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# Masonic faces date with wrecking ball

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth could have a date with the wrecking ball as soon as Wednesday.

Bob Johns, a member of the Masons Plymouth Rock Lodge #47, said the group closed on the property with Meridien Development of Washington Township Thursday, receiving the balance of more than \$1 million on the estimated \$1.2 million sale.

"We got paid yesterday (Thursday),

they've got the deed and things are moving forward," Johns said. "We're happy, and we don't have to worry about anything anymore."

As of Friday, the Plymouth Building Department had not received a request for demolition next week. However, earlier this month Building Official Jim Penn said the development company met all the criteria, except they didn't yet (at that time) own the building.

Meridien Development spokesman Fabian Ciavaglia had said the Park Side project would be a \$4 million, three-story complex that will include ground-level commercial and a total of 18 second- and third-floor condominiums.

Rick Birdsall, a commercial broker for Signature Associates in Southfield, said no deals have yet been signed for the first-floor commercial space.

"Right now, it's still available, we just haven't found the perfect fit," Birdsall said. "We've talked to a bank and a couple of restaurants interested, but we haven't secured any leases yet. Some are interested in a portion of it, some are interested in the entire first floor. We want to make sure we have the right tenants and they have the exposure they need on Kellogg Park."

Plymouth Realtor Lesley Aiello of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth said she already has reservations for 10 of the 18 condominiums.

"So far, that's wonderful," Aiello said. ""Once that building comes down, we'll sell the rest quickly."

Aiello said the 900-1,100-squarefoot condos will sell between \$265,000-\$315,000. "The price point for that location in downtown Plymouth is phenomenal, and the amenities will be wonderful," Aiello said. "The builder is committed to providing more of an upscale product ... hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless hardware, two full baths ... a lot of upscale features. They've worked hard with the architects to maximize use for such a small area."

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### City Commission opposes school funding proposal<sup>(0)</sup>

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Fearing cuts to basic services such as police and fire, the Plymouth City Commission voted 6-0 Monday night to oppose Proposal 5 on the Nov. 7 general election ballot, which calls for a minimum yearly funding increase in state budgets for K-12 schools, community colleges and universities. The minimum funding increase would be based on the rate of inflation, or 5 percent, whichever is less.

"If you read this legislation, and unless you get to know what the implications are, it's hard not to agree with it, to fund our oublic schools," Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "The problem for me is the money comes out of the state general fund, which is what funds our revenue sharing." According to Finance Director Mark Christiansen, Plymouth has lost \$287,600 in revenue sharing funds since 1999 because of state cutbacks. Christiansen also notes that if the K-16 Coalition proposal is passed, Plymouth's projected \$866,000 in state revenue sharing for 2006-07 could be slashed by \$250,000. "The city of Plymouth, like every other municipality, cannot sustain funding cuts like that," Dwyer said. "Police chiefs and fire chiefs know that if revenue sharing dries up, you're going to have fewer police officers on the street, fewer firefighters and fewer ambulances when you call 9-1-1; less recreation and all the other valuable services that make Plymouth, and every other town in Michigan, a great place to live. "To fund one part of government (schools) at the expense of all the valuable services that government provides is bad public policy," he added. Commissioner Dave Workman, who is president of the Farmington Education Association, abstained from the vote. However, Workman said afterward that despite teachers unions statewide backing Proposal 5, he's had reservations about the school funding proposal since the letter writing campaign to get it on the general election ballot. "At this point, I'm having trouble supporting that initiative because it pins other government agencies — particularly I think of police, fire, roads and revenue sharing — putting them



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This is the final costume season for Michele Wink, daughter of House of Costumes owner Margaret Wink, who will close the costume shop Nov. 1. Cope said she's helped her mother at the shop since she was 12.

### **Bell tolls for House of Costumes**

### Halloween closes the curtain for longtime shop owners

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Margaret Wink first opened her Costumes Plus store in Livonia nearly 22 years ago, business consisted of making costumes for competitive ice skaters.

"People kept calling to ask if I rented

costumes, and I told them 'no," remembered Wink. "After about six weeks of getting phone calls for costumes, I finally said 'Yes, what do you need?"

Following that first order – it was for a poodle skirt – Wink said she realized there was a market for original, handsewn costumes. Two decades later, she and her daughter, Michele Cope, customized nearly 4,000 costumes.

Many of those are now for sale, as what is now the House of Costumes on Mill Street in Plymouth will be closing Nov. 1. "I'm really disappointed to have to let it

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PLEASE SEE FUNDING, A5

### Program helps Metaldyne tackle health costs

#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Josh Kugelman's dramatic weight loss as part of his participation in Metaldyne's Living Well Wellness Program is probably a testament to the power of peer pressure.

And Kugelman, a product engineer for the Plymouthbased company, couldn't be any happier. After succumbing to the urgings of his co-workers, Kugelman lost some 40 pounds – more than 15 percent of his body weight – during the 12week program.

"Honestly, I probably wouldn't have joined if the guys in my department didn't say, 'You have to do this," Kugelman said. "They felt I'd be better off and I'd feel better about myself. And I agree; it just took that push to do it."

Metaldyne's program, for which the company partnered with the American Cancer Society, Weight Watchers and other national experts, is an ongoing program designed to encourage healthy lifestyles and reduce employees' risk of cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

The company put some \$100,000 into the plan, and expects to offset that largely in reduced health care costs. "It sounds like a lot of money,

but we're targeting 5,000 employees," said Kimberly

PLEASE SEE HEALTH, A7



A group of Plymouth employees participated in a Lunch and Learn event, offered as part of Metaldyne's Wellness program. Instructors came in to teach about healthy eating, exercise and nutrition.



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#### Holiday Extravaganza The Plymouth/Canton

**Direct Selling Women's** Alliance (PCDSWA) invites shoppers to a day of shopping the easy way, where Arbonne, Creative Memories, Daisy Blue Naturals, Lia Sophia, Romance 101, Southern Living at Home and Warm Spirit will be available.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford.

The DSWA promotes a spirit of cooperation, mutual support and respect for each individual's desire for success in a no cross recruitment atmosphere. For more information, go to www.dswa.org or contact the PCDSWA at

pcdswa@yahoo.com or call (734) 667-2930.

#### 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 online at plymouthlibrary.org

#### Nursery open house

Plymouth Nursery's 'Holiday Spectacular' Open House takes place 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5.

There will be refreshments,

and special sale prices on items. Visitors can see the nursery's dramatic

Department 56 display, unique gifts and garlands. Visitors are also welcome to explore the nursery's theme trees, decorated from elegant to fun.

Plymouth Nursery is located at 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5500.

#### New Year's Eve party

Urban Singles presents "Ring in the New Year," with live entertainment from Jimmy Howard and Company Sunday, Dec. 31. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the party goes until 1 a.m.

The party takes place at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia (between Merriman and Middlebelt). Tickets are \$50 per person until Dec. 8; \$60 after Dec. 8, and cover dinner and beverage. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Overnight accommodations will be available. Deadline for tickets is Friday, Dec. 22. For more information, call Linda, (734) 507-9173, or Mary Ann, (734) 654-0115.

#### MOMS Club

MOMS Club of Livonia S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland hosts an open house at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main Street, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 8, in the Waldorf Room (across from the circulation desk). Snacks and refreshments will be served. Come and meet stay-at-home moms and their children.

#### **PLYMOUTH PIPELINE**

#### Academy fund-raiser

Cross Bridge Academy hosts its third-annual charity dinner, "Fire Up the Grill and Light Up a Child's Life," Tuesday, Oct. 24. at bd's Mongolian Grill in Novi.

The event features seatings at 6 and 7:30 p.m. The \$50 ticket includes an all-you-caneat dinner. Bd's Mongolian Barbeque is located at 43155 Main in Novi. Proceeds benefit Cross Bridge Academy, a 501(c)3 school for children with autism.

For tickets, reservations and more information, call John Kim, (734) 812-9150.

#### Voter guides

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has recently distributed 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 nonpartisan 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.lwvnww.org.

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#### 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) 522-0

#### Garden C

Members Garden Clu the Plymout Oct. 28 for t greens, including wreaths, roping, bows, door swags, centerpieces and mixed greens to be delivered to buyers' homes the week of Nov. 20. The club will also offer decorated minipumpkins, 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

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Flu shots

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will offer flu shots at several Wayne County locations this flu season, including two in Canton:

Waltonwood-Carriage Park, 2250 Canton Center, 10

Holiday Market, 520 S. Lilley, 8 a.m. to noon, Oct. 31. Flu shots cost \$24, pneumonia shots cost \$40, paid for with Medicare, HAP, Care Choices, cash or check made payable to VNAHSS.

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 cost \$10. All couples will ee engagement portrait. efreshments and s will be served.

Meeting House is at 499 in Plymouth. For tions and more inforcall (734) 416-5100.

a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 27.

For weekly listings, call the

**VNA Flu-Busters automated** Hotline at (800) 296-8660 or visit www.vna.org.

Homebound service is also available, with a \$40 service fee that is not covered by insurance. Must have a physician's prescription. For appointments or information, call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752.

#### **DAR** meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR Northville/Plymouth Chapter meet at noon Monday, Nov. 20, for an 80th birthday luncheon.

The meeting takes place at Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Plymouth, and will feature speaker and honored guest Sharon Hopkins, State Regent. The program is "Code Talkers."

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

#### Thanksgiving concert

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 audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns.

At 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, the combined adult choirs of Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. The choirs participating are from First United Methodist directed by Dr. Marcia Van Oyen, Our Lady of Good Counsel directed by Dr. Michele Johns, First Presbyterian directed by Jerry Smith, St. John's Episcopal with director Kim Manz, and First Baptist, directed by Heather Kaye.

Admission is free; an offering will be received to benefit a local charity. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road.

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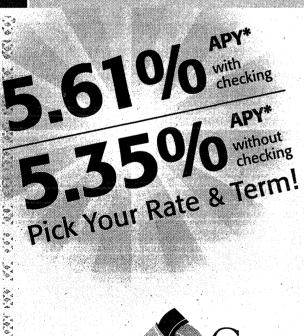
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# Hot stuff

### Sales heat up for salsa business founder

#### BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Some eight years ago, Ron Willis and his wife had a business breakthrough when their two Great Danes tore up the garden.

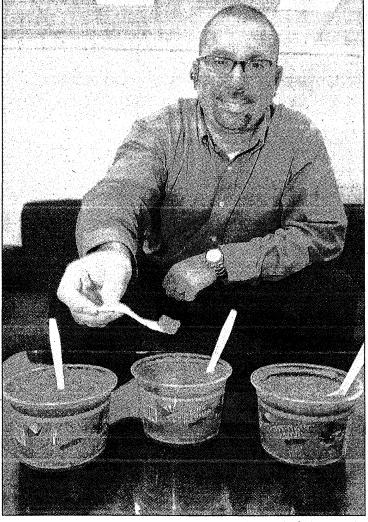
"We bought our house in Canton," he said. When the dogs tore up the garden, he realized he'd have to put grass in. They had fixings for salsa from the garden and from that beginning grew the Plymouth Township-based business Sweet Heat Salsa.

"I mixed it up to my own tastes," he recalled of that first batch, what's now Amazing Medium and accounts for half of company sales. There's also Must Have Mild and Habanero Hot, with each of those accounting for a quarter of sales.

Ron Willis had worked for Ryder in logistics contracted to Metaldyne in Plymouth, and has just given that up to work full time in the salsa business. Wife Jennifer's a senior buyer at ACH corporate headquarters in Dearborn, and the couple has a 3-year-old daughter, Kylie, and two Great Danes, one a puppy.

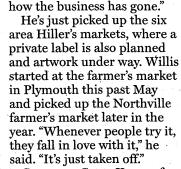
He's found his new work life rewarding and less stressful. "I was being too stretched," Willis said of trying to run his business and handle a corporate job. Sweet Heat Salsa now has a 3,100-square-foot production facility on Five Mile between Sheldon and Beck. "I love making the salsa." Food sold in Michigan commercially can't be made at home, so the production facility's needed. Sweet Heat Salsa's sold at the 12 area Busch's stores. The Holiday

Market at Cherry Hill and Lilley in Canton carries it under a private label, Holiday Market's Fresh Salsa, with the company name in small print. "It flies off the shelf there," Willis said. "It's been amazing



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ron Willis, salsa king, is proud of his products.



Customer Gerry Kruse of Canton agreed: "It's very tasty," he said.

The company's Web site, sweetheatsalsa.net, includes recipes and background information. (The office can be reached at (734) 414-0428.) Willis grew up with Web designer Nate Pride who's been a big help, as have others.

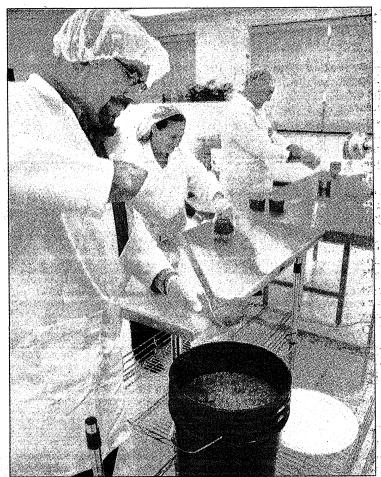
The product enjoyed success at the 2006 Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off, taking second place in People's Choice for chili. Willis works with his brother and another staffer.

"We're going and seeing a lot of these retailers and wholesalers. Just doing your own thing is much more rewarding," said Willis, who holds an M.B.A. from the accredited American Intercontinental University, which he completed online.

He gets compliments on the consistency and taste of the salsa, exact ingredients of which are kept secret. "Not too bad for a food product," he said of growing a business in a tough economy, noting sales pick up with sporting events.



### What has your checking account



The salsa is made and packaged in the facility on Five Mile west of Sheldon. Ron Willis, Vivian Shoemaker, and Dennis McCollom demonstrate the packaging process.

Salsa

minutes.

2 large eggs, beaten

2 Tbsp. brown sugar

ingredients well. Place and

form loaf in 3-inch deep casse-

role dish. Bake uncovered for 55

1 (16-ounce) Sweet Heat

Preheat oven to 375°. Mix all

There are two dominant salsa makers, he added, both based in southeast Michigan. "I'm hoping to get up to be No. 3. Everybody has said 'Yes, we want to carry it.'

Nobody has told us no." Denise of Canton submitted this recipe for SHS Meatloaf:

2 pounds ground beef 1 cup bread crumbs

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### Scouts move to new council

For the past two years, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) reached out to thousands. The conclusion: The organization must seize the opportunity to revitalize the Girl Scout Movement.

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, which serves the Plymouth-Canton area, was among councils who voiced their opinions.

"The 94-year tradition of Girl Scouting is adjusting to the new times to become more relevant to today's girls," said Gail Scott, CEO, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council. "Girls will still earn badges, participate in outdoor camping and benefit from being in an all-girl environment and Girl Scouting will still emphasize leadership and the development of courage,

confidence and character." In August, GSUSA's National Board of Directors voted to endorse a plan to realign 312 councils nationwide into 109 councils. In Michigan, the current 13 Councils will realign into three.

The Huron Valley Council is being divided into two of three newly formed Michigan councils. GSHVC's Livingston and Washtenaw counties including Canton, Milan, Northville and Plymouth will be a part of a new Central Council, while the Monroe, Oakland and Wayne counties will transition into the new East Council.

The realignment process begins in October 2007 to be completed in October 2008.

### Chamber set for annual auction on Nov. 3

#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a number of programs and events during the year that are open to the public for free, things like Ann Arbor Road Days, Community Shred Day or the Great Pumpkin Caper trick-or-treating Halloween event.

On Nov. 3, the chamber hosts the major fund-raiser of the year which allows them to offer everything else: "The Magic of Plymouth" annual meeting/auction/dinner at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"Every year, we try to offer as many programs and events as we can," said Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber. "The auction is a big part of allowing us to do that." The annual meeting/auction

features both live- and silentauction items, raffles, a 50/50 drawing, hors d'oeuvres and a sit-down dinner.

The silent auction generally features items ranging from autographed sports memorabilia to toys and technology items. The live auction often features items ranging from trips to the Caribbean to tickets to University of Michigan football games. Most of the prizes are donated by local businesses.

The auction draws about 600 people annually.

"We couldn't possibly do it without the generosity of our local businesses," Toney said. "It's a very popular event for us, and we try to make it as much fun as we can."

Tickets are \$75 each and must be purchased by Oct. 27. Tickets can be purchased by mail, fax or in person at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth. They can also be purchased by credit card over

Ray. This year's auction is set for Friday, Nov. 3, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. the phone. For more information on chamber programs, call (734)

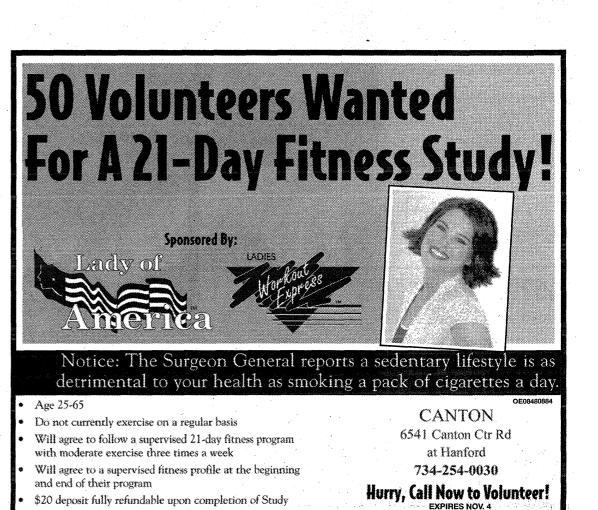
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At last year's Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction, Teri and

Steve Furr made a silent bid on a cool gift for their granddaughter, Gabriella

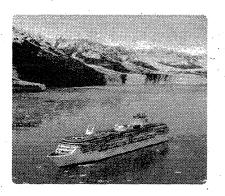
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#### COSTUMES

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go, a lot of the patterns I made myself," said Wink. "You get attached to the costumes where we've slaved over the designs. We love the Renaissance and Victorian costumes. They are very, very hard to let go.'

Cope said she's been helping her mother at the Old Village location since she was 12 years old, when they lived in the upstairs apartment, which is now filled with hundreds of costumes.

"She taught me how to sew and run the cash register," said Cope, 35. "I would come home after school and help until I was old enough to do

tinue to sew, but will run

years.

tumes are huge for us, no

#### While House of Costumes is closing to the general public after Halloween, Cope said the store will be open in December for a few longtime customers.

is," she said. "The Wizard of Oz cast are probably our most popular group of costumes. The Scooby-Doo cast is always big favorites."

**Cindy Patrick of Plymouth** Township was searching this week for something to wear – possibly a poodle skirt – to a '50s party.

"I used to come here for costumes when my son was younger," Patrick said. "He liked anything that was scary and monster-like. The scari-

er, the better." For Rhonda Simpson of Canton Township, the search was on for something to wear to her husband's office

"I'm looking for an Egyptian costume for me fun, I love to dress up.

lic after Halloween, Cope

Christmas costumes every year, and we're not going to let them down," Cope said. "After that, we'll probably

sell most of the costumes online. We're going to stay in the costume-making business, we just won't have the store anymore."

Cope said she's "had a blast" and it will be hard to let the costumes go.

We put a lot of work into them and it's hard because it's our passion," Cope said. "Every time I sell one of our costumes, it hurts a little bit. But, I guess I could make another one, if I wanted to."

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Whether it's Elvis or Elmo, House of Costumes can suit you up - but only until Nov. 1, when owners have decided to close the doors.





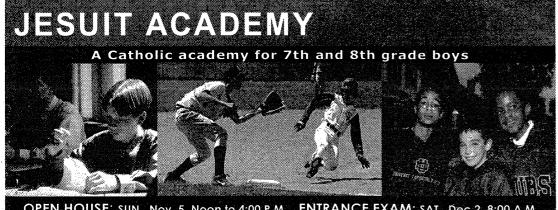


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Sherry Johnson and her husband, Tim ,look over some old newspaper clippings about her mother's heart transplant in 1981. Sherry was admitted into the University of Michigan Hospital on Oct. 12 and she received a new heart on Oct. 16.



BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

It was a gift that came sooner than anyone expected maybe even sooner than anyone had prayed.

Sherry Johnson, the Farmington Hills woman we wrote about last month who has a heart condition known as cardiomyopathy, has received a new heart and is recovering at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The 35-year-old mother of two sons, ages 4 and 6, who grew up in Livonia, was admitted into the hospital on Thursday, Oct. 12 and was placed on numerous medications. Her heart was failing and her condition was elevated to the top of the transplant waiting list. Before she went to the hospital, she was so weak, she could barely pull the covers over herself while laying on the couch, said Christine Rhines, her sisterin-law.

Then, the call came. A heart was donated by the family of an unknown person who had died.

"She called me at 3:44 a.m. on Monday," said Rhines, of Livonia. "It is an unbelievable blessing."

Rhines was married to Johnson's brother, Jim Jahns, of Livonia, who also had cardiomyopathy, the gradual enlarging and weakening of the heart. He had a heart transplant, which allowed him nine more years to spend with his family. He died three years ago at age 35.

Sherry Johnson and Jim Jahns' mother, Sharon Jahns, was one of the first successful heart transplant patients at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., in 1981. The surgery was considered experimental at that time. She died at age 32, one year after the heart transplant.

Johnson is doing well, according to daily email updates from her husband, Tim.

"The doctors have no concerns with her right now," wrote Tim Johnson on Tuesday. "They feel she is progressing fine and her 'new' heart function looks good."

Rhines is thrilled how things have worked out for her sister-in-law and she knows



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first-hand how much it means.

"On Oct. 16, Sherry started a new life," she said.

"And, her husband, her boys, her family their lives were all changed on that day, too. In my prayers, I ask God to bless the donor family."

Tim Johnson said he is still waiting for it to seem real.

"The enormity of this whole thing is still sinking in," he said.

"Nothing in my life will ever match this gift."

To find out information about organ donation, contact the Gift of Life of Michigan Organ and Tissue Donation Program at (800) 482-4881 or visit on line at

www.giftoflifemichigan.org. The family said it's so important for people to let their loved ones know if they would like their organs to be donated upon their death. Making that decision for the family ahead of time is critical, they said.

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Kovac, Metaldyne's executive vice president for human resources. "You figure on cost savings down the line."

The program targeted some of the obvious health problems among Americans:

Smoking – Metaldyne set up a Smoking Quitline, available to employees and their families around the clock and designed to provide ideas for numerous smoking treatments, self-help materials and referrals to community programs.

According to statistics provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, companies take an average hit of nearly \$3,400 per smoker. In the first three months of the program, 48 Metaldyne employees called the Quitline.

