by all members present. Item 22. AWARD FOUR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT CONTRACTS (ASCD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on North Sheldon Road to F. Lax Construction Co. in the amount of \$23,845 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$2,385 for a purchase order total of \$26,230. • I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Fernwood to F. Lax Construction Co. in the amount of \$6,543 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$654 for a purchase order total of \$7,197. • I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Canton Center Road to George H. Pastor & Sons in the amount of \$12,742 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$1,274 for a purchase order total of \$14,016. • I move to award the contract for a housing rehabilitation on Southampton to Complete Construction Services in the amount of \$17,374 plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$1,738 for a purchase order total of \$19,112. CDBG Construction Contingency, Account #274 666 972 2005, for a projects grand total of \$66,555. (Base total of \$60,504 for the four projects, plus a 10 per cent contingency of \$6,051.) Motion carried by all members present. Item 23. APPROVE WAIVER FROM PURCHASING POLICY REGARDING CAPITAL SPENDING. (FBD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to waive the Township's purchasing policy requirement that capital funds must be expended by September 30, 2006 and to approve the low price quote of \$3,087 (Capital Projects - Travis Account #101-803-976-0000), submitted by Van Buren Electric for electrical work at the Cady Barn. Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: Trustee LaJoy wished to congratulate Trustee Zarbo for winning the Canton Chamber Community Excellence Award last week. Supervisor Yack stated there will be a study session on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, with Growth Works, and the final results and recommendations from the Regional Transportation Study for the last 12 months with MDOT and an informational item; the statistics over the last 7 years on the household hazardous waste collection program. ADJOURN: Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. -Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: October 19, 2006

It's a return to the Meadowlands o

You could say it all began in the swamp. The second to last game of the 2000 football season, the Lions went to New Jersey and beat the Jets at the Meadowlands. They won two games there that year. A win over the Giants in Jersey happened a month earlier. That victory over the Jets would be the Lions' last road win for the next three years.

The NFL record 0-24 mark on the road would follow that 10-7 win in 2000. Jeff Hartings' fumble recovery in the end zone was the only touchdown for the Lions that day. The infamous loss to the Bears the following week at the Silverdome kept interim coach Gary Moeller out of the playoffs.

Matt Millen was hired as team president in the off-season. He dumped Moeller in favor of Marty Mornhinweg and decided Hartings wasn't worth



Mark Wilson

an extra hundred grand or so. Hartings went to Pittsburgh and won a Super Bowl at Ford Field back in February. Millen has gone 22-64 since taking over.

"Did we make some mistakes? Sure. I just firmly believe we can get this thing turned around," Millen said before the start of this season.

Getting that first win for new coach Rod Marinelli was huge. Beating the Buffalo Bills last Sunday was a must. Roy Williams' best day as a pro, Kevin Jones rushing for more than 100 yards again and Jon Kitna controlling Mike Martz's offense all helped Marinelli become a winner after six weeks of trying. The team awarded a game ball to its first-

year head coach.

"Those things are nice, but it's not why I am in it," said Marinelli, who claimed that the ball would go into his locker.

Maybe the presence of Tigers manager Jim Leyland and a few Tigers players helped Sunday at Ford Field. That American League championship feeling was in the air during the Lions' win over Buffalo. Leyland got the biggest ovation of the day when he was shown on the big screen. There is no doubt this area is World Series crazy.

It didn't take a genius to figure out why the Lions finally won. They ran the football and let that open up the passing game. Jones had his first 100-plus day since the second to last game of 2004. Twenty-two contests went by without a 100-yard day. Williams set a personal best with 10 catches for 161 yards. Kitna threw a sweet

scoring strike to Roy that was the difference in the game.

The defense was on Bills quarterback J.P. Losman like a cat on a can of tuna. He was pressured all day and James Hall returned to his sacking ways by putting Losman down three times. They simply outplayed Buffalo. Coach Dick Jauron, who played and coached with the Lions, knew that it wasn't his day.

"We knew they were very good coming in. We just didn't pick up their pressure very well or consistently," said Jauron, who was 1-4 as Lions interim coach last year.

Marinelli got off the schneid with the win. Now the Lions need to find a way to win road games. Since they beat the Jets that day in the Meadowlands in 2000, the Lions have won exactly five times away from home. That would be five

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On Sunday for the road-weary Lions

out of 43. That stinks. Forty-three road games and just five wins. It doesn't even look right typing it.

One of the five actually did come at the Meadowlands. The Lions beat the Giants there in October 2004. They ran their record to 4-2 and Steve Mariucci was the toast of the town. A year and change later, Mariucci was just ... toast. He was fired by Thanksgiving last year and replaced by Jaaron Marinelli took over in January and already has three road losses this season.

"Home or away, we just have to find ways to win, no matter where we play," cornerback Dré Bly said.

No doubt about that. Here's a number that may turn you. Since Millen took over, the Lions' longest in-season win streak is just two games. That has happened twice. A two-game win streak is the longest run. Last time it happened was the

first two games of '04. That stinks, too.

In other words, the Lions have had nine one-game win streaks since that last two-game run. Nine times the Lions have won and have failed to follow up with another victory. Lack of consistency when it comes to wins has been the benchmark of the last six years.

"In this game of football, you just keep fighting and believing your skills and fundamentals," Marinelli said.

He is hopeful that can translate to another win this Sunday against the Jets. The two have played since that day in Jersey back in 2000. New York came to Ford Field and won 31-14 back in 2002. Chad Pennington had his best season that year and is fresh off a two-touchdown game in the win over Miami last Sunday. He looks injury-free once again.

"I can't tell you how good this win feels. It was a tough week last week for my team and especially me," Pennington told reporters. The Jets were shut out the week before by Jacksonville, 41-0.

Pennington had a huge day against the Lions in '02. He missed on only five passes and threw four touchdowns. The veteran out of Marshall was a rookie with the Jets in 2000 and was watching when the Lions won that 10-7 road game. Charlie Batch was the Lions QB who, of course, was a part of the Steelers' Super Bowl win, just like Hartings.

The bye week follows this game against the Jets. After that, the Lions will play three of their next four at home. Their next five games come against teams with a combined record of 10-19.

"It's been a long time coming for him, but it's the first of many," Roy Williams said to reporters

about Marinelli after the win over the Bills.

Williams is the ultimate optimist and he's just the kind of guy Marinelli loves. This game against the Jets is another chance for Roy to prove he is becoming one of the elite receivers in football. One guy who can assist him this week is his defensive coordinator, Donnie Henderson. He was with the Jets last year and even though Eric Mangini has changed things in his first season, Henderson knows enough of the personnel to be helpful.

The Lions are only 1-5, but just maybe things are starting to look up.

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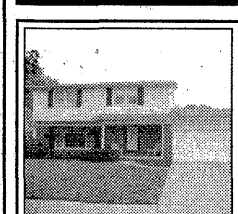
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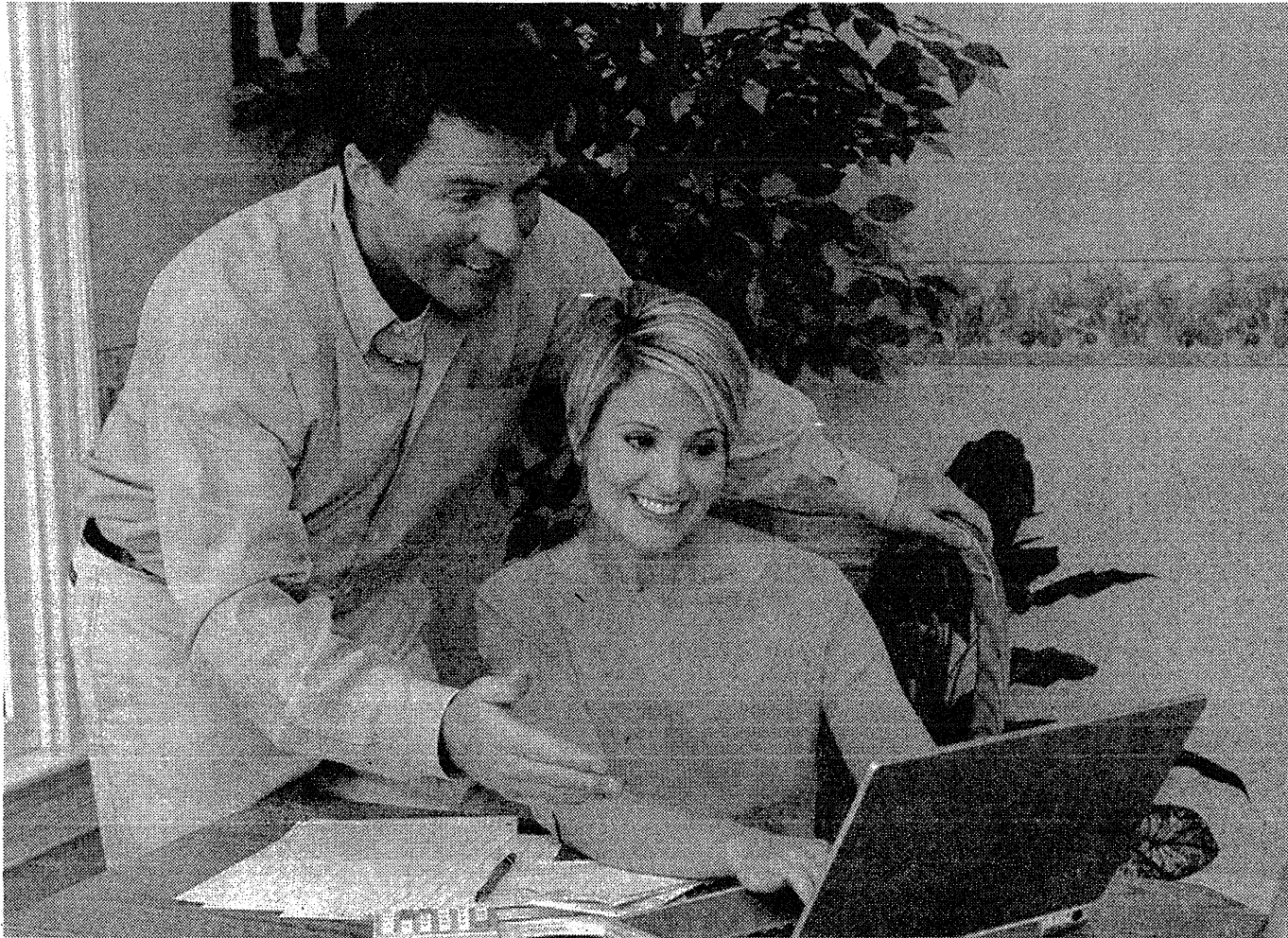
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WHAT IS BEHIND INTERNET ABUSE ON COMPANY TIME



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Are employees truly wasting time in on-line personal use at work? Wrigley's entertainment site

Candystand.com questioned almost 1,000 adults about online gaming and finds that: more than half -- 51 percent -- play games at work; a full 61 percent of gamers claim that it's its stress-reliever -- 47 percent maintain that it promotes creativity; 20 percent have been caught red-handed; and -- 13 percent of gamers play even when they're on conference calls.

Of course, an entertainment site is likely to attract respondents who play games; so the numbers likely don't reflect the general working population. The simplicity of the questions and answers (most requiring yes-and-no answers) raises questions about any use of the research, other than to garner publicity.

The survey asked such leading questions as Do you believe (that) playing online games at work helps you to deal with stress? and Do you believe (that) playing online games at work helps you to think more creatively? There was no multiple choice in these particular questions, just yes and no responses. No well-thought-through answers were allowed or encouraged.

A more responsible survey conducted by Harris Interactive for North

Haven, Conn.'s The Marlin Co., which specializes in workplace communication, interviewed 751 people over age 18 about the extent of personal online use by coworkers during the work day. While this smacks a bit of snitching, it's likely to be more objective, because the sampling is more inclusive and responses could be more varied.

The Harris Poll indicates that only 34 percent of workers with access online have bought online over the last year, that women (34 percent) are slightly more likely than men (33 percent) to buy online. It indicates that 18- to 34-year-olds spend the most personal time online, using company technology, at one hour or more (27 percent). Most of this use (25 percent) occurs in medium-sized companies, defined as those with 101 to 1,000 employees. Three percent fewer in smaller companies spend that much time in personal online use, while 23 percent in larger companies (over 1,000 employees) do.

SIGNIFICANCE

It's easy to dismiss the Candystand.com survey because of its thinness. It doesn't uncover whether online game-players are just an update on doodlers or if online game-players would play games in a face-to-face meeting, the way some employees would doodle.

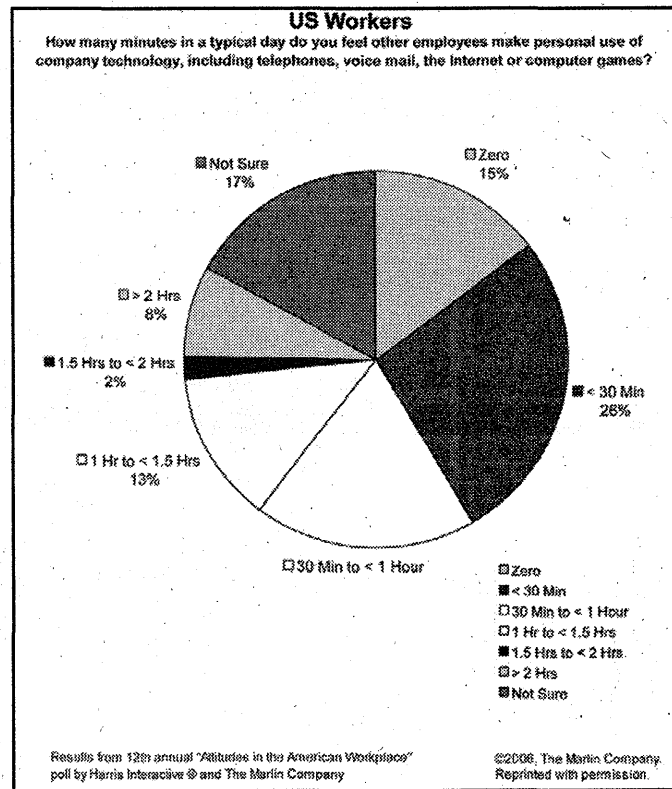
The amazing part about both surveys is that they don't raise the issue of misuse of time. If some employees are so

bored that they're shopping or playing online on company time, why aren't they looking for a better job in today's improving economy? What if they spent the same amount of time reading about industry trends, or discussing them with coworkers? What if they invested the time in internal or external training that might secure them a better job? What if they developed a productive stress-reliever, such as a quick walk down the hall, time-out for yoga or a few minutes scanning The Wall Street Journal? Why, at any age, are they wasting their time? Aren't there constructive alternatives? You bet there are.

The problems behind Internet abuse relate to ethics and lifestyle. (Note that online pornography, an extreme form of abuse, isn't being discussed.) These same problems may be nurtured by product introductions from a company like Snowfly in Laramie, Wyo., that designs Internet games to increase or enhance employee productivity and job satisfaction. At what point do employees realize that gaming is just that?

Perhaps the worklife movement has gone a little too far. Perhaps some employees are missing the point. There are still behaviors and issues that are completely inappropriate in the workplace, whatever your age, job status or income bracket. It may be time to pull back and infuse a little more structure from the top down and from inside out.

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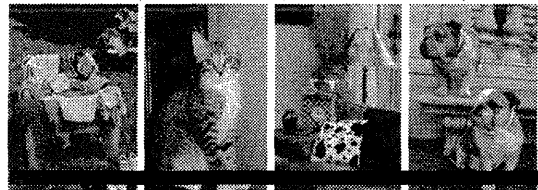
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Sat. Oct. 28, 9-5
Sun. Oct. 29, 12-5
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Beverly Hills Fri. & Sat. 8 AM - Tons of stuff priced to sell! Collectibles, furniture, kids' stuff, & more. 32217 Orchard Way Ct., S of 14 Mile, W off Lahser. No Early Birds!

Beverly Hills Moving Sale - Sat., Oct. 21st, 10am-4pm. 16980 Birchwood Ave., E of Southfield Rd., S of 14 Mile Rd. Baby items, clothes, swing and more. Stereo cabinet, patio and misc. home goods.

Bloomfield TWP. Franklin - Sat. Oct. 21st, 9-12pm. 1415 Mile Rd. Fri. Sat. 9-4 Sun. 12-4. Top brands furniture, dishware, home accessories, sporting goods, bedding.

Canton - Multi-family Moving Sale. Books, toys, small appliances, etc. Oct. 18-21 9am-5pm. 44067 Harsdale, 1 blk W/Cherry Hill, 1 blk E/Sheldon

Canton - plates, carnival glass, Hallmark, Avon, cages, Barbie, new items, furniture, more. 2100 Morrison Blvd., off Ford, btwn Lilly/Mortem Taylor. Oct. 19-21, 9am-4pm.

Farmington Estate Sale - 2247 Brookdale. October 21-22. Sat-Sun. 9am-5pm. Sunday everything 1/2 off! (East of Power-Grand River intersection)

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Farmington: Hills - Garage/Dress/Hallway Sale. New & used costumes & formal Bridal, Black tie, Princess, Veils, Auto Show gowns, Christmas gala, \$5 & up! Fri-Sun, 10-5pm. 35292 Quaker Way, off Drake, btwn 13 & 14.

Farmington Hills - Meadowbrook Park Sub Sale, S of 9, E of Haggerty, Oct. 19-21, 9am-4pm.

Ferndale - Yard Sale 1567 W. Hazelhurst. Oct. 21-22, Sat., 10am-4pm, Sun., 12-4pm. Art, furnishings, accessories, kitchenware, clothing and designer fabrics.

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Livonia YARD SALE. Multi-Family - Saturday, October 21, 10am - 4pm. 16251 Hubbard (btwn 5 & 6 Mile Roads). Baked goods, baby gear, kitchen and household items.

Livonia - Huge multi-sale. 14557 Susanna, S/5 Mile, W/Newburgh. Oct. 19-20-21, 9am-4pm. Tools, clothes, dishes & much more.

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PLYMOUTH - Oct. 20-21, 9-3pm. Harvest Dr., Ridgewood Hills, W/Beck, off Ann Arbor Rd. Women's/men's clothes, 8-XL, baseball cards, cradle, household, misc.

REDFORD - One Day Only Sale! Sat. Oct. 21, 10-5pm. Pool table, leaded glass windows, dressers, household items. 16934 Delaware, off 6 Mile, btwn Inkster/Beech Dale.

REDFORD BIG GARAGE SALE - Sat-Sun, Oct. 21-22, 9-5pm. 14017 San Jose, 3 blocks N of Inkster Rd., N side of Schoolcraft. Some furniture, crafts.

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ROCHESTER HILLS MOVING SALE - 2937 Steamboat Springs (Adams Rd. behind Parisian). Oct. 20-21, 10am-5pm. Washer, dryer, clothes, furniture, etc.

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TROY Garage Sale! Lots of Nice Stuff! 110 Wendelton, across from Walsh College. Sat., 10/21 and Sun., 10/22 from 8am-2pm.

TROY Oct. 19-21, Thurs. & Fri., 9-3, Sat., 9-12. Toys, furniture, antiques, household, misc. 1860 Carpenter, N of Wattles, E of Coolidge.

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WAYNE 31532 Taylor St., Michigan & Merriman Rd., Oct. 20-21st 9-5pm, Oct. 22nd 9-12. Treadmill, sewing machine, computer, printers, computer parts, kitchen misc., etc..

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Garage Sales 7110

WEST BLOOMFIELD 4121 Blackburn Dr. W. of Middlebelt, S. of Long Lake Rd., Oct. 19-21st, 9-5pm. 40+ years of stuff! 35" brass rocking horse, Wedgewood Blue crib & dresser, cookbooks, kids' bikes, Santa bears, sound system, holiday sweaters, Peg-Perego highchair.

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WESTLAND - 3 FAMILY SALE Large dog cage, lots of misc. 1240 Edwin Street, W. of Newburgh, N. of Palmer. Thurs-Sat., 9-4pm.

Moving Sales 7130

BEVERLY HILLS Moving Sale! 16970 Beverly Rd. - All Living Room, Dining Room, Bedroom, Office and Outdoor Furniture Must Go! Snowblower, misc. 8:30-4pm, Sat., Oct. 21.

DETROIT Estate Sale - 16157 Worman St., Detroit, MI 48219. Sat., 11/21/06, 10am-4pm, Sun., 11/22/06, 10am-1pm. Cash only!

LIVONIA 20152 Ellen Dr. S. of 8 Mile btwn Gill & Newburgh Rd. Oct. 20-21st 8-4pm. Furniture, dishes, clothes, household goods & one-of-a-kind items.

LIVONIA Great Sale at 31719 Summers, near 96 & Merriman, Fri-Sun, Oct. 13-15 AND Oct. 20-22. Snowblower, tools, etc.

NORTHVILLE 21504 Lugon, 8 Mile & I-275, Oct. 20-21st, 9-5pm. Furniture and many miscellaneous household items.

PLYMOUTH Giant Sale! 50+ years of stuffing, glassware, jewelry, silver, linens, rolltop desk, new & collectible books, great vintage stuff. 1754 Old Salem, W. of Sheldon, N. of H. Territorial Rd. Oct. 20th, 10-4pm, Oct. 21st, 10-2pm.

REDFORD - Lots of things! Oct. 20-21 & 27-28, 9-5pm. 9229 Centrailla, S. of West Chicago, N. of Joy, off Beech Dale, turn W. onto Westfield, follow signs.

SOUTHFIELD - Couches, bdrm set, kitchenware, wall unit, kitchen & dining room set, small appliances. Sun. 12-5pm. 29393 Laurel Wood Dr., Apt 104. 248-353-7834

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Clothing 7140

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LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking teddy bear type SM, 35-45, race open, N/S, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. ☎980301

HOPE TO FIND YOU

SWF, 48, D/D-free, attractive, mature, brown complexion, black/dark, 5'6", 125lbs, with many interests, sports, music, plays, concerts, etc. Seeking companionship with loving, sincere gentleman. ☎127526

WHY NOT TRY?

SWPF, 49, 5'2", full-figured, working in medical field, enjoys nature walks, camp fires, movies, travel, adventures. ISO SWM, 49-58, with similar interests to connect with. ☎126613

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWF, 45, looks younger, blonde/blue, 117lbs, employed, independent, secure, loves animals, kids, N/S, social drinker, enjoys listening to music, just having fun. Seeking open-minded, honest, dependable man into the same. ☎130599

PETTIE & SEXY...

SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'11", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SWM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. ☎912553

FIND ME

Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5'3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113901

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎52360

LOVES BOATING

SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. ☎890004

WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. ☎982305

LOOKING FOR LIFE PARTNER

Female, young 45, N/Kids, loves animals, nature, gardening, old cars, new music, and quiet nights. Seeking a man, 40-50, with a positive attitude and good SOH. Friends first, possible LTR. ☎113552

SEE FOR YOURSELF

SBF, 41, N/S, 5'4", enjoys music, long walks, time at home, seeks PM, 40-49, N/S, who knows how to treat a lady. ☎126108

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harley's, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎932910

TAKE A CHANCE

SBF, 39, N/S, 5'4", likes movies, walks, seeks hard-working, honest, faithful BM, 35-40, N/S, for friendship, fun, and more. ☎119742

IS IT YOU?

SBF, smoker, likes basketball, movies, seeks spontaneous, adventurous HF, 20-30, with a feisty little attitude. ☎130804

SEEKING SOMETHING NEW

Down to earth, attractive SBF, 36, N/S, 5'7", professional, enjoys movies, dining out, shopping, traveling, seeks WM, 35-55, N/S, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎123659

WHERE ARE YOU?

Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SWM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎950732

WHY WAIT?

Down-to-earth, fun-loving SBF, 38, mom, brown complexion, medium-length hair, 5'4", full-figured, great personality, D/D-free, likes dancing, cooking, relaxing at home watching movies etc. Seeking compatible man to share some fun. ☎130211

FRIENDS FIRST

SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

GORGEOUS

SWF, 39, 5', attractive, average build, dark/blue, Pisces, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, seeks WM, 35-53, N/S, for LTR. ☎112039

ISO CHIVALROUS MAN

SBCF, 35, attractive, plus-sized, Capricorn, single mom, marriage-minded, N/S, seeks man, 40-55, family-oriented, old-fashioned, possible romance. ☎112291

MADE TO ORDER

SWF, 52, attractive, Pisces, N/S, nice, educated, secure, fun, enjoys sporting events, movies, camping, travel, theater, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, possible romance. ☎993487

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5'6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Easygoing SWF, 57, CNA, N/S, N/D, enjoys talks, togetherness, day trips, soft rock. ISO loving Christian man, N/S, N/D, w/children ok, to share talks, dates, simple times, then who knows? ☎126925

SEEKING A FRIEND

SBF, 33, plus-sized, looking for a nice easygoing woman to share good times, get to know and just have some fun. ☎111312

FABOLOUS FIT FUN

Petite, 50s, young at heart, female, looking for one good guy, with SOH. Enjoys biking, water, working out, and life. ☎970277

someone SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎891247

GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎63527

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎121526

ALL OF ME

SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman, 300+ pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO loving, happy, commitment-minded man to share a happy, lasting, loving relationship. ☎956929

NATURAL BBW

SBF, 32, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, N/kids, employed. Seeking a SM, 18-60, who is open-minded, N/S, N/kids and can appreciate a strong woman. ☎924352

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. ☎953694

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

Female, 51, 138lbs, seeks independent, respectful male, 45-52, D/D free, who likes outdoors, walks, movies, for LTR. ☎987475

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN

Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381

GREAT CATCH

Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs, brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. ☎111193

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎992074

MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE?

SWF, 56, 5', HWP, easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. ☎112612

SEEKING A LADY?

SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

FAMILY-ORIENTED

Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. ☎123905

TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confident, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WILL IT BE YOU?

SBM, 48, light complexion, 5'7", 192lbs, likes sports, shows, cycling, music, more. Seeking loving, sweet lady to be my special someone. ☎128421

WHERE ARE YOU?

WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/blue, athletic, honest, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests, age open. ☎131277

NEW RELATIONSHIP

SBM, 6'3", 42, enjoys writing, entertainment, dining out, dancing. Seeking SF, slim to medium build, tall, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎132042

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC

SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, N/S, enjoys conversations, college football and new activities. Seeking a down-to-earth SF. Age/area open. ☎982364

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

SWEET GUY

Good-looking SWM, 52, 6'1", 197lbs, college graduate, financially secure, homeowner, bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for serious relationship, maybe marriage. ☎255073

DON'T PASS ME BY

SWPM, 43, 6', 220lbs, blue eyes, N/S, N/D, D/D-free, educated, enjoys nature, concerts, movies, walks, more. Seeking SF, 25-45, for friendship and possible LTR. Race open. ☎130128

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SBM, 25, 5'8", 190lbs, dark complexion, long hair, no kids, looking for fun, energetic lady affectionate and real, who knows how to have fun in life. ☎122364

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎982943

OLDER WOMAN DESIRED

SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, muscular, athletic, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

WANTED...

single full-figured WF, 45-65, who believes in Jesus Christ, sought by DWM, 62, 5'10", 175lbs, clean-shaven, brown/brown, N/D, for LTR. ☎954253

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SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

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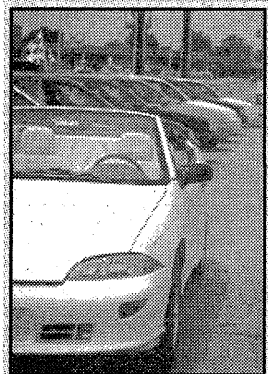
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CHANTILLY, Va. You have to admit it: The Hummer isn't for everyone.

There are cracks and potholes the size of large animals on our roads, but how many times in most cities do you really need to go off-road driving? There aren't any mountain roads, steep hills or sand dunes that need driving over where most of us live.

But General Motors is on a mission to convince the public that the 2007 Hummer H3 really is an every day, take anywhere even to your kids carpool lane kind of luxury SUV.

It's adding even more options with the new H3X, a street-inspired vehicle infused with chrome that gives wider appeal to an iconic brand. The chromed-out H3 makes the Hummer more marketable to a wider range of customers with accessories you'd expect on a customized model.

The five-passenger Hummer also comes in a H2 model; the H1 model was phased out earlier this year. The H3X is chromed out, with a chrome tube steps and a chrome appearance package with roof crossbows and chrome fuel door.

Hummer lovers need not fret. Don't worry. What makes the Hummer a Hummer hasn't been watered down. This is still a SUV for the brawny and braggadocios; the meek need not waste their time.

Let's start with the newest model, the H3X. The H3X comes with leather seats and a six-disc CD changer with Monsoon sound system. It's chromed out, with a chrome tube steps and a chrome appearance package with roof crossbows and chrome fuel door.

Add in a body-color grille on the H3X, and you're riding in style, 33-inch chrome wheels and all. Just because you're driving a Hummer doesn't mean you have to drive a drab, bare-bones vehicle.

The H3X comes in two exclusive colors Desert Orange Metallic and Sonoma Red Metallic or you can pick from eight H3 colors. The H3 is refined; its dark chocolate interior complemented the optional, premium leather seats. Storage areas are built into the back seats. An open/close sliding roof and a DVD-based navigation radio are optional.



2007 Hummer H3 Vehicle class: Luxury SUV. Power: 3.7-liter, I-5 engine. Mileage: 15 city/19 highway. Where built: South Africa. Base price: \$29,405-\$37,545.

The H3 is powered by a new, Vortec 3.7-liter I-5 inline five cylinder engine with 242 horsepower and 242 lb-feet of torque. StabiliTrak now comes standard on all H3 models, expanding from just automatic.

Yes, it looks good, but the H3 performs as a Hummer should. We tested ours on a ranch in the hills of Virginia. The H3 trekked through gravelly roads, water crossings and steep muddy hills with gusto.

Shift the H3 to lower gear and it coasted over steep hills and through a shallow creek. Put it in neutral and four low-lock gear and it moved slower for more control for the tires to roll at an angle over a thick wood log and other steep obstacles. How's that for power!

That's possible thanks to an electronically-controlled four-wheel drive system with traction control, underbody shielding, optional rear locking differential and StabiliTrak. The H3 has two tire choices, a 32-inch all terrain tire and a 33-inch off-road tire. An off-road, 180 inch tire is available for the H3X.

All that power is packed into a mid-size package that is 16.9 inches shorter, 6 inches shorter in heights and 6.5 inches narrower than the H2. It's roughly the same length as a midsize family sedan, but comfortable tools around traffic and fits into standard parking spaces.

Credit the H3's off-road capability with treading through 16 inches of water at 20 mph; 24-inch streams at 5-mph; and climbing 16-inch steps and rocks. But the H3's got the nimbleness of a compact car with a 37-foot turning circle that makes tight maneuvers and turn lightwork, even for a large vehicle.

Smash large obstacles with a nearly 10-inch ground clearance. Drive into a hole and back out of it with

maximum approach and departure angles of 40 degrees and 37 degrees, respectively.

When it comes to design, the H3 is unlike any other SUV on the road. Its wide front, cube-shape, signature seven-slot louvered grille and prominent fender flares are distinctively Hummer.

The H3 is also upscale, with a leather-wrapped and stitched steering wheel and automatic transmission shift handle; brushed trim plants; chrome door release handles; and a chrome H3 emblem in the center of the steering wheel.

The H3 comes equipped with OnStar and Turn-by-Turn Navigation. Press the OnStar button and you're connected to a live operator who sends step-by-step directions to the vehicle that broadcast from the stereo.

It's also equipped with safety features such as a reinforced safety cage that gives passengers extra protection during side and front crashes. The steel cage is wrapped around the passenger compartment.

The H3 also comes with a Passenger Sensing System that uses weight-sensing technology to turn the front airbag on and off. If it detects an unoccupied front seat or a small passenger, it turns the airbag off.

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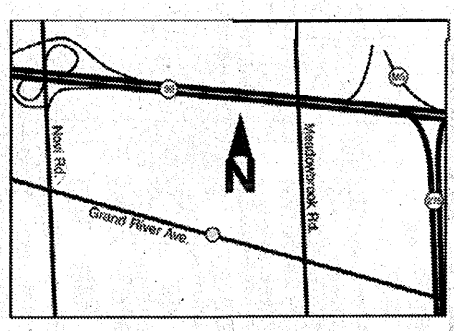
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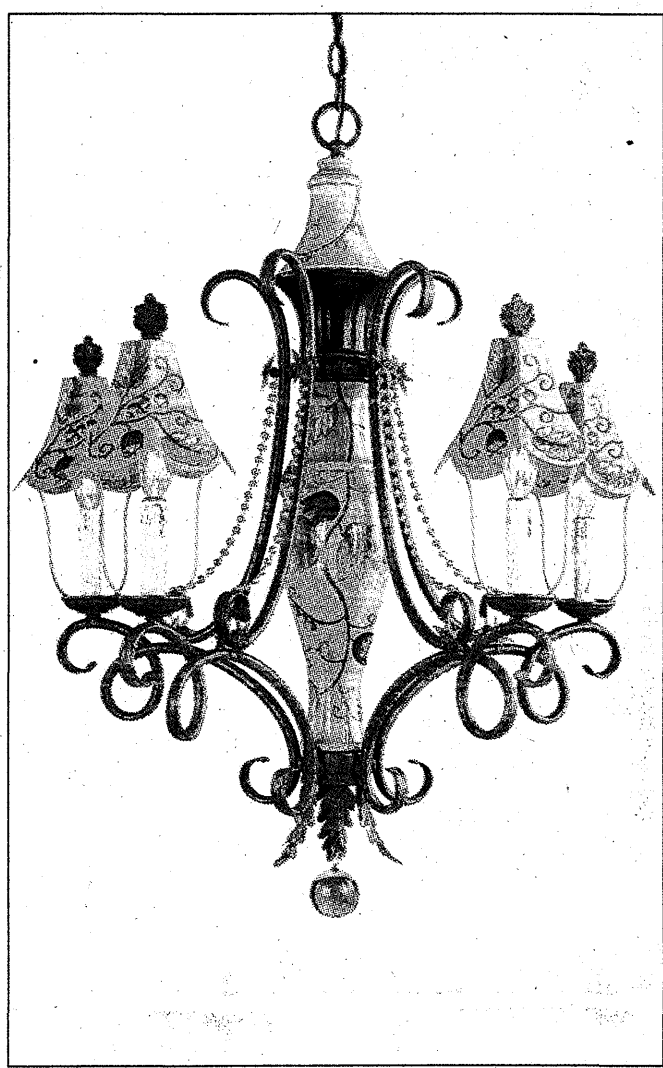
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New appliances add efficiency

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When shoppers seek a new refrigerator or range, they often are looking at the most efficient, convenient units they can get with a sense of style that can add to a kitchen's modern look.

And, man, do you have choices today. If you are buying a range, you can get a free-standing unit that combines the cooktop and oven, or you can buy the cooktop separate from the oven. Or do you want a wall unit?

Then there's the never-ending debate of gas vs. electric. And do you want (or even need) that convection option, now available on many oven units?

And don't forget to look at how easily the top of the range or the cooktop cleans. That's more important than you might realize.

"The stainless steel and the black appliances are popular," said Linda Legato, co-owner with husband, Kim, of Bill & Rod's Appliance in Livonia. "Customers also like the glass-top ranges."

While the majority of appliance buyers are looking at stainless steel finishes on refrigerators and ranges, others want to follow the latest trend.

Push-button convenience and metallic nickel finishes appear to be the new trend for appliances this fall.

"People shift in their tastes," said Michael Strahan, store manager of Lowe's in Westland. "The metallic nickel finish is new. You remember how the avocado green was big in the 1970s, and in more recent years, black was and still is big. And then, you've got stainless steel."

"You're seeing the nickel in fixtures, faucets and towel bars for a custom look."

"Everybody is getting away from knobs and going with the push-button knobs."

Legato said some cooks like the convection ovens. Those units aren't really "new," but they do cut cooking times by as much as one-third.

"I cooked a chicken yesterday while I was away at church in two hours," Legato said.

Refrigerator manufacturers also are reshaping that unit. Efficiency in shelf use is a key component for most shoppers, with adjustable shelving with cranks, and even the temperatures can be adjusted in the individual shelves of the more expensive models.

Refrigerators have increased in price, as most appliances have, but they help pay for themselves with the energy savings. Many units are more efficient today than they were 10 or 15 years ago.

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Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Now that I finally have an HDTV in the house (more on that in an upcoming column), I'm more reluctant than ever to leave the couch.

This is America, people. If I want to turn off a lamp or raise the thermostat a notch, I shouldn't have to cross an entire room.

I kid; I'm a kidder. But I really do admire the latest advances in home automation, which enable me not only to control the whole house from the comfort of my recliner, but also

to monitor my house while I'm at work or on vacation.

You've probably heard of those lighting kits from X10 (x10.com), which have been around forever.

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Kitchen, bathroom remodels are good investments

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Kitchen and bathroom remodels continue to be two of the best investments you can make in your house.

That's according to Harry Jachym, licensed builder, instructor of building trades and columnist of Ask Dad for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"If you're thinking about spending money on home improvement projects, these can be the best investments," Jachym said.

"What you'll get back on your investment depends on the value of your house as well as the value of houses in your neighborhood, the housing market, how long after making improvements you plan to sell the house, and the quality of the work and the materials used."

Whether homeowners are looking to remodel a kitchen or bathroom, they need to plan ahead and budget well, according to Jachym.

STEPS TO TAKE

There are steps remodelers can take to make sure they aren't in over their heads financially, he said.

"They need to get a good, firm contract from a contractor," Jachym said. "They also need to do as much advance planning as possible."

"Kitchens and baths are the most expensive rooms in any house and they are the rooms where much of your time is spent."

Allow for adequate time on a project.

"You never know what's behind a wall," Jachym said. "There could be framing issues,

and plumbing or pipes may be running someplace you didn't expect."

Ductwork issues also may pop up.

Here are more of Jachym's tips:

■ Kitchens tend to be a family gathering spot, even a focal point when entertaining with food. Islands with food preparation areas are growing in popularity. Stainless steel surfaces and appliances, granite counters and hardwood floors are hot items.

■ Contrary to popular belief, granite and other natural stone products aren't maintenance free. They require frequent sealing with a product designed for the material. Lighter colored stone stains easily. They are also costly to buy and install.

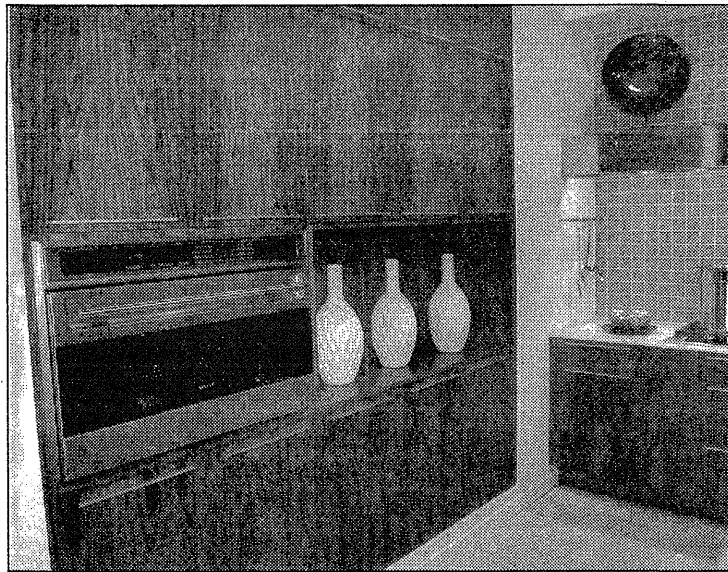
Hardwood floors on the other hand are relatively simple to maintain when they are kept clean and sealed.

■ A homeowner's lifestyle will dictate the type of kitchen and accessories, such as built-in wine storage units, coffee grinding and brewing machines, double ovens, indoor grills and rotisseries.

On the other hand, those who spend little time cooking or eating at home don't need much in the way of a kitchen.