Kovac pointed out that, if all 48 who called the Quitline ended up actually quitting, that would save Metaldyne more than \$162,000 a year.

Weight problems – Partnering with Weight Watchers, Metaldyne's Plymouth facility used at-work meetings to help employees lose weight. At the Plymouth facility alone, employees combined to lose more than 200 pounds.

Overall wellness - The program includes an "Active for Life" segment that promotes exercise and healthy activity, using unconventional, fun exercises such as jump rope and Hula Hoops. The company even handed out pedometers to measure how much walking was done. About one-third of the employees at the Plymouth plant divided into teams and took part.

"I liked the teamwork; it gave us broader exposure to other employees," said Gail Woodward, Metaldyne's accounts payable manager who served as a team leader. "It gave us an opportunity to challenge ourselves and each other. I don't think we have the same drive without that program."

During the nationwide challenge, Metaldyne employees lost nearly 2,200 pounds, took part in more than 300 health screenings and, at the two facilities where pedometers were handed out, more than 75



Metaldyne employees Latoya Spry (front) and Anita Marsee did some jumproping as part of the company's wellness program.

million steps were taken. It makes the \$100,000 Metaldyne invested well worth

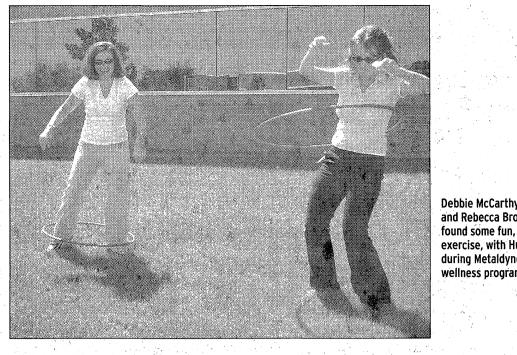
"In the long run, we get it back in so many different ways," Kovac said. "Healthy employees and healthy families make more productive employees.'

In Plymouth, Metaldyne employees are spread out over a three-building complex, and get rare opportunities to work together. One of the biggest

dividends the wellness program paid, according to those who took part, was in helping bring employees together.

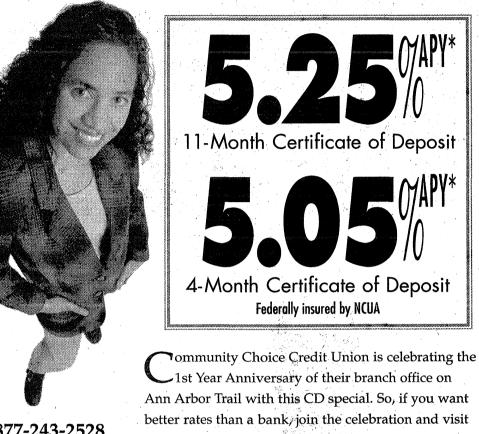
"There have been a lot of positive things, but the camaraderie that's been built ... people are really getting into this and now that they're into it they don't want to stop," Kovac said. "This is an active, living, breathing program, and it's going to keep going."

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Debbie McCarthy (left) and Rebecca Brooks found some fun, and exercise, with Hula Hoops during Metaldyne's wellness program.

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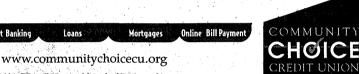
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#### How is the virus spread?

The influenza virus is spread from person to person, usually when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus is spread by touching a contaminated surface. An adult can spread the infection one day before symptoms occur and up to seven days after symptoms occur. How do I know if I have the flu?

Symptoms usually occur within one to four days after a person is infected. Symptoms include: tever, dry cough, sore throat, fatigue, muscle ache, headaches, runny nose and chills. These symptoms usually come on suddenly, and are severe. However, because other respiratory viruses have some of the same or similar symptoms, it is impossible to confirm a diagnosis of the influenza virus without laboratory testing.

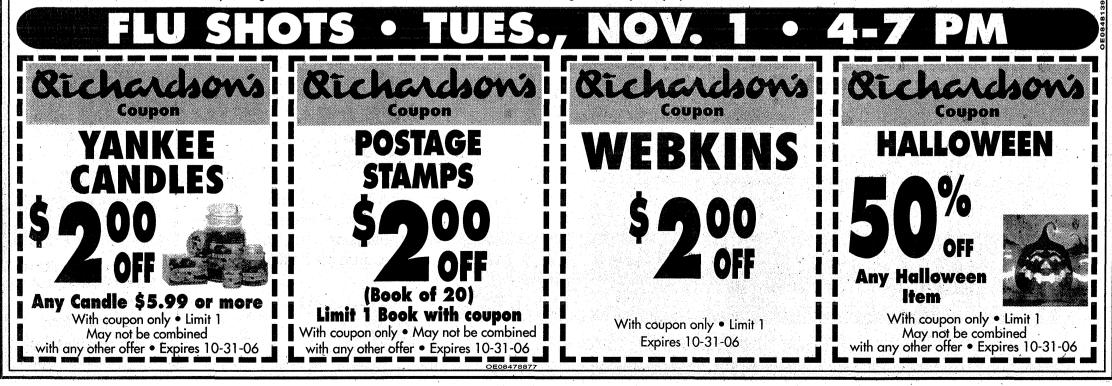
#### Is the flu danaerous?

For most people who are healthy, influenza represents a few days of discomfort and few if any complications. However, for people with chronic illnesses, and those ages 65 and older, serious complications can occur that can require hospitalization and possible cause death. Will antibiotics cure the flu?

Influenza is a specific virus. It is not a bacterial infection. Antibiotics like penicillin cure bacterial infections but will not cure any virus. There is currently no cure for the influenza virus, but vaccines are available.

#### How can I avoid getting the flu?

• Frequent hand-washing with warm soapy water for 15-20 seconds or using alcohol based hand rubs can help prevent the spread of the virus. • Teaching your family to cover their mouths and noses when the cough and sneeze will also reduce the spread of the disease. • Get a fly shot in October or November (before the peak season arrives.) Fly shots are especially important for people over 65 years in age, who are pregnant, or who have a chronic illness. Flu shots will prevent most people from getting the flu for one year. If you do get the flu, your symptoms should be milder.



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### Metaldyne gets new president

Tom Chambers has been named president and chief operating officer of Metaldyne Corp. effective immediately, the company has announced. He will report to Tim Leuliette, who remains chairman and CEO. Leuliette was previously chairman, president and CEO.



Chambers

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Powertrain Group, where he was responsible for all functions of the Group's business including plant operations, financial performance and sales. He will continue to head the Powertrain Group on an interim basis.

president,

This organizational change is precipitated by Metaldyne's agreement to be acquired by Asahi Tec, a Japan-based chassis and powertrain component supplier in the passenger car/light truck and medium/heavy truck segments. When the Asahi Tec transaction is completed Leuliette will become co-chairman with Shoichiro Irimajiri, the current chairman of Asahi Tec, and also will become co-CEO of the combined companies.

"Tom is a proven leader who has incredible business sense and a wealth of knowledge that will help take Metaldyne to the next level of growth and innovation," said Leuliette. "He has great character, strong team building skills and a passion for excellence. His understanding of our business and laser focus on financial performance will continue to move Metaldyne forward."

Chambers has held a variety of positions in the automotive industry including president of Piston Automotive; managing director of operations, Americas for GKN; president of Electrical Systems and general manager of Brake and Chassis Product Lines for the Americas for ITT Industries. From 1962-1992 he held numerous positions within General Motors including managing director of General Motors France.

Chambers has a bachelor of science in engineering technology from the University of Dayton and a master of science in business from MIT.

### HVA chief elected treasurer

Huron Valley Ambulance President and CEO Dale Berry was elected treasurer of the American Ambulance Association at their annual convention earlier this month in Orlando, Fla. Berry is presently serving as AAA secretary and is a member of the By-Laws Committee.

The AAA was founded in 1979 to promote health care policies that ensure excellence in the ambulance services industry and provide research, education and communications programs to enable its members to effectively address the needs of the communities they serve.

Berry has been at the helm of HVA since its creation in 1981, overseeing the company's growth from a local service to a regional ambulance service covering all or part of eight southeast and south central Michigan counties. The nationally accredited, nonprofit ambulance service celebrates its 25th anniversary this December.

HVA's Eastern Division, headquartered in Plymouth, serves western Wayne and southwest Oakland counties.

#### Governor makes council appointments

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today announced a number of recent appointments and reappointments to the Council for Labor and Economic Growth.

Among them was Marjorie A. Sorge of Livonia, vice president of corporate communications with Metaldyne. Sorge is appointed to represent businesses for a term expiring April 30, 2009. She succeeds Myra Moreland, who has resigned.

The Council for Labor and Economic Growth is an ongoing strategic advising body that encourages and stimulates innovative public and private responses to workforce challenges. Members work to develop policies and help implement programs that shape a flexible 21st century workforce that meets the needs of Michigan's businesses, allowing them to successfully compete in the global marketplace today and in the future.

The council is an action-oriented board with the ability to not only recommend changes but to ensure their implementation. The council also serves as the state workforce investment board required by the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 29 USC 2821.

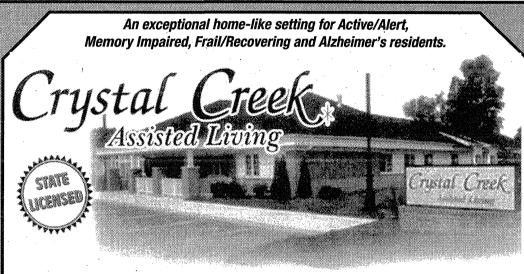
#### JCI honors suppliers

Johnson Controls has recognized its 32 top-performing automotive suppliers at a celebration event held recently at the company's technical center in Holland, Mich. Thirty-four awards were presented to companies that have shown exceptional performance, leadership and innovation in their work during the past year for the interior experience business of Johnson Controls.

Local companies included E&E Manufacturing Company, Inc., of Plymouth; Argent Automotive of Plymouth; Integrated Logistics Solutions of Livonia; and Yazaki of Canton.

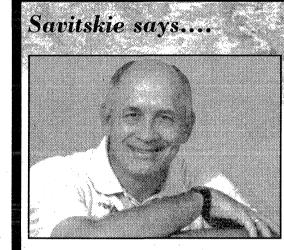
"These awards are designed to honor the innovation, commitment and outstanding work completed during the past year by the top companies in our supply base," said Terry Nadeau, vice president and general manager of North American Purchasing for Johnson Controls.

Johnson Controls' Supplier Performance Awards are presented annually for performance encompassing four key business areas: quality; commercial; material and logistics; and service and engineering support. Outstanding performance by the company's supply base is recognized on three levels – gold, silver and bronze.



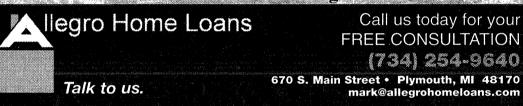
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Cox makes case

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**Attorney General** 

When Mike Cox ran for attorney gen-

eral four years ago, he emphasized the

role of the attorney general as the

leader of county prosecutors and,

This year, he's emphasizing his role

in continuing the tradition of his

Democratic predecessors Frank Kellev

and Jennifer Granholm as a watchdog

for consumer protection. It is his

Democratic opponent, Grosse Pointe

attorney Amos Williams, who is vowing

to take a leadership position in fighting

Though Cox touts the role the attor-

ney general's office has had in some

high profile criminal cases, it is con-

sumer protection, fighting utility costs,

policing prescription drug pricing, pro-

tecting seniors and a campaign to go

after child support money that top his

It's been a rough time for Cox. Last

year an investigation into campaign

advertising erupted into a confronta-

tion with flamboyant attorney Geoffrey

Fieger. Cox called a press conference to

admit to an extramarital affair, claim-

ing that Fieger was attempting to

blackmail him in an effort to end the

affect the operations of the attorney

Mike Cox. We disagree with his active

support for the anti-affirmative action

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ernor's 2003 request for an amicus

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Amos Williams is a passionate sup-

porter for civil rights and, as a former

police officer, has a solid background in

But, on balance, Cox makes a com-

pelling argument that he has worked

hard for Michigan residents on con-

sumer protection, child support, utility

costs and support for county prosecu-

For these reasons, we support the re-

election of Republican Mike Cox for

Michigan Attorney General on Tuesday,

both law enforcement and the law.

tors on criminal investigations.

general's office and it appears so.

Cox says that the controversy did not

We have some concerns about

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essentially, top cop in Michigan.

#### Vote no on well-intentioned Prop 1

State Proposal 1 on the Nov. 7 ballot is a proposed constitutional amendment to protect several Department of Natural Resources funds.

The amendment would add sections to the constitution that would shift several restricted DNR funds by combining them into one large fund, the Michigan Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund, and places the fund within the state Constitution.

The proposal has the admirable intent of preventing the state Legislature from raiding funding that is intended for the protection of the state's natural resources and the recreational use of state land. By moving the funds from state statute to the constitution, the governor or state Legislature would not be able to use the money for other purposes.

These funds come from hunting and fishing licenses, recreational vehicle registration fees, portions of the gasoline tax, contracts and fees for use of state lands, snowmobile trail user fees. state park fees and permits, watercraft licenses and other water sport fees, and those wildlife license plates.

In the past, voters have voted to protect the Natural Resources Trust Fund and the State Park Endowment Fund within the constitution.

Under statute, these funds could certainly be subject to legislative diversion to balance the state budget. Diverting these funds would be a disservice to the programs they are intended to support and would constitute an extra tax on those who pay these fees with the understanding that they will support DNR activities.

We agree that these funds should not be raided.

But we also believe that an addition to the state constitution is not the best way to proceed. Altering the amendment in the future would require another statewide vote. Putting the funds in the constitution would restrict the Legislature during a time of economic crisis.

Yes, DNR funding should be protected. Any use of those funds for other purposes must be only in the most dire circumstances. But the Legislature needs to have that flexibility.

#### We urge no vote on eminent domain

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Kelo vs. City of New London that a government body could use its eminent domain authority to promote economic development and transfer property from one private entity to another.

The 5-4 decision was controversial and drew strong negative reaction from both conservative and liberal groups. But the decision left open to each state the opportunity to set limits on the legislative powers of its Legislature and municipalities in defining the proper use of eminent domain.

The majority cited the 2004 Michigan Supreme Court decision County of Wayne vs. Hathcock as an example of setting limits on eminent domain. In that decision, the Michigan court ruled against the county using its eminent domain power to acquire additional land for the proposed Pinnacle Aeropark development.

The state Legislature has placed a constitutional amendment on the November ballot, Proposal 4, that

We support a no vote on Proposal 1. builds on the Hathcock decision in setting limits on eminent domain. It provides that government compensate owners at 125 percent of market value when the property is a principal residence, restricts taking public property

for transfer to a private entity, shifts the burden of proof on defining public use to the government and protects against future legislative or judicial actions that would jeopardize property rights.

We understand the concern about overreaching government and the misuse of eminent domain. But we also know that there are times when eminent domain is necessary for economic development.

The Wayne vs. Hathcock decision, which is now law in Michigan, goes a long way toward protecting private property rights without overstepping and limiting a necessary government prerogative for the general welfare. The proposed amendment would create barriers to eminent domain that could have serious consequences for future urban development.

We urge a no vote on Proposal 4.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Disappointed in MDOT

I am incredibly disappointed in the bureaucratic arrogance of MDOT management. It is difficult for me to even begin to comprehend what kind of faulty thought process is going on with these people. Did it ever occur to anyone that the Michigan Vehicle Code and Manual of **Uniform Traffic Control** Devises that Mr. Budai says he must follow just might be flawed?

I have lived in the Fox Pointe Subdivision along Ridge Road between North Territorial and Powell since 1993, and I can tell you in no uncertain terms that neither myself, my wife nor the vast majority of neighbors with whom we have ever discussed the intersection of Ridge and Ann Arbor Road would ever try a left turn off of Ridge onto Ann Arbor Road.

We've seen too many serious accidents over the years at that intersection. both with and without injuries, to even consider using it. Taking Powell to Beck and then turning left onto Ann Arbor Road from Beck, even though somewhat less convenient, is much better than risking the potential danger.

The township has been trying for years to get a light at the Ridge and Ann Arbor intersection. Besides the obvious dangers of the intersection, the volume of traffic heading south from NorthRidge Church toward Ann Arbor Road (due to the township's inability to enforce the court order that disallows right hand turns from the church's Ridge Road driveway) just screams for the light in question.

Everyone I know in and around Plymouth who uses Ridge or Ann Arbor roads was thrilled when the light went in and mortified to learn it was only "tempary" (how MDOT spells temporary). "What are they thinking" is the phrase I hear the most. When I see all of the obvious MDOT mismanagement and blunders associated with this summer's road construction

projects throughout southeast Michigan and especially surrounding M-14, maybe I shouldn't be surprised to hear that some pencil-pushing bureaucrat wants to put peo-

ple's lives back in danger. If the actions of the elected officials, nonelected officials and thousands of concerned individuals who have written and called cannot influence MDOT director Kurt Stuedle to order Mike Budai to leave the light in place then they both ought to be summarily removed from their positions.

Should the light be removed, I hope that Mr. Budai and Mr. Stuedle are held personally responsible and accountable for each and every accident that happens at that intersection that could have been prevented by a light.

> Phil Lanc Plymouth

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#### **Corriveau best choice**

As a senior citizen who lives in Plymouth Township, I heartily agree with the ... endorsement of Marc Corriveau as the best choice in the state representative race in the 20th District.

Mr. Corriveau is the correct choice to me because he understands the problems affecting me and my family along with sensible solutions. Reduced prescription drugs and health insurance are priorities that make Corriveau the choice for state representative.

As I have listened and talked with Marc, he has shown me the compassion and empathy for those facing tough economic situations. Corriveau said that Michigan is now ready to move to a comprehensive coverage for our seniors and our children. He promised us seniors that he would fight every single day to reduce our health insurance costs.

I couldn't ask any more of my state representative than to represent me and my problems. in Lansing. Good luck to Marc Corriveau.

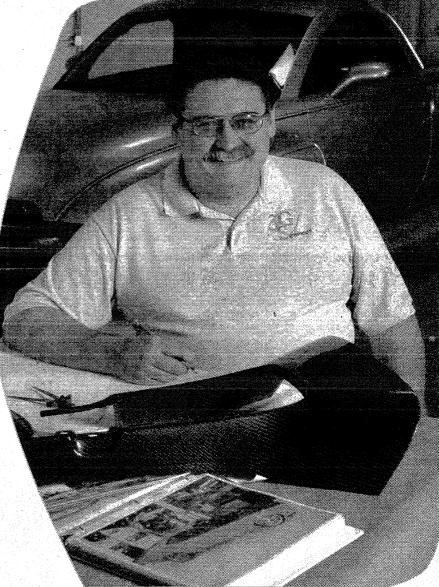
> Walter A. Kargus III Plymouth

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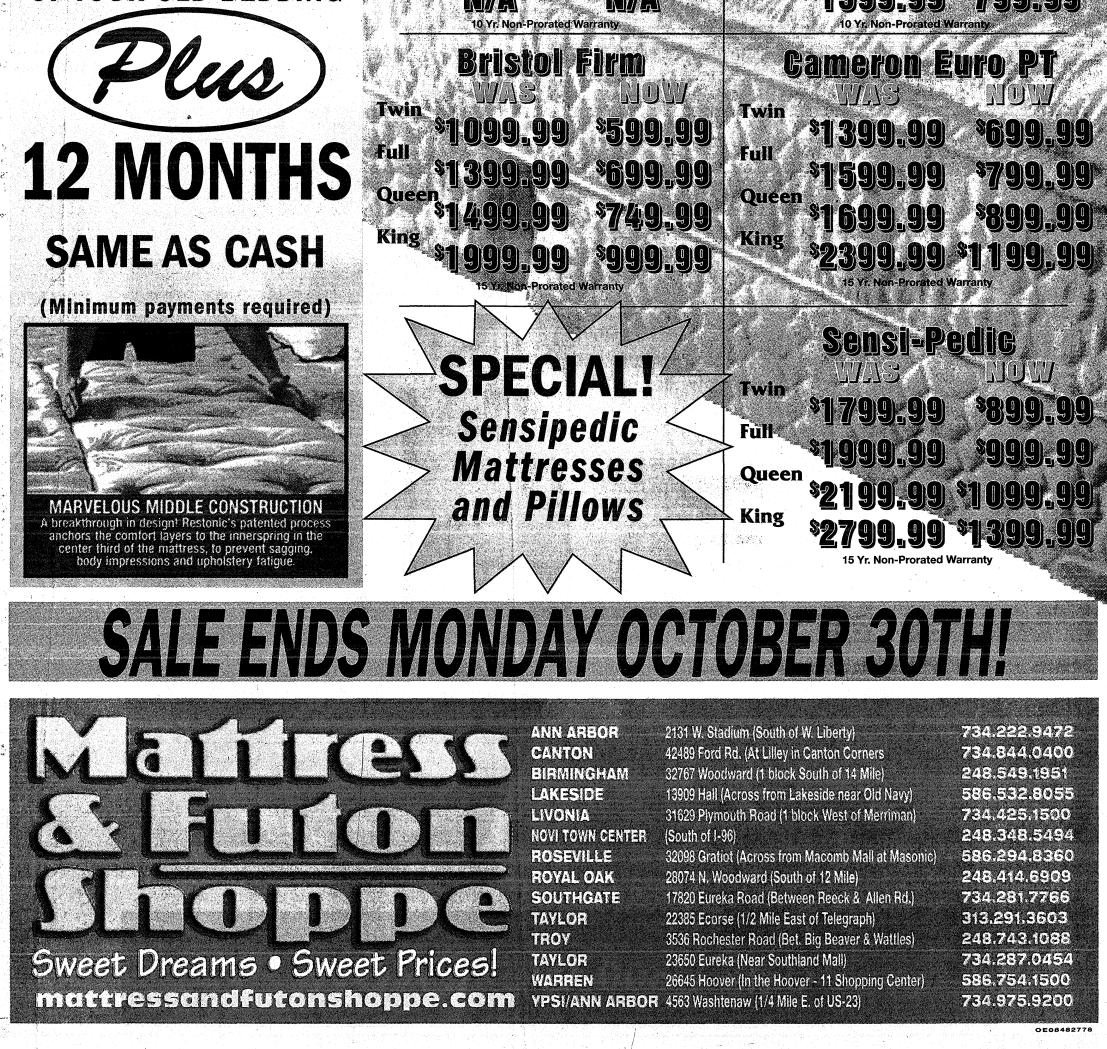
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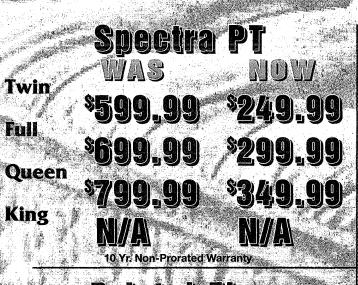






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# Chiefs 9-0 after rolling over Rocks, 42-13

#### BY ED WRIGH STAFF WRITER

To some degree, Canton football coach Tim Baechler can relate to the weekly struggles Salem coach Parker Salowich endured this season.