■ Most kitchen projects will require some demolition and may involve re-framing. Re-framing usually impacts the home's structure.

Before opening up the walls and attempting any structural changes, be sure to discuss plans with your local building inspection department or an architect; get all necessary permits; follow the relevant building codes and schedule inspections as required.



This rosewood veneer by Irpinia is featured at Extraordinary Works at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. The veneer is offered in a multi-layered light stable polyester finish top coat for durability and clarity.



Today's kitchens feature high-end convenience, like this Wolf electric steamer module, shown on display at Extraordinary Works at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. The steamer, listed at a retail price of \$1,851, can keep food hot for long periods of time without drying it out.

It's a good idea to rent a construction Dumpster to hold all the debris generated by a kitchen demolition.

Demolition and remodeling is best left to professionals unless the homeowner feels confident about doing it.

Remodeling a kitchen almost always involves a considerable amount of mechanical work (electricity, plumbing and heating and cooling work).

■ Be prepared for a lot of disruption, and dust. If you do the work yourself or have it done, plan on eating out often, and cooking with a microwave, toaster oven or electric frying pans. Plan on washing dishes in a bathroom sink or laundry tub.

■ Tubs with whirlpools and large, walk-in showers are great

sellors, but a big walk-in shower is better if you don't have room for both. Another good addition is steam showers and/or multiple-head showers.

■ Don't spend money remodeling the bathroom if it's the only one you've got. Your money is better spent adding a second bath. Adding a bathroom increased the sale price of a house more than twice that for adding a bedroom.

If you're not planning to move in the near future, spend your money remodeling in a way that you'll most enjoy. You can't measure the value you get out of your use and enjoyment of the home improvements.

■ Another important consideration in kitchen and bath remodeling is "adaptable construction."

Adaptable construction refers to building with design features that are easily adapted at a later date to meet the changing needs of the owners.

A simple example is tiling the kitchen floor before fitting cupboards, so that if a cupboard needs to be removed to provide knee-space under a bench later on, the floor remains intact. This means the adaptations require less work at less cost.

Another idea is to attach blocking to studs before drywall is installed so grab rails can be installed later in a bathroom.

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veillance cameras, security system and video extenders (which pipe video signals from one TV to another).

A good place to start is X10's ActiveHome Professional. This \$99 kit comes with lamp and appliance modules; handheld and pocket controllers; a motion sensor; and a computer interface device and software.

The hardware relies on existing electrical wiring and/or radio-frequency (RF) signals, so setup is pretty much plug-and-play. And you can easily add additional modules to control more items.

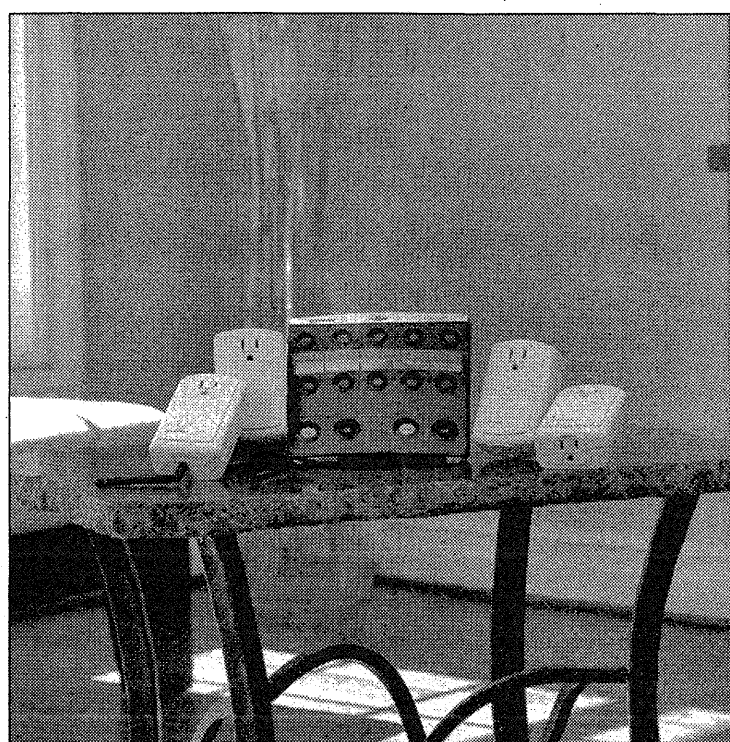
For example, suppose you're coming home to a dark house. While still in the driveway, you can press a button on the pocket controller to switch on one or more lamps.

Better yet, use the ActiveHome software to put all the lights on timers — even a porch light, assuming the bulb fits in the included socket adapter.

21ST-CENTURY AUTOMATION

Of course, the X10 stuff seems a bit antiquated compared with the latest home-automation technologies.

The ones to watch are Insteon, Z-Wave and ZigBee, all of which establish "mesh networks" in your home (using various combinations of wired and/or wireless communication) to enable all kinds of automation magic.



The \$99.99 Insteon Starter Kit comes with four plug-in modules and a remote, and it's compatible with X10 hardware.

For example, let's say it's dinnertime. With the push of a single button on a remote, you can dim or turn off all lights in the house except those in the kitchen, while at the same time turning on the stereo for some nice background music.

From a more practical standpoint, one of these automated systems could alert you via e-mail or text message if it detects a gas leak. Or an intruder.

Indeed, safety and security are among the major benefits of home automation.

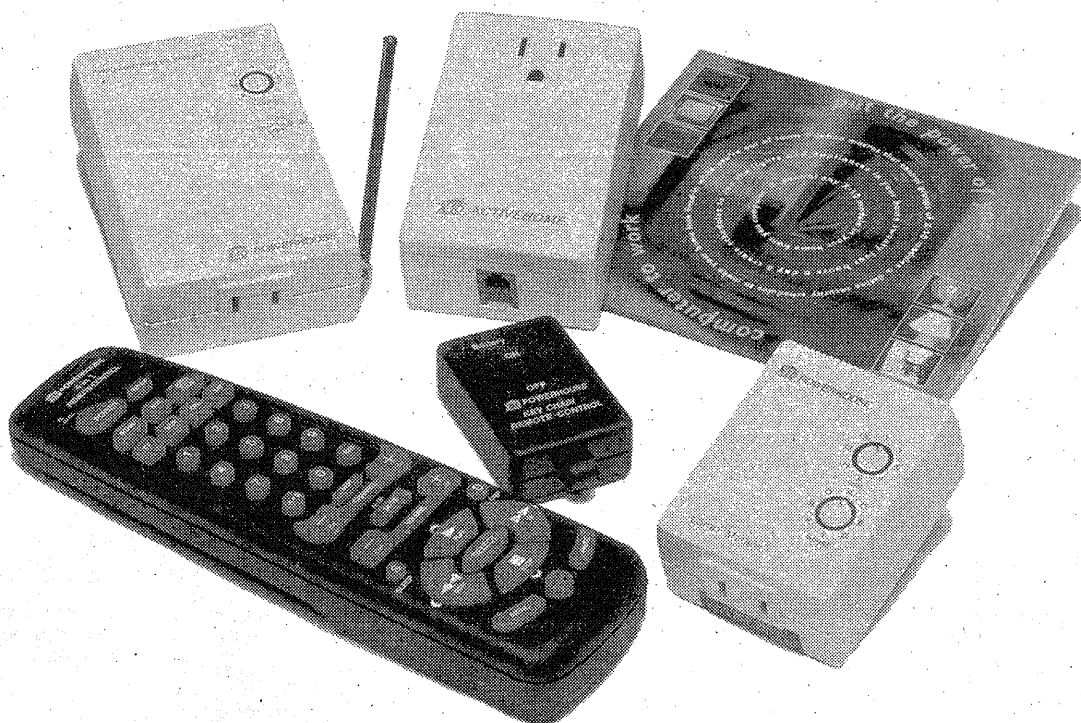
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cam and some software, for instance, and you can watch a live video feed via any Web browser, or even a PDA. That's great for "checking in" while you're away.

Another option is motion detection, in which a system notifies you if the camera detects any movement or activity.

Head to the Web (tinyurl.com/vsvmg and tinyurl.com/yzhy4n) for two great tutorials on "Webcam surveillance."

In the meantime, if you want to find out more about home-



X10 kits offer simple, inexpensive home automation that can be expanded over time.

automation products and technologies, check out Automated Outlet (automatedoutlet.com), Smarthome (smarthome.com) and X-10 Superstore (x10-store.com).

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm due back at the couch.

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Consumers can look at the side-by-side models, units with bottom or top freezers, or built-in models in that custom kitchen with front panels (for an additional charge) to blend that unit in with the decor.

Legato said Amana and Maytag have a French door refrigerator with a freezer drawer on the bottom.

"With the side-by-side, you didn't have enough space when the freezer was on the left side," Legato said. "This way, it allows for the full 36 inches across for a tray or a cake in the freezer."

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Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

According to Mike Jenkins, owner of Venture Kitchen & Bath in Plymouth (phone (734) 354-9645), there are some exciting kitchen trends for 2007.

These trends encompass the selections for appliances, floor plans, countertop materials and lighting options.

The biggest trend, according to Jenkins, are the appliances we are putting into our kitchens.

Especially trendy, right now, are the high end, restaurant-quality appliances. These new appliances are sleek, sophisticated and energy efficient.

Many of the new styles are designed with the idea of hiding, or blending, the appliances into the cabinetry and to make the kitchen look less utilitarian, while others draw

attention to themselves, giving the impression of a fine restaurant-style kitchen. It will look like a chef lives in your home, even if one doesn't.

Microwave and refrigerator/freezer drawers have been on the market for a few years, but are becoming more mainstream, along with six-burner stoves from Viking and Thermador.

These stoves are very dramatic and provide more cooking space for large families or for entertaining. Very often, these high end stoves become the focal point in the kitchen with elegant tile surrounds or cabinetry that accentuates the stove area.

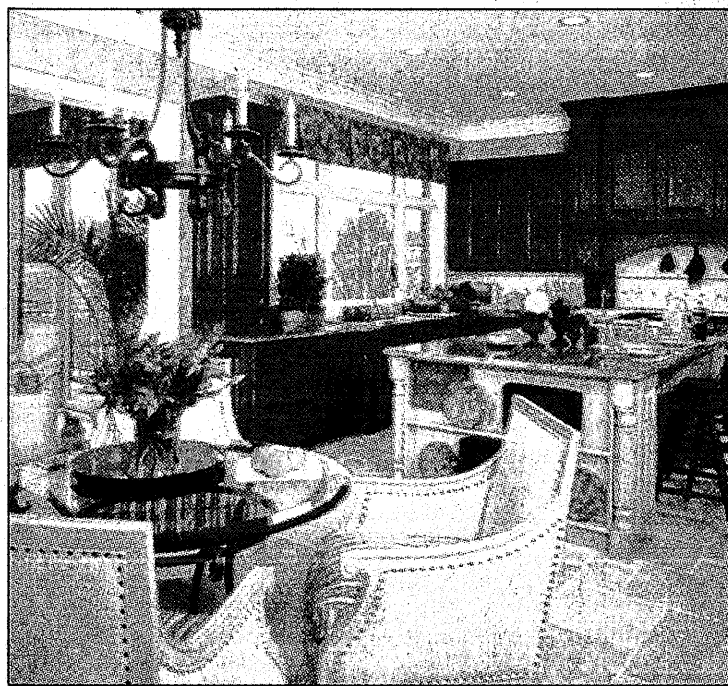
Refrigerators are changing, too. Appliance manufacturers have finally come around to making many of their refrigerators flush mounted so they don't jut out into the kitchen, extending past the surrounding cabinetry. This will give an uninterrupted and streamlined look.

FLOOR PLAN

If you are considering a remodel for your kitchen, take a long, hard look at your floor plan.

The trend is continuing toward open kitchen floor plans where the homeowners can prepare food, dine, have a place to relax and even entertain.

Many of the newer homes come equipped with fireplaces, a television area and a home-work/computer station in the



This kitchen, designed by Venture Kitchen & Bath, shows some of the continuing trends for 2007, including an island with a finish different from the perimeter cabinets, granite counters, a six-burner stove and a refrigeration drawer.

kitchen.

This trend toward an open kitchen is not a new one, but just a continuation of a trend that began several years ago.

While preparing a meal, the cook doesn't want to be secluded from family activity and conversation.

It is also true that when entertaining, it can be very difficult to get your guests to leave the kitchen. Capitalize on this and create your kitchen for the way your family lives and entertains.

CABINETRY

Cabinetry, itself, has undergone a change in the last couple of years and will continue to evolve.

Jenkins confirms the continuing trend toward glazed finishes on wood cabinetry, along with using medium to darker wood tones.

Some popular wood species for kitchen cabinetry right now are maple and cherry. There are still some painted finish cabinetry options; however, these are also glazed or

antiqued for a more sophisticated look, just like their stained, wood counterparts.

A few years back, we saw the introduction of cabinet finishes and stains being mixed together within the same kitchen. This trend still continues, but with more subtlety.

The most common way to bring an additional wood finish into your kitchen is to have the island finished completely different from the perimeter cabinetry. This will give the illusion that the island is a separate piece of furniture and not just more of the same cabinets in the room.

This variation in finishes adds interest to a kitchen, but be forewarned to not go overboard with the mixing of finishes. It can end up looking very chaotic and will certainly date your kitchen much sooner than a more subtle approach.

Now that you've selected your cabinets, you need to consider all of the options for countertop materials.

Laminates are still a viable option for the low to moderate price range for kitchens and are more commonly used in bathrooms and lower level projects. The big name companies like Formica and Wilsonart have kept up with the color trends and faux stone looks.

Solid surface materials, such as Corian, are also still plugging along, but have seen a drop in popularity recently. Since Corian is priced competitively with granite and quartz,

many homeowners are choosing the natural stone look.

One way to achieve the natural stone look, but with a man-made product, is to choose one of the new quartz products. Venture Kitchen & Bath sells Silestone, Cambria and Zodiaq brands of quartz countertops.

Some of these quartz products look just like granite, but with none of the maintenance. Quartz also provides a consistent look and patterning that is difficult to find in any natural stone product.

Granite counters are still leading the pack for popularity. Prices for granite vary depending on the supply available.

As mentioned earlier, granite will have some inconsistencies in its pattern. Some people love this inconsistent and sporadic patterning, while others are very disappointed with this look after installation. It is imperative that you hand select your slab of granite so you know what you are getting.

LIGHTING

Once your counters have been installed, you need to address the lighting.

Gone are the days of the single fluorescent fixture in the center of your kitchen. Pendant lighting options have continued to grow in popularity and are most often used over islands or snack bars.

Many lighting companies provide kitchen table chandeliers with matching pendants and island lights. This is a good way to have a coordinated look throughout the kitchen.

Keep in mind that once you've eliminated that fluorescent fixture and have installed an island light or a small chandelier in its place, you will notice a significant drop in the amount of available light for your kitchen.

This is when you need to bring in additional perimeter lighting. This can be in the form of recessed can lights or fixtures hidden under the cabinet that shine directly on the counters.

Kichler makes a product called Xenon that Jenkins has used in many of his remodel projects. He says that Xenon is 15 percent cooler than halogen lighting, has 3,000-hour bulbs and gives off a warm, natural light. His customers love it.

As the American lifestyle evolves, so must our homes. The kitchen is the heart of the home where all activity centers around. Create a space that is functional, looks beautiful and is a pleasure to be in. You'll be glad you did.

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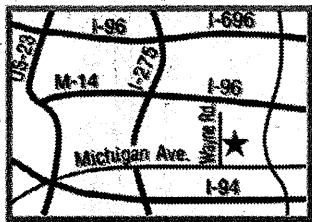


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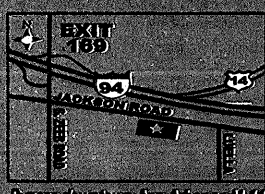


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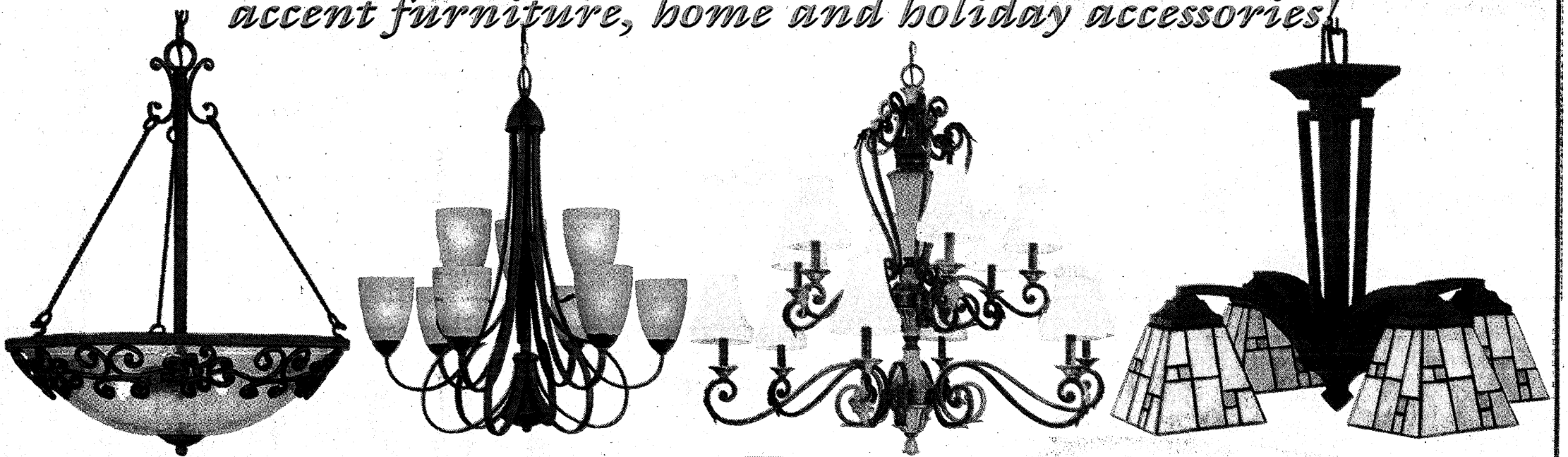
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Natural materials are popular for counters

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Countertops are more than work surfaces. They can be individual style statements as well.

And with a wide variety of materials from which to choose, many homeowners are warming to natural stone and man-made quartz for their distinctive kitchens.

This is a personal selection, matching a distinctive personality.

"It's a matter of taste ... It's a lot like (buying) jewelry," said Michelle Biondo, sales representative, LRA Stoneworks Inc. in Clarkston.

"There is a big push to natural products," said Andy Hoffman, production manager at Dixie Cut Stone, which has showrooms in Novi and Petoskey and recently opened a new showroom at its corporate headquarters in Bridgeport.

"We are seeing a rise in quartz and granite," Biondo said. "A lot of people are doing it to sell their homes, keeping up with new built construction."

Technology has made it easier to obtain and fabricate stone, Hoffman said.

The use of Zodiaq, a quartz product, is also increasing. Zodiaq is 93 percent pure quartz crystal. It's durable and nonporous, and doesn't need polishing, sealants or waxes.

Zodiaq is heat- and scratch-resistant. But it isn't impervious to heat and scratches, so trivets, hot pads and cutting boards are recommended.

Also popular is Corian, which has a seamless appearance and can be cut and trimmed for a customized look.

It's nonporous and never needs to be sealed.

Literally hundreds of colors and patterns are available. Colors include blue pearl, antique white, and tones of



This kitchen features countertops in giallo cecilia granite with standard flat-polish edge profile, stainless steel undermount sinks, full tile backsplash and a cherry-framed table.

blue, green, red, black, yellow and cream. Small particulate and large vein are among the patterns.

New Corian colors are speckled winter wheat, silver birch, oat, rye, pine and granola.

Saddle brown, woodland gray and chestnut are new hues for Zodiaq.