Salowich hopes it won't be too long before he can relate to what Baechler's been going through the past seven years. Both teams' regular seasons were capped Friday night with the Chiefs convincing 42-13 victory over the Rocks. The triumph left Canton at 9-0 heading into next week's first round of the Division 1 state playoffs.

On the flipside, the Rocks concluded their first season under Salowich at 0-9. "I know how hard it is to build a pro-

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gram like he's trying to do," said Baechler, whose first two teams at Canton finished 3-6 and 4-5 before striking playoff gold in each of the next seven seasons. "You have to change the attitudes and try to change the work ethic. It's like building a house - you have to tear it down then start all over again if you want it to be your program. It gets worse before it gets better."

Those are comforting words for. Salowich, who had an opportunity to speak with Baechler for a short time during Thursday night's junior-varsity contest between the two schools.

The thing you get out of playing a great team like Canton is that you get a real measure of where you're at," said Salowich. "I know Tim had some hardships at the beginning of his career at Canton, so knowing how they turned it around gives us hope.

"Truthfully, what happened this year is nothing I didn't expect, but I'm excited about our future. We have great kids and great parents, and when you have a mix like that it makes me confident that we can turn this thing around.

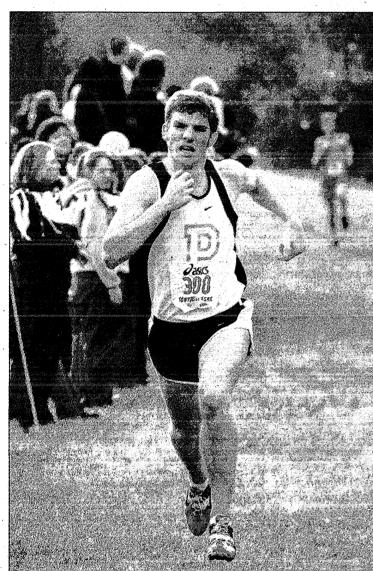
"I told the kids after the game that as they get older, by the time they remember this season, heck, they'll be telling people they were 4-5 or 5-4," Salowich

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#### ★ SELECTION SUNDAY ★

Fans of the Canton high school football team can find out the Chiefs' first-round opponent by tuning into Fox Sports Network Sunday at 6:30 p.m. for the network's high school playoff selection show. Hosted by Mickey York, the half-hour show will run down all of the brackets for the upcoming prep grid playoffs - from Division 1 through Division 8. The playoffs kick off Friday and will run through Nov. 24-25 with the finals at Ford Field – the site of the Chiefs' final game last season.

#### WLAA Conference Cross Country Meet





The picturesque 5,000-meter Willow Metropark course was lined by golden-colored trees as shown in this photo of the girls race, which was won by Churchill. See Page B3.

### **Fast 'Cats**

Scaparo-led Plymouth wins boys title



#### State meet golf

A pair of local golfers fared well at the Division 1 and Division 4 MHSAA high school state tournaments on Friday afternoon.

Canton junior Clark Albers carded an 81 on the challenging Eagle Crest layout, which is located on the grounds of Eastern Michigan University.

**Plymouth Christian** Academy junior Ross Gerulis also shined, firing a 79 in the Division 4 event at The Meadows course on the campus of **Grand Valley State** University.

Heading into Saturday's second and final round, Gerulis was just three shots behind a pair of golfers - Traverse City St. Francis's Tony **Casciano and Suttons** Bay's Drew Palmer.

#### Wildcats fall

Plymouth's football team closed its season out at 3-6 following a 38-8 setback to Mount Pleasant (7-2) Friday night. Details of the game were not reported to the Observer.

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Anthony Scaparo's third-place finish led Plymouth to its first WLAA conference crown. The Wildcats placed five runners in the top 17 to outpace runner-up Churchill by nine points.

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FAVORITE...

Please see story on girls meet on Page B3.

**BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

It's hard to ignore the parallels between the 2006 Plymouth boys cross country team and the 2006 Detroit Tigers.

In 2003, the Tigers set a record for Major League futility, losing 119 games. Now, they're knocking on the door of a World Series title.

In 2003, the Wildcats were in dead-last place at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet. On Friday, coach Lee Shaw's harriers knocked down the championship door, winning the WLAA meet by nine points over runner-up Livonia Churchill in a race held at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

"Our senior class this year finished last their freshman season, so we've made a big turnaround," said Shaw, whose team compiled 55

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Bumble Bee soccer, Y-Pucks and Pee Wee T-Ball.

The programs, which are for children between the ages 3 to 5, run the weeks of Nov. 30 and Dec. 11.

For more information. contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

#### Wrestling registration

Sign-ups for the Salem Wrestling Club for kids between the 1st and 8th grades will continue through the first practice, which is Nov. 14. The Salem Wrestling Club/Team Chippewa will be participating in the **Michigan Youth Wrestling** Association (MYWAY), which begins in January. Call (734) 239-2922.

### Early start gave Ware jump on net success

**BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

Alex Ware was taller than a tennis racquet the first time she picked one up and started honing what would evolve into a smooth and productive forehand shot.

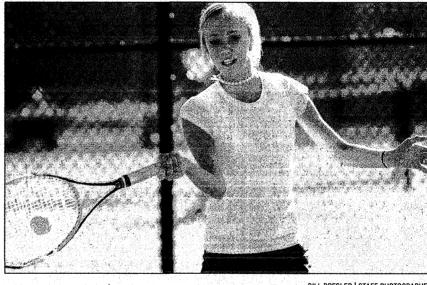
But just barely. Ware, who recently completed her unprecedented fourth consecutive year as Salem's No. 1 singles player, began whacking green, fuzzy tennis balls over



"When I was 3, my parents put me in a tennis class called Ankle Biters,' " remembered Ware. "My best friend was in the class, too, and I remember we had a lot of fun."

Ware's early tennis upbringing

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**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Salem senior Alex Ware broke new ground at Salem when she served as the Rocks' No. 1 singles player all four years of her high school career. Ware, who has her sights on playing collegiate tennis, racked up a 30-14 career record in WLAA matches.



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## Senior Night' a hit for Plymouth cagers

#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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The Plymouth girls basketball team recorded a significant two-for-one comeback victory over visiting Walled Lake Western Thursday night.

The Wildcats' 38-32 triumph over the Warriors not only bolstered their chances of earning a berth in the Western Lakes Activities Association's post-season tournament, but it gave five final-year players a "Senior Night" to remember.

While the pre-game attention was reserved for the seniors – Amber Davis, Val Klemmer, Chelsey Quinlan, Chrystien Guyton and Trisha Watkins - freshman Stacey Klonowski stole the late-game spotlight when she buried all four of her free throw attempts in the final minute to seal the victory. Sophomore guard Megan Davis also drained a pair of clutch shots from the stripe with 8.4 seconds left.

"Winning tonight was very special for our five seniors, but it was also critical for our position in the Western Division," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly, whose squad improved to 4-4 in the division and 6-9 overall.

Plymouth entered the night in the middle of a logjam of four teams, each of which is battling to earn one of three Western Division playoffs spots still up for grabs. Canton, which is unbeaten in league

play, has already clinched a spot, but Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Western and Northville entered Thursday night with either 3-4 or 4-3 ledgers.

The game resembled a topsy-turvy rollercoaster ride for the Wildcats, who led 9-2 in the early going and trailed 21-13 late in the second quarter before storming back to seize the win with an inspired second half.

"In the first half, we got passive and we weren't playing aggressively on defense," said Reilly. "Offensively, we weren't up-tempo enough. All those things together just had us in a lull.

"In the second half, we came out with more energy and we went after them more at both ends of the court. Western is a tough team to defend because they cut a lot and they have players who can attack the basket. If you don't pressure them, they're going to keep running their offense."

Sophomore center Shaakira Haywood paced the Wildcats with 11 points, nine rebounds and two blocked shots. Klonowski finished with seven points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Plymouth dominated in the rebounding department - 39-13.

Junior guard Melanie Wilkinson was the lone Warrior to hit double-figures, netting 14 points and three steals.

Plymouth's first lead in the second half came with 5.9 seconds left in the third when Kelsi Robinson swished a long triple from the right corner to give her team å 26-24 advantage. The Wildcats never trailed again as they went 6for-6 from the line in the final 32 seconds to seal it.

Both teams struggled from the floor as Plymouth hit 11-of-34 shots (32 percent) while Western connected on 12-of-40 (30 percent). The Wildcats were 12-of-17 from the line (70.5) and Western hit 6-of-9 (66.0).

SALEM 56, W.L. CENTRAL 49: On Thursday, the Rocks clinched a top seed in the WLAA conference tournament and at least a share of the Lakes Division crown.

The victory, Salem's 10th straight, improved the winners' record to 13-2 overall and 8-0 in the division. Central slipped 11-4 and 6-2, respectively.

"We had great balance tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It was a rough, physical game. They set their defense up to stop Teresa Coppiellie because she hurt them the last time we played, but everybody else stepped up."

Particularly, senior forward Tayler Langham, who netted 18 points to lead Salem. Also making major contributions were Lauren Kurtz (12 points, 10 rebounds), Alaya Mitchell (11 points, six assists), Chelsea Davis (11 points) and

Coppiellie (four points, nine rebounds).

Brittany Burkhardt led the Vikings with 20 points. Kelly Costello added 14.

Central led 14-12 after one quarter and 26-24 at the half. Salem knotted the game at 37all after three before taking control by winning the final eight minutes, 19-12.

"The key point in the game was the second quarter when we were able to cut an eightpoint deficit down to two," Thomann said. "I was happy with how we were able to weather the storm. "We were up five or six

points in the third quarter and they came back and tied it. It was a very good high school basketball game." Salem hit 16-of-22 free

throws (72 percent).

The Rocks can win the Lakes Division outright by sweeping Westland John Glenn on Tuesday and Livonia Churchill on Thursday. The WLAA tourney tips-off Oct. 31.

CANTON 48, WAYNE 29: On Thursday at home, the Chiefs rode strong offensive efforts from Ja'nee Morton (19 points and eight rebounds) and Baylee Hollowell (10 points and 14 rebounds), and a stellar defensive effort by Lauren Delapaz, who held Zebras' leading scorer Treina Barbee to just four points. Delapaz also contributed on the offensive end, chipping in with seven points.

The win clinched the WLAA Western Division crown for the Chiefs, who improved to 13-2 overall and 8-0 in the division. Wayne dropped to 1-14 and O-8, respectively.

Canton played without starting point guard Becci Houdek, who suffered an ankle injury in Tuesday night's win over Walled Lake Western.

"Becci usually handles the ball 98 percent of the time for us, so it was good for some of the other kids to get a chance to run the offense. Lauren Delapaz and Ja'nee Morton played the point for us and I thought they really stepped up and did a great job."

The victory was especially sweet considering it was 'Senior Night."

"It's always nice for the seniors to win on 'Seniors Night," said Samulski, referring to Houdek, Morton and Delapaz. "Becci is a four-year player, Lauren's a third and Ja'nee is a second-year varsity player, and all three have really worked hard throughout their careers here. It was a nice honor to get a win tonight."

Canton led 15-8 after one quarter, 25-13 at the half and 36-18 after three quarters.

Samulski praised the play of reserve Kaylie Martin, who contributed six points during an otherwise sluggish stretch for the Chiefs in the second quarter.

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Plymouth's Val Klemmer, pictured above in a game earlier this season, tallied three points, two rebounds and three assists in Thursday night's 38-32 victory over Walled Lake Western.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**

WESTERN LAKES **ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY MEET** 

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 36 points; 2. Northville, 101 (won tiebreaker); 3. Livonia Stevenson, 101; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 114: 5. Plymouth, 131: 6. Canton, 158: 7. Salem, 176: 8. Livonia Franklin. 185; 9. Westland John Glenn, 198; 10. Walled Lake Western. 211: 11. Walled Lake Central, 335; 12. Wayne Memorial, 360.

Individual winner: Megan Maceratini (Churchill), 18 minutes, 39 seconds (5.000 meters).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Churchill (36): 1. Megan Maceratini, 18:39; 4. Sara Kroll, 18:55.95; 5. Rachel McFarlane, 19:59.02; 6. Alyssa Mira, 19:11.85; 20. Lindsey Marlow, 20:17.82; 21. Lindsay McMullen, 20:21.73; 44. Hannah Otto, 21:25.92.

Northville (101): 11. Lindsay Hagan, 19:34.97; 12. Mary Sprader, 10:42.21; 25. Molly Slavens, 20:37.1; 26. Kelsey Katynski, 20:38.81; 28. Karina Puskorius, 20:40.29; 29. Anna Hardenburgh, 20:42.69; 61. Julia Bawden, 22:24.09.

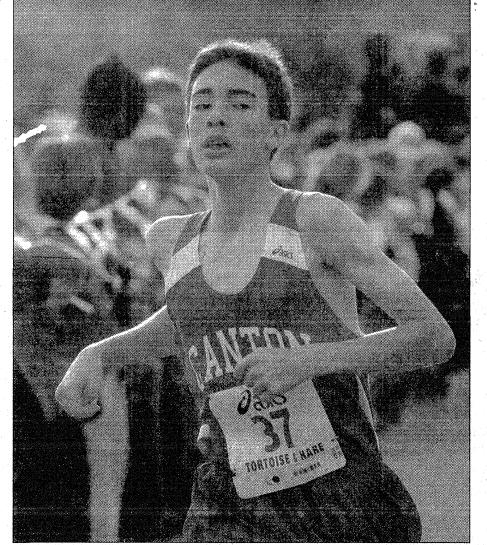
Stevenson (101): 3. Courtney Calka, 18:49.1; 8. Kristen Frey, 19:29.5; 17. Stephanie Perez, 20:09.9; 22. Denee Meier, 20:25.71; 51. Victoria Saferian, 21:55.13: 52. Stephanie Kraft, 21:55.69: 60. Megan Muzzell, 22:18.7.

W.L. Northern (114): 7. Rachel Quaintance, 19:20.68; 10. Ashton Williams, 19:33.87; 27. Lauren Quaintance, 20:39.5; 30. Kristen Olsen, 20:44.14; 40. Stephanie Baugher, 21:12.42; 42. Jourdon Kopec, 21:17.31; 43. Kelli



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Duncan Spitz saved his personal-best time of 16:36.79 for a good time - Friday's WLAA conference meet at Willow Metro Park. The sophomore's effort was good enough for fifth place.

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#### points. "We had a couple of guys who were a little sick, so their legs were a little heavy because they cut back on the miles this week. But I thought everybody ran well. I'm pleased.

"That said, I think we can run even better next week at the Regional meet. We'll be going up against Novi, which is one of the top teams in the state, so we'll see how we line up against them."

The 'Cats clinched the top spot by placing five runners in the top 17. Senior Anthony Scaparo led the charge with a third-place showing in 16:27.25. Also contributing to the winning cause were Derek Lax (7th), Patrick Slavens (13th), Justin Huey (15th) and Cristian Chagas (17th).

"My coach told me to run second if I could and let somebody else block the wind," said Scaparo, discussing his prerace strategy. "I stuck to that for quite a while until there was about a half-mile to go, then I started to hurt."

Charger coach John McGreevy had slightly mixed emotions - mostly positive - about his team's runner-up performance.

"I thought we ran very well, but I was a little disappointed because you always want to come in first," he said. "But Plymouth was the better team today.

"I was very proud of our boys' effort. Our goal was to be in the top three, so I was happy with that."

McGreevy praised the effort of junior Brandon Grysko, whose fourth-place finish propelled the Chargers.

"Brandon ran very well," McGreevy said. "The three guys that finished ahead of him are top-notch runners. Brandon is a late-season runner, so I'm looking for big things from him next week and, hopefully, at the state meet."

Possibly the most incredible performance Friday afternoon was turned in by Canton sophomore Duncan Spitz, who placed fifth while bettering his previous personal-best time by over 20 seconds.

"I ran a lot different today than I ever did before," said Spitz, who covered the 5,000-mete. course in 16:36.79. "I went out harder than I ever have before. I ran a 5:10 first mile and I've never done that. I warmed up the same way I always do. I just tried to stay with the leaders."

Canton coach Bill Boyd said Spitz's Top 5 finish was the result of a dedicated off-season by his 15-year-old ace.

"Duncan was our No. 1 mileage guy this summer and we always preach to the kids that they have to get the mileage in if they're going to do well," Boyd said. "He beat everybody else on our team mileage-wise this summer. He's one of those kids who goes out and works hard every day in practice, and it's paying off for him."

Salem coach Geoff Baker said he was disappointed in his team's eighth-place finish one year after the Rocks placed second behind champion Churchill.

"We just didn't run well," Baker said. "We were a little down today. Hopefully, we bounce back for next week's Regional."

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Plymouth (131): 15: Beth Heldmeyer, 19:50.19: 16. Pam Bhullar, 20:03.31: 25. Molly Slavens, 20:37.1; 37. Paula Green, 21:04.71; 38. Laura Ahearn,

21:06.33; 56. Julia Forster, 22:06.72; 64. Kristin Callahan, 22:36.7. Canton (158): 9. Sarah Thomas, 19:32.64; 33. Katherine Galm, 20:50.49; 36. Paula Schubatis, 21:02.11: 39. Katelin David, 21:07.97: 41. Anne Murphy, 21:13.95;46. Katherine Rymond, 21:46.27; 55. Brittany Dempsey, 21:58.49.

Salem (176): 2. Hannah Cavicchio, 18:42.63; 32. Kelley Determan, 20:47.55; 35. Kortney Marsh, 20:58.98; 50. Lauren Olson, 21:54.58; 57. Allison York, 22:11.38; 58. Sabrina Burcroff, 22:13.09; 66. Emily Rossman, 22:54.27.

Franklin (185): 13. Meghan Horgan, 19:48.88; 18. Kelly Roulier, 20:11.6; 34. Kari Saarela, 20:54.41; 53. Devan Walley, 21:56.18; 67. Victoria Church, 22:57.29; 69. Kelsey Kaplan, 23:27.62; 70. Laura Marshall, 23:43.34.

John Glenn (198): 19. Ashley Bailey, 20:14.77; 31. Stacey Richardson, 20:45.93; 45. Danielle Levy, 21:40.09; 49. Megan Nikula, 21:54.0; 54. Joslyn DeGroot, 21:57.44; 72. Michelle Levy, 23:44.25; 77. Amy Selewski, 24:15.15.

W.L. Western (211): 14. Rachel Wessel, 19:49.42; 23. Lindsay Doherty, 20:28.64; 47. Kelsey Young, 21:50.15; 62. Chelsea Burke, 22:31.39; 65. Dasha Dokshina, 22:45.05; 74. Annie Walton, 23:51.74; 76. Amy Williams, 24:05.09.

W.L. Central (335): 48. Brigid Nash, 21:51.94; 68. Bianca Butler, 23:19.52; 71. Stephanie Walden, 23:43.77; 73. Cimone Safilian, 23:49.77; 75. Ashley Slemer, 24:04.59; 80. Amanda David, 25:10.28; 82. Brunilda Lumai. 25:59.75.

Wayne (360): 59. Melissa Smith, 22:13.75; 63. Claire Moro, 22:36.12; 78. Esmeralda Rivera, 24:31.1; 79. Kathryn Trudeau, 24:46.25; 81. Chelsea Gilbert. 25:52.79.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 55; 2. Livonia Churchill, 64; 3. Northville, 129; 4. W.L. Western, 137; 5. W.L. Central, 137; 6. Canton, 147; 7. W.L. Northern, 166; 8. Salem, 167; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 183; 10. Livonia Franklin, 249; 11. Wayne Memorial, 251; 12. Westland John Glenn,

Individual winner: Jasen Turnbull (Northville), 16:18.69. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Plymouth (55): 3. Anthony Scaparo, 16:27.25; 7. Derek Lax, 16:48.48; 13. Patrick Slavens, 17:07.45; 15. Justin Huey, 17:10.07; 17. Cristian Chagas, 17:11.60; 42. Ty Schroeder, 17:55.48; 54. Alex Noble, 18:21.11.

Churchill: (64): 4. Brandon Grysko, 16:34.17; 10. Joseph Varilone, 16;56.75; 12. Mark Waterbury, 17:01.68; 18. Mark Pilat, 17:13.00; 20. Brian Robertson, 17:16.51; 27. Paul Folk, 17:24.64; 36. James Waterbury, 17:48.41.

Northville (129): Jasen Turnbull, 16:18.69; 24. Nicholas Kolbow, 17:22.30; 25. Frank Griffiths, 17:23.15; 38. Erik Peterson, 17:51.74; 41. Jacob Myers, 17:54.67: 48. Jon Zurek, 18:07.06: 55. Nitin Jacob, 18:25.92.

W.L. Western (137): 6. Todd Bowmar, 16:46.33; 19. Christia Schnaible. 17:15.95; 28. Jason Mahakian, 17:25.66; 39. Kousei Yajima, 17:52.36; 45. Brian Cheadle, 18:00.84; 51. Jon Rhodes, 18:09.99; 66. Trevor D'Silva, 18:46.51.

W.L. Central (137): 2. Jacob Hill, 16:22.56; 8. Kyle Roche, 16:52.02; 16. Anthony Sanfillippo, 17:10.76; 43. Chad Norton, 17:56.90; 68. Drew Prueter, 18:59.23; 76. Jason Russell, 19:51.87; 79. Eric Nodge, 20:06.75. Canton (147): 5. Duncan Spitz, 16:36.79; 26. Kyle Clinton, 17:24.12; 29. Zachary Spreitzer, 17:33.34; 35. Greg Reed, 17:40.92; 52. Derek Hoerman, 18:10.55; 61. Joshua Osinski, 18:36.50; 78. Mike Eimers 19:56.98.

W.L. Northern (166): 22. Mihkey Maves, 17:19.04; 23. Chris Platt, 17:21.63; 30. Corey Brown, 17:34.40; 33. Brian Carter, 17:39.99; 58. Andrew Roeser, 18:32.51; 65. Peter woodcox, 18:45.92; 69. Dan Stecher, 19:01.77.

Salem (167): 11. Kevin deBear, 17:01.16; 14. Craig Cowing, 17:07.99: 40. Jason Smith, 17:53.88; 46. Justin Kane, 18:04.14; 56. Robert Curtis, 18:27.44; 63. Eric Volstromer, 18:39.97; 67. Matt Korovesis, 18:53.30.

Livonia Stevenson (183): 31. Kevin Reschke, 17:35.03; 32. David Antishin, 17:39.12; 34. David McIntyre, 17:40.41; 37. Michael Green, 17:50.91; 49. Shawn Howse, 18:07.82; 50. Alan Stackpoole, 18:09.37; 57. Blake Morgan, 18:28.71.

Livonia Franklin (249): 9. Evan Sirena, 16:52.82; 47. Pete Walblay, 18:05.13; 59. Doug Cole, 18:33.47; 64. Dylan Taylor, 18:44.05; 70. Robert Freed, 19:04.76; 73. Jason Riffel, 19:38.80; 74. Jeremy Diamond, 19:44.85

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#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

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### Chargers run away with girls WLAA cross country crown

#### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Talk about a runaway. Livonia Churchill captured last year's Western Lakes Activities Association girls cross country meet over rival Livonia Stevenson by a mere four points. An aggregate five seconds separated the two rivals.

Friday afternoon's WLAA meet at Willow Metropark featured no such drama as the Chargers, bolstered by senior Megan Maceratini first-place finish, took four of the first six places to beat Northville and Stevenson by 65 each. See complete results.

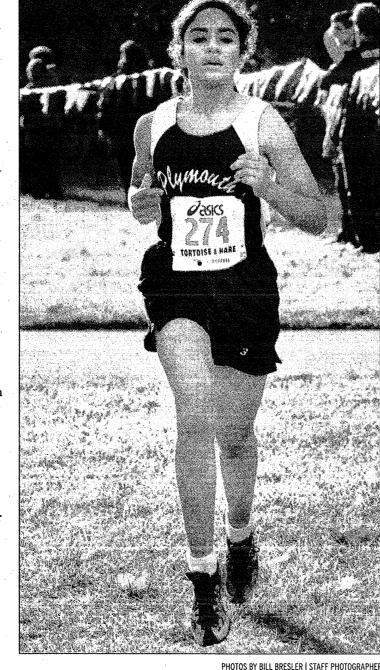
Churchill's 36 points earned coach Sue Tatro her fourth WLAA crown since 2000.

"I'm a very proud coach today," said Tatro, whose Chargers are ranked No. 2 statewide in Division I. "We have a conference championship, a conference champion (Maceratini) and a host of personal bests. My girls continue to work hard and improve their times."

After being injured as a freshman and suffering mononucleosis as a sophomore, Maceratini appears to hitting stride during her senior year as she ran a personal best 18 minutes, 39 seconds over the 5,000-meter course.

In the final mile, the senior overhauled defending champion Courtney Calka of Stevenson, who wound up third in 18:49.1; and runnerup Hannah Cavicchio of Salem, who clocked an 18:42.63.

"This is my senior year, I started training a little earlier because I wanted to do my best," said Maceratini, who eclipsed her time of 18:57 two weeks ago at the Wayne



Plymouth's Pam Bhullar had a strong race in Friday's WLAA conference meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

County Meet. "I felt really good today. I just tried to run even splits and don't go out too fast.

Hannah (Cavicchio) and I ran together almost the entire race. After I passed her (Calka), I

just wanted to keep moving. I assumed she would come back on me, so I tried my best to keep going."

Maceratini had plenty of company as freshman teammate Sara Kroll took fourth in 18:55.95.

Junior Rachel McFarlane and sophomore Alyssa Mira placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in 18:59.02 and 19:11.85. The Chargers' fifth scorer was 20th-place finisher Lindsey Marlow (20:17.82). Teammate Lindsay McMullen was right behind in 21st (20:21.73). "Megan ran a top-notch race

today, she ran a smart race and finished strong," Tatro said. "And her senior leadership continues to shine.

"And for a freshman, Sara (Kroll) shows tremendous promise. She continues to run with the top runners and races like a seasoned veteran. And as always, both Rachel (McFarlane) and Alyssa (Mira) continue to be solid performers and key components to our team."

Cavicchio, meanwhile, matched her performance of 18:43 at the Wayne County Meet.

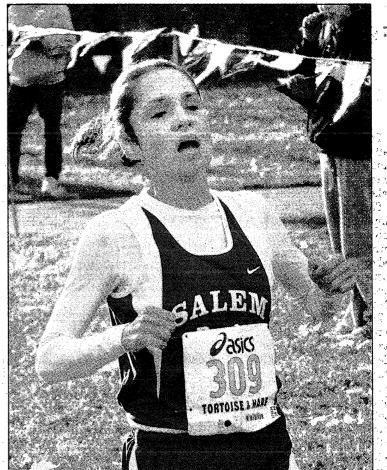
"The course is flat and it's scenic," the Salem senior said. "I passed her (Calka) after the last hill. It was exciting because she finished fifth in the state (last year) and she's pretty much untouchable. I thought I'd never catch her. "The girl that best me

"The girl that beat me (Maceratini) just ran awesome. I'm so proud of her. I just gave it what I got. I still feel I can get under this time (18:42.63)." Other top area individual finishers included Stevenson's

Kristen Frey (eighth), Canton's Sarah Thomas (ninth), Livonia Franklin's Meghan Horgan (13th) and Plymouth's Beth Heldmeyer (15th).

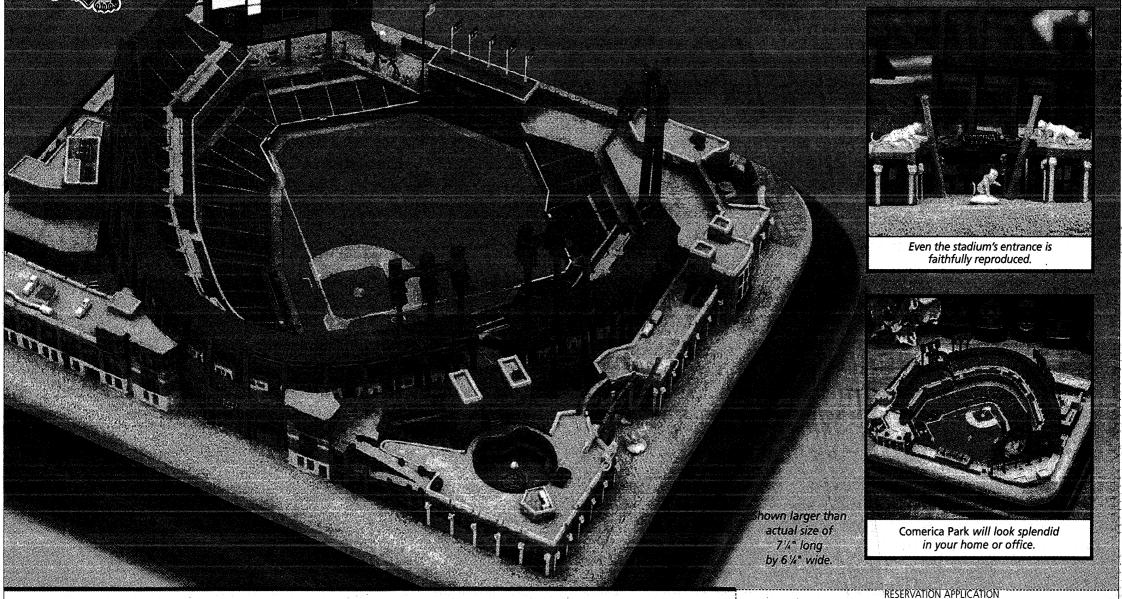
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### **CHIEFS**

FROM PAGE BI added, in his good-natured way. "You get better with age."

As expected, the Chiefs took control of Friday's contest early, scoring on their first five possessions to take a 35-0 bulge into the intermission. Senior running back Nick Moores accounted for three of the TD's on runs of 11, 20 and 15 yards. The other two scores came on Antwaun Hawkins' 2-yard plunge and a 10-yard scamper by senior Devin Murphy.

Canton's final points came on junior fullback Jordan Raiford's 21-yard dash to paydirt in the third quarter.

Salem struck twice in the second half against the Chiefs' defensive reserves when sophomore Anthony Mullins reeled off TD runs of 27 and 64 yards.

Besides the victory, the best news for Canton was that quarterback Steve Pave was able to see his first action since suffering a knee injury against Livonia Franklin on Sept. 22. On a more

### WARE

#### FROM PAGE B1

is not surprising considering the sport is etched into her family's DNA. Her dad, Mike, is a former professional player and current teaching pro at Ann Arbor's Huron Valley Tennis Club; her brother, Michael, plays collegiately at Denison University in Ohio; and her mom, Lin, is the Rocks' head tennis coach.

"Tennis was the thing to do in my family and I really enjoyed it," Ware said. "Growing up, my friends and I would travel all over the place for tournaments.

"My dad would always tell me, 'Now, if you win three matches, I'll take you to get your nails done," she added, smiling.

Thanks to a strong arsenal of shots, plenty of poise and confidence to match, Ware earned plenty of manicures when she was younger. Her most significant victory came at the age of 9 when she won a 10-and-under Future Qualifier, a tournament that attracted most of the top

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disheartening note, junior running back Dalton Walser also returned after missing six games, however, he appeared to re-injure his leg on just his third carry of the night.

"That was very unfortunate for Dalton because he's such a special player and such a big part of our team," said Baechler. "We wanted to test him tonight and see where he was, and he wanted to get back out there, too. The only good news is that he has a year left.

"Now, we need to get Deshon McClendon back and playing both ways for us. He's such a dynamic playmaker and we'll need him for the playoffs."

The Chiefs did not throw a pass on a night when 12 players recorded at least one carry. Moores led the parade with 95 yards on seven runs. Others joining the 40 yards-plus club were Hawkins (65), Murphy (63) and Raiford (43).

Baechler said he gave a welldeserved start to Murphy, a senior, who responded with flying colors.

"We wanted to start Devin because he's been such a great kid for our program the last four years," Baechler said. "I was glad we were able to get him a lot of carries (11) and a touchdown."

In large part to the two long scoring efforts, Mullins had an outstanding game, finishing with 108 vards on 15 carries. Sophomore quarterback Heath Parling had his moments, too, completing 7-of-15 passes for 51 yards. Four of his aerials were hauled in by junior Jesse Pointer.

Jon Wilson and Jeremy Epley recovered fumbles for the Rocks. "Unfortunately, the score

tonight seemed to be a common score for us this season," said Salowich. "But, again, the kids didn't quit. And when we got all of our seniors in the game, they played their butts off.

"This attitude is what's important to our program. We're trying to build a team of kids that want to play for one another rather than themselves, and I think that showed tonight." ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

young players in the state. "I played just about every day in the summer growing up," she said. "I loved it. Then when I was 13, I decided I needed a break from tennis, so I focused on other sports, like soccer and softball."

Following a year off, Ware instantly earned the No. 1 singles role at Salem with her accomplished skills and unwavering confidence.

And if you think the 14-yearold freshman was intimidated playing against 18-year-old seniors, think again.

"Actually, I was pretty cocky when I came in my first year," Ware said. "My teammates used to tell me I was intimidating, but once they got to know me, they knew that wasn't the case."

Among her four-year accomplishments at Salem are a sterling 30-14 record against many of the top No. 1 singles players in the metropolitan Detroit area and an unbeaten record against P-CEP rivals Canton and Plymouth.

Tennis is a family affair in

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our family and Alex always seemed to have her dad's genes when it came to her ability," said Lin Ware. "Alex always had a big forehand and could finish points off with it.

"The biggest thing about her senior year was that she never gave up on matches. Against Canton, she was down 5-1 in the second set, but she battled back to win 7-5. Earlier in her career, when she'd get down like that, she had a tendency to tank it."

A 3.1 student. Ware is contemplating continuing her competitive tennis career in college. Among her options are Denison, the Division III school her brother attends, and a couple other small schools that have expressed interest in her net skills.

"I'd like a career in which I could work with disabled kids, or something in neurology or psychology," she said. "No matter what I do, I think I'll always keep playing tennis?

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PLYMOUTH 115 WALLED LAKE WESTERN 71 **Thursday at Salem** 200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Nicole Ambrose, Sijia Hao, Stephanie Goulet

Michelle Chang), 2:05.24; 2. Plymouth 2:05.69; 3. W.L. Western, 2:06.92. 200 freestyle: 1. Adina Bohr (WLW), 2:04.69; 2. Alyssa Liakos (P), 2:11.35; 3. Beth McReynolds (P), 2:16.22. 200 IM: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 2:23.26; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 2:32.48; 3. Sarah Krueger (WLW), 2:32.53. 50 freestyle: 1. Alexia Fregonara (WLW), 26.79; 2. Melissa McKinstry (P), 27.45; 3. Michelle Chang (P), 27.85. 1-meter diving: 1. Sophie Daughtry (WLW), 158.90; 2. Allie Karagozian (WLW), 148.10; 3. Tori Beeler (P), 143.90.

2. Stephanie Goulet (P), 1:11.96; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:12.01.

Emily Clanton (P), 1:00.77; 3. Melissa McKinstry (P), 1:01.31. 200 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Western (Alexia Fregonara, Amanda McCristal, Mai Funasaki, Adina Bohr), 1:48.51; 2. Plymouth, 1:49.12; 3. Plymouth, 1:56.09.

1:07.44; 2. Nicole Ambrose (P), 1:08.96; 3. Lauren Maslyk (P), 1:12.89. 100 breaststroke: 1. Sijia Hao (P), 1:15.11; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:15.96; 3. Sarah Krueger (WLW), 1:17.19.

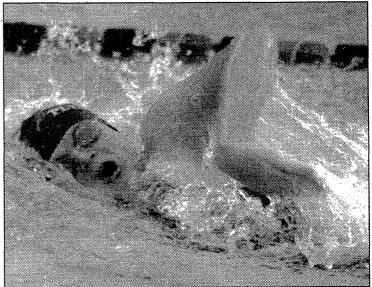
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**STEELERS TAKE 2** 

On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team upended the Farmington Rockets, 28-13, to improve to 5-1. Enrique Pardo led the offensive effort while Tony Rhodes, Samuel Scott and Andrew Thomas also played well. The defense was paced by Mark Wallath, Jack Vida and Jeff Huerer.

#### **SWIM RESULTS**



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Emily Bair (S), 2:26.24; 3. Madi Sewell

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100 backstroke: 1. Whitney Aumiller (S), 1:05.39; 2. Rachael Dalian (WLC), 1:09.58; 3.

100 breaststroke: 1. Rebecca Lee (WLC),

1:14.15; 2. Madi Sewell (WLC), 1:14.36; 3.

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5:23.70; 2. 2. Jordan Daykin (WLC), 5:46.56;

2. Emily Bair (S), 1:07.36; 3. Sandy Nahra (S),

Plymouth's Melissa McKinstry churns through the water during the 100-yard freestyle event Thursday night. McKinstry helped the Wildcats upend Walled Lake Western to improve their record 6-1 overall and 5-0 in the WLAA Western Division.

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500 freestyle: 1. Maddy McDuff (C), 5:50.36; 2. Oliva LaFortune (WM), 6:16.81; 3. Julie Collins (C), 6:31.25. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Madelynn Bevill, Chelsea Randles, Sadie Earnest, Olivia LaFortune), 1:53.05; 2. Canton, 2:01.58; 3. Wayne, 2:07.51. 100 backstroke: 1. Monica Blaesser (C). 1:07.50: 2. Katie Kubacki (C), 1:11.05: 3. Kaylee Artman (WM), 1:18.30. 100 breaststroke: 1. Meghan Sears (C), 1:24.03; 2. Lucy O'Neill (C), 1:29.46; 3. Kara Windsor (WM), 1:30.39. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Laura Landis. Maddy McDuff, Britney Sheeler, Paige Solo), 4:14.74; 2. Canton, 3:47.53; 3. Wayne, 4:39.00.

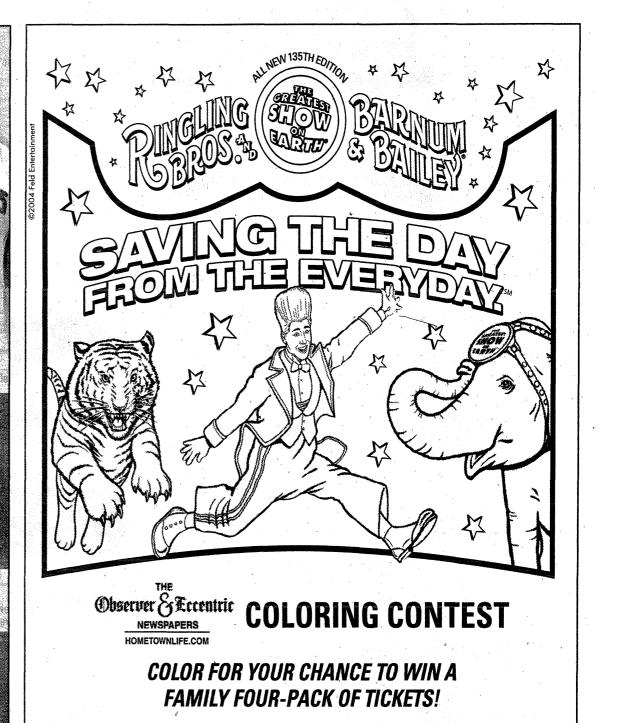
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#### **SPORTS BRIEFS**

The Steelers' JV unit was edged by the Rockets, 27-6, despite strong efforts from Chris Mattei, Mathew Walsh and Josh Kuhn.

The Steelers' freshmen continued to shine, improving to 6-0 with a 28-12 triumph. Defensively, Devon Cameron, Christian Mayberry and Anthony Coluluca led the way while Matt Ramey had a fine day on the offensive line.



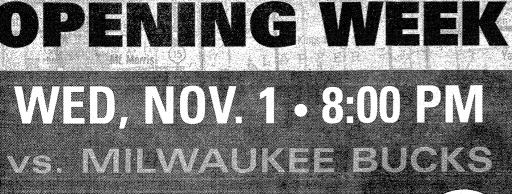
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100 butterfly: 1. Adina Bohr (WLW), 1:00.95; 100 freestyle: 1. Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:00.17; 2.

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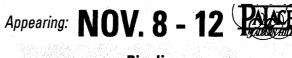
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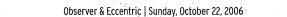
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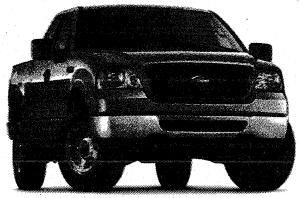
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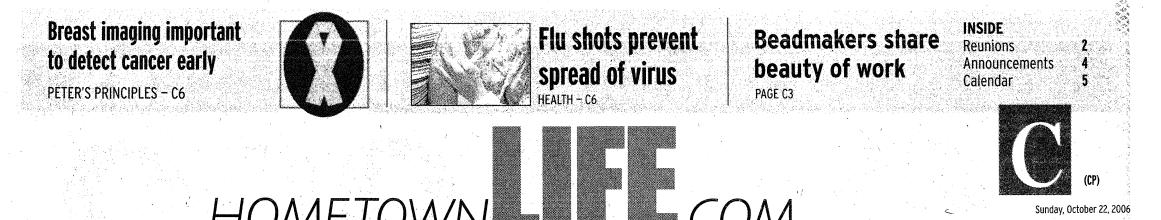
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### Speak up on talk at work

What should I do when older men talk to me in an inappropriate way, and put me in an uncomfortable situation at work? **Worried Worker Garden City** 

#### It sounds like you're a little frightened by what is happening at work and I'm very concerned about you. If these men are talking to you in a sexual manner, or referencing sexual things in their conversations with you, you need to tell an adult at work you can trust. You should not be expected to accept this type of behavior. What these men are doing is completely inappropriate and can be considered sexual harassment. It is not OK for an older man to talk about your body, or joke about sexual things with you! This type of behavior might lead to something much more dangerous. Ask your employer that you not be left alone at the work site-that you always work with an older, trusted adult.



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hesitation. If you can't walk away, call for a co-worker to assist you. It's very important that you set firm boundaries; if you laugh at what these men are saying as a way to avoid conflict, they may think you like being talked to like that. Being older, they should know better; however, there are people in this world who do not have your best interest at heart. Please take steps to make sure you keep your best interest at heart.

### Urban legends of local haunted places

**Ghost stories** 

#### **BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN** STAFF WRITER

Janice Hirt is not afraid of ghosts. Even when a leaded candle holder flew from the upstairs of a Westland house and smashed against the wall, she wasn't scared. As a medium, Hirt visits haunted homes to remove unwelcome spirits. Several children died in a fire in the Westland house.

"It's not frightening because we're used to it," said Hirt, a tarot card reader and medium at Mystiques-West in Westland where public seances are held 7 p.m. every Monday to contact dead loved ones.

'On Stark Road in Livonia there's a house over 200 years old surrounded by factories. I saw shadows and heard voices and messages from different people. We go in and try to contact the spirit, do smudging or burning with white sage to clear negative energy."

Mystiques-West Psychic Reading and Metaphysical Center specializes in spiritual counseling, but offers ghost busting services as well. In the spirit of the Halloween season, Hirt is taking part in I'm Not Afraid of Ghosts, a hunt that leaves Mystiques-West, 36356 Ford Road, between Newburgh and Wayne, at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. The public is invited to join Hirt for a brief discussion before traveling to local haunted places. The cost is \$15 per person. Participants are encouraged to bring their ghost hunting equipment including cameras, flashlights and tape recorders. For more information, call (888) 367-8653.

The ancient Celts believed the night of Oct. 31 was a time when boundaries between the dead and living were obscured. Villagers would extinguish fires to make their homes cold and undesirable. They would dress in scary costumes then parade through the streets trying to scare spirits away.

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The belief in ghosts or spirits continues to this day. Stories about sightings in buildings such as Eloise, a former mental hospital and poor house in Westland, are published in Ghost Stories of Michigan by Dan Asfar.

"There are cemeteries in this area that there have been sightings," said Hirt. "One of my favorite cemeteries is at Ridge and Gyde roads. It's very active, a lot of energy there. Even people who don't believe have gone in there and seen orbs (or spirits) and heard things."

Brian Golden has psychically sensitive friends who avoid Farmington Road at Shiawassee because of the bad vibrations.

Golden is especially knowledgeable about the lore and history of Farmington. He is president of the Farmington Historical Society, a commissioner with the Oakland County Historical Commission, and director of Pastways, a'nonprofit corporation that educates the community about historic topics and produces videos for Public Access Television. Golden has published five local history books through Pastways.

"It's a location in Farmington referred to as Botsford Hill on Farmington Road as you head south from 10 mile to Shiawassee," said Golden. "There is story about a boy who was trying to retrieve a ball and got hit by a car. To this day people have reported going down the hill at night or on a foggy day and seeing a vision of a boy standing near the road. When they get closer he's not there."