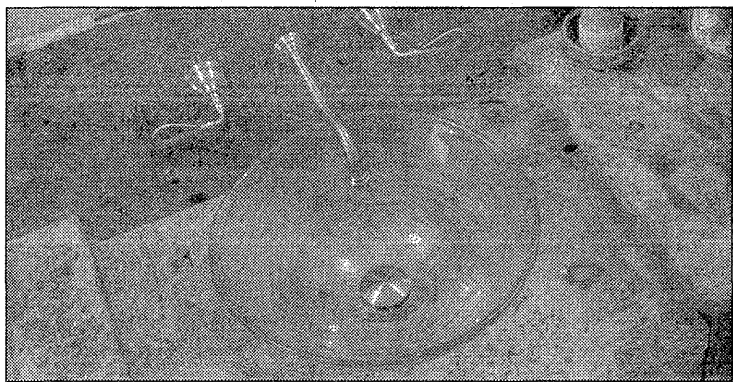
Most slabs come with a gloss finish, but honing, leather and antiqued finishes are now a trend, Biondo said. Consistency is something

to keep in mind about granite, Hoffman said.

Customers seeing a sample of granite may expect the pattern to be the same throughout, and that isn't the case.

If consistency is important, "Something you might want to consider is Zodiaq," Hoffman said.

Lee Rogers, LRA Stoneworks co-owner, advises customers to bring a sketch of the room with its dimensions with them when



This two-tier powder room vanity countertop is in jurassic green granite, with natural rockface edge profile, custom backsplash and green-glass vessel bowl.

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- Dixie Cut Stone: Locations include Southern Stone Gallery, 40230 Grand River, Novi (248) 473-8787, www.dixiestone.com
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they visit a showroom. "That gives us the foundation for discussion," he said. Solid bamboo is another option for countertops today.

A company called Totally Bamboo markets planks that are 1-1/2 inches and 2 inches thick, ready to be fabricated into counters or islands.

Bamboo is durable, as it is 16 percent harder than maple, according to the company.

The countertops are laminated with a completely non-toxic, food grade, and formaldehyde-free adhesive.

Cross-band laminates called Multilam are used to construct the counters.

This keeps the planks flat and reduces the tendency to twist or warp, and gives a striking edge profile, the company says.

Edges can be routed to go with any individual kitchen style.

Totally Bamboo countertops are available in four different grain patterns.

The company also offers a variety of inlaid or solid bamboo backsplashes and an edge trim.

Many other choices are available for countertops, including ceramic tile, stainless steel, laminates and soapstone.

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Having a checklist helps with estimation process

LRA Stoneworks of Clarkston offers the following checklist to help customers compare accurate information in the estimating process.

All of the information on this checklist should be readily available to any customer for the purposes of accurate pricing, quality assurance and customer satisfaction with the finished product, LRA Stoneworks says.

Make sure all of the follow-

ing are included in your price:

JOB INFORMATION

- Are all pieces requested measured and priced? (Don't settle for just a square foot price.)
- What edge treatment is included?
- Are backsplashes included (if needed)?
- What is the backsplash thickness?

- Are sink cutouts included?
- Is sink cutout polishing included?
- Is faucet hole drilling included?
- Are cook top cutouts included?
- What range type (slide in or freestanding) does this price cover?
- Are template charges included?
- Are delivery charges included?

- Are taxes included?
- Is there an import fee?
- How thick will the seam be?
- How many seams will there be?
- What grade stone is being used?
- What is the template and install fee?
- Is there a "bump out" fee?
- What is the delivery time?
- Do you use wax on the edge profiles?

COMPANY INFORMATION

- Fabricator's company history
- Fabricator references
- What is the company's "guarantee of success" on the project?
- Install time
- Installer references

OTHER QUESTIONS

- What is the probability of the price going up after measure? Why?

- Am I paying for unused material?
- Must I pay for the full amount sight-unseen?
- What is the quality guarantee?
- What is the install time?
- Can I get a price that includes a line-item breakdown of what each piece is costing with all of my options included?
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New products help upgrade bathroom

(MS) – Oftentimes one of the smallest rooms in the house, the bathroom can easily be overlooked when designing for maximum light flow and style in the home.

“Bathrooms are a private place, but that doesn’t mean they can’t be bright and welcoming,” said home improvement expert Don Zeman.

“Many homeowners view the bathroom as their private retreat, so it’s important to pay attention to these rooms with upgrades like enhanced lighting, ultra-quiet ventilation systems and designer sinks.”

Zeman, who was a contractor for 25 years before starting his nationally syndicated radio show *Homefront with Don Zeman*, says there are numerous ways for people to upgrade their bathrooms.

“There are hundreds of companies catering to homeowners with unique bathroom products such as towel warmers, anti-fog mirrors and spa sensory systems.”

“Researching your upgrade options is like being a kid in a candy store – there’s always something new and exciting coming out from manufacturers.”

According to Zeman, there are several ideal ways to upgrade a bathroom that will be seen as long-term investments in your home.

The key is to select products that resist the high humidity levels found in bathrooms, withstand mold and moisture problems, and hold up well over time.

Upgrade projects Zeman recommends that meet these criteria include:

■ **Project No. 1** – Replace hard-to-reach large windows over a bathtub with a fixed, non-operable window.

Choose from clear glass, obscure glasses in decorative patterns or privacy-assured acrylic block windows. All can be ordered with energy-efficient glass packages to help keep energy bills low.

■ **Project No. 2** – Add a wall niche to the bathroom or shower wall. Decorative and functional, the niche can hold bath accessories or accent pieces.

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■ **Project No. 3** – Splurge on a new showerhead. Select from energy-saving low-flow, multi-functional and simulated rain showerhead, or even an all-steam shower.

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■ **Project No. 4** – Warm your toes during cold winter mornings by installing radiant heating below bathroom tiles or flooring. With the flick of a switch, your floor warms up so that facing the day gets easier.

■ **Project No. 5** – Add non-operable transom windows high on the exterior walls of the bathroom to allow more light in the room.

A design of several transom windows can be placed horizontally across the exterior wall to protect privacy while offering views of the sky during the day and the stars at night.

Select vinyl-framed windows, like those from Simonton Windows, so you don’t have to deal with warping or rotting wood frames from the high humidity levels in the bathroom.

■ **Project No. 6** – Install a set of urethane pilasters on both sides of your shower stall and a door crosshead overhead to

upgrade the look of your bathroom.

If you have a garden tub or a whirlpool in your bathroom, add window panels made of urethane to surround the base.

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■ **Project No. 8** – Solve your storage problem by adding decorative urethane window crossheads to the walls to serve as easy-access shelving.

Create an extra towel rack by drilling holes in the center of two brackets. Insert a dowel rod and you have an instant way to hang hand towels.

■ **Project No. 9** – Shine more light in the bathroom by surrounding mirrors with acrylic block panels that have miniature lights sealed in the units.

These energy-efficient lights are ideal for daily grooming activities and applying makeup.

■ **Project No. 10** – For pure fun, add amenities to your bathroom that pamper you.

These days you can have a coffeemaker, refrigerator or even a mini-wine cooler in your bathroom. Marry them with a sound system or in-shower television and you could live in your bathroom!

For more tips and ideas on upgrading your bathroom, along with information on products discussed here, visit www.homefront.com.

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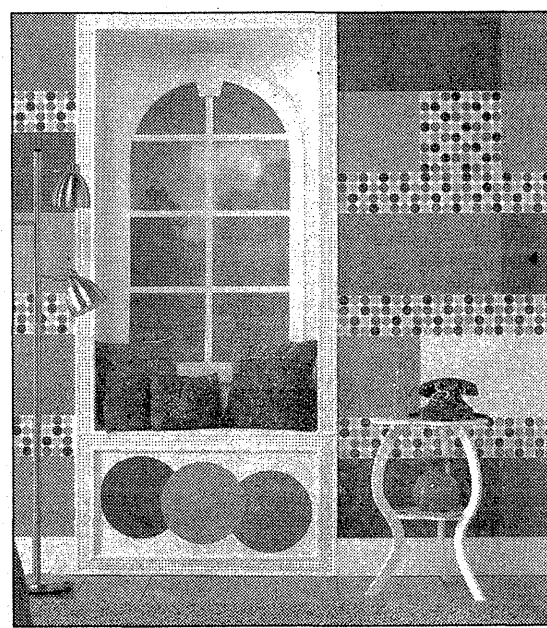
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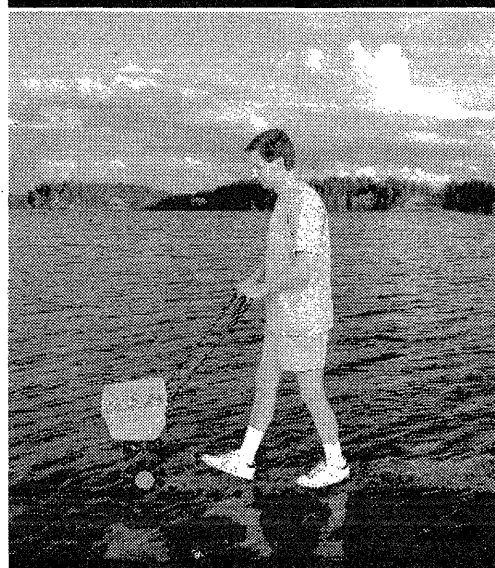
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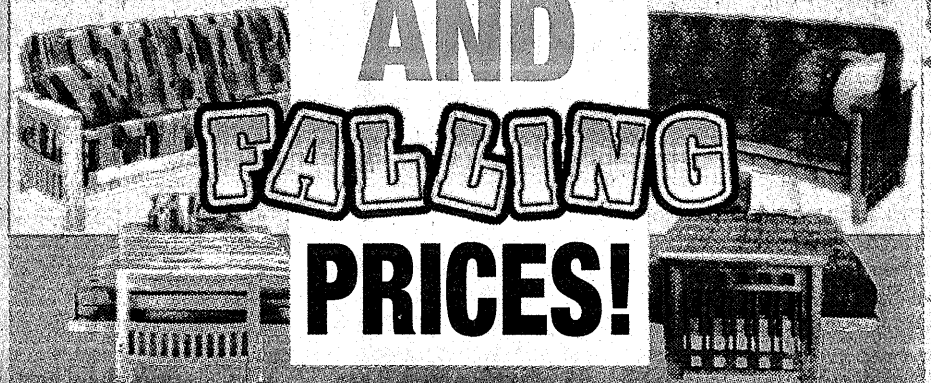
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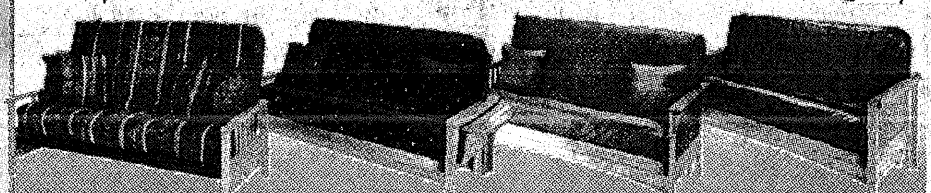
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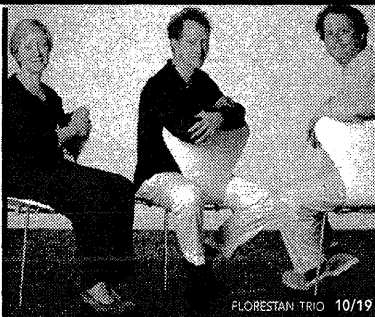
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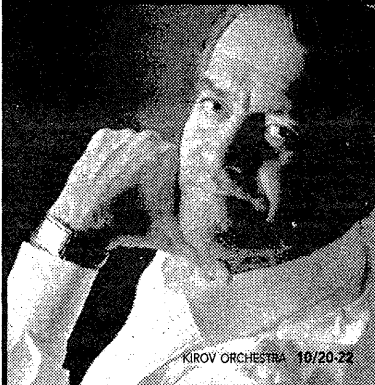
Mozart Trio in G Major, K. 496 (1786)
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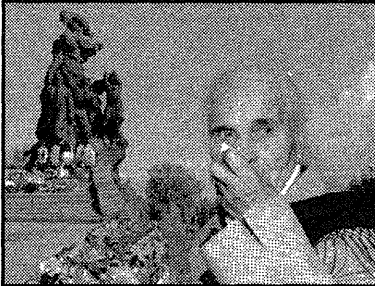
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 8 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 4 PM
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Esteemed conductor Valery Gergiev and the Kirov Orchestra return for the final installment of the Shostakovich Centennial Festival, a series of concerts celebrating the 100th birthday of Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich. This series of concerts by the Kirov will only be performed in Ann Arbor and New York City.

ALL-SHOSTAKOVICH PROGRAM (FRI 10/20)

Symphony No. 11 in g minor, Op. 103
("The Year 1905") (1957)
Symphony No. 6 in b minor, Op. 54 (1939)

ALL-SHOSTAKOVICH PROGRAM (SAT 10/21)

Symphony No. 12 in d minor, Op. 112
("1917, or Lenin") (1961)
Symphony No. 14 in g minor, Op. 135 (1969)

ALL-SHOSTAKOVICH PROGRAM (SUN 10/22)

Symphony No. 8 in c minor, Op. 65 (1943)
Symphony No. 13 in b-flat minor, Op. 113
("Babi Yar") (1962)

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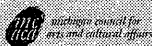
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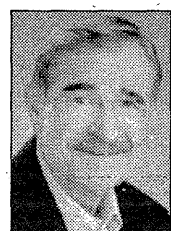
Zvi Gitelman, Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies and professor, U-M Department of Political Science, leads a special pre-concert lecture prior to the final performance of the Kirov Orchestra featuring Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13 in b-flat minor, Op. 113 ("Babi Yar"). This historic composition memorializes the Russian Jews killed at Babi Yar during World War II.

All education events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.ums.org.



This calendar will bring dazzle to days

can tell by the old calendar on the wall that we're in the home stretch of 2006. As the air turns crisper (did you know we had the earliest recorded snowfall last Thursday?) and as the leaves continue to



Off the Air with Dick Purtan & Purtan's People

Dick Purtan

Walking through the mall you can see the calendar kiosks are already in full bloom. Now, before you let your emotions get the best of you by buying a calendar full of cute kittens knocking around a ball of yarn, I'm asking you to please paws, excuse me, *pause*, for this shameless plug to promote the 2007 Purtan's People Calendar to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan, which will be out soon.

As a matter of fact, we just completed our photo shoot for the calendar.

This is an arduous process requiring hours of preparation, countless creative sessions, a lot of deep thought and a minimum amount of plagiarism to achieve the right balance between seasonality and humor.

After all, do you really think that the idea for a month - say October - just happens?

No, our crack research team pores over thousands of pages of research to come

up with just the right theme for that month.

For example, it may come as a surprise to you that October in our 2007 calendar will have a Halloween theme. Pretty original, huh?

And some of the other months' themes? Well, suffice it to say that thanks to custom-made set designs, professional hair stylists, makeup artists and spectacular costumes, you'll never look at Mother's Day, the Fourth of July, Christmas or even Groundhog Day the same again.

(By the way, no animals were hurt during the making of this calendar.)

Now, while this kind of creativity doesn't come cheap, the 2007 calendar is. For only \$12, that's just \$1 a month, you'll be able to enjoy seeing Purtan's People in great costumes and 12 fabulous scenes.

But wait, there's more! Your generous donation (yes, it's a tax write-off, too!) will help benefit the important, life-saving research that is being done at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Yes, it's the 2007 Purtan's People Calendar, coming soon to a store near you. Stay tuned; we'll tell you when to mark your current calendar for the exact date it goes on sale.

In the meantime, please don't buy that 2007 calendar you just saw with the dogs dressed up as actors in famous movie scenes.

And now if you'll excuse me, I have to go to an emergency meeting to determine how big the calendar's square date boxes should be.

Dick Purtan & Purtan's People are available on your radio 5-10 a.m. every morning on the Motor City's 104.3 WOMC (January through December).

Boxing makes way for Tigers

Due to the success of the Detroit Tigers the "Ring Kings of The Palace" boxing show at The Palace, scheduled for this Saturday, has been moved forward one day to Friday, Oct. 20.

"We have decided to support the Tigers and reschedule our boxing event. This way, Detroit sports fans don't have to choose one or the other and can enjoy two terrific nights of professional sports over this coming weekend," promoter

Joe Donofrio said.

Tickets and discount offers for the originally scheduled event date will be honored for this Friday's new date.

Tickets are \$25 reserved and \$15 general admission and are on sale now. Front row, ringside and VIP seating is available. For tickets and more information, visit www.palacenet.com or charge by phone at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.



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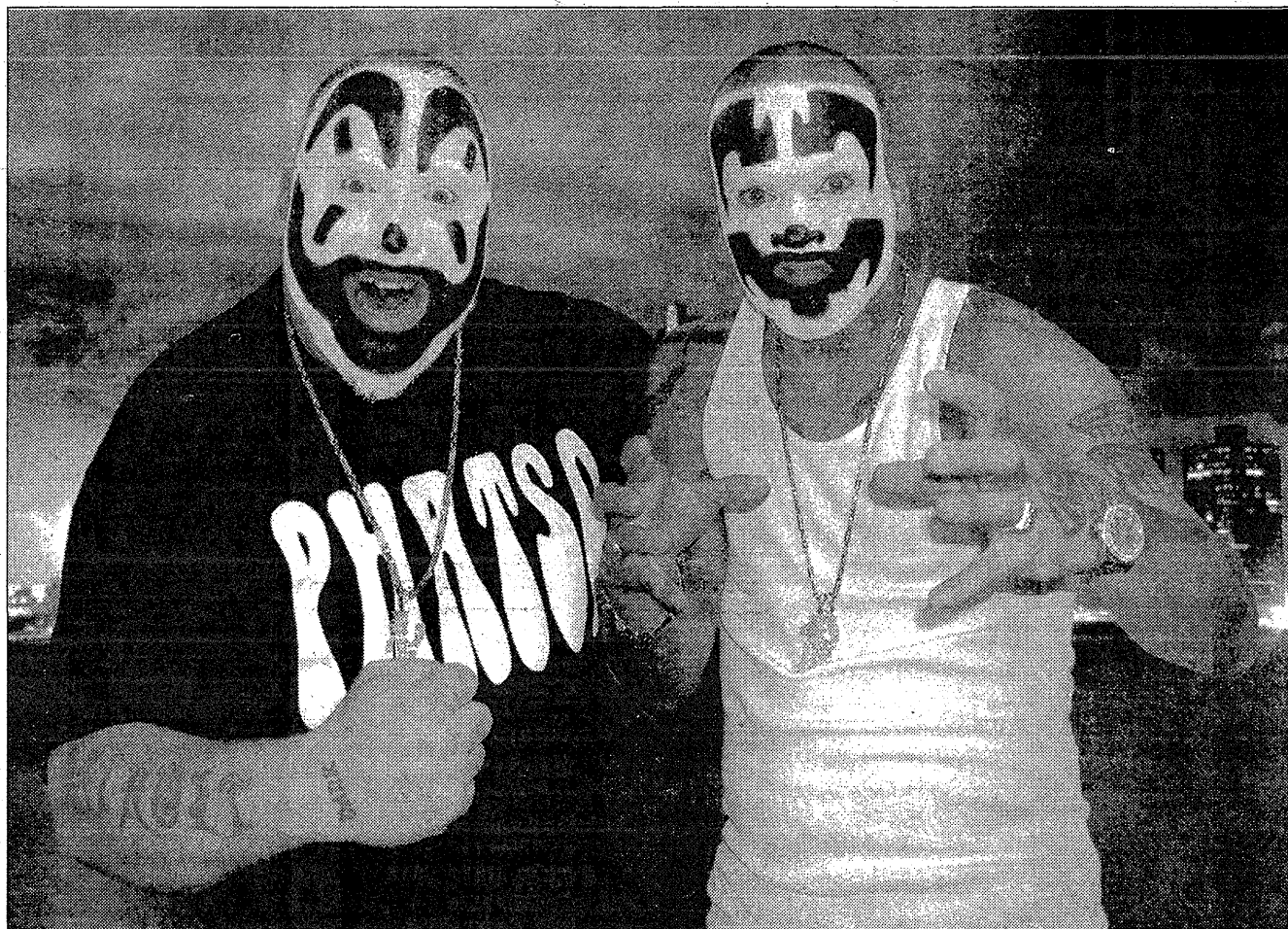
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Lucky Monkey tattoo artist Chad Hunt draws the Old English "D," while Paycheck's hosts the Big 80's Flashback Bash.

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Insane Clown Posse will perform their psycho-comic book style horror metal and then an after party the same night.

Halloween, adult style

Oh, there just HAS to be a party that fits your style

There's so much to do in metro Detroit this Halloween. Here are some of the highlights, but remember to come back to Filter next week, because there's even more:

BIG 80'S FLASHBACK BASH!

Ah, Paycheck's. The Hamtramck bar never seems to fail us as the host of holiday events.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Static Records invites you to back in time with the return the 11th annual Big

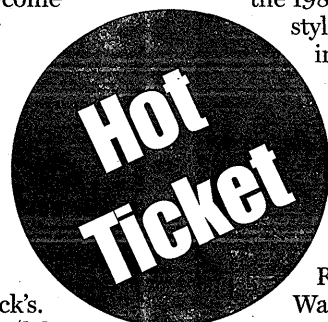
80's Flashback Bash!

The Big 80's Bash originated as a jam session of bands playing songs from the 1980s in their own style. It turned into a huge party. This year features five local acts performing '80s songs.

Performing are: Twitch, Red September, Walkin' Talkin'

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Birdmonster plays Friday, Oct. 27 at The Shelter in Detroit.

0909. Cover is \$6 and will benefit an animal shelter. Visit www.staticrecords.com

INSANE CLOWN POSSE

One of the wildest Halloween parties in Detroit will probably be Insane Clown Posse concert at the State Theatre on

October 31. If you don't make the comic-book style death metal show that night, check out the Detroit band's afterparty beginning at 10 p.m. at The Majestic Theatre in Detroit. It features wrestling and live music (hey, why not?) from

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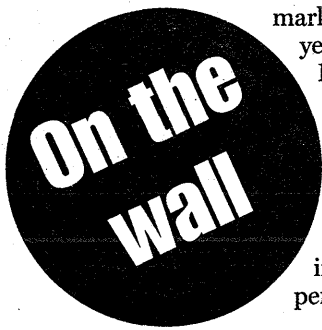
Artist's midpoint celebrated

Victor Pytko gave himself 10 years to become an accomplished painter.

The Birmingham resident appears to have succeeded.

Through Tuesday, Oct. 31, Pytko's works can be viewed in his exhibit: MID.POINT at Art Craft in Royal Oak.

Pytko's 24 acrylic and mixed media paintings in the show



mark the midpoint of a 10-year artistic journey, Pytko said.

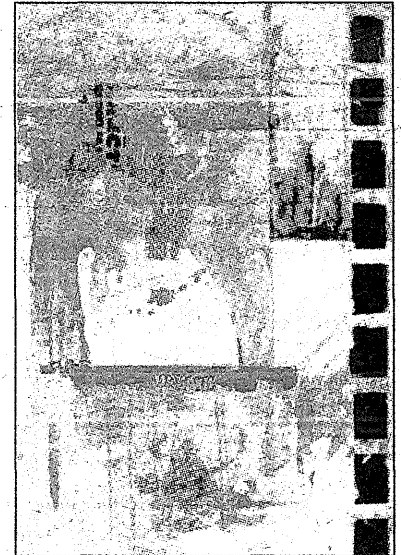
Pytko's 10-year goal is to have "the confidence, skills, and direction that will enable me to re-designate myself as an artist in the truest sense: 100 percent commitment."

An artist's reception is open to the public from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20.

Art Craft, 32410 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, (258) 549-9000. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

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Celebrate Halloween at Harpo's with Mushroomhead on Friday, Oct. 27.

Mushroomhead rocks Harpo's Halloween weekend

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It's metal at its finest and most extreme.

Forget halfway, run-of-the-mill, safe-enough for daytime television psuedo-metal.

If you want rock on Halloween weekend, here's metal to a dark extreme.

The seven-piece masked band Mushroomhead plays Harpo's, the mother bar of all metal bars, on Friday, Oct. 27.

The show promotes the new album *Savoir Sarrow* that contains epic rock, grinding hardcore and even some ethereal elements. It's the first studio appearance for Mushroomhead's new co-singer Waylon Reavis, who replaced singer J. Mann.

"Waylon brings a new dimension to the band," said Mushroomhead drummer and producer "Skinny" Steve Felton. "Not only a great frontman, but he can also scream and sing like a chameleon, changing vocal quality to adapt to the true nature of each song. His versatility is remarkable."

Mushroomhead members are vocalists Reavis and Jeffrey "Nothing" Hatrix; guitarist Dave "Gravy" Felton; keyboardist Tom "Shmotz" Schmitz; bass player Jack "Pig Benis" Kilcoyne; drummer Skinny and samples/turntables Rick "Stitch" Thomas.

The show features theatrics with rock, metal and other atmospheric elements.

The Cleveland-based alternative monster band formed in the mid-'90s and has sold more than 1 million CDs worldwide with a sound that meshes metal, alternative, hip hop and industrial.

Like Slipknot, each band member has their own identifying masks, facial disguises and individual pseudonyms. There's been an ongoing feud in the metal world on whether Slipknot "stole"

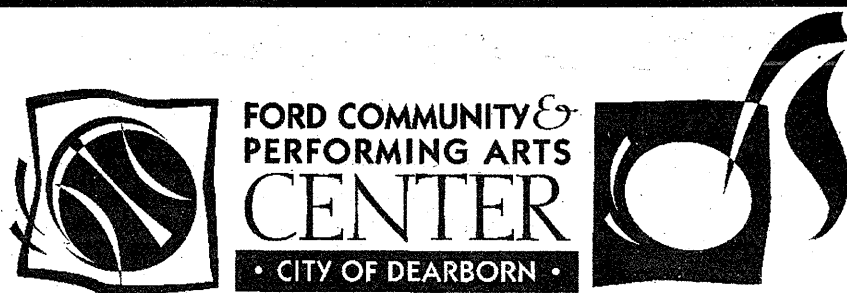
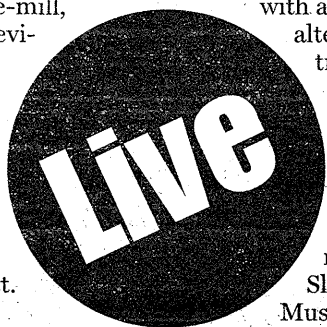
Mushroomhead's mask idea or vice versa. Either way both bands are influenced by Gwar, one of the original costumed punk/metal/horror film bands.

Most Mushroomhead members also have an X on their face. The "X Face" logo is commonly worn boldly on the masks of most members, as well as clothing and associated merchandise.

Also performing that night are Soil, Brand New Sin and the Autumn Offering. Several local bands might also perform but names were not released at press time.

Tickets are \$15. Doors open at 6 p.m. All ages welcome. Harpo's is located at 14238 Harper Ave., Detroit, (313) 824-1700.

For more information, visit www.harposconcerttheatre.com, www.mushroomhead.com or www.megaforcerecords.com.



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Directors Rachel Grady and Heidi Ewing of the controversial documentary *Jesus Camp*.

'Jesus Camp' controversy continues

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Controversy is good for films, and *Jesus Camp* is filled with it.

The documentary, shot by directors Rachel Grady and former Franklin resident Heidi Ewing, is drawing national attention. The film follows children Levi, Rachael and Tory to Pastor Becky Fischer's Kids on Fire summer camp in Devil's Lake, N.D., where kids as young as 6 years old are taught to become dedicated Christian soldiers.

In the film, Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, discusses the political power of

evangelical churches. Haggard himself meets with President Bush every Monday.

Since its release, Haggard has renounced the film.

"You can expect to learn as much about the Catholic Church from (the film) *Nacho Libre* as you can learn about evangelicalism from *Jesus Camp*," Haggard writes on his site. "This movie manipulates facts like a Michael Moore film and works the camera like *The Blair Witch Project*. It's one more 'documentary' that seems to miss the point intentionally."

Haggard said his portrayal in the film is unfair.

"They taped for hours at New Life and they chose to use the

footage where we were playing around with negative stereotypes for the use in the film, which was a major alarm for me. I think the producers want to make the unusual normative."

Directors Ewing and Grady have responded on their Web sites.

"We taped at New Life Church for an entire day. Pastor Haggard played with the camera and made jokes through both sermons. We made sure to indicate in the film (from the audience's laughter), that he was joking around with his parishioners. After the sermons he met and spoke to a child in our film who has dreams of preaching and gave him advice, which we show in a very straightforward way. His interview was also filmed modestly, sitting on the

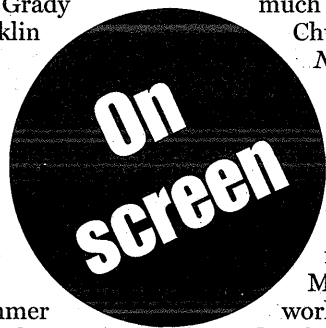
alter after his sermon. We did not put words in his mouth."

He said the agenda of the filmmakers is to show the people in the film as sinister.

"I believe secularists are hoping that Evangelical Christians and radicalized Muslims are essentially the same, which is why they will love this film. I guarantee you that the kids will go from this camp to do radical things like ... stay sexually pure until marriage ... honor their parents ... respect authority ... refuse to steal and lie. This is the way we Evangelical Christians war against the values of this world."

In response, Ewing and Grady wrote:

"As for accusing us of portraying our protagonists (people whom we've grown



PLEASE SEE DIRECTORS, E18

'Mocumentary' examines marketing world

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Years ago, Loki Mulholland believed in the concept of multi-level companies, the kind most people know as "pyramids."

He worked in that industry for three years, hoping that if he worked hard enough he could become rich.

He didn't. And neither did anyone else he knew who joined him.

Mulholland, of Utah, went to college, earned a business degree and studied documentary cinema.

His first documentary, actually a "mocumentary" titled *Believe*, will screen this Friday in Auburn Hills and Sterling Heights and covers the topic of multi-level companies with humor.

Mulholland is the writer and director of *Believe*, a film shot in just 19 days. It's a lighthearted story about the enthusiastic world of multi-level marketing, based on experiences within his own networking in that industry.

"I live in Utah, a state where



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multi-level marketing is huge," Mulholland said.

Believe tells the story of Adam Pendon (Larry Bagby) a struggling steel mill truck driver trying to support his family. When the mill closes, Pendon needs work and is approached by confident businessman Mark Fuller (Lincoln Hoppe), who offers him a plan.

Adam agrees to meet Mark at a hotel for a business chat and is introduced into the world of Believe Industries, a multi-level marketing company, and the people who are involved in it.

From there he meets others in financial need: A down-and-out couple who try hard for success; and a "self-proclaimed reformed sinner" who once lived in a

mobile home park who said Believe made him wealthy.

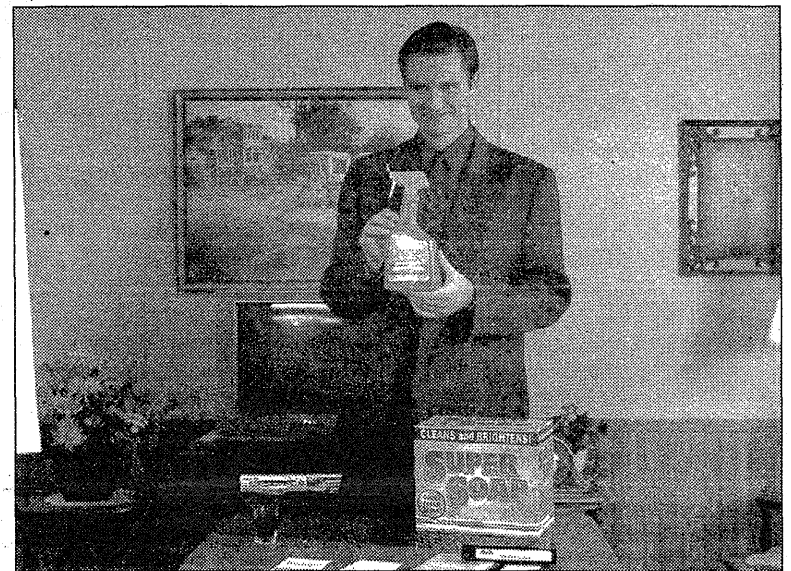
Pendon buys into the idea of Believe. He begins to make money and receive high recognition in his Believe world — until he finds out the company is misleading his fellow "believers."

The character then faces a moral dilemma to either enjoy his wealth and close his eyes, or do something for the people who he feels are being misled.

"I found these companies profit from selling the textbooks, the tapes, the educational how-to materials sold to the 'employees,'" Mulholland said. "No one is actually selling anything, I didn't see it. Those people don't make money."

Mulholland said his time working in the industry became his undercover research for his screenplay.

"Almost everyone in America, if not the Western world, has experienced multi-level marketing, whether they were directly involved as salespeople or it was an aunt, a friend at church, or Nancy down the street trying to sell them something," Mulholland said. "These worlds are so surreal and



Lincoln Hoppe plays Mark Fuller in the new mock-documentary *Believe*.

filled with so many unique characters desperately seeking success that it made for a perfect subject."

Asked if *Believe* (Taylor Street Film's, Mulholland's production company) was intentionally released in Michigan now, during the time of the gubernatorial election, and Mulholland said it's merely coincidence. He isn't from Michigan.

"There's two times a year that independent films are most released, such as October and November, because it competes as strongly as summer and Christmas time ... when big budget movies and Oscar contenders are normally released."

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The festival is all about preserving

American music.

Friday is all about blues. On Saturday, it's boogie woogie and that show celebrates the year 1938 — the year of two historic concerts performed at Carnegie Hall.

One was a show with the Benny Goodman Orchestra, marking the first time jazz music was performed in a "legitimate" concert venue. The second was John Hammond's first "From Spirituals to Swing" concert that ignited the boogie woogie craze

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Where: The Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Tickets: \$25 for one night, \$20 for students and AMRF members or \$40 for a two-day pass. Visit www.tickets.com, the Royal Oak Music Theatre Box office or call (800) 919-6272 for regular tickets. For student and member discount tickets, call (248) 478-2525.

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Detroit rockers **The Demolition Dollrods**, who vow to “pow your wow” and challenge audiences to get caught up in the moments of their sexy live shows, are on tour through Nov. 4 with rockabilly punks **The Cramps**.



The Cramps

Cramps in California, Las Vegas and Arizona.

Seems like a perfect match.

You can hear the Dollrods' blues/punk/rock on myspace.com/demolitiondollrods

Check out The Cramps on myspace.com/thecramps

YOUTUBE.COM

I'm still kicking myself for not having the hindsight to invent www.youtube.com, the massively popular Web site that simply lets people post videoclips for the



world to see. The creators are two 20-something-year-olds Steven Chen and Chad Hurley. Google acquired it for \$1.65 billion last week.

When I'm in traffic, I try to think of the next step in Internet evolution that will satisfy our Warholian ways to be noticed. First myspace.com, then youtube.com and then (fill in the blank, who knows?).

My favorite video clip can be found at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxSvFYphOu8>

Or go to youtube.com and type a search “Hippo Saves Antelope.”

There you'll see an alligator killing a young antelope for food. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a massive hippo charges the alligator and tries to save the young animal. He (or she) nudges then comforts the

injured young animal until she finally dies.

Hippos are herbivores and seeing the attempted rescue is proof once again animals also know how to love and show compassion — yet we treat them as objects.

MORE 15 MINUTES OF FAME

Watching people videotaping their vacations often puzzles me. Are they having fun videotaping everyone else having fun? Is it relaxing to videotape a sunset? I remember standing in awe, at the Louvre, as Venus de Milo was just two feet away from me. I wondered why so many people viewed her only through their video camera lens — never putting it down to actually see her with their own eyes.

But it's those video camera die-hards who also capture great travel moments, so who am I to judge?

Lonely Planet, one of my favorite travel Web sites, now lets travelers post Great Moments in Travel — three minutes or less of video footage at www.lonelyplanet.com/lessthanthree

The videos can be shot on a cellular telephone, digital camera or any other recording device provided the finished result is no larger than 20 MB.

If your video is the best, you could win a trip to Australia.

Post videos and watch, until January.

EVIL EYES

I wish I had video of this: a friend and I were shopping in a wholesale district of Los Angeles a few months back when she found a street vendor selling colored contact lenses. I begged her not to buy them, it seemed unsafe.

She did anyway and temporarily transformed her brown eyes into blue.

Over dinner later that night, her husband started intently into her eyes. Was it love and intrigue?

Nope.

Instead he shouted: “Did you know the word ‘demo’ is written across your pupils?” Cheap contacts. Hilarious.


It wasn't funny though when she opted for a second pair and within hours had a serious eye infection.

It's actually illegal to buy lenses without a prescription.

The group Prevent Blindness America reminds people this Halloween not to be suckers for the yellow, white, cat-eyed and other fun-looking lenses that often are sold illegally.

So stay safe.

Lana Mini writes for the Filter section. She can be reached at imini@hometownlife.com or (248) 901-2572.



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Many Detroit Tigers fans (both the diehard faithful and prodigal ones) were thrilled when Magglio Ordonez smacked that two-out, three-run homer last Saturday to clinch a four-game sweep for the American League championship.

Now, it's on to the World Series, and one of the most remarkable stories in Detroit sports history continues.

We love a good party at Filter, so we're giving you some suggestions on how you can enjoy the World Series with your friends or total strangers. We also want to hear your Tiger story for an upcoming story in Filter.

Go ahead. Whether it's a Justin Verlander strikeout or a Placido Polanco base hit, high-five the person next to you.

The fun starts Saturday, so enjoy.

WHERE TO WATCH THE TIGERS

Tickets are gone for the playoffs, but don't just sit at home to root for our team.

Go out and join in on the fun at some of these sports bars and establishments:

■ Buffalo Wild Wings with locations in Westland, Canton, Ferndale, Lake Orion, Mount Clemens, Sterling Heights, Novi, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. (Visit www.buffalowildwings.com for addresses and contact information.)

■ Spectadium, 2511 Livernois, Troy, (248) 362-4030, www.spectadium.com.

■ Scorekeepers Sports Bar & Grill, 310 Maynard, Ann Arbor, (734) 995-0581.

■ Hockeytown, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 965-9500, www.hockeytowncafe.com.