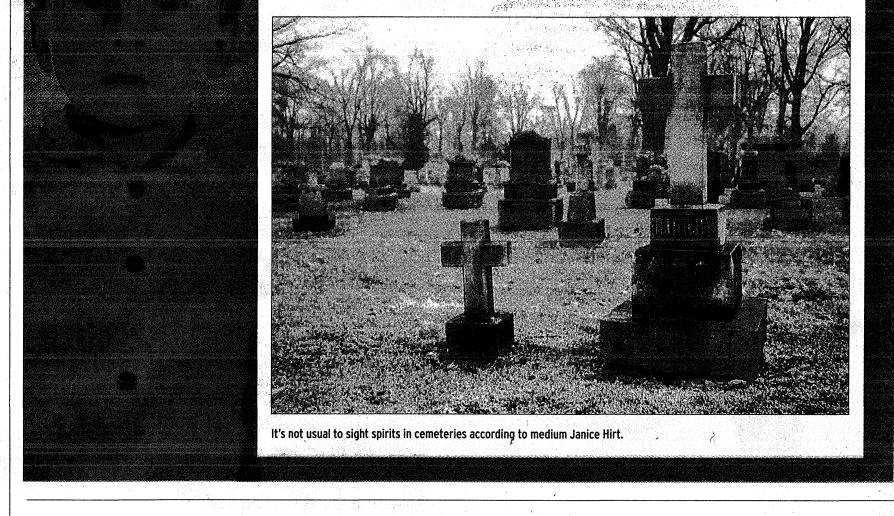
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#### a family. Should I do something about it? **Dinner for One Garden City**

Having dinner together as a family can be very important to family relationships. It can also be very difficult to do on a regular basis. With both parents working (sometimes two jobs) and kids participating in sports, clubs, dance, etc., the family dinner can become extinct. Eating together gives everybody time to catch up on what's been happening in our daily lives, it allows the opportunity to discuss upcoming activities, and it can be a time to participate in family plans. I, personally, feel that it's important to have dinner as a family more days than not. I think most of the "experts" agree on this too. So, if having dinner with your family is important to you, make it happen! Offer to cook/prepare dinner one night each week, as long as all family members attend the meal. Your mom and dad might be relieved that someone else is responsible for cooking! And, it might lead to other family members joining in on the action. Hopefully, the family dinner can make a comeback at your house!

#### Lately, my mom has been getting mad very easily. How do I find out what's causing it? **Concerned and Curious** Westland

The simple answer is, just ask her. But, how you ask her is very important. Your mom might be experiencing a lot of stress right now, which can lead to difficulty in dealing with frustration. First, let your mom know that you've noticed she seems angry a lot lately. Ask her if there's anything you can do to help. If she seems open to it, ask her what's bothering her and if you can do anything to help take some of the load off her. However, sometimes there are things that parents need to deal with by themselves. You can help her without needing to know exactly what is going on. Do this by finishing your chores, picking up after yourself, doing your laundry, or helping with dinner. Sometimes just that little bit of extra effort where it's least expected can make a world of difference. Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.



### 'Giving Hope' effort focuses on local women, girls

#### **BY JULIE BROWN** STAFF WRITER

Last May, some 40 influential women from the Canton-Plymouth community met to discuss community needs. Of that group, there's now a steering committee of 14 which kicked off the "Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle" endeavor Wednesday at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.

'We have about 125 women coming," Canton Community Foundation **Development Director Loren Wadington** said Wednesday morning. The women hope to address issues for women and girls in the community that aren't being met.

Wadington, a Canton resident, cited a body imaging class for teen girls as one possibility. Following a good diet's another possibility, along with such projects as wigs for low-income chemotherapy patients or clothing kits for women

who've been raped to wear home from the emergency room.

there," said Wadington, who noted budgpoint for the new group.

Canton Community Foundation staffers get calls from those needing help, she said, particularly as social service programs are being cut. Organizers of the giving circle hope to get women engaged in philanthropy and see their dollars used in their own community.

"They're all wonderful organizations," Wadington said of the many groups that seek funds from donors, but added it's hard to know just how much of an impact a donation has.

She hopes to see something like 100 women giving \$1,000: "Then you can make an impact."

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Shahnez Broucek, Katie Robiakek, Joan Noricks, Linda Radtke, Loren Wadington, Martha Snow and Nancy Eggenberger are among those who have formed 'Giving' Hope: Women's Giving Circle.'

'We don't know exactly what is out

et cuts at First Step, the local domestic violence shelter, as one possible helping

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#### Clawson High School

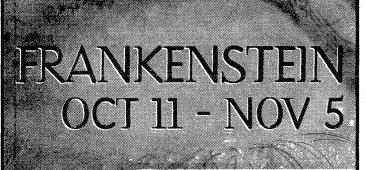
Class of 1973 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 28, at the San Marino Club, Troy. \$75, contact Linda (Morrill) Hale, (248) 761-5550, or Dave Lake, (248) 684-4200.

#### Chadsey Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288. Detroit Western Class of 1962

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#### **Epiphany Grade School**

Class of 1966 A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com. Fordson High School

#### Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nucore.com. Garden City High School

#### Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

#### Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, e-mail gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net. Garden City West Class of 1981

A 25th class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Summit on the Parkway in Canton. For more information, please e-mail: gcwestclassof1981@yahoo.com. Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991 Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

#### Livonia Bentley Class of 1966

The Bentley High School Class of 1966 will host a reunion from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, 53503 W. 10 Mile. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact Bob Mundy at (248) 427-0320.

#### Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com. Livonia Stevenson

#### Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Marriott Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$55/person and are available now. Send checks payable to "Stevenson Class of '76 Reunion" - mail to Dave Lindenmuth, 34357 Burton Lane, Livonia 48154. For more information, e-mail dlindenm@hotmail.com. Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem

#### Class of 1996

Ten-year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets, go online to

www.pcep1996.myevent.com. Redford Thurston

#### Class of 1976

A 30-year class reunion, Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West at Laurel Park. Registration/cocktails 6-7 p.m., foodentertainment 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket cost is \$55, plus cash bar. Contact Cheryl Caskey at (313) 592-0345.

#### Redford Union High School Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. For more information, go to www.ruhighclassof86.com or call (734)787-9954. **Roseville High School** 

#### Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net. **St. Damian** 

#### Class of 1966

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#### Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1987

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#### High School class of 1956

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525-5888 or e-mail: kheenan@glis.net. Troy High School

#### Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Troy Embassy Suites. \$50 includes buffet, cash bar, Troy High School Jazz Band playing music from the 50s. For information, contact Ingrid Bjornstad Vernier (248-853-1167, idvernier@glis.net or Bill Swinson at (248)879-9780.

#### Utica High School Class of 1981

A 25th reunion is being planned for the fall of 2006. Please send updated address information and inquiries to: Todd Richter (trichter26@comcast.net)

Hockey game to raise money for children

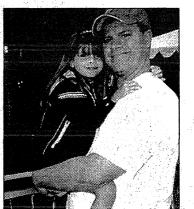
#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Scott Hardiek is lacing up his skates for a very special hockey game Friday, Nov. 3. He's always excited to be on the ice whether it's as part of an adult team at Compuware Sports Arena or the Ford Motor Co. hockey league. The Nov. 3 game is special because it raises money for Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and Dr. Susan Young's Program for Exceptional Families at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn - plus he'll have the opportunity to skate

against some of the best hockey players ever. Hardiek and his Ford Motor Co. team face off against Detroit Red Wings alumni at 7 p.m. in Compuware Sports Arena, Plymouth. Doors open at 6

p.m. During half time, ticket holders will be treated to a performance by the Hockettes (www.hockettes.com). Founded at the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club in 1956, the synchronized skating team first performed at a University of Michigan hockey game. Since then the team has medaled at the U.S. National Championships junior division for the last nine years and won the national championship in 2005.

Ticket/donations are \$10 adults, \$5 children, \$25 for families of two adults and two children, and are available at Greko Printing & Imaging, 1052 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 453-0341; Demmer Ford, 37300 Michigan Ave., Wayne (734) 721-2600; Jack Demmer Lincoln-Mercury, 21531 Michigan Ave., Dearborn (734)



Scott Hardiek is playing in a Nov. 3 hockey game to benefit children like his daughter, Kayla.

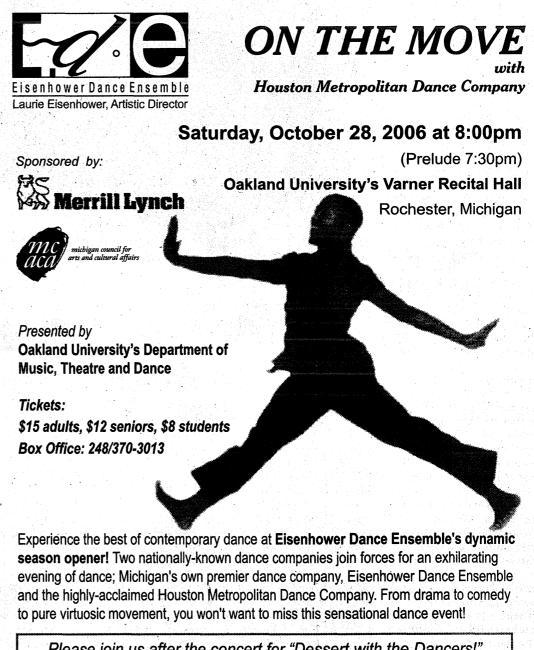
274-8800, and UAW Local 900, 38200 Michigan Ave.,

Wayne (734) 721-2530. "It's kind of like the Harlem Globe Trotters they put on a show when they play," said Hardiek who grew up in the Rochester-Troy area. "It's a really family oriented event. One of the Jack Demmer dealerships is bringing temporary tattoos of the Ford oval, also vehicles, probably the new (crossover utility vehicle) Ford Edge. Rosenau Power Sports of Dearborn is bringing motorcycles and ATVs. Chase bank is bringing child identification kits. Shooter the Whale, the mascot of the Whalers (hockey team) will be there. After the game we're opening the ice for people to skate with their families."

Kayla, Hardiek's eight year old daughter, loves to skate. He'll be skating especially for her that night. Kayla has congenital scoliosis.

The game is dedicated to Kayla and Catherine Hein, who has cerebral palsy. Marion Hein is co-chairing the event with Hardiek. Catherine is a patient of Dr. Susan Young. Hardiek calls Young's Program for Exceptional Families "one stop shopping for all medical, physical and emotional needs for children with disabilities and their families." Money from a raffle will go to the program. "I'm doing it for my daughter," said Hardiek. "One of her favorite things to do is ice skating and there's ice skating afterwards, and Kayla's been seen at Mott's."

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### Glass act

#### Beadmakers hot for molten materials

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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Anne Sheppard has been hooked on beads ever since her father bought her a loom at age 3. Today, the retired educator still enjoys playing with the spherical objects crafted from hot glass.

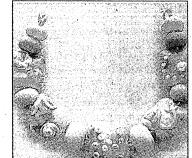
On Saturday, Nov. 4, Sheppard joins nearly two dozen artists in spotlighting their handmade jewelry, ornaments, fused tiles, sculptural and blown glass work at the Winter Wonders Glass Show Holiday Sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward at Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. All are members of the Southeast Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild named Glass Act.

Sheppard founded the Guild in 2000 with Don Miller, a Livonia resident who teaches chemistry and lampworking at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. It is the metro Detroit area's local chapter of the International Society of Glass Beadmakers and includes artists from Canton, Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Saline, Westland, the Toledo area, Traverse City and Ann Arbor.

Throughout the day, Glass Act members will demonstrate the techniques used to lampwork hot glass into a final product. Sheppard is one of several artists who create beads from glass rods over a propane torch. She took her first lampworking class at the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson then went on to study with Miller. She even traveled to France to take classes but insists glass beadmaking is just a hobby. Since retiring from teaching in Pontiac and Berkley schools, Sheppard spends her summers in the garden, her winters working over the torch making beads.

"One of the nice things about lampworking is you don't have to have a furnace," said Sheppard, who creates the beads in her Livonia home. "For a couple thousand dollars or less you can set up a studio."

Denise Billups-Walker took her first lampworking class with a friend eight years ago.



Bethany Adams of Westland created these glass beads over a torch. More of her work can be viewed at www.gwaciebeads.com. She is one of two dozen artists showing their work on Nov. 4, in Bloomfield Hills.

become hypnotized by the flame when you're working with the torch."

Lampworking allows Billups-Walker to create glass beads just about anywhere and have a good time. She describes the work as whimsical. Expect to see lots of penguins, cat and dog beads at the show. She says, friends call her the Queen of Cute. Billups-Walker loves crafting the creations so much she teaches beginning bead making at the Berkley Burning Bead Studio. She is especially hoping that show visitors find the art as fascinating as her students. "It's fun," said Billups-Walker, a retired Detroit teacher. "Now I get other people hooked.

"Anything to do with glass you probably can find there," said Billups-Walker. "We have some really unique gifts, jewelry, wine stoppers, serving trays that are fused."

Joy Cichewicz signed up for her first lampworking class with Miller before "glass was cool." The Brighton librarian is chair of the show. She is showing her work as part of a twoperson exhibit sponsored by the Brighton Art Guild at the library. She'll be bringing "lots of animal figures that are humanized – diva hippos, a belly dancing tiger, giraffe ballerinas" available for preshow viewing at www.worksofjoy.com.

"These are all people who work with glass," said Cichewicz of Belleville. "Many do fusing glass in kilns. Mark Vandenberg is a glassblower for Greenfield Village."

Veronica Parrottino fell in love with glass beadmaking while visiting a Florida shop. At first she thought the bracelet she was admiring was costume jewelry but was surprised to learn it was art. Excited about the discovery she invited her husband to see the creations. He promptly bought her a bracelet for Valentine's Day.

Five years later, the Bloomfield Village woman shows her own glass beads at the show on Nov. 4. She has taken classes in North Carolina, Colorado, and at U-M Dearborn with Don Miller.

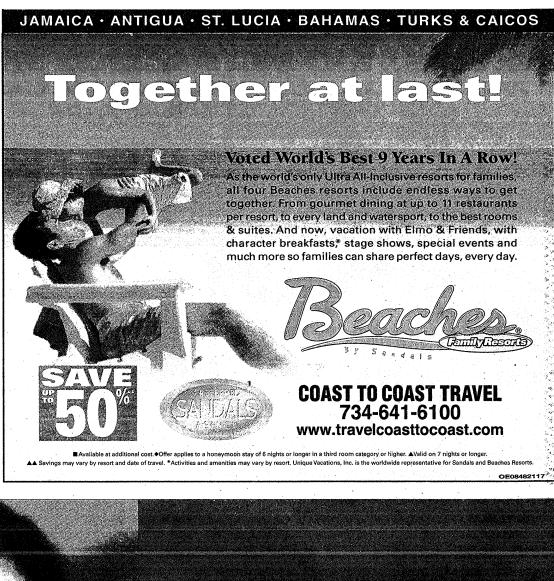
"It felt so good on my hand I bought two of them (bracelets) after that," said Parrottino, 70. "I'll be bringing beads and bracelets, brights and pastels,

black and white. Some are very colorful. If I have a garment I

like I'll take those colors and make beads out of them. I've literally sold them off my wrist."

Show prices will range from \$10 to \$300. For information, call (734) 461-2854 or visit www.glassact.org.

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She had always thought about blowing glass but knew it required physical strength and a furnace.

"My friend quit but I kept going," said Billups-Walker, president of Glass Act of the Southeastern Michigan Glass Beadmakers Guild and a Troy resident. "To me it's seductive, something very Zen-like. You

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The endeavor's a joint Plymouth-Canton venture. "We hope to be doing some granting after the first of the year," Wadington said. Those who would like to become involved can contact Wadington at the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200. Her e-mail is lwadington@cantonfoundation.org.

Betty Bloch of Plymouth Township is among the founders for the giving circle. She's employed as supervisor for Community Education for the Plymouth-Canton schools.

"I think the perception is that we don't have such needs," Bloch said. She's found the community is more diverse than many people realize.

The group hopes to meet immediate and long-term needs of people, Bloch said.

"I know that the charitable donations I give will be used in my own community," she said. Things need to unfold at this

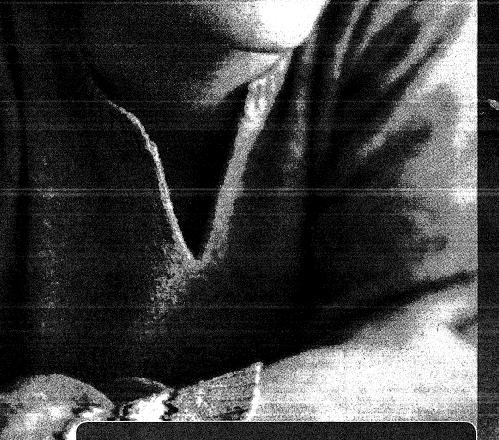
point as to specific projects and committees, Bloch said.

"I'm actually very excited about it," said Bloch, who's met a lot of women who want to help.

"Most of the women I talk to are very positive about it," Bloch said. She and others don't want to burden members with bureaucracy, and to keep work simple.

"It's important for people to realize there's not a huge time commitment here," she added.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Rheinschmidt-Voss**

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Sandra Rheinschmidt and Robert Voss were married on July 15 in a private ceremony held in their home on Big Pine Key in the Florida Keys.

Sandra is the daughter of Delight and the late Donald Rheinschmidt of Mosinee, Wisconsin. Robert is the son of the late Harold and Dolores Voss of Canton, Michigan.

The event was witnessed by close friends of the couple, Ken and Mary Anne Lubinski of Hobe Sound, Florida. Also in attendance were Marty Baird, cousin to the groom, Rosie Ladrie and Sandy Waite. The ceremony was officiated by Anna Baird.

Robert recently retired as a sergeant from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Sandra



is self-employed with a sewing and quilting business.

The couple will reside at their new home in the panhandle of Florida

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#### **BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

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### WEDDINGS

#### Fox-Chrzanowski

Teryn Fox of Northville and Jozef Chrzanowski of Ann Arbor were married Aug. 12 at the Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, with the Rev. Donald Spachman officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Chuck and Kathy Fox of Northville. She is a 1968 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2002 graduate of Kalamazoo College. She teaches psychology and coaches varsity softball and basketball at Northville High School.

She was attended by Cheryl Fox, maid of honor and sister of the bride and bridesmaids, Amanda Chrzanowski, sister of the groom; Kristy Levinson, cousin of the bride; Lori Good, cousin of the bride; and Jessica Mueller, friend of the bride.

The groom is the son of Mike and Lina Chrzanowski of Shepherd, Mich. He is a 1996 graduate of Shepherd High School and a 2000 graduate of Kalamazoo College. He received a master's degree in 2004 from the University of Michigan. He is currently employed by Yazaki North

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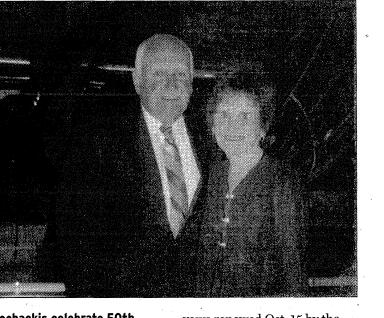
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America in Canton.

He was attended by best man Michael Chrzanowski, father of the groom and groomsmen, Walter (Adam) Berry, friend of the groom; Benk Brock, friend of the groom, Eric Gerwin, friend of the groom; Chad Root, friend of the groom, and ushers Ryan Hartman and Kurt Root, friends of the groom.

A reception was held at the Kalamazoo Country Club. The couple make their home in Northville.



**ANNIVERSARIES** 

#### Sochackis celebrate 50th

Leo and Sylvia Sochacki, residents of Plymouth Township since 1959, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Leo and Sylvia were married Oct. 13, 1956, at Transfiguration Church in Detroit by the Rev. Simon Kilar. To celebrate their lasting nuptials, the couple had their

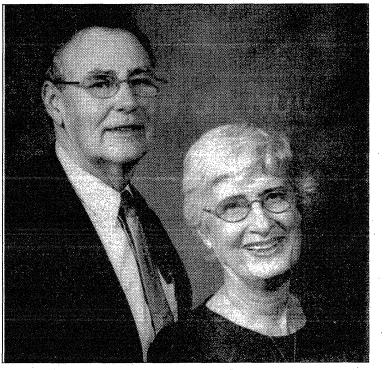
vows renewed Oct. 15 by the Rev. Thomas Belczak of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. Following Mass, they were guests of honor at a luncheon at Steak & Ale with their family.

Their three children, with their spouses and seven grandchildren, congratulate Leo and Sylvia for 50 years together.



#### **Cahill-Satchell**

Courtney Francis Xavier Cahill and Lindsay Kristine Satchell were married at the Lazy J Ranch in Milford, Mich., on Sept. 30, 2006. Courtney is the son of Frank and Christine Cahill, of Farmington Hills, and Funks celebrated 50th anniversary Lindsay is the daughter of Terry and Kay Satchell, of Hendersonville, N.C. Courtney is co-owner of Three Leaf Vending Services in Livonia and Lindsay is pursuing a master's of fine arts degree at Wayne State University. They will be honeymooning in Hawaii and will reside



Robert and Joan Funk of Westland are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

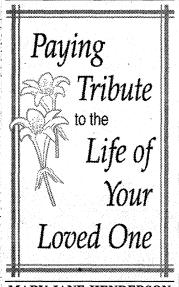
They were married Nov. 10, 1956 in the Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

They have five children: Timothy, Carl, Donald, Robert and Susanna. They also have six grandchildren.

The Funks have lived in Westland for 10 years. Robert is a retired truck driver. Joan has been employed as a medical transcriptionist for Labcorp of America for 12 years.