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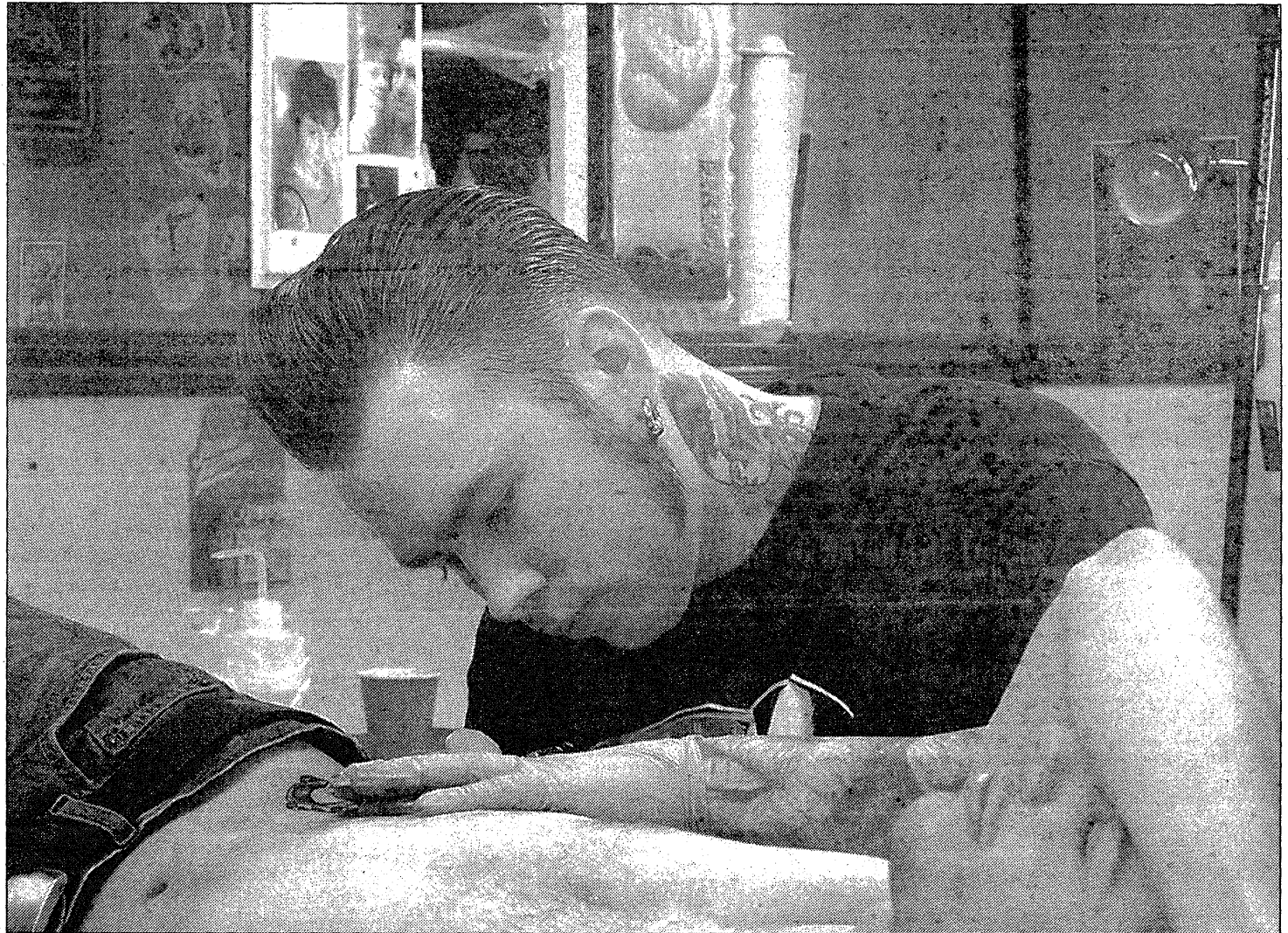
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PLEASE SEE **TIGERS, E21**



COURTESY OF LUCKY MONKEY TATTOO

Ann Arbor's Lucky Monkey tattoo artist Chad Hunt draws an Old English "D" on Tigers fan Glen Fitzhugh.

Tiger mania ... forever

Since Tiger fever hit Detroit this season, fans are making it clear their loyalty is permanent.

It's on their skin to prove it.

As momentum builds for the World Series, one way that fans are showing their support is by getting tattoos. The most popular at the moment, at Lucky Monkey Tattoo in Ann Arbor, is the Old English "D."

"We've done more than a dozen so far and more people are coming in," Lucky Monkey owner Dana Forrester said. "All ages from 18 to 60."

When the Pistons won the championship, a few fans popped into Lucky Monkey to show team spirit, but

the Old English D is by far more popular.

"It's an enduring connection to both Detroit and The Tigers."

Men typically get the tattoo on their shoulder or back and women opt to get inked on their lower backs and ankles.

How much does it cost?

A smaller shoulder tattoo runs about \$50 and takes about an hour to complete.

A large back tattoo can take six to 10 hours and cost \$500, Forrester said.

Painful? Perhaps. But anything for our Tigers, right?

Lana Mini

HOW ARE YOU CELEBRATING?

Show us your Tiger fever! Is your kid dressing as Maggs (Magglio Ordonez) for Halloween? Has the decor in front of your house changed from Halloween to Tiger mania? Are you hosting or attending Tiger parties? Tell us how and where you'll watch the game and how you show your team spirit. Show us the action! You can even send a jpeg photo if you like. Send us an e-mail that includes your name, telephone number, city where you live and your Tiger celebration details. Subject line: Tiger Fever. E-mail: imini@oe.homecomm.net

Family Fun at Halloween

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The possibilities are so large, it's scary. Grab a costume, get the kids and get ready for some fun.

If you want to be trendy, the hottest costumes this year are Superman, Batman, Supergirl, Freddy and Jason. But the No. 1 costume so far is the pirate (thank you, Johnny Depp).

"Pirates are huge this year," said Mary Ellen Turner of Party City stores. "And they come in all shapes and sizes, from toddlers to adults. We think customers will find a lot of them on their doorsteps this Halloween night."

And it's not just we humans dressing up. Twenty-nine percent of dog and cat owners say their animals will wear a costume this year and 21 percent will take their pet trick or treating.

Most of the animals will probably wear pumpkin or devil costumes.

Those are the two most popular animal costume themes along with witches, princesses, insects and angels.

According to the survey by Pet Supplies Plus, 1 out of 4 of the survey respondents said they are planning on matching their pet's costume with their own.

A couple of costume tips for pet owners: Make sure the costume doesn't interfere with a pet's vision, and that it is easy to remove.

Costumes should not have foil, buttons or other objects that can be swallowed by a dog or cat. Never cover a pet's nose or mouth with a costume. If the animal looks uncomfortable, remove the costume. Never force an animal to wear a costume. Make sure that your pet is wearing proper identification at all times.

Once you're all dressed, here are events suitable for all ages.

GRIZELDA THE WITCH AND GREAT LAKES CROSSING

Club GLC Halloween Spooktacular in the District 6 area of the Great Lakes Crossing Food Court at noon Saturday, Oct. 28, features a witch show with a les-

son.

It goes like this:

Grizelda the Witch never did her homework and now she can't fly. But thanks to a secret recipe and a giant cauldron, she gets some help from magic.

Grizelda learns success requires desire, commitment and hard work. There's monstrous illusions, audience participation and eerie music plus free cider and doughnuts courtesy of Westview Orchards. Visit www.shopgreatlakescrossing.com.

FRIGHTS AND BITES AT THE TOWNSEND HOTEL

The Townsend Hotel hosts *Afternoon Tea's Haunted Halloween Party* for kids and adults from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, featuring a buffet menu of pumpkin-shaped sandwiches, miniature hot dogs, chicken fingers, miniature caramel apples and many other treats for kids. Adults can indulge in finger sandwiches, cinnamon chip scones, hot tea and a chef's trio of tea pastries among other dishes.

Admission for children 12 and under is \$18.95 and \$24.95 for adults. Reservations are required. Call (248) 203-8128 or (313) 300-0234. The Townsend is located at 100 Townsend St. in Birmingham.

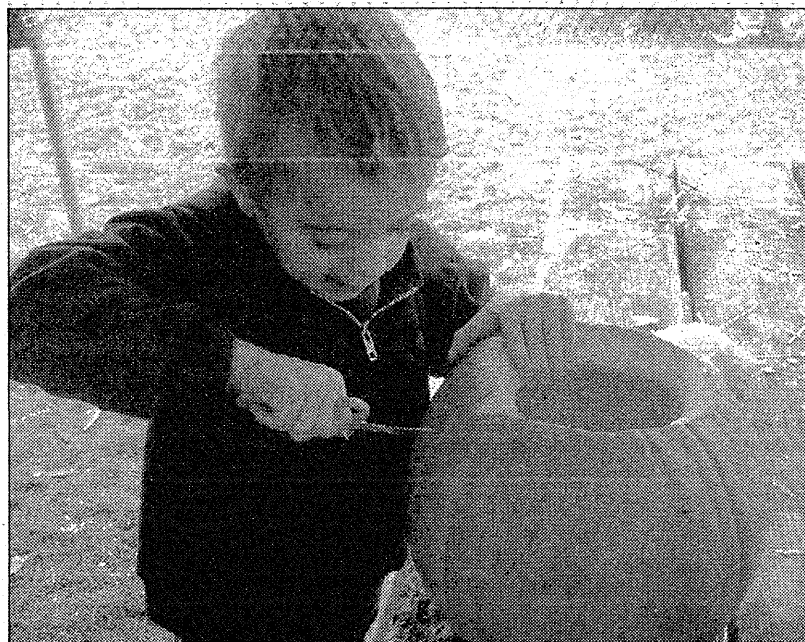
GHASTLY IN ROYAL OAK

Have a Ghastly Good Weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 27-29, in downtown Royal Oak.

Presented by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the event offers adults the opportunity to shop at the third annual "Scary Sale," while a number of restaurants and gathering places will host special costume parties and Halloween menus on Oct. 27 and 28.

Then, from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, more than 3,000 goblins, monsters, ghosts and other-worldly creatures will descend for the "Spooktacular Trick or Treating."

Trick or treating takes place along Main Street, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Washington.



David Harrell Jr. carves his jack-o'-lantern last year. Rochester hosts a Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, Oct. 28, where visitors can carve pumpkins that will later be part of a giant display of lit jack-o'-lanterns called The Great Pumpkin Wall. Visit www.downtownrochestermi.com for details.

"This is our way of opening up our stores and offering a safe alternative for parents to take their kids trick or treating," said Shirley Smith, vice chair of the DDA.

A photographer will be available on the green space at Fourth Street, near the corner of Center Street, to capture the festivities and provide keepsake photos for \$5.

CRITTERS OF THE NIGHT

Take a walk through the dark woods in Rochester Hills from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20. Admission is \$3 for kids and \$5 for

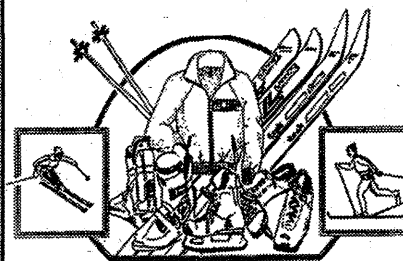
adults.

Starting at City Hall, the Costumed Critters of the Night takes you along the trails near the city environmental center where you can meet "costumed" squirrels, bats and raccoons. Come in costume or in street clothes.

It all ends with a bonfire, snacks and hayride back to your car. No flashlights needed. Reservations required. The event is located at 1115 W. Avon Road, Rochester Hills.

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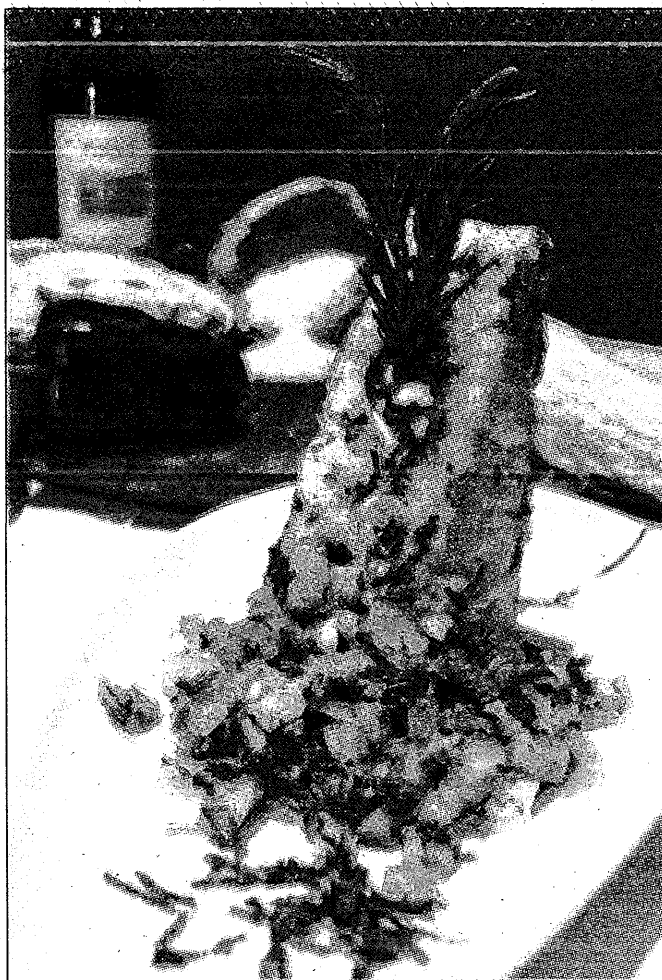
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Crush restaurant in Southfield serves this Roasted Roma Bruschetta garnished with Roma Picchio.

Crush

Showcasing food and wine to perfection

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

That's not a used menu and wine list with wine stains on it!

Such creative art is a subtle reminder that the newly opened Crush restaurant in Southfield is "all about food and wine," as owner/partner Nikki Leininger put it.

Michael Thibault and his wife Susan, owners of Waves restaurant in St. Clair Shores, as well as Thibault and Moore Catering Company, partnered with Leininger in establishing a restaurant venue that's innovative or as they put it, out to "create, cultivate and capture" not only your attention but your taste buds.

Except for the building footprint, all trappings of the former restaurant occupant Deep Blue, and

before that Joe Muer's Grill, have been colored gone. What a diner sees now is a Chicago-like, hip, modern, sophisticated and sleek décor in a tri-color scheme: deep, rich earth tones from wood and granite, light butter-cream walls and a long vivid red banquette with the same red accenting chair seats at white clothed tables and bar stools at the handsome bar.

A temperature-controlled wine cellar, front and center, has an intelligent design. Wines are stored in the middle of a glass enclosure and a diner can actually view wine being fetched. Wine aficionados who'd like to store their own wines can become owners of a private wine locker in a different temperature-controlled room.

WHY THE NAME?

If you're familiar with the wine-making process, then you know that

crush is the term domestic wine-makers use for the labor-intensive process of picking grapes and readying them for fermentation. From September through November for winemakers, vineyard and cellar workers, crush means 16-hour days, seven days per week.

Thus, when Crush chef Steven Patrick references his cooking style as wine country and vineyard-style food, he has in mind the cooking that's done in wine countries around the globe to celebrate the annual harvest.

"At Crush, the harvest festival is celebrated daily," Patrick said.

A glance at his menu tells a diner that Patrick cooks with wine. So, I asked him if a wise wine selection would be to accompany a dish cooked with pinot gris, with a selection of that varietal from the savvy wine list.

"No, that's not my intention," he said. "I gear my food preparations to the breadth of palate experience. As an example, if a diner orders Beef



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Tenderloin in the style of Florence, a red wine from a pinot noir to a zinfandel will match perfectly. What creates the match with a broad range of wines is the use of pink salt and charred lemon in the preparation. I do similar things with every menu selection."

So, a diner gets a great match without struggling with the wine list? "Correct." Patrick's California wine country cooking résumé is long and impressive. His talent for harmonizing food and wine comes from years of experience.

WHAT CHEF SUGGESTS

"Point your finger at any section of the menu (which is the same throughout the day) and choose something," he challenged. "If you don't like the dish, tell your server to return it to the kitchen and choose again."

Where to point? There's no obligatory Caesar Salad or Michigan Whitefish. How exhilarating! Everything reads "delicious." Intriguing is the use of French and Italian words. "It's a global wine world," Patrick chided. Indeed, it is and a menu that dares to serve Whole Roasted Ham Hock with little Mexican red beans and Amarone Pan Jus is off-center enough to be thinking outside the culinary box.

CRUSH

Where: 30855 Southfield Road (west side, just south of 13 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 220-1140.

Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Food style: Vineyard-style food with attention to wine pairings.

Cost: Starters and small plates \$4.50-\$10 and main dishes \$12-\$25.

Reservations: For parties of eight or more only.

Totally elating.

EXTRAS

A huge menu temptation is the many bread selections and artisan cheeses. Pair both with Salade La Brasseries and a bottle of wine. It's a trip to wine country in Southfield.

Server-described desserts are also wine-paired. How? You need to make your way to Crush and find out. There are many nuggets to discover being prepared in the kitchen behind the waterfall wall!

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

American Harvest opens for dinner

The fall and winter menus will reflect the bounty and quality of local farms and regional suppliers, while chef/instructors at Schoolcraft College hope the very best in Michigan and American comfort foods will grace the dinner menu at the college's American Harvest.

The restaurant opened for dinner Wednesday.

"We will continue to present high quality cuisine," said Bruce Konowalow, director of Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department. "We have created a menu where the quality, food and price are very attractive."

Konowalow said the most expensive entrées — the grilled New York strip steak and char grille venison — will cost about \$22, with other entrees priced in the \$15 to \$17 range.

Other main dishes include Lake Superior whitefish,

smoked center-cut pork chops, mushroom dusted sea scallops, a veal and pork meat loaf, half a butter-roasted farm grown chicken and vegetarian polenta lasagna. There also will be nightly specials, as well as appetizers, soups and salads.

The restaurant will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 6-9 p.m. Reservations are encouraged but

walk-in patrons will be welcomed. For reservations, call (734) 462-4488.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online.

The Flint Institute of Music is hosting an all-new wine dinner featuring wine maker Fred Fisher at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the Flint Institute of Music, 1025 E. Kearsley in

Flint. This elegant evening will feature a portfolio of Fisher wines paired with an eight-course meal, prepared by Fandangles' chef Steven Lowry. Several lots of wine from Fisher Vineyards private cellar will also be available for bid in an accompanying silent auction.

The cost is \$275 for FIM members and \$300 for non-members. Reservations are limited to the first 75 people and must be made by Nov. 3 by calling (810) 237-3111.

This event will benefit the programs at the FIM. Fandangles' Tom Price was instrumental in arranging for Fisher Vineyards' participation.

Consistently rated in the 1990s by *Wine Spectator Magazine*, Fisher Vineyards was founded in 1973 by Fred and Juelle Fisher. The winery is nestled on the western slope of Mayacamas Mountains which divide Napa and Sonoma Valleys.

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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

Annie Leibovitz: *American Music*, intimate portraits of those influenced by American roots music, through Jan. 7, www.dia.org.

Flint Institute of Arts

Exhibit of *Excavating Egypt, Great Discoveries* from the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, University College, London, through Jan. 7, *Rembrandt: The Consummate Etcher and Other 17th Century Printmakers*, 40 prints, through Nov. 5, Graphics Gallery, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.org

ART GALLERIES

Ariana Gallery

20/20, light and dark exhibit shared with River's Edge, of photographic innovator Patricia Izzo, opens Oct. 21, meet Izzo from 6-10 p.m. that evening; exhibit through Nov. 30, 119 S. Main, Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810.

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, urban views exhibition with Arms, Christo, Mershimer, Murphy and others, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

Art House Gallery

Exhibition of drawings, paintings, photographs, sculpture created within 10 blocks of the gallery, through Oct. 22, 215 W. Cady, Northville, www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/ArtsCommission/ArtHouse.htm.

David Klein Gallery

Milton Resnick Back on 10th Street, Paintings from 1957-1959, through Nov. 25, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 433-3700, dkgallery.com.

Ellen Kayrod Gallery

In There, Out There: Robert Sestok, through Nov. 17, at the Hannan House, 4750 Woodward (southeast corner of Woodward and Hancock), Detroit, (313) 833-1300, Ext. 18, www.hannan.org.

Flatlanders Arts Galleries

A Life's Work, Denise Keeley, through Nov. 12, reception with the family, from 7-10 p.m. Oct. 21, entertainment by the Dave Gierke Band, sales benefit Denise Keeley scholarship fund at Siena Heights University, 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield, (517) 486-4591.

Lawrence Street Gallery

think small, through Oct. 27, 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale www.lawrencestreetgallery.com, (248) 544-0394.

Lotus Gallery

Exhibition of The Colored Pencil Society of America, Michigan Chapter 104, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, through Oct. 27, (734) 453-7400.

River's Edge Gallery

20/20, shared light and dark exhibit with Ariana Gallery of photographic innovator Patricia Izzo, opens Oct. 20, meet Izzo from 6-10 p.m. that evening, exhibit through Nov. 30, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

Oakland University Art Gallery

STILL LIFE-Invisible Cities, urban idiosyncratic images, through Nov. 12, open from noon to 5 p.m. except on Mondays, located next to



Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, (248) 370-3005.

Oakland University Art Gallery

New York Narratives, through Nov. 12, next to Meadow Brook Theatre, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Collective: Ceramic Works from a Collaborative Studio, through Nov. 11, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Darcel Deneau: Urban Landscapes, through Nov. 11, First Floor Gallery, 407 Pine (corner of Fourth), Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Landscapes on Location, watercolors by Carol LaChiusa, through Oct. 30. Regular hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment, 774 N. Sheldon Road Plymouth, (734) 416-4278.

Posner Gallery

Objects and Atmospheres: The Art of Nancy Thayer (painter) and *Russell Thayer* (sculptor), through Oct. 28, 2253 Cole, Birmingham, info@posnergallery.net, (248) 258-9977.

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art

Impending Luminosity, Patricia Gagic, through Oct. 31, 109 N. Center, Northville, www.sherrusgallery.com, (248) 380-0470.

Zeitgeist

Dia de los Muertos with various artists, noon to 7 p.m. Nov. 2; gallery opening and performance by The Space Band and Very-Large Puppets, 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 3, 2661 Michigan Ave., Detroit, (313) 965-9192, www.zeitgeistdetroit.org.

ART, ETC.

Eastern Michigan University

Hyperflux: Work from CalArts, 1999-2004, through Nov. 22, Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti (734) 487-0465.

Kresge Art Museum

Tools in Motion: Works from the Hechinger Collection, through Nov. 5, first floor of the Kresge Art Center, on Michigan State University campus, www.artmuseum.msu.edu, (517) 355-7631.

Livonia Civic Center Library

Ninth Exhibition of Fine Arts with 50 area artists, 32777 Five Mile (east of Farmington Road), (734) 466-2490.

Michigan Water Color Society

Fifty-ninth annual Exhibition Travel Show, water media paintings, through Oct. 27,

Artcenter Traverse City, 720 Elmwood, Traverse City, mwcsart.com, (886) 242-0120.

Sisson Gallery

Mignonette Yin Cheng, through Oct. 31, Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Wayne State University

Rex Lamoureux Collects, limited number of pieces by artists donated to WSU, Oct. 20 to Nov. 22, opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 20, Community Arts Gallery, 450 Reuther Hall (at Cass between West Kirby and Palmer), (313) 577-2203.

Wayne State University

Wenda Gu - Reflections, through Nov. 3, Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit, (313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.edu.

CLASSICAL

Birmingham Temple

Matt Haimovitz, cellist, and Micah Yui, pianist, part of Vivace Music Series, 8:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road (between Inkster and Middlebelt roads), Farmington Hills, \$18-\$21, for tickets call (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Baroque at its Best, doors open at 7:45 p.m. for 8:30 p.m. performance Oct. 20, \$10-\$20 advance tickets, \$5 more at the door, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Woodward, (248) 559-2095.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Hamelin Plays Brahms, Oct. 19-21; The Philosopher, Oct. 26-28, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111.

First Presbyterian Church

Mozart Anniversary Concert with conductor Tom Trenney and soprano Adele Crawford, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 540-9124 or hsbay@sbc-global.net.

Orchestra Canton

Diamonds, Denim & Dvorak, 8 p.m. Oct. 21, \$10-\$20, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton, (734) 394-5460, tickets also available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

University Musical Society,

Shostakovich Centennial Festival

Kirov Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theatre, Oct. 21-22, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$10-\$75, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

University Musical Society

The Florestan Trio, 8 p.m. Oct. 19, \$18-\$38,

Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538.

Wayne State University

Sunday Concert Series features DSO members and WSU faculty Robert Conway and Robert deMaine, Beethoven Sonatas for piano and violin, 3 p.m. Oct. 22 and 29, free, Schaver Music Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit, (313) 577-1795, www.music.wayne.edu

COUNTRY

WYCD's Holiday Concert

Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16, The Palace, \$30-\$50, (248) 645-6666, palacenet.com, The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster locations.

CLUBS

220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American nouveau cuisine, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

313.Jac's

Located upstairs at Jacoby's, 624 Brush in Bricktown, (313) 962-7067, 21 and over, doors open 10 p.m., cover \$5, www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm.

Bachelor's One

bugs Beddow band, Oct. 27-28, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 682-2295.

Blue Martini

Live music from 8-11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, (248) 258-3005.

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Buddha Lounge

Thursday, DJ Shug plays super sonic smooth music and beer pong tournament. Saturdays DJ Terrence Parker & Mo Reese; Sundays, Karaoke; Tuesdays, Deep House; Wednesdays Jamtram jazz band. www.gobuddha.net, (313) 535-4664.

The Buzz Bar

546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800, www.buzzdetroit.com

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip-hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit, (313) 235-2233.

Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food, dancing, music, 2 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 322-5550.

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid-back, small, friendly, 22824 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 546-8331.

Dino's Lounge

Live bands on weekends, hip, laid back, friendly, 22740 Woodward, just south of Nine Mile in Ferndale, (248) 591-DINO.

Elysium

Lounge, dance and happy hour from 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 962-2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit. www.elysium-lounge.com.

Fiamma Grille

Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

Gator Jake's

DJ Tony T, Wednesday-Friday, 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, (586) 983-3700, www.gator-jakes.com.

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

Leland City Club

Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley, Detroit, www.lelandcityclub.com.

The Locker Room Saloon

Wild Wednesdays with DJ Oz, Trivia Night and Ladies Night Thursdays, Funky Fridays with DJ Paul, Insane Saturdays with DJ Oz, 7790 Auburn, Utica, (586) 731-3323, www.locker-roomsaloon.com, www.ckpep.com.

The Magic Bag

Core Effect with One More August, Social Fever and Allright Junior, Oct. 21, Victor Wooten, Oct. 29, Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, Nov. 2, Leon Russell, Nov. 3, Ryan Star, Nov. 6, Robyn Hitchcock & The Venus Three (featuring Peter Buck), Nov. 9; 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagic-bag.com.

X/S

High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) 963-9797.

Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites.

The restaurant also features live jazz every night of the week, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

Wild Woody's

DJ Doug E Fresh, Thursday-Saturday, 32500 Gratiot, Roseville, (586) 294-5331, www.wild-woodys.com.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Jimmy Pardo, Oct. 19-21; Jimmy Dore, Oct. 26-27; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; Ricky Harris and Snowcone, Oct. 19-21; Rasheed and Mary Ann, Oct. 26-28; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Improv Inferno

Citizen Improv, 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Super Fun Karaoke, 10 p.m. Wednesdays; The Catfight, 8 p.m. Thursdays; High Octane, 10 p.m. Thursdays; Biff! Bang! Pow!, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The Damnation Game, 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The X Show, midnight, Fridays and Saturdays; The Corner, 7 p.m. Sundays, Get Up! Stand Up!, 8:30 p.m. Sundays; The Weekend Wild Card, 10 p.m. Sundays; The Sweet Spot with Eye Candy, 11 p.m. Sundays, 309 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 214-7080, www.improvinferno.com.

Joey's Comedy Club

36071 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, also has comedy at second location, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885; www.joeyscomey.com.

Second City

Bobble Heads of State, performances are Wednesday-Sunday, held over through Oct. 29, \$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River, Novi, call (248) 348-4448. For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or www.ticketmaster.com.

DANCE

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

Opens season with joint concert with Houston Metropolitan Dance Company 8 p.m. Oct. 28, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, \$8-\$16, (248) 370-3013 or Star Tickets Plus at www.starticketsplus.com

FAMILY

America's Family Pet Expo

Visit with more than 1,000 animals appearing in stage shows, competitions and demonstrations; engage in one-on-one learning sessions; adopt a pet, or get a jump on holiday shopping for gifts for pets and pet lovers, Nov. 17-19, Rock Financial Showplace, Novi, public is asked not to bring pets to expo, www.PetExpoNovi.com or call (800) 999-7295.

Corn Maze

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, through Oct. 29, ticket includes a hayride to the Maze, a walk through the maze, and a tour of Maybury Farm (on Eight Mile just west of Beck Road in Northville), last wagon to the maze leaves at 8 p.m., proceeds help pay winter bills at the farm, groups of 20 or more may tour throughout the week, (248) 374-0200.

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *As Time Goes By*, new exhibit about the aging process, and *A Journey to Our Future*, now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

FESTIVAL

Sugarloaf Art Fair

Pottery, paintings, pendants, painted silk and other crafts from 300 artists and craft designers, Oct. 20-22, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi, \$7, (800) 210-9900, www.SugarloafArtFair.com

FILM

Detroit Film Theatre

Overlord, Oct. 19-21; inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, for tickets, call (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft.

FUND-RAISERS

A Taste of the D

Beer tasting with 10 Michigan breweries, restaurant food samplings, wine tasting with Gala Rouge, entertainment, silent auction benefits Detroit Historical Society, 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 20 at Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward (corner of Kirby), in Detroit's Cultural Center, tickets \$15 (for society members), \$20 for others in advance, \$25 at door, to reserve tickets, www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo or call (313) 833-7935.

Cookies N' Dreams

Fund-raiser for Friends of Camp Mak-A-Dream, taste cookies from bakeries and vote for best ones, The Candy Band, arts and crafts, face painting, photos with Cookie Monster, food, 5-8 p.m. Oct. 26, Somerset Collection North in Troy, \$55-\$500, children under 17 pay their age, (248) 539-9970.

HOLIDAY SHOWS

The Palace

Trans-Siberian Orchestra, 8 p.m. Dec. 8, \$39.50-\$49.50, Tickets available at Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations, (248) 645-6666.

JAZZ

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Wally's Warehouse Waifs at Halloween-themed dance, costumes encouraged, smoke-free room, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road (between Seven and Eight Mile roads) in Livonia, \$15, for tickets call Bill Knowles, (248) 478-0172.

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

Jazz and dinner

"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph



FESTIVAL FUND-RAISER

A tribute to Maynard Ferguson and fund-raiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival features Johnny Trudell (pictured) and the Johnny Trudell Big Band, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), Livonia. For each ticket, send \$15 check payable to Michigan Jazz Festival to Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, 48152. Call (248) 474-2720 for information.

St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

Tribute to Maynard Ferguson

Fund-raiser for the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival featuring The Johnny Trudell Big Band, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), Livonia, for each ticket, send \$15 check payable to Michigan Jazz Festival to Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, 48152, (248) 474-2720.

MORE MUSIC

Celebrate Peace Concert

Snatam Kaur, GuruGanesha Singh and Krishan, 7-9 p.m. Nov. 9, First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, 4001 Ann Arbor Saline Road, \$20-\$25, www.spiritvovagelive.com

Dearborn's Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

Bo Diddley and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, tickets range from \$37-\$45 and are available at the Center's box office, by calling (313) 943-2354 or visiting www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

Kirk in the Hills

Organist Glenn Miller, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29, \$10-\$15, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills (248) 626-2515.

Magic Stick & The Majestic

Located 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700, Ext. 203.

KerryTown

415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, reservations recommended, (734) 769-2999, www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com.

Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Trinity House

Tracy Kash Thomas, 8 p.m. Nov. 10, 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275), Livonia, \$10, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

Wayne State University

Walter White, classical and jazz trumpeter, fall artist-in-residence, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28, Schaver Music Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock,

Detroit, Oct. 8 concert is free, \$5-\$8 for Nov. 28 performance, www.music.wayne.edu, (313) 577-1795.

Wayne State University Concert Chorus

Performs 7 p.m. Oct. 20 to celebrate St. Jude's Church's 65th anniversary at the church, 15865 E. Seven Mile in Detroit, \$5-\$8, (313) 577-1795, www.music.wayne.edu.

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum

20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is *It's a Nano World*. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission is \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show, *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time*, \$6, shows run indefinitely, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

OPERA

Michigan Opera Theatre

Porgy and Bess, Oct. 21, \$28-\$100, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit (313) 237-7464, www.MichiganOpera.org, (248) 645-6666, www.Ticketmaster.com.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park

Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work table, porcelain sink and monitor top refrigerator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

Birthplace of the Model T

Historic Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., first and third Saturdays through October, \$10, 461 Piquette (at Beubien), Detroit, tours by appointment available for groups of 10 or more, for reservations, call (586) 416-4191, or visit www.tplex.org.

Macomb Cultural Center

Open on campus of Macomb Community College with science and space exploration programs through Dec. 1, www.macombculturalcenter.com, (586) 445-7348.

Michigan's Family Album

Special historical photography exhibit of 1,200 photographs from David Tinder collection, runs through Jan. 14, 2007, Michigan Historical Museum, inside Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, for more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

Ballroom dancing

From 8-11 p.m. third Friday each month, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1830.

Amtrak excursion

Trip to Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum from Birmingham and Dearborn, Oct. 21, sponsored by Detroit Historical Society and National Railway Historical Railway Society's Bluewater Michigan Chapter, \$85, (248) 541-1000, www.bluewaternrhs.com, www.detroithistorical.org.

Movies at the Redford Theatre

Located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537-2560.

Isha Yoga

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Nov. 1-6, Pi Ballroom,

28847 Franklin, Southfield, (586) 484-3081 or e-mail detroit@ishafoundation.org.

THEATER — COMMUNITY

Avon Players

Proof, Oct. 27-29, Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 10-11, 1185 Washington Road, Rochester Hills, \$14, reserve by calling (248) 608-9077.

The Community House

Aladdin Jr., presented by Sara Smith Productions, Nov. 4-5, \$10-\$30, proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre, performances in Wallace Ballroom of The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com

Downriver Actors Guild

The Rocky Horror Show, 8 p.m. Oct. 21, 27 and 28, and midnight show Oct. 28, Huron High School Civic Auditorium, 32044 Huron River Road, New Boston, www.downriveractorsguild.org, (734) 374-3906.

Heart of the Hills Players

A senior community theatre group, presents *Cruisin' Broadway*, Nov. 9-11, Warren Community Center Theater, 5460 Arden, Warren, \$12, for information, call (248) 650-3871 or visit www.hohplayers.org, for tickets call (248) 608-9008.

Oakland Theatre Guild

My Fair Lady, Oct. 20-22, Oct. 27-29, Starlight Theater, inside Summit Place Mall (between Kohl's and Claire's stores), 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford, (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheater.net/Box_Office.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

The Full Monty, Oct. 13-28, \$16-\$18, (play contains adult language, situations and brief nudity), 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587, www.StDunstansTheatre.com.

Village Players of Birmingham

34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Numerous musicals, movies, concerts, magic, dinner theater, bands, kids' shows, orchestra and comedy. Open for free tours, art exhibition and tickets: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday. Charge tickets by phone: (734) 394-5460. Visit www.canton-mi.org/village theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road (corner of Ridge), Canton.

THEATER — COLLEGE

Eastern Michigan University Theatre

Noises Off, through Oct. 21, Quirk Theatre on EMU's campus, (734) 487-1221, www.emich.edu/public/cta/cted

Meadow Brook Theatre

Frankenstein, through Nov. 5, Same Time Next Year, Jan. 10 to Feb. 4, single tickets are \$22-\$38, on the campus of Oakland University, (248) 377-3300 or (248) 370-3316 (group sales), www.mbttheatre.com.

Oakland University's Music, Theatre and Dance department

Pan Jumbies Steel Drum/Akwaaba African Drum & Xylophone Ensemble, Nov. 10; By Jupiter, Nov. 17; Dances Across Time, Dec. 1, call Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 or email mtd@oakland.edu.

THEATER — PROFESSIONAL

Purple Rose Theater

137 Park, Chelsea, call (734) 433-7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org.

Fisher Theatre

3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Breathe Art Theatre

Call (519) 980-0607 in Windsor or (313) 965-1515 in Detroit.

Royal Shakespeare Company returns to Ann Arbor

The University Musical Society's 2006-07 season is in full swing, including the return of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The Royal Shakespeare Company conducts its three-week residency with performances of *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Julius Caesar*, and *The Tempest*.

The residency includes 21 public performances with seven performances of each title, 40 public educational events and more than 100 private events with high school and university students in southeastern Michigan.

The performances run from Tuesday, Oct. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 12, at Power Center for Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St. in Ann Arbor.

This residency, A Festival of Shakespeare's Classics, is the third since 2001, when the University of Michigan became the first American university to partner with the RSC. The plays are part of the RSC's Complete Works Festival, which began in April 2006 in Stratford-upon-Avon. Ann Arbor is the only city in the United States to host these plays.

British actor Patrick Stewart, an honorary associate artist with the RSC and Capt. Jean-Luc Picard of *Star Trek* fame, performs the leading roles of Antony in *Antony and Cleopatra* (with

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY 2006

What: A festival of Shakespeare's classics, including *Antony and Cleopatra* with Patrick Stewart as Antony and Harriet Walter as Cleopatra; *Julius Caesar* with James Hayes as Julius Caesar, John Light as Brutus and Finbar Lynch as Cassius, and *The Tempest* with Patrick Stewart as Prospero.

When: Tuesday, Oct. 24 to Sunday, Nov. 12.

Where: Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor.

Tickets: \$30-\$150.

For tickets and additional information, contact the University Musical Society ticket office at (734) 764-2538, or visit www.ums.org. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Michigan League ticket office 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. The UMS ticket office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and is closed Sunday.

Harriet Walter as Cleopatra) and Prospero in *The Tempest*. As in past residencies, the plays will utilize ensemble casting, with an estimated 28 actors performing in all three titles.

The RSC's ensemble nature allows audiences to follow the company's actors in a number of repertoire productions while providing an expert training environment for its actors,

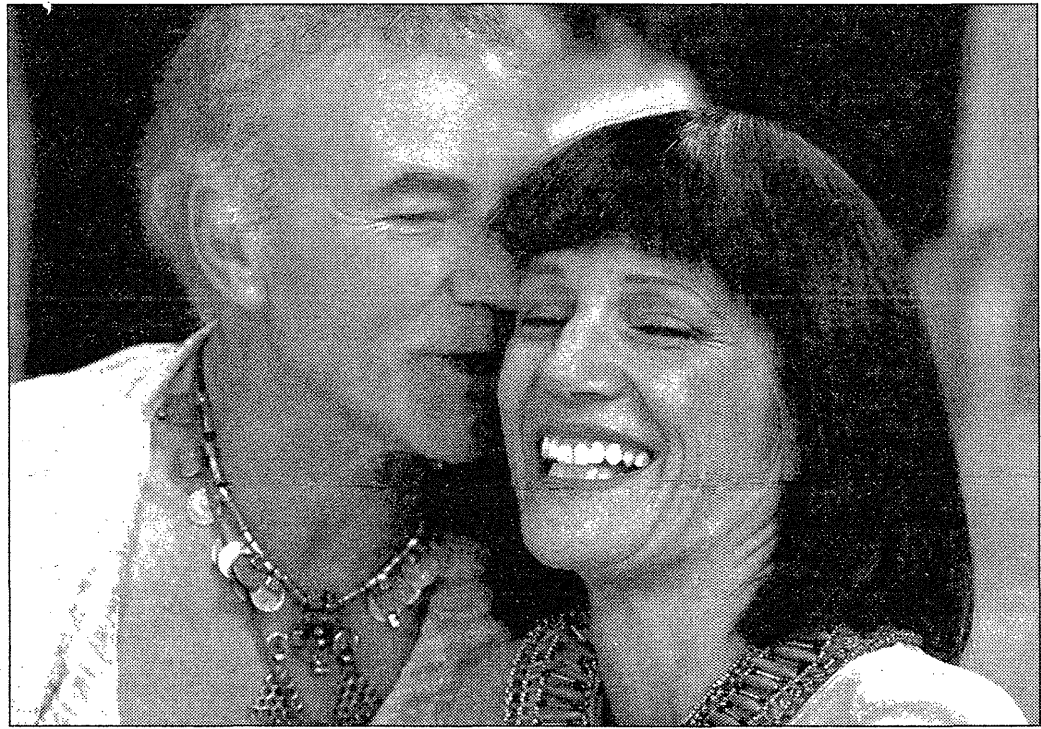


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Patrick Stewart and Harriet Walter perform the roles of Antony and Cleopatra in the production of *Antony and Cleopatra* as part of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

directors and theatre artists. Under the leadership of artistic director Michael Boyd, the RSC continually strives to engage more people in the experience of live theatre through its production, education and outreach work.

OTHER PERFORMANCES

The three Scandinavian sopranos who comprise Trio Mediæval return at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. Trio Mediæval performs with material from their diverse repertoire of songs from France, England and Norway.

Dan Zanes & Friends return to

Ann Arbor after their 2005 debut with two family performances at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Nov. 18 at Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Zanes showcases his fun and unique take on children's songs, and pianist Jonathon Biss makes his UMS debut in recital at 8 p.m. the same day at Hill Auditorium.

The 2006-07 Global Series celebrating Mexico and the Americas continues with Mexican string quartet Cuarteto Latinoamericano and Cuban guitarist Manuel Barrueco performing a program of Spanish and Latin American music at 4 p.m. Nov. 19 at Rackham Auditorium.