### of Great Kindness"

Age 91, of Bloomfield Village (since 1959), October 15, 2006. Born December 7, 1914 in Madison, Wisconsin. Beloved wife of the late Anthony G. "Tony" De Lorenzo (deceased May 15, 1993). Survived by children Annette De Lorenzo Io by children Annette De Lorenzo, Jo De Lorenzo, and Tony (Kathy) De Lorenzo; and grandchildren, Joe, Nina, and Maria. Funeral Mass was held Thursday, October 19, 2006, at Holy Name Chapel, Birmingham, with Reverend Eugene Simon officiating. Private interment at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Michigan. Memorial tributes may be made to charity of donor's choice. Arrangements by A.J Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors Troy, MI. Share memories a obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com



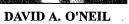
**MARY JANE HENDERSON** Age 87 of Lee's Summit, MO passed away on October 15, 2006 in Ashland, NE. Survived by son, Scott Henderson of Omaha, NE. Mary Jane was a resident of Birmingham from 1952-1967 and was active in several civic organizations including Charter Member of The Sheffield Estates Homeowner's Association and The League of Women Voters. She was a member of the congregation of The First Church of Christian Science, Birmingham, and employed at Birmingham Furniture in the early 1960's. Mary Jane moved to Utica in 1967 and then to Lee's Summit in 1975. She moved to Omaha to be closer to her son when she became ill in 2001. Her loving son will disseminate Mary Jane's ashes to the places Mary Jane loved during her tenure on Earth at a date yet to be determined. Mary Jane's ex-husband Francis Philip Henderson of Bloomfield Hills preceded her in death in 1998. Visit www.bramanmortuary.com to leave condolence

#### NANCY WALTON HUDSON

a long-time Birmingham resident, died, October 18, 2006. She had been a patient at Medilodge of Rochester Hills on Walton Blvd., not far from where the old Walton family farm had stood for many years. Mrs. Hudson was born to Hiram and Lela Callow Walton of Detroit and Lake Angelus on September 10, 1912. She had a sister, Jane Walton O'Neil, and a brother Charles Walton. Mrs. Hudson married Arthur Scott Hudson in 1935, who predeceased her in 1993. Mr. Hudson's ancestor, Roswell T. Merrill was a founder of Birmingham, Michigan. The couple had three children, Nancy Jane Hudson of Sanibel Island Florida and Plymouth, Michigan; Mary Hudson of Tucson, Arizona and Durango, Colorado; and Elaine Hudson of Troy, Michigan. She is also survived by five grandchildren and six great grandchildren who have always known her as "NoNo". Mrs. Hudson was known for her skills as a gourment cook, her needlework and a quirky sense of humor. She was a lover of small animals and over the years took in many stray cats. Committal Service, Monday, 3 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in Birmingham. For additional information, please call Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors. (248) 435-0660

#### LYLA DOLORES (SHAVER) ISELY

Age 71. Resident of Waterford, MI for 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years. Former resident of Redford, Arizona, Garden City, and Troy, MI. Died October 17, 2006, at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI. She was born September 3, 1935 in Detroit, MI and was married to Hans Isely in August, 1968 in Garden City, MI. He preceded her in death on December 8, 1998. She is survived by her children, Rochelle McLaren (Richard Winstead) of Waterford, MI; Johannes "YoYo" Isely (Dar Williams); and Rodney "Rocky" Isely (Lori) of Wichita Falls, TX. She is also survived by her sis-ter Clerche McNeil (Verneth) of Glenda McNeil (Kenneth) of Madison Heights, MI, and sisters-in law Arline Shaver and Lee Shaver as well as 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lyla was a homemaker and member of the Central United Methodist Church in Waterford. She was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie #2265, Redford, MI. She was a big Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings fan. She loved bowling and played on various leagues. Funeral arrangements: Price Funeral Home, 3' Røchester Rd, Troy, 248-689-0700. Interment was held at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy, MI. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society. www.pricefuneralhome.net



47, October 18, 2006. Beloved son of James and Elaine. Loving brother of Mark. Dear uncle of Tim and Melanie and great uncle of Ethan. Dave was a Ford Motor Co. employee. Former member of Livonia Spree committee and Livonia Symphony Board. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, Sunday from 1:00 PM until time of funeral service at 5:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of your choice. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggrharris.com



#### SANDRA J. WILSON, MSW, ACSW

Age 56 of Cincinnati OH, formerly of Livonia. Dear daughter of Cecile and the late Woodrow Wilson. Dear sister of the late Linda Wilson, and the late James Wilson. Dear aunt of Cynthia (Dale) Fisher, Stephanie (Mike) Jackson, and Dennis (Cookie) Wilson. Dear friend of Mike Martinez and Ann McElaney. Also leaves 10 greatnicces and great-nephews. Sandy retired last year as Chief of Social Work at the VA Hospital in Detroit. Funeral service 10:30 AM Tuesday October 24 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Monday 5-9 PM and Tuesday 9:00 AM until time of service. Interment Highland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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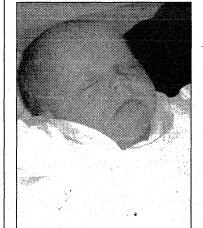
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#### **NEW VOICES**



#### Cahill

Sean and Carrie Cahill of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Ann. She was born at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia on Sept. 17, 2006. Erin weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her sister, Meagan, 4 years old, and brother, Cameron, 2 years old, are thrilled to have their new baby sister.

Erin Ann is the granddaughter of Sally and Steve Miller of Farmington and Frank and Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills and the great-granddaughter of Peter and Clara Miller of Troy.

#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### **Johnson-Battle**

Penny and Matthew Johnson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Ann Johnson, to Matthew Shane Battle of Valdosta, Ga.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School and 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed as a fire and theft investigator for Progressive Insurance.

The prospective groom is the son of Sally and David Battle of Beverly Hills. He is a 2000 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and a 2005 graduate of the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla. He is a sec-

#### Sherron-Showman

Richard and Carol Sherron of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Katie Ann Sherron of Tallahassee, Fla., to Brian Michael Showman of Tallahassee.

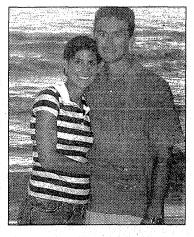
The bride-to-be is attends the University of Florida and is working on a doctorate in economics.

The prospective groom is the son of Michael and Ann Showman of Granville, Ohio. He is a 2005 graduate of Florida State Law School and is employed with Mainline Information Systems.

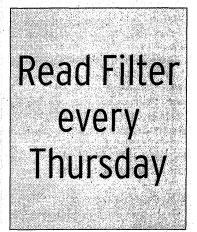


ond lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force engaged in pilot training in Valdosta.

A December wedding is planned for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



A May 2007 wedding is planned for Cape San Blas, Fla.



#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### **Olivet scholarship**

Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equaling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to chose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or email admissions@olivetcollege.edu

#### **Republican Women**

The Suburban Republican Women's Club holds a dinner/meeting at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 39325 Six Mile. in Livonia, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. The speaker will be Rep. John Pastor on the topic, "Identity Theft." Cost for the dinner - choice between Blackened Chicken Salad, Grilled Marinated Salmon Filet Salad, Honey BBQ Chicken Salad or Reuben with swiss and sauerkraut - is \$15 per per son, \$10 for students. Visitors and guests welcome. Call (248) 320-5473. **Teen conference** 

The Merrill-Palmer Institute at Wayne State University is hosting its 23rd annual Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, in the Student Center Ballroom on the main campus in Detroit. The conference will host 300 ninth- and 10th-graders from more than 50 schools and organizations in metro Detroit. Andrew Humphrey, weekend WDIV Channel 4 meteorologist, will be the keynote speaker. The theme of this year's Metro Teen Conference is 'Take a Giant Step." The purpose of the conference is to bring metro Detroit teenagers together from diverse backgrounds to spend the day discovering what they have in common. The diversity is not limited to race, but also includes economic background, inner-city, suburban and those from public and private schools. The students will be put in small groups of six to eight people for topical discussions. For further information about the Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference, call (313) 872-1790; e-mail

mpi@wayne.edu; or visit

#### www.mpi.wavne.edu Marguis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville presents a new Halloween tale, "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Saturday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Sundays, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, at 2:30 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for all performances. For reservations and group rates, call the Marquis Theatre, (248) 349-8110 or visit the theatre's Web site at www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

#### Stamp show

Stamps for all levels of collectors will be available at sales tables during the Ann Arbor Stamp Club's 32nd-annual Stamp Show Nov. 4-5 in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, just east of Ann Arbor near the U.S. 23 exit at Geddes. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 4 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 5. Twenty-nine dealers from nine states and the province of Ontario, Canada, will operate the sales tables. Parking and admission are free. For more information, call Dottie and Harry Winter, (734) 761-5859 or write to the Ann Arbor Stamp Club, P.O. Box 2012, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

#### **Genealogical society**

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program titled "Finding Your Irish in the Canada/U.S. Border Crossing Records," with Jan Zaleski, the author of "Guide to Records of Border Crossings Between the United States and Canada 1895-1954." The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave., (four blocks west of Tiger Stadium). Fencedin parking is available behind the building. The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge. For more information, call Michael Brautigan, (734) 454-3495.

#### **Sommelier Dinner**

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 15th-annual Sommelier Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Earle in downtown Ann Arbor. Sponsored by JP Morgan Chase, the event features local community leaders who act as wine stewards to benefit the Art Center's community outreach programs. The event traditionally sells out with nearly 300 guests attending each year. The 18 sommeliers participating in this year's event include Richard Biffle, Foster's Wine Estates; Newcombe Clark, Bluestone Realty; Greg Cook, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, "The Ride"; Charles Crone, Comerica; Clay Johnson, Technical Engineering Consultants, Inc.; Kristin Jonna, Vinology; Jim Jong, Key Bank;

Barbara Kaye, Dykema Gossett PLLC; Jason Minock, Toll Brothers Inc.; Karim Motawi, Motawi Tileworks; together with local community members including James Cook, Deb & Max Hutton, Jane Lumm, Ray Noellert, Hina Papo, Steve Slack and Natalie Surovell. The sommeliers will donate an evening of their time and expertise to pour wine while The Earle staff prepare and serve a three-course gourmet meal. A pre/post party will be held at the Art Center from 5-9 p.m., which will include sparkling wine, a private viewing of the Annual All Media Exhibition and a discount at the Gallery Shop for attendees. The Earle is located at 121 W. Washington in downtown Ann Arbor. For more information on ticket prices or to reserve a table at the 6 p.m. or 8:15 p.m. seating, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.

#### **Crafters** needed

The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3. For information please contact Sue or Paul, (734) 844-3128. ABWA craft show

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co-host the 19th "Holiday Art & Craft Festival" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., in Ann Arbor. The fair features more than 150 artisans featuring pottery, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, tole painting and more. Admission is \$2, children younger than 12 are admitted free and parking is free. Proceeds go to ABWA Maia Chapter Education Fund for Scholarships and Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information, call (734) 663-0671.

#### **Ann Arbor Art Center**

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th-annual All Media Exhibition through Nov. 11. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery2, located on the Art Center's second floor. For more information, contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

#### Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping,

errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145. **Literacy Council tutors** 

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information. Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is. please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

#### CLUBS

#### Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

#### **Plymouth Newcomers**

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com

#### Fibromvalgia/Chronic Fatigue The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman

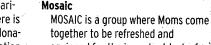
Road Baptist Church on Merriman

south of Ford. There will be a guest

speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information, call Lucy Rowley, (734) 462-1768.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

**MOPS** meet



together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658.



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Plymouth-Canton Observer Sunday, October 1, 2006

### **Paroled Felon Attempts to Rob Plumber's** Truck and Tools to Start Own Business!

A convicted felon on parole, after committing a home invasion, called Burton's Plumbing & Heating and requested emergency service.

When Thomas Burton of Burton's Plumbing & Heating arrived at the home, he was met at the front door by the felon who introduced himself as the homeowner.

Once in the basement, Thomas found himself trapped by the felon who suddenly revealed he had a shotgun.

"He demanded that I give him my truck and wallet," said. Burton. "He had the shotgun right at my chest."

But the felon in question did not count on Burton having marshall arts training. "I was able to rush him. We fought for about five minutes and I was able to pull the gun away from him."

"He ran upstairs and said he was going to get another gun to kill me. I was able to get outside and waited for him to come out."

When the felon finally came out of the house he could see

that Thomas was out there, still holding the shotgun, so the felon chose to escape into the woods.

Burton called 911 and the Canton police used their police dogs to find the felon in the woods.

"We were later informed that this individual had been trained in the prison system as a plumber. Plumbing is the number one trade taught in prison as a rehabilitation tool. Second is heating and air conditioning," Thomas said.

"We were also astonished to find out that there are thousands of convicted felons working in the plumbing, heating and handyman industry in the United States."

The felon told police that he needed Burton's truck to get away and would either sell the tools or use them to get a job in the plumbing trade that he had learned while in prison.

"This guy could be working for my competition," said Burton. "People would not even know that they invited (a felon) into their home by calling (a business) that does

not do background checks on their staff."

Burton's Plumbing and Heating recently joined a national organization that insists on a 7-year background check, random drug testing, personality testing and continuous training of all its staff members.

"We are trying to make sure that our customers get a technician of impeccable quality when they call our shop," said Thomas. "I do not know of many plumbing & heating companies around that do any type of background or drug tests."

This incident points out the fact that a person of questionable integrity could be inadvertently invited into a person's home by the home owner!

Everyone should find out if the company they call for service does background checks on their staff.

Price is always a factor when choosing a service company, but safety of your family and home should always take precedence!!!

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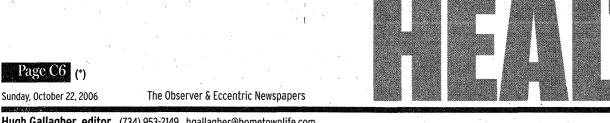
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### Maintaining public health Flu shots prevent

spread of virus

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Medical assistants at the University of Michigan Livonia Health Center are calling every patient over age 65 to remind them to get a flu shot. Dr. Denise Zao says the staff is trying to improve vaccination rates so this season is as mild as the last.

The good news is that Zao hasn't heard of any vaccine shortages and waiting lines won't be as long as in 2005. Clinics are being held in a variety of locations including the U-M Livonia Health Center. Homebound service is also available through the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Southeast Michigan. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752, for an appointment. For weekly listings, call the VNA Flu-Busters hot line at (800) 296-8660 or visit vna.org.

The University of Michigan VNA will be giving the shots by appointment only Friday-Saturday, Nov. 10-11, and Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Livonia Health Center. Call (248) 888-9000 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other health center clinics.

In addition to those age 65 and older, health care workers and children and adults with chronic medical conditions, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending for a first time this year that children ages 6 months to 59 months receive the influenza vaccine to not only prevent complications but the muscle aches, high fever and fatigue associated with the virus.

"With more education for vaccinating early it prevents the spread of flu. The more people are vaccinated the less rapid the spread," said Denise Zao, in internal medicine at the U-M Livonia Health Center. "We're vaccinating everyone who requests it or is at high risk, definitely 65 and older. There are higher hospitalization and death rates for those who are older or have asthma, diabetes, heart disease. The flu shot prevents complications such as pneumonia, dehydration, ear infection, serious infections."

According to Dr. Howard Markel, 35,000 Americans die during a regular flu season, half a million people around the world. At 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, the U-M medical historian will talk



Dr. Denise Zao gets her flu vaccine from U-M Livonia Health Center medical assistant (MA) Lonna Woolford. The center's MAs will be busy from now through January. They're expecting to immunize 600-800 people.

about how we can learn from history to prepare ourselves for another flu pandemic, if or when it occurs. He says it's important to get into the habit of practicing prevention by washing hands often, eating healthy, exercising, getting a good night's sleep, and staying home if you have a cold or flu to avoid spreading germs.

Markel is currently working on a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to construct a worst-case scenario for the pandemic and a containment strategy. He and his team have created the largest database of information ever assembled on the 1918-1920 pandemic that is devoted to nonpharmaceutical interventions since it can take up to six months to develop a preventive vaccine. Less severe flu pandemics spread rapidly in 1957 and 1968, "but didn't seem to kill more people than during a regular flu season," Markel said. The question is why? A team of historians including Markel looked at 45 cities that experienced extremely low rates of influenza during the 1918-1920 pandemic.

Contemplating Pandemics: The Role of Historical Inquiry in Developing Migration Strategies in the 21st Century, the annual Waggoner Lecture on Ethics and Values in Medicine at the U-M Health System, takes place in the Biomedical Science Research Building Auditorium, 109 Zina Pitcher Place, Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 647-8762.

"Every 30 to 40 years something changes in the circulating flu virus that makes it more pathogenic to human beings. We don't

know when, what or why it occurs. While a pandemic doesn't look likely for next year, in the next five years I'm not as certain. Ten years I'm less certain," said Markel, a professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases at U-M. "It's going to happen but we don't know when."

Markel is cautioning the public not to panic. The director of the Center for History of Medicine at the University of Michigan says because of the center's long-standing interest in epidemics, they've already been thinking about alternatives strategies to contain the spread of the virus. Markel himself has been advising the White House and CDC on what non-pharmaceuticals were effective in the 1918-1920 Spanish Flu pandemic in the U.S.

Denying entry into the country, imposing quarantines, and closing schools and public gatherings such as baseball and football games could slow the spread of the virus, but probably wouldn't eradicate it. He explains why globalization prevents this from being effective in his book When Germs Travel: Six Major Epidemics That Have Invaded America and the Fears They Have Unleashed, published by Vintage, a division of Random House.

"I think it is incumbent upon the health community to see what to do, what not to do," Markel said. "History shows those who prepare in advance of an epidemic do better."

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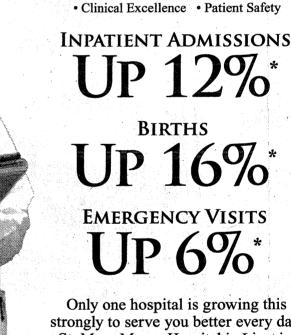
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at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. For

An Oct. 22 Women's Health Boutique

open house (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) with

quest speaker Silvia Williams talking

about managing after life challenges,

and third annual Queen for a Day draw-

cancer survivor. Grand prize includes a

required. Through Oct. 29, the boutique

will donate lightweight breast prosthe-

sis to uninsured women who make an

appointment. The boutique is at 31209

Plymouth Road, Livonia. Uninsured women interested in obtaining a breast

prosthesis should call Mariam Searcy

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at the

bring your Medicare card with you or

you will be charged \$24 for flu shot,

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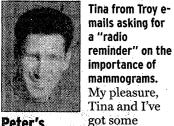
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### Mammograms helps find cancer



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numbers to bring the point home. In the Nielsen largest study

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yet of its kind. doctors found that women who get regular mammograms cut their risk of dying from breast cancer by 28 percent! Mammograms are good for detecting the presence of breast cancer but it's important to remember they're not

perfect. The test can be less effective for women with denser breast mass (this is a condition that affects about two-thirds of post-menopausal women). Talk to your doctor about a

high contrast ultrasound, along with your mammogram, to make your chances of detecting possible trouble even better!

Michelle from Southfield e-mails for tips on protecting her evesight. Michelle, in this case, carrots can be worth their weight in gold! They're chock-full of beta carotene, zinc, and Vitamin C. And, all of these can help slow macular degeneration which is the leading cause of blindness in folks over the age of 55. **Researchers** followed

thousands of subjects over the course of several years. Those getting above-average amounts of beta carotene were 35 percent less likely to suffer from macular degeneration. The disease has also been linked to stress (which some antioxidants can help relieve). While carrots are great, there are some other vegetables you should keep an "eye" on. Sweet potatoes and green leafy vegetables, such as spinach and kale, are also excellent. Talk to a nutritionist for a complete list of vegetables that can keep you seeing 20/20!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e**mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com.

### Breakfast meeting kicks off Go Red campaign

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN. STAFF WRITE Red was the color to be seen wearing Friday, Oct. 13, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. An early morning breakfast meeting kicked off the Metro Detroit Chapter of the American Heart Association Go Red for Women campaign. Begun in 2004, the initiative is now a national movement to raise awareness about heart disease in women. This year the campaign is counting on everyone's support for the Go Red for Women Luncheon Feb. 15, at the Marriott Renaissance Center to raise funds for education and research.

Debbie Dingell, chairperson of the AHA Metro Detroit Executive Leadership Team, opened the meeting with a startling fact - Heart disease is the number one killer of women.

"As women we have to start paying attention," said Dingell. "Part of its education, talking about it, doing something about it.'

Dingell revealed a second alarming fact - Twenty years ago women were not included in National Institutes of Health studies. Although research is being done on women and heart disease Dr. Pamela Marcovitz told the

crowd only about 22 percent of studies published in the last 10 vears included women. Marcovitz is medical chairwoman of the Go Red for Women campaign locally and directs the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

"Many women are still in the dark about heart disease," said Marcovitz. "Heart disease is the number one killer of women over age 45."

Dr. Joan Crawford, a cardiologist at St. John Health, followed Marcovitz on the podium to say heart disease knows no boundaries and affects women of all ages. Patient Michelle Levell was 25-years old when diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Today, at age 39 she is a registered nurse working on the cardiac floor at St. John Oakland Hospital. Levell had heart problems but never realized it. Since having an automatic defibrillator implanted this summer, she is able to walk her dog daily. Advances in technological devices and treatment are keeping Levell alive.

"If we don't take time to take care of ourselves, we won't be there to take care of others." Dingell told the crowd in closing.

'Go Red is about change,

changing perceptions about women and heart disease. Each can help bring changes about."

The Go Red for Women Luncheon begins at 9 a.m. on Feb. 15, with educational sessions, health screenings, massages, and a continental breakfast. At noon a Red Dress Fashion Show takes to the stage during lunch.

St. John Health is joining the Go Red for Women Campaign by partnering with

the American Heart Association. The year long endeavor will educate Metro Detroit women about heart disease. St. John Health has developed Metro Detroit Goes Red kits available to women interested in learning how to take care of their heart. For more information about the Metro Detroit Goes Red for Women campaign or to obtain a kit, visit

www.realmedicine.org.gored. All women can do their part in making the campaign a success by participating in Wear Red Day on Feb. 2, and attending the luncheon on Feb. 15. For more information, call (248) 827 - 4214.

For more information about heart disease, visit www.americanheart.org.

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#### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

and old. For more information, call (313) 387-2877. Flu shots

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By appointment only Monday-Friday, at the Wayne County Department of Public health, 33030 Van Born at Venoy, Wayne. Cost is \$10 for those who are able to pay. Call (734) 727-7100 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

#### Flu shots

From the University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses, cost is \$33 for flu shots, \$82 for pneumonia shots. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, as well as Medicare Part B, M-Care, CareChoices and HAP, all of which cover the entire cost of the flu shot. Clinics are open to the public and most clinics are limited to people 18 and older. For a weekly listing of flu clinics, call MVN's flu hotline at (888) 547-7295 or visit www.umvn.org. Clinics are scheduled 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Michigan Visiting Nurses, 2850 S. Industrial Hwy, #75, Ann Arbor; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Busch's, 15185 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Busch's, 3188 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. Adult flu shot clinic 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 25, at

Plymouth Independent Village, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, hosted by Oakwood Healthcare System. Without a Medicare care, the cost is \$25 for a flu shot, \$35 for pneumonia vaccination. For more information, call (313) 586-5492 or visit www.oakwood.org. Flu shots

Administered by Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Oct. 25, at City of Berkley Recreation, 2400 Robina; 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Independence Twp. Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston, and VG's, 20 east Walton, Pontiac; 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 26, at VG's, 7300 Highland Road, Waterford; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, Waltonwood Carriage Park-Community 2250 Canton Center, Canton; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 28, at Waltonwood University-Community, 3250 Walton, Rochester, and 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 31, at Holiday Market Canton, 520 S. Lilley, Homebound service is also available through VNA of Southeast Michigan. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752, for an appointment. For weekly listings, call the VNA Flu-Busters hot line at (800) 296-8660 or visit vna.org.

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#### **LIBRARY PICKS**

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

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1. "For One More Day," Mitch Albom

2. "Thirteen Moons," Charles Frazier

3. "Motor Mouth," Janet Evanovich

4. "The Book of Fate," Brad Meltzer

5. "The Thirteenth Tale," Diane Setterfield

#### NON-FICTION

1. "State of Denial," Bob

Woodward 2. "Cultural Warrior," Bill **O'Reilly** 

3. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron 4. "Saving Graces," Elizabeth Edwards

5. "Marley & Me," John Grogan

#### **PARENT'S CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S** PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Little Monkey's One Safe Place," Richard Edwards 2. "See You Later, Mom!" Jennifer Northway 3. "How To Be," Lisa Brown

4. "Ella Setts the Stage," Carmela D'Amico 5. "Alpha Oops! The Day Z Went First," Alethea Kontis

#### Fellowships offered to women

Zonta International is now taking applications for their 2007 Amelia Earhart Fellowships. Applications can be found at the organization's Web site at www.zonta.org or can be obtained from Martha Belfour, Zonta International, District 15 Amelia Earhart coordinator, mhb635@hotmail.com.

Deadline for application is Nov. 15. The 2007 awards will be announced in June.

Zonta Fellowships are awarded annually to women pursuing doctoral degrees in aerospace-related science and engineering. Over 1,100 fellowships worth over six million dollars have been awarded since 1938. Fellowships are funded through annual contributions to the Zonta International Foundation.

Zonta's 2006 Amelia Earhart Fellowships were awarded to 35 women pursuing a doctorate in aerospace related sciences and engineering, and include women from Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Great Britain/ Colombia, India, Iran, Japan, China, Romania, Spain, Taiwan, The Netherlands, and U.S.

Zonta International District 15 will honor Sonca Nguyen at their Fall Conference, Status of Women Luncheon Oct. 21, 2006 at the Courtyard By Marriott Hotel in Detroit. Nguyen is a doctoral student in aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

### Showing talent: Idol Contest goes to The Max

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra holds its annual DSO Idol Contest 7-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in Allesee Hall as part of Macy's Day of Music at the Max. The winner receives DSO concert tickets, a Macy's gift card, and a twohour professional recording session in which to create a demo CD.

Contestants can be any age and sing any genre of music. To participate, mail an audition CD to DSO Idol Contest, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201. Deadline for receipt is Oct. 25. Audition CD must include contestant's name, age, address, e-mail, and phone number.

Finalists will be asked to bring a CD of accompanying music (cassette tapes not permitted) or sheet music for the piano accompanist provided by the DSO. Contestants will not be allowed to compete without accompaniment nor will contestants be allowed to bring their own pianist. The contest audience will select the winner by secret ballot and the winner will be announced immediately after ballots are counted. All contestants will receive DSO concert tickets and Macy's gift packs.

Macy's Day of Music at The Max is a free 12-hour music festival featuring more than 24 music acts of all genres from noon to midnight Saturday, Nov. 4 on five stages in The Max. For more information, call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitsymphony.com.



**Public Notice City of Plymouth Northville Parks and Recreation Bids for Recreation Software Purchase** 

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan and Northville Parks and Recreation, a shared service of the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., Friday, November 17, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud for the following

#### **RECREATION REGISTRATION SOFTWARE PURCHASE**

Bid opening will take place at: City of Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main Plymouth, MI 48170.

Specifications and bid documents are available at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, or Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville during normal business hours. Electronic access of the bid document is also available at: http:// www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or http://www.ci.northville.mi.us.

The City of Plymouth and Northville Parks and Recreation reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk City of Plymouth

Dianne Massa, CMC City Clerk City of Northville

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 06-04** 

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFY VARIOUS SECTIONS RELATED TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN.



#### **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN** (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

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#### All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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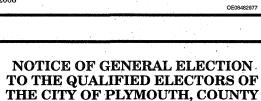
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Notice is hereby given that the:



**ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Alliance of Rouge Communities will accept sealed proposals from individuals, organizations or consultants up to 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2006 for the following:

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVICES

The purpose of this proposal is to provide support services for the full ARC, its Executive Committee, ARC standing and Ad-Hoc committees, and the seven Sub-watershed Advisory Groups (SWAGs). This project consists of but not limited to the following:

> Promote the ARC as an advocate for the Rouge River Watershed. Serve as the primary spokesperson for the ARC, respond to requests for information, and seek opportunities to promote the ARC awareness. Coordinate all of the ARC membership meetings.

> Provide administrative oversight of the ARC day-to-day activities, staff, consultants and contractors, and external relationships with other agencies, organizations, and individuals to meet the goals of the ARC

Obtain and administer grants on behalf of the ARC.

Comply with the bylaws of the Alliance of Rouge Communities as well as assuring compliance with State and Federal laws.

Proposal forms may be downloaded from www.canton-1. mi.org or www.rougeriver.com/alliance.

You may contact Mike Sheppard at mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org for information regarding RFP compliance and Jack Bails at jbails@pscinc.com for information regarding "scope of work/services."

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked as outlined in the RFP, with the proposal title, company name, address, telephone number and date and time of bid opening to 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188. The envelope must be addressed to The Office of The Clerk.

#### Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 30 in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

#### Section 2 Add Section 30-24 - Purpose

The City, in 1983, pursuant to Act 197, Public Act of Michigan, 1975 as amended (the "Act") adopted a Tax Increment Finance Plan and formed the Downtown Development Authority to help spur development in the declining Downtown business district. In 2006, the City Commission determined that while many goals of the original plan have been accomplished, there are numerous challenges still remaining and the development area still must have significant development activity in order to stimulate the business climate and avoid further decline. The Downtown Development Authority has invested in long-term infrastructure development and it is determined that the public interests would be served by continuing these investments and to maintain the existing infrastructure, as well as participating with events, marketing, promotions, retention and recruitment activities. The Downtown Development Authority Plan, as amended (including the 2006 Plan Amendments) has been reviewed and adopted by the City Commission and the Downtown Development Authority Board and they have determined that the Plan meets the requirements of what is commonly known as the DDA Act.

#### Section 3 Add Section 30-25 - Determination

The City Commission has reviewed and adopted the Tax Increment, Financing Plan that is included in the Development Plan (as amended) and has determined that the Tax Increment Financing Plan is feasible to carry out the Development Plan and that the DDA has the ability to arrange for financing of major capital projects.

#### Section 4 Modify Section 30-27

The Development Plan as amended by the city commission is hereby approved and adopted. The duration of the plan shall be 20 vears from the date of issuance of the last series of bonds pursuant to the development plan now be extended to December 31, 2033 or until such time as the last series of bond pursuant to the development plan are paid, except as it may be extended by subsequent amendment of the plan and this article. A copy of the plan and all amendments thereto shall be maintained on file in the city clerk's office and cross-indexed to this article.

#### Section 5 Add Section 30-63 Determination of Accord

The City Commission of the City of Plymouth hereby determines that the Development Plan is in reasonable accord with the Master Plan of the City. Further, the City Commission has determined that any changes in zoning, streets, street levels, intersections and utilities, if any, are reasonably necessary for the project and for the municipality.

#### Section 6 Validity

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

#### Section 7 Ordinances Repealed

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

#### Section 8 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced	October 22, 2006		
Enacted	October 16, 2006		
Effective	October 23, 2006		
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**GENERAL ELECTION** 

Will be held in the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

From 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, at which time voters will be asked to vote on the following:

Governor and Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative - (Vote 1), State Board of Education - (Vote 2), University of Michigan Regent -(Vote 2), Michigan State University Trustee - (Vote 2), Wayne State University Governor - (Vote 2), County Executive, County Commissioner - (Vote 1), Justices of Supreme Court (Vote 2), Judges of Court of Appeals - (Vote 2), Judge of Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position - (Vote 1), Judges of Circuit Court Incumbent Positions Partial Term - (Vote 4), Judges of Circuit Court Incumbent Positions - (Vote 19), Judges of Probate Court, (Vote 2), Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent Position - (Vote 1), Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position Partial Term - (Vote 1), Judges of District Court, 35th District, (Vote 1), Detroit Judges for Local Court.

In addition, voters will be asked to vote on the following five (5) statewide proposals as follows:

Proposal 06-1: A proposed constitutional amendment to require that money held in conservation and recreation funds can only be used for their intended purposes.

Proposal 06-2: A proposal to amend the State Constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes.

Proposal 06-3: A referendum on Public Act 160 of 2004 - an Act to allow the establishment of a hunting season for mourning doves.

Proposal 06-4: A proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit government from taking private property by eminent domain for certain private purposes.

Proposal 06-5: A legislative initiative to establish mandatory school funding levels.

All proposals require a yes or no vote.

You are further notified that the City's four (4) precinct locations are as follows:

- PRECINCTS AND LOCATION
- Precinct #01, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street
- Precinct #02, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street
- Precinct #03, Central Middle School, 650 West Church Street Precinct #04, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

Absentee ballots may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, or by calling 734-453-1234, extension 225 or 234. Absentee ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters in person in the Clerk's office from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2006. On Monday, November 6, 2006 qualified voters can receive their ballots in person and vote them in the Clerk's office until 4:00 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and HAVA (Help America Vote Act), all precincts will be equipped with the new ES&S Auto Mark voting system so that individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations will be able to vote independently. Other interested individuals are encouraged to try the new Auto Mark system.

DATED: CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, THIS 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER City Clerk

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The Alliance of Rouge Communities reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Alliance of Rouge Communities does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **NOVEMBER 9, 2006**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- John and Ann Blassic, 120 Roseland Drive, Canton, MI 1. 48187 for residential property located at same address, north side of Cherry Hill Road between Sheldon and Lilley Roads, appealing Building Regulations Chapter 78, Article 5, Section 78-131, 4, b, fence variance. Zone R-5 Parcel 056-03-0106-000 (Building)
- Charter Township of Canton of Public Works Division. 2. 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 for Fire Station No. 2 property located at 41500 Warren road (Fire Station No. 2), north side of Warren Road between Haggerty and Lilley Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 3.00, Section 3.04, to allow an expansion of the existing communications tower from 60 feet to 80 feet in height to accomodate a wireless communications antennae. Zone R-5

Parcel 041-99-0008-701 (Planning)

Randy Penner of Community Financial Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 for vacant property located on Michigan Avenue, south side of Michigan Ave. between Beck and Belleville Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24, C, setback from the center line of a watercourse. Zone C-3 Parcel 128-99-0007-002 (Planning)

Approval of the October 12, 2006 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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# Stormy weather: St. Michael's first parish picnic saved by 'Plan B'

The morning of Sept. 23 dawned gray and overcast, threatening thunderstorms and high winds. And many parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia were afraid that months and months of hard work and planning for their first annual Parish Picnic at Rotary Park were about to be blown away as well.

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Quick thinking, cooperation, and ingenuity, however, helped to save the day – and the picnic.

Dozens of parishioners from various picnic committees, under the chairmanship of Mark Orosz of Livonia, came up with a Plan B, moving the entire picnic – barbecue grills, food, games, and all – into St. Michael's school gymnasium and cafeteria. Gym floors were covered, grills and inflatable bouncers were redirected to the school, and parking staff was sent to Rotary Park to post signs directing picnickers to the school.

Games and booths for tattoo and face-painting were quickly reconfigured to fit new, tighter quarters. Phone chains sprang to life and many of the nearly 1,000 parishioners who had purchased tickets for the event were contacted and told of the change in plans.

"It was an interesting and challenging test of our adaptability and we surely would have preferred to have used the park," Orosz said, "but the folks at St. Michael's are a dedicated and hardworking bunch who know how to pull together and get the job done, regardless of circumstances."

Orosz estimates that at least 500-600 people shared the fun, food and games in the congenial, family-friendly environs of the re-outfitted school from noon to 5 p.m. that afternoon. Some have suggested that the kids would still be there playing games, eating and bouncing if they'd been allowed.

All of the food for the picnic was donated by Larry Lokuta of Larry's Foodland Market on Plymouth Road. The picnic was begun as part of the parish's 75th anniversary celebration year.



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Norb Nalecz (left) and Duane Anderson (right) tend to a few of the more than 600 hamburgers fixed on a hastilyrerouted charcoal grill outside the St. Michael's School kitchen.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will sell at public auction by competitive bidding. Sales are cash only. Removal within 24 hrs., for sale and storage unit in which rent and fees are past due.

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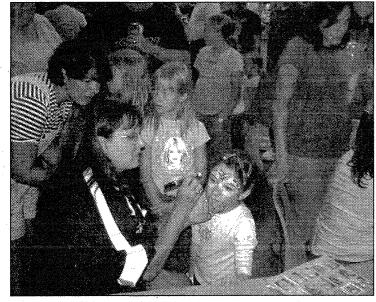
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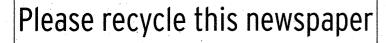
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	Graham	Couch, Chair, Mattress
	Guary	Bed, Bicycle, Boxes
	McFall II	Couch, Chair, Microwave
	Touchette	Couch, Microwave, Totes
	Rogers	Refrigerator, Television, Couch
	Berger	Office Equipment, Office Tables, Office Chairs
	Bennett	Dresser, Shelving, Mattress
	Holston	Dresser, Couch, Television
	Prather	Tables, Televisions, Exercise Equipment



Face painting was one of the most popular activities at the picnic. The woman doing the face painting is Beth Audia, her 'canvas' is Bridget Folk. Julia VanGilder is in the striped blouse looking on.



#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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### Food for thought: Culinary arts graduates are in demand

**BY JULIE BROWN** STAFF WRITER

Bruce Konowalow is quick to cite Department of Labor Statistics showing growth in the hospitality/restaurant industry.

"There is a high demand. It is an occupation that allows people a lot of movement," said Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Graduates of programs like Schoolcraft's can work worldwide.

"And it's a very gratifying occupation," added Konowalow. "You get a lot of self-satisfaction.

Susan Baier, program coordinator for the Culinary Studies Institute at Oakland Community College, also finds her field rewarding. "I've felt fortunate because I always knew I loved to cook," said Baier, whose program is based at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. "I find it very fulfilling."

The work is creative and uses business and people skills, she said.

Some Schoolcraft culinary arts students are professionals returning to school for a degree or certification. The college offers a two-year associate's

has a one-year certificate baking and pastry program. (Those graduates go into restaurants and bakeries to work.)

Recent Schoolcraft grads generally need to work a while to take their training as a competent cook to the chef level. "They will become a chef," he said.

Schoolcraft has a total of 400 students in culinary arts, 200plus in the kitchens and the others taking their prerequisites and such general courses as English and math. The school operates an American Harvest restaurant during the school year, serving lunch Tuesday through Friday.

"They need the practical experience," Konowalow said. "This provides them with practical experience because it's a full-service restaurant." Schoolcraft faculty can monitor what students learn at American Harvest, which is now also serving evening meals Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

"Here we know exactly what they're learning," he said. OCC has two operating restaurants, the Ridgewood Cafe open Tuesday and Wednesday and the Reflections restaurant, also open for lunch

degree in culinary arts, and also and offering more fine dining on Thursday. Reflections is open 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays for dinner through Dec. 6 and is on the fourth floor of the J Building. Reservations are suggested and can be made at (248) 522-3700.

OCC also offers a two-year associate's degree in culinary arts along with a one-year baking and pastry certificate. OCC has about 250 students, and Baier noted that Henry Ford Community College, Macomb **County Community College** and others also offer training.

"It's kind of like the U-M MSU thing between us," she said of OCC and Schoolcraft in culinary arts.

The industry has a fairly high turnover, Konowalow said, helping graduates find entrylevel jobs. They can advance more quickly than in some other fields.

"Promotions can come in a year or less." At the executive chef level, there are fewer positions and people tend to stay longer.

Both Schoolcraft and OCC boast strong culinary arts programs. "I think that both programs have similar roots," said Konowalow, who's been at Schoolcraft, which started its culinary program in 1964, for



six years. "There's certainly a market that's big enough." Schoolcraft's faculty includes four certified master chefs plus executive chefs and pastry chefs. OCC also has chefinstructors and industry professionals, including some who have operated or do operate their own businesses.

"There are probably more jobs than their are persons,"

Baier said of the industry. She's found the degree helps graduates show they're goal-oriented and finish things.

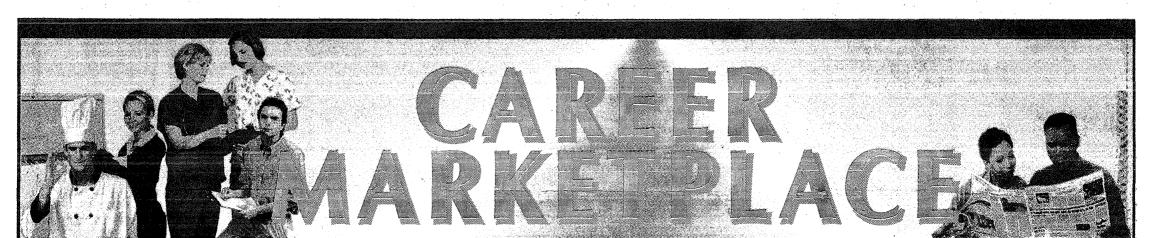
Students at OCC are encouraged to get practical work experience, and a lot already have some. "Culinary arts is about skill development," Baier said. "We do have a required internship."

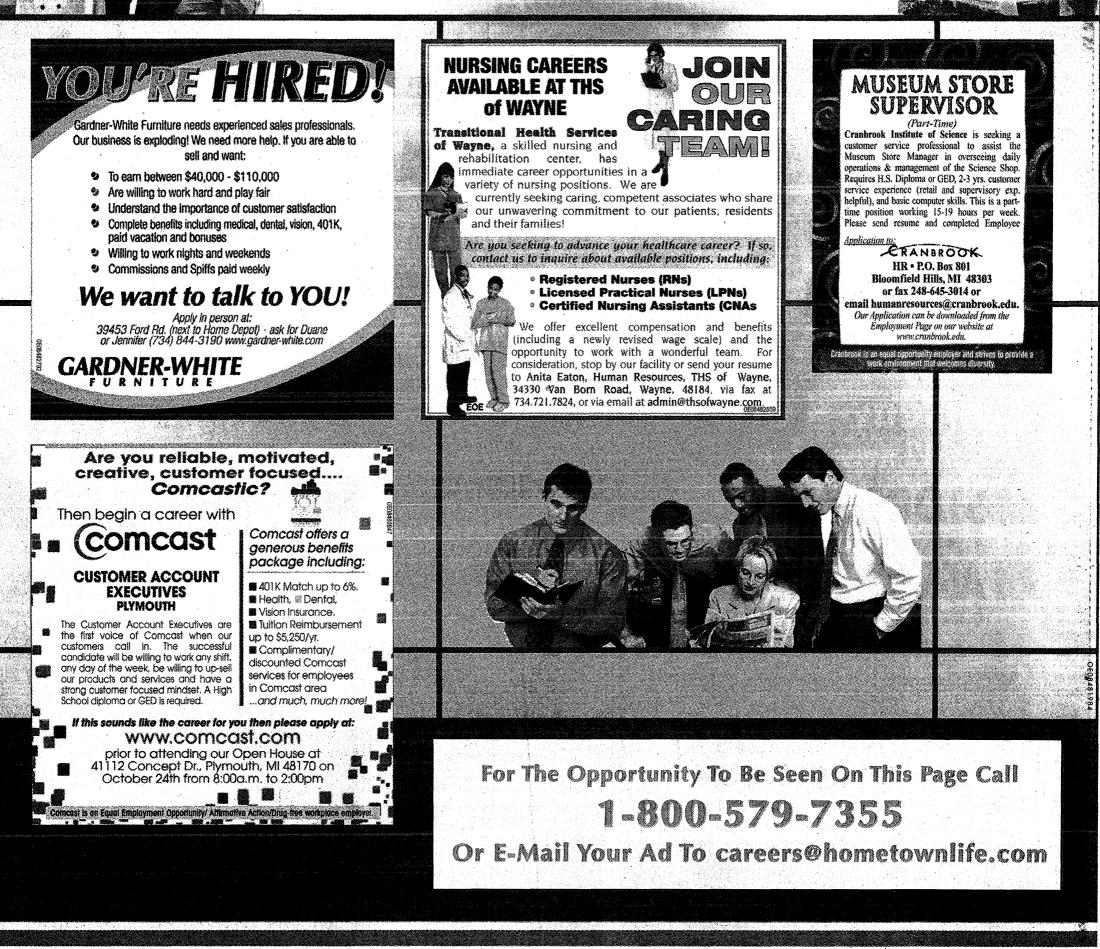
Working in the field requires

good physical health, she added, and hours are generally long. Such changes as growth of senior complexes and takeout have created opportunities for students and graduates.

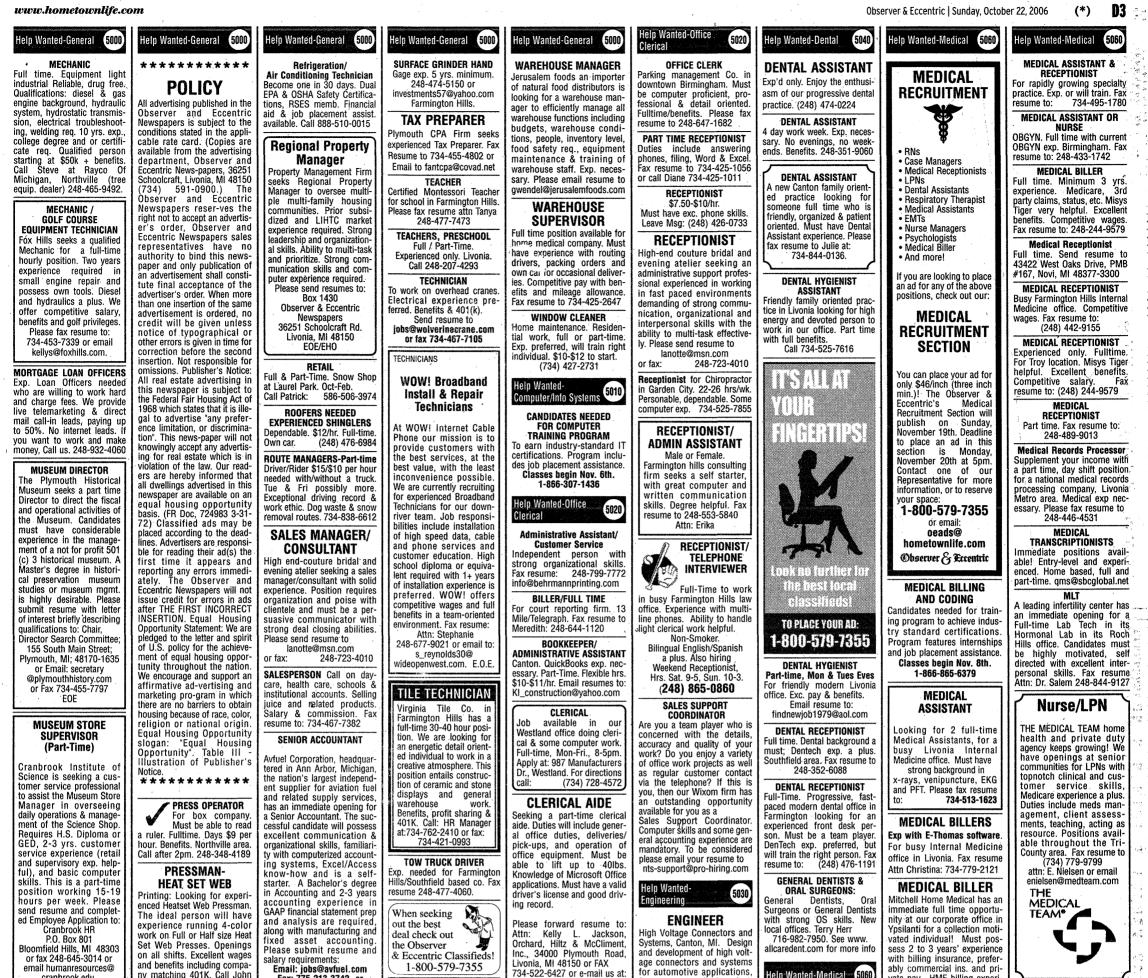
"A lot of our graduates are setting up different niches," Baier said. Those include ice carving and fruit carving. "Our alumni are very success-

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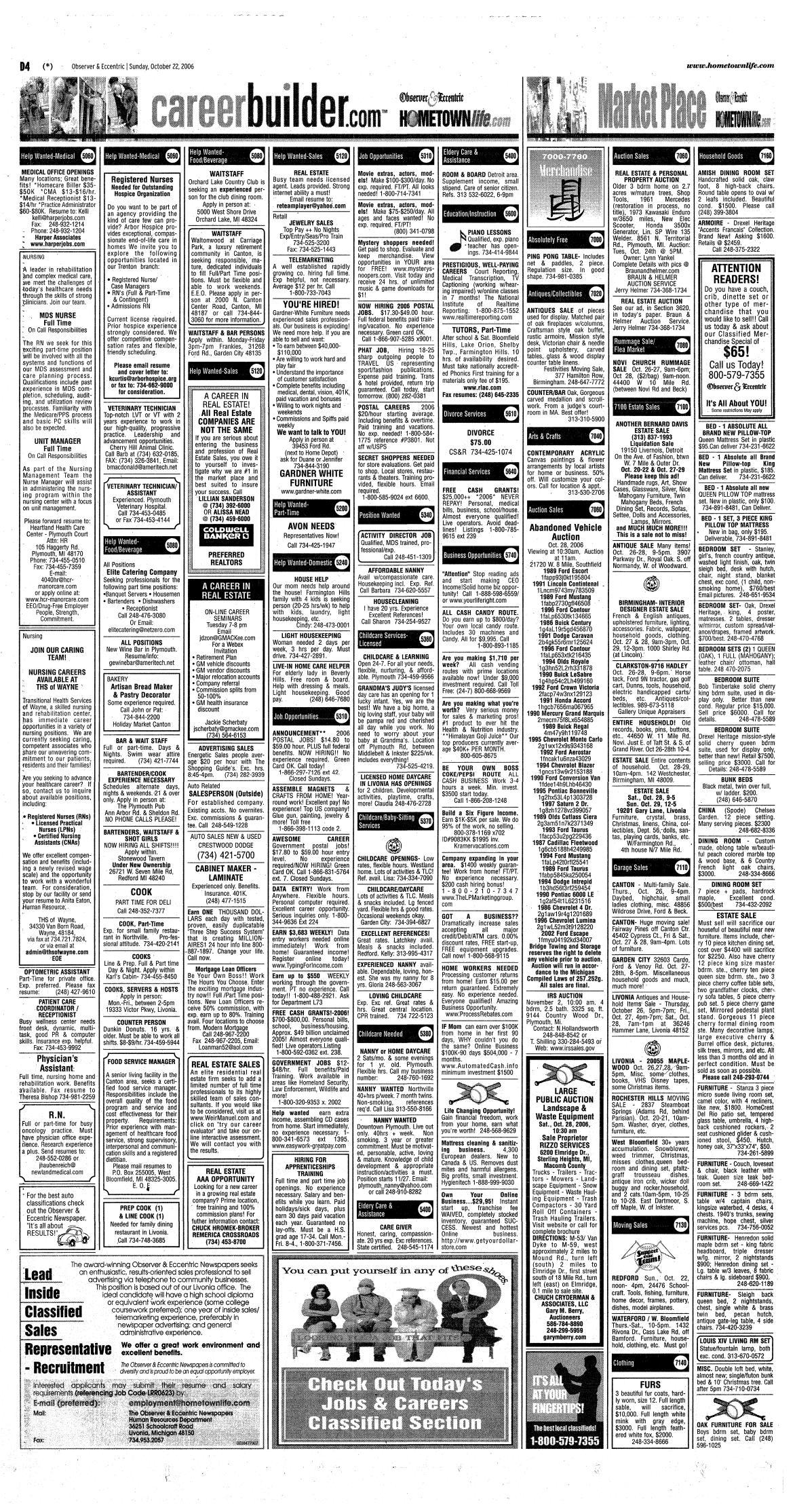
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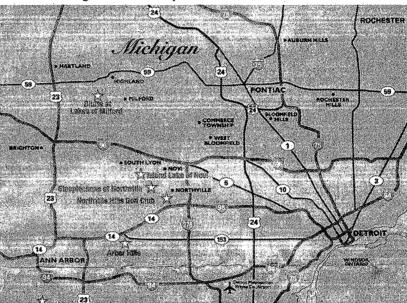




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The first step, of course, is to find the house that you want to buy. You need to look at it from different aspects, such as how much you like it, the location, how it will affect your finances, etc.

Then when you make your offer, you will usually need the following:

A deposit. The standard is 3 percent of how much you want to offer, although it is negotiable. The deposit is held by the real estate broker that represents you.

In the purchase agreement, there are usually two contingencies, the inspection and the final mortgage approval. If the deal falls apart because of these contingencies you can normally get your deposit back, depending, of course, on the wording of the purchase agreement.

■ A pre-approval letter. This is a preliminary letter from a lender stating that you can get the mortgage. Before sellers take their house off the market, they want to know that they are dealing with a buyer who can afford the house.

Once you have these things in place, your agent can write the purchase agreement. You need to decide on the price you want to offer and the terms. Terms are such things such as when you want to close, when you want to take over the house after close, the amount of money for escrow, etc. To most sellers and buyers the price is often what they are most focused on.

After you decide on the price and the terms and you have the deposit and the preapproval available, your Realtor can then write the Ask the Realtor Michael Aldouby

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purchase agreement. Your real estate agent will then get this paper work to the agent representing the seller.

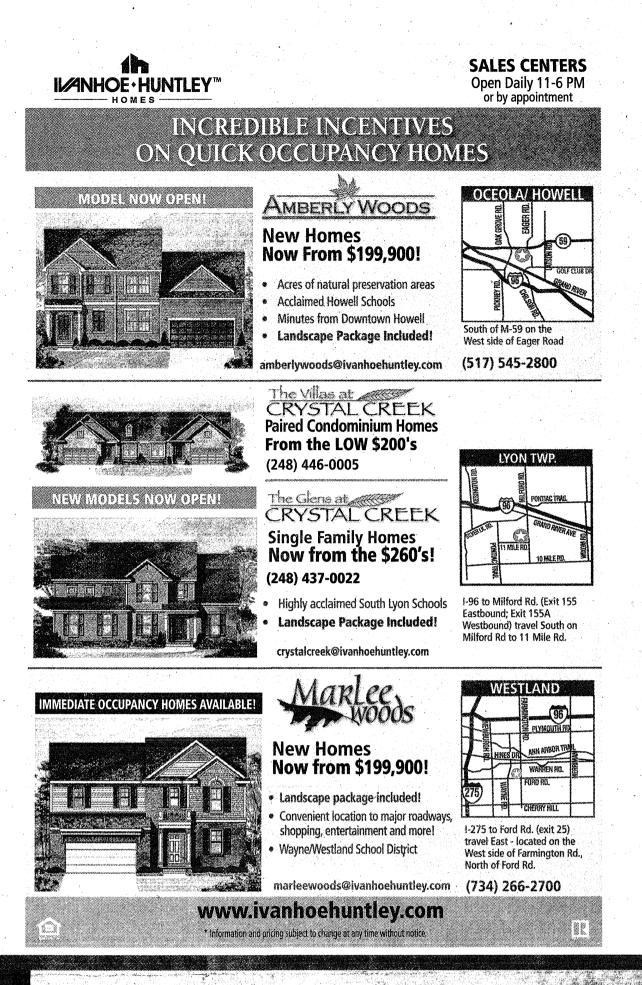
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Accept the offer. If this occurs, it's a done deal, and you bought a house, assuming the two contingencies of the inspection and mortgage approval are erased.

Decline the offer. This means that you are back to square one.

■ Counter the offer. This is what normally happens. However, a counter offer is a rejected offer. In other words, if the seller counters the offer, you can then decide if you want to accept the counter offer, counter the counter offer, or do nothing. If you do nothing then your offer is kaput and you have no obligation to go further.

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Meisner has taught the introductory condominium operation class and

"Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials to Success" through Oakland University, Wayne State University and Oakland Community College for more than two decades.

The course will be held 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 24 through Nov. 14, at Bingham III Office, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. It is for people interested in serving on a board of directors of a condominium, co-op or homeowners' association; people presently serving or assisting on these boards of directors; managing agents, and condominium developers.

Class topics will include the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of directors and officers, and how the statutes in the state of Michigan affect officers and directors of condominium and other homeowners' associations.

Also covered will be enforcement of restrictions and bylaws by the community association: how amendments to condominium documents will enhance the condominium association, including a discussion of recent

changes to the Michigan Condominium Act; potential liability incurred by directors and officers and preventative measures that should be practiced; collection of

assessments in condominium associations; and parliamentary procedures and the four essential audits.

All participants will receive a complimentary copy of Meisner's booklet Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track.

Cost for the class is \$110.00 per attendee. If you are interested in attending or if you have any questions, contact Oakland Community College at (248) 522-3618 or Meisner & Associates, P.C. at (248) 644-4433, (800) 470-4433 or bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

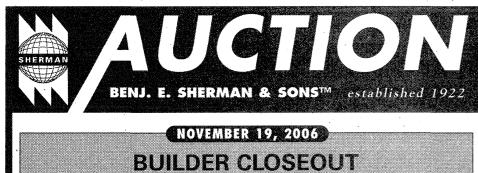
Meisner is a practicing attorney and licensed real estate broker who is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of

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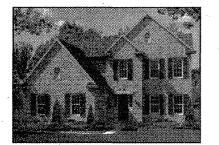
Meisner was a co-draftsperson of the 1978 Condominium Act in Michigan, and has concentrated his Bingham Farms law practice in the area of community association and condo law as well as commercial litigation. Meisner has also lectured widely both statewide and nationally through the Community Association Institute, the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the United Condominium Owners of Michigan and Lorman Educational Seminars. He is a columnist with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



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Field Superintendent course on "Codes & Quality Control" 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 24, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to set performance expectations based on quality control foundations. The course will outline the superintendent's responsibilities regard ing codes and provide tips on how to enforce code compliance on the job. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033. Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council will sponsor a "Fair Housing -For the Birds" seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Star Southfield Theaters, 25333 W. 12 Mile in Southfield. Nadeen Green, senior counsel with For Rent magazine, will discuss fair housing. Fee is \$35 for PMC members, \$40 for AAM or BIA members, \$55 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

You a Corporation, LLC or Partnership? Choosing the Right Legal Structure for Your Company" to be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Lawrence Stawiarski of Foley, Baron & Metzger PLLC will discuss various types of legal structures. Also covered will be who actually owns the business and how its activities are defined. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Effective Business Management Seminar, "An Introduction to Land Development Using Other People's Money" to be held 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kenneth Silver of Hertz, Schram & Saretsky will discuss raising money safely, deal structuring and managing investors. Continental breakfast is included. Fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

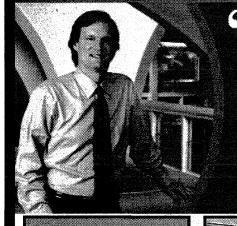
"How To Make the Parade of Homes Work for You" seminar as part of the Sales & Marketing Council 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at LaSalle Bank headquarters, 2600 Big Beaver Road in Troy. Reservations are required, but the seminar is complimentary to builders and their representatives. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

A series of builder's license preparation courses 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fee is \$200. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Systems and Interior Finishes" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will be presented by Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. and is part of the Certified Graduate Builder series. It will identify codes and requirements affecting the design and installation of mechanical and interior finish systems. Fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members and \$160 for BIA rs and guests. To register, call (248) 86: 1033. Effective Business Management seminar, "A Guide to Condo Conversions," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Anita Blender of Bluerock Management and Jeffrey Kaftan of Kaftan Enterprises will discuss condo conversions and how to know if a property is conducive to converting. Fee includes continental breakfast and is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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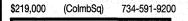


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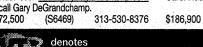


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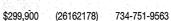
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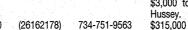
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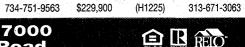




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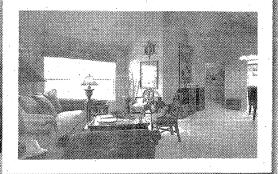
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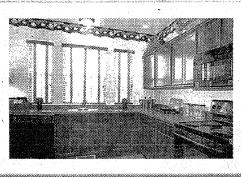
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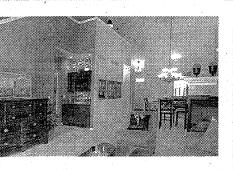
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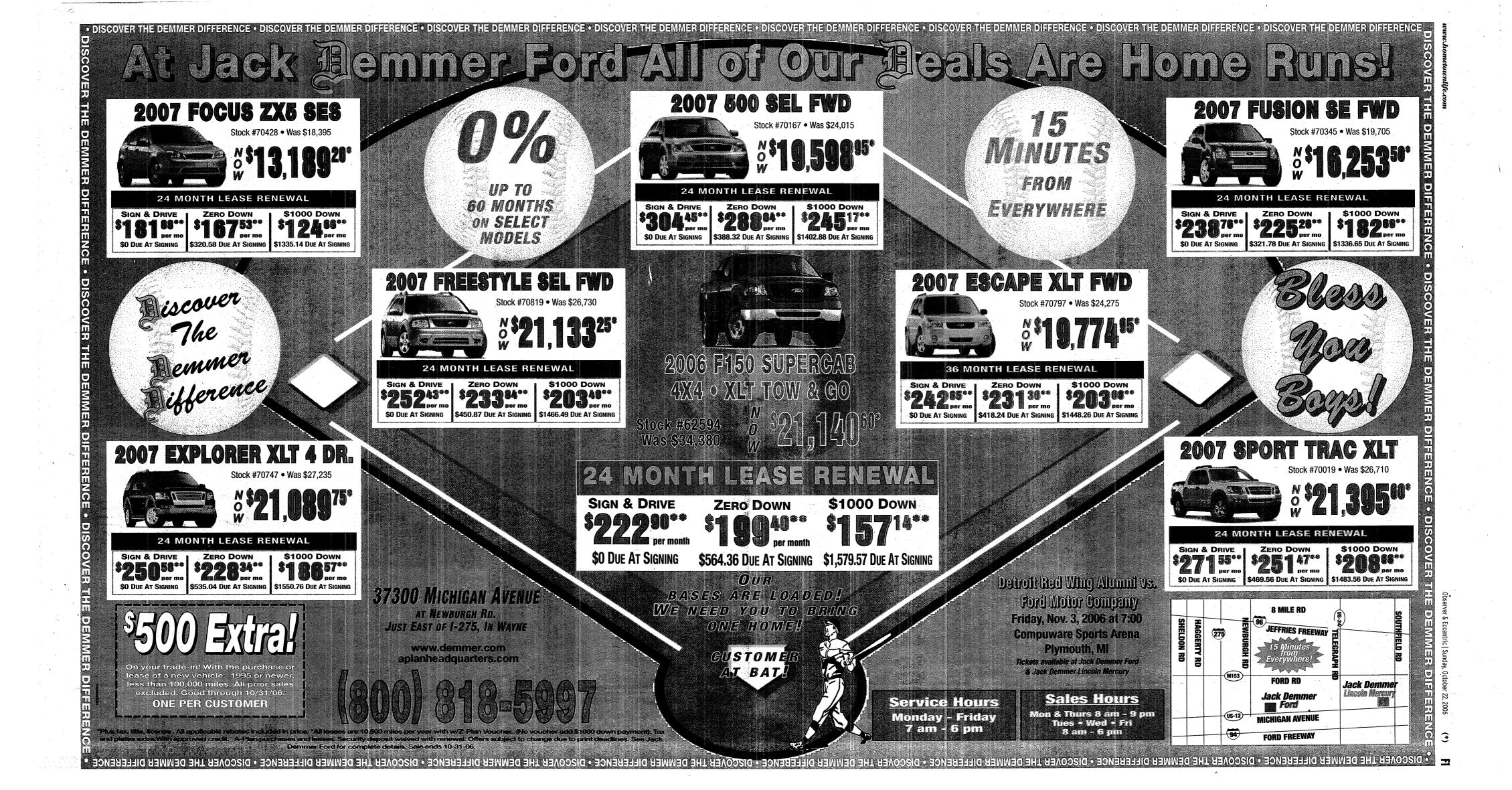
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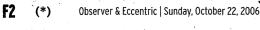
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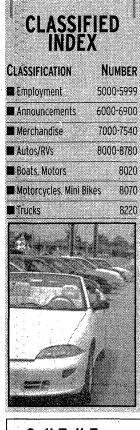


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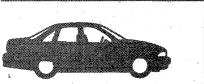


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#### By Dave Menard Avanti NewsFeatures

Entry-level cars aren t usually too much to look at, or very much fun to drive. They re usually small and underpowered, with price being the only reason to buy one. At least, that s the way it used to be. Recently, automakers have begun to realize that giving a customer a good entry-level car might make them more likely to trade up to that company s bigger models later on. If you accept them for what they are, you can find some pretty good entry-level vehicles out there, and one of them is the 2007 Toyota Yaris Sedan.

The Yaris, which also comes in a three-door liftback version, replaces the Toyota Echo as the entry-level vehicle in the Toyota line. The sedan rides on a longer platform than the liftback, with a 100.4-inch wheelbase, as opposed to the 96.9-inch wheelbase for the liftback. There are other differences in the specs of the two; suffice it to say that the sedan is longer, and lower, and some of the styling features are different, as well.

<sup>°</sup> The designers have done a nice job on the Yaris sedan, making it look simple and modern, without looking cheap or dumpy. The beltline is arched and the integrated bumpers and headlamps are nicely done. The Yaris sedan comes with 14-inch steel wheels (15-inch alloy wheels are available as an option). A rear spoiler and fog lamps are optional.

Inside, the controls are laid out in a way that might take getting used to. The instrument cluster is located in the center of the dash, instead of right in front of the driver. It can be distracting for some drivers to have to look to the right to check their speed, but on the other hand, it s easy for a parent to keep an eye on the speedometer while sitting in the passenger seat, or even in the rear seat. I didn t care for it, but you might not mind. The fuel gauge is not an analog dial, but instead is an LCD bar display. Again, not everybody likes that, but it is modern-looking. A digital clock and a tachometer (5speed manual version only) are standard, \* .o.

<sup>°</sup> Below the instrument cluster are the controls for the climate system and the audio system. The chrome touches are nicely done; the panel, again, is very modernlooking. Props to Toyota for making air-conditioning standard on the Yaris sedan —a lot of automakers make



2007 Toyota Yaris. Vehicle class: Subcompact sedan. Power: 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 34 city / 39 highway. Where built: Japan. Base price: \$12,550. Price as tested: \$15,590.

you option up to get it on their entry-level sedans. Toyota giveth and Toyota taketh away, though; there is no audio system standard on the Yaris sedan. They ll give you four speakers, but you have to option up to get the head unit to go with it. That s lame. A simple AM/FM radio, at least, should come in the car, I think.

<sup>°</sup> You could add your own aftermarket system, or choose to option up to an AM/FM/CD player that also has mp3/ WMA capability and a mini-jack for your iPod, or other mp3 player. For an entry-level system, I have no complaints about the sound.

The same option package that gets you the audio system also adds the 15-inch wheels, a 60/40 split fold down rear seat, and a rear defroster. If you re really feeling like you want some add-ons, the Power package will add power locks, windows and mirrors, cruise control and a tachometer, for automatic transmission versions.

<sup>°</sup> The cloth seats (manually adjustable) provide good support and are fairly comfortable. There s enough leg room for tall drivers and head room is good. There s more seat room in back than you might expect; unlike a lot of sub-compact sedans, you might actually use the rear seats for passengers from time to time. The trunk holds more than you might think, too, although if you plan to do the family grocery shopping in the Yaris sedan, you might want to make sure to get those fold-down seats.

The Yaris is powered by a 1.5-liter DOHC, 16-valve, 4cylinder engine with variable-valve timing. It s rated at 106 horsepower and 103 lb.-ft. of torque. Acceleration, while not sports-car like, is surprisingly peppy. And, of course, the payoff is at the gas pump —it s EPA rated at

#### 34/39 mpg.

The second half of the powertrain equation is the standard five-speed manual transmission. You can get a four-speed automatic, if you prefer. I have a suspicion that the five-speed might perform a bit better. I drove the automatic, and while it did just fine, I prefer five-speeds with cars this small.

The Yaris sedan handles like most cars this size. The power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering makes it easy to maneuver and its small stature makes it easy to park, but the ride can be a bit harsh. That s just the nature of the beast with sub-compacts. Front disc and rear drum brakes are standard. To get anti-lock brakes you have to option up.

The Yaris sedan comes with dual-stage driver and front passenger airbags. You can option up and get side airbags and side curtain airbags, as well. Child-protector rear door locks are standard.

The 2007 Toyota Yaris sedan starts at about \$12,500. Add the remote keyless entry and the Power Package (15inch alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, power locks, windows and mirrors, AM/FM/CD