The London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Kurt Masur and joined by violinist Sarah Chang, rounds out the month with a performance at 8 p.m. Nov. 30 at Hill Auditorium.

For tickets and more information, contact the University Musical Society ticket office at (734) 764-2538, or visit www.ums.org.

Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Michigan League ticket office, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. The UMS ticket office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and is closed Sunday.

The Joker's creator opens exhibit

Jerry Robinson, one of the earliest artists on Batman and the creator of his No. 1 enemy, the Joker, will be in West Bloomfield at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, as part of the opening of *ZAP! POW! BAM! The Superhero: 1938-1950. The Golden Age of Comic Books* at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in West Bloomfield.

The exhibit, which begins Sunday, Oct. 22, and runs through Dec. 14, features rare comic-book art and memorabilia and tells about the lives of the early

comic-book creators and the superheroes they invented.

Robinson, 84, will sign autographs and give a brief speech.

The event is free and open to the public.

Robinson was 17 when he began working on the Batman comics with the superhero's creator, Bob Kane. The two met at a resort, then at Kane's urging Robinson moved to New York,

where he helped draw and design some of the earliest comic books featuring Batman.

In addition to working on the Batman character, Robinson provided the name for his sidekick, Robin, and created his archenemy, the Joker. Until the Joker, Batman had merely battled lowlifes and petty criminals.

Robinson, however, set out to produce a "super villain" to do battle with a superhero. Robinson also is responsible for the Joker's notorious trademark: leaving a calling card at the scene of the crime he commits.

Robinson has published 30 books, including *The Comics: An Illustrated History of Comic-Strip Art*, regarded by many as the definitive text on the subject.

Most recently, Robinson was hired as a consultant on the upcoming Batman film *The Dark Knight*, scheduled for release in 2008.

The Janice Charach Epstein Gallery is located in the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield.

Exhibit hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Admission to the exhibit is free.

There may be fees for some activities or programs. Call (248) 432-5579 or visit www.jccdet.org for information.

On stage

On the wall

Artistic director discusses Isadora Duncan

Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance invites dance aficionados to a lecture demonstration by Lori Belilove, a world-renowned expert on Isadora Duncan, at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Varner Recital Hall.

Belilove is artistic director of Lori Belilove & Company, resident performing company of the Isadora Duncan Foundation for Contemporary Dance in New York, which Belilove created to house her school and performing company. The organization and company are devoted to spotlighting the unique qualities of Isadora Duncan's repertoire, ranging from the early works to the later tragic solos, all with a purity of style and execution of movement hailed by the international press.

Raised in Berkeley, Calif., Belilove was introduced to the Duncan technique by Vassos Kanellos, a Greek classical revivalist and colleague of Isadora Duncan. Thoroughly inspired, she began a worldwide search to find Duncan dancers who trained and performed

with Isadora and who taught Isadora's dances and technique. Among those teachers were Anna Duncan and Irma Duncan, two of the six adopted artistic daughters of Isadora.

Belilove has also trained extensively in yoga, ballet, and modern dance, with a special emphasis in the technique of the renowned choreographer Doris Humphrey. As a master teacher, she has held residencies at such prestigious institutions as Harvard University, The Juilliard School, Northwestern University, Ohio State University, Mills College, and Smith College. She is in her seventh year on the faculty of the Dalcroze Institute at The Juilliard School, and, through Ball State University, is the recipient of a grant from Dance/USA to implement a Duncan curriculum and is lead dancer in the award-winning documentary *Isadora Duncan: Movement From the Soul*, narrated by stage and screen actress Julie Harris.

For information or directions to Varner Recital Hall, call (248) 370-2030.



Detroit venues offer free admission next week to seniors

The new Detroit Science Center and the Detroit Historical Museum have teamed to offer free admission to their senior guests (ages 60 and over) during the week of Oct. 23-27, thanks to a grant from the Hudson-Webber Foundation.

In addition to free admission at both venues, each attraction is throwing in free parking and complimentary food and refreshments during the week. Valid ID is required to receive these free offers.

The free Senior Week hours at the Detroit Science Center are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, through Friday, Oct. 27. You can discover the wonders of science and technology at Michigan's largest science center. Get hands-on with more than 200 exhibits, and see exciting stage shows and more. (The free admission offer does not include IMAX, planetarium or special exhibits.) Additional non-senior adults will pay \$7.95 and children will pay \$6.95 for regular admission. Children under age 2 are free. The

Science Center is located at 5020 John R St. in Detroit's Cultural Center area.

For more information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Free Senior Week hours at the newly renovated Detroit Historical Museum are from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, through Friday, Oct. 27. The museum is not open to the public on Monday or Tuesday.

Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. Additional non-senior adults will pay \$6 for admission, with college students with valid ID and children paying \$4. Children ages 4 and under are free.

The museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (northwest corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area. For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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in America, according to the AMRF.

Friday night kicks off with the Calvin Cooke Band, a foremost practitioner of "Sacred Steel" guitar as played in the House of God church. He's Robert Randolph's mentor. The music has deep but unacknowledged roots in the blues because, even if it isn't the "devil's music," it is certainly created in the "devil's workshop," says the AMRF.

Also performing Friday is W.C. Handy nominee and Detroit Music Award winner R.J. Spangler who is a drummer, band leader, promoter, producer and a Detroit legend.

Spangler will direct an expanded version of RJ's Rhythm Rockers (with horns) and will back Detroit blues legends Alberta Adams, guitarist Johnnie Bassett and Sir Mack Rice (author of the song *Mustang Sally*).

Friday night ends with the rocking/funk/blues band

Howling Diablos.

The AMRF describes Saturday's lineup as a "dream" of Big Band Boogie Woogie with The Paul Keller Orchestra.

The 14-piece big band began as the Bird of Paradise Orchestra, and has played almost every Monday night in Ann Arbor since 1989:

Featured pianists are: Detroit jazz great Charles Boles; Ann Arbor's Mr. B; boogie woogie player Bob Seeley; and Hamburg Germany's Axel Zwingenberger, who is credited with spearheading the boogie woogie revival in Europe during the 1980s.

The orchestra includes clarinetist David Bennett and legendary tenor saxophonist Red Holloway.

Holloway has played with musicians such as Willie Dixon, B.B. King, Dexter Gordon and guitarist George Benson.

The AMRF is dedicated to preserving these musical forms. Each performance will be recorded and aired later on public television.

Lana Mini



The Briggs

The Briggs bring punk sound to Westland

The blue mohawk tattooed punks of Southern California's The Briggs are performing at The Token Lounge on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Also on the tour is Time Again and Dublin punk band Blood or Whiskey.

The Briggs show supports the band's new LP *Back to a Higher Ground* (SideOneDummy Records) released last month.

The CD has a heavy anthem sound with topics ranging from political unrest

to the music world around them. It's safe to compare them to Rancid or the Clash.

The Token Lounge is located at 28949 Joy Road, Westland. Call (734) 513-5030. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and all ages are welcome. Hear them at myspace.com/thebriggs and visit

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DIRECTORS

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close to over the past year) as 'sinister,' this is a disturbing charge. Perhaps Pastor Haggard is projecting his own point of view on the film's characters, as we absolutely do not see them as such, and went out of our way too make sure that they were shown in a human, three-dimensional light. The children come across as kind, passionate and intelligent. Pastor Becky Fischer is a very likable and real person, both on and off the screen."

Haggard said *Jesus Camp* does not represent the majority Evangelical Christians.

"The group they chose is a sub-group of the Charismatic movement portrayed as mainstream. Then by using the portion where I am joking around and casually talking about the growth of Evangelicalism, they make us all look like we're dominionists, which we are not. Not only does the movie misrepresent

Evangelicalism, but it misrepresents the Charismatic movement. It does represent a small portion of the Charismatic movement, but I think the film demonizes it."

Ewing said *Jesus Camp* is an opportunity for discussion and trading ideas.

"The subjects in the film very much identify themselves as part of the Evangelical family and are hurt and stung by Pastor Haggard's wholesale and somewhat venomous rejection of them and the film. While they do identify themselves as Charismatic and Pentecostals, they feel (and we agree) that they have much more in common with the greater Evangelical movement — their morals, values, and political beliefs — than they have differences."

Jesus Camp is at the Landmark Maple in West Bloomfield.

Visit the Web sites of the directors and Haggard at www.jesuscampthemovie.com and <http://tedhaggard.com/jesuscamp.jsp>.

Masonic Temple highlighted in new book

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Greg Kowalski is a big fan of architecture. One evening before he saw *The Phantom of the Opera*, he looked around at the Masonic Temple in Detroit and was awestruck:

"This place is incredible," he thought as he marveled at the architecture and beauty of the structure.

Kowalski, editor of the *Birmingham Eccentric*, knew a good story idea, and he also knew a co-worker — staff writer Alex Lundberg — was a Mason.

Within a few months, Kowalski and Lundberg pooled their writing talents and wrote *Detroit's Masonic Temple*, with 128 pages of history, photos and information on the world's largest Masonic temple, published by Arcadia Publishing, a company that has published approximately 3,500 historical books on communities with its Images of America series.

Kowalski's reasons for writing the book are the architecture and the building's social role in Detroit's history.

"They don't make buildings like this anymore," Kowalski said.

"There's a lot of craftsmanship you can't find any longer," Lundberg said. (Lundberg followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and great-grandfather as a Mason.)

Masonic Temple houses more than 1,000 rooms and 1 million square feet etched with Masonic craftsmanship.

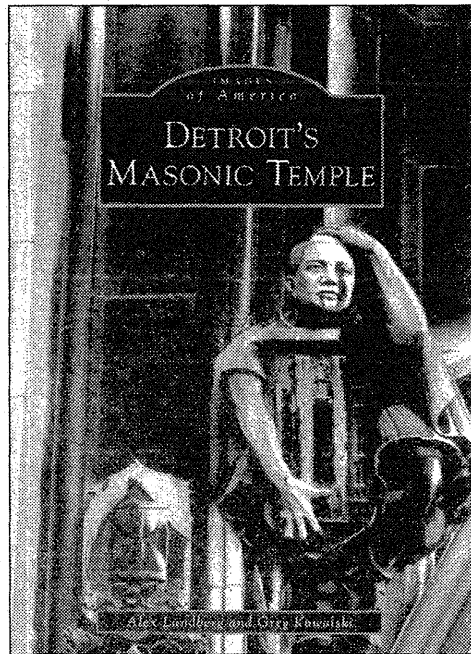
For example, the Drill Hall has 18,000 square feet of open space on the fourth floor mezzanine (or eighth floor, as each floor had a mezzanine).

While the building features Gothic architecture, each lodge room has a different theme — Tudor, Romanesque, Greek Ionic and Doric.

"Each is a work of art," Kowalski said.

"Everywhere you turn are symbols. There's a story everywhere you turn, and a lot of them aren't very accessible."

"There are tens of thousands of people who have been there, but not seen the building," Lundberg said. "Each



floor has symbols and markings that exemplify the Masonic teachings."

For example, there is the beehive, which symbolizes "industry, hard work, effort and the importance of being productive," Lundberg said. The anchor represents a well-grounded life, while the scythe is an emblem of time and man's mortality.

Every Masonic lodge also has staircases that consist of a set of three stairs. The first set is three, the second is five and the third is seven, representing the three degrees of Masons, five orders of architecture and seven liberal arts.

Both Kowalski and Lundberg are concerned about the future of the lodge. There are a few concerts and plays there, as it is home to a large theatrical stage.

While they hope the book sells, they also want the public to recognize what a treasure the building represents.

The book sells for \$19.95 and is available at local bookstores, including Borders and Barnes & Noble.

Greg Kowalski and Alex Lundberg have a book signing scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, in the temple library on the fourth floor, where there will be free guided tours. Masonic Temple, located at 500 Temple (at Second), also offers free guided tours to large groups. Call (313) 837-7100 for information.

The two authors also will sign books at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Dearborn Historical Museum, 915 S. Brady, (313) 565-3000.

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1. *SexyBack*, Justin Timberlake. Jive.
 2. *Money Maker*, Ludacris (feat. Pharrell). DTP.
 3. *Lips of an Angel*, Hinder. Universal Republic.
 4. *Smack That*, Akon (feat. Eminem). SRC.
 5. *How to Save a Life*, The Fray. Epic. (Gold - certified sales of more than 500,000)
 6. *Chasing Cars*, Snow Patrol. Polydor.
 7. *Chain Hang Low*, Jibbs. Geffen.
 8. *Too Little Too Late*, JoJo. Da Family.
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visit www.insaneclownposse.com

HOT ZOMBIES

Thought Collide Productions, in collaboration with the SEMAFX Network, present the InZer0 Halloween Bash and Zombie Fashion Show, on Friday, Oct. 27, at the Hastings Street Ballroom in Detroit.

The ambiance that night will come from InZer0, a Detroit-made science fiction series filmed by Thought Collide.

The night features music, film, fashion and zombies.

Hastings will be the epicenter of Detroit's creative circle, where the movers and shakers in a wide range of creative markets are expected to celebrate Halloween.

Performing are rock 'n' roll funk stars Siddhartha and industrial electronic artist Phallus Uber Alles.

There's also the "Drop Dead Gorgeous" Zombie Fashion Show, featuring designers Mare L. Costello and others. Pretty girls Hell's Belles will strut their stuff in a live burlesque show.

And there's a "Cool Costume Contest." Doors open at 8 p.m. at Hastings Street Ballroom, 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit, 21 and over, with a cash bar and free parking. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Visit www.thoughtcollide.com/events.

AT THE SHELTER

There's many events at St. Andrew's Hall and The Shelter and one band set to perform is Birdmonster.

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Gator Jake's Bar-Swamp-Grill in Sterling Heights hosts Dueling Devils: A Back-to-Back Halloween Costume Contest on Friday and Saturday Oct. 27-

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The parties begin at sundown and go all night long. The costume contests begins at midnight each night with cash prizes. Gator Jake's is located at 36863 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights. (586) 983-3700, or www.gatorjakes.com.

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A costume contest is slated for midnight with cash and prizes for the Best Male and Best Female costumed guests. The evening includes bartending shows and more interactive Halloween fun.

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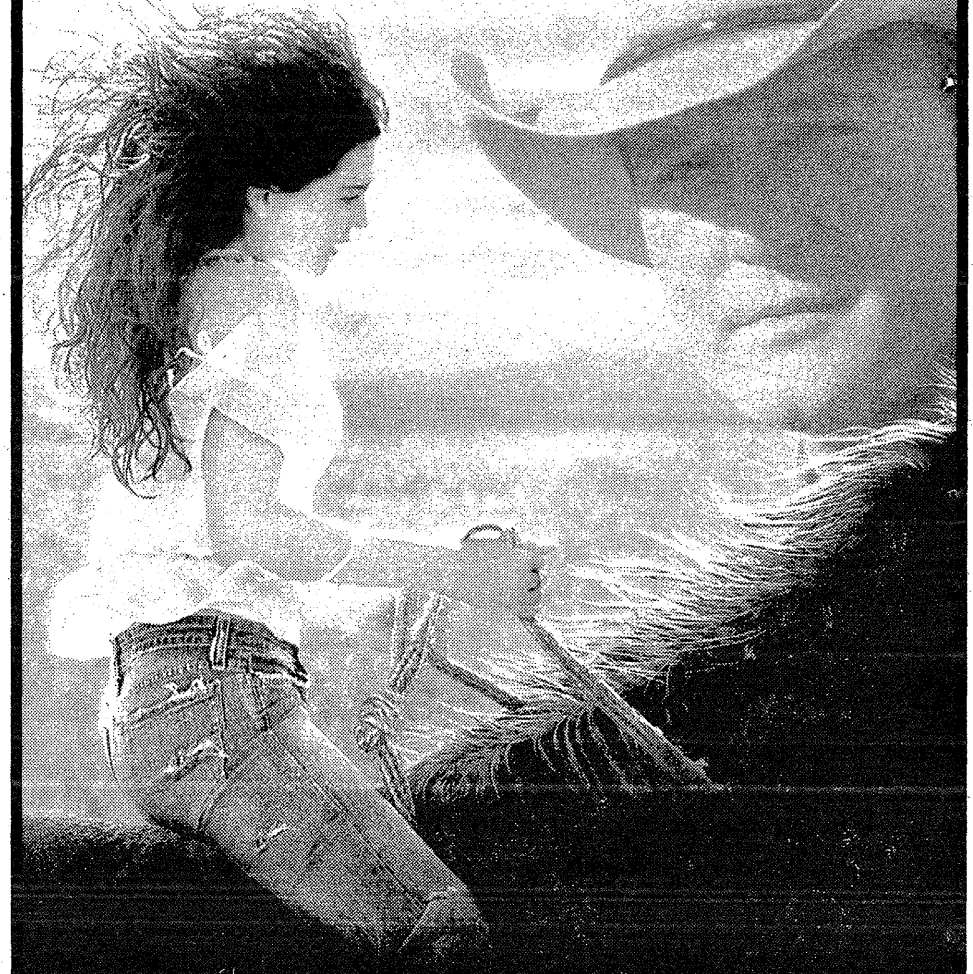
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8:45, 10:45, 12:30 AM
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8:45, 10:45 The Departed (R)
Fri 10/20/2006 - Thu 10/26/2006:
(1:15), (4:40), 7:50, 10:55
The Grudge 2 (PG-13) No Passes Allowed
Fri 10/20/2006 & Sat 10/21/2006:
(12:15), (1:20), (2:50), (3:50), (5:15), 6:15, 7:40, 8:30, 10:00, 10:55, 12:20 AM
Sun 10/22/2006 - Thu 10/26/2006:
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Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) Fri 10/20/2006 & Sat 10/21/2006: 9:25, 11:35
Sun 10/22/2006 - Thu 10/26/2006: 9:25 PM
The Marine (PG-13) No Passes Allowed
Fri 10/20/2006 & Sat 10/21/2006:
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One Night With the King (PG)
Fri 10/20/2006 - Thu 10/26/2006:
(1:35), (4:15), 6:45
Open Season (PG) No Passes Allowed
Fri 10/20/2006 - Thu 10/26/2006:
(12:00), (12:55), (1:55), (2:55), (3:55), (4:55), (5:55), 6:55, 7:55, 9:55
Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) Fri 10/20/2006 & Sat 10/21/2006:
(12:30), (1:00), (1:30), (2:30), (3:00), (3:30), (4:30), (5:00), (5:30), 6:30, 7:00, 7:35, 8:25, 9:00, 9:40, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:30 AM
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Flags of Our Fathers (R) No Passes Allowed
Fri 10/20/2006 & Sat 10/21/2006:
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Flicka (PG) No Passes Allowed
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Man of the Year (PG-13) No Passes Allowed
Fri 10/20/2006 & Sat 10/21/2006:
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Keweenaw Peninsula, once home to the thriving copper industry, has several ghost mining towns like Delaware and Old Victoria.

And did you know that Colon, in St. Joseph County, is the magic capital of the world? Scores of magicians and illusionists are buried at the Lakeside Cemetery. It's also home to the grave-sides of three generations of the Blackstone family magicians — including world famous magician Harry Blackstone.

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Or spend seven minutes in the Panic Room the last weekend of October at the *Halloween Scream* event at Double JJ Ranch and Resort in Rothbury.

The ranch offers up plenty of fun, but some not recommended for kids under 12.

Closer to home, there's haunted woods, a house and a maze at *Mystery Hills* in Irish Hills every weekend in October. It's not recommended for young children.

In Bridgeport, climb aboard the *Spooktacular Halloween Train* where

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Keweenaw Peninsula, Ghost mining towns
www.exploringthenorth.com/mich/mich.html

Colon – Magic Capital
www.rivercountry.com/magic.asp and
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Adrian – The Haunted House, Fright at the Fairgrounds
www.michigan.org/travel/events

Dowagiac, Cass County – Corn maze
www.cityofdowagiac.com

Hell, Michigan – Hell-O-Hollow Weekends
www.hell2u.com

Rothbury, Halloween Scream
www.hauntedhouseonline.com

Irish Hills – Mystery Hills
www.mystery-hill.com/haunting.html

Bridgeport, Spooktacular Halloween Train
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6. *Give It Away*, George Strait. MCA Nashville.
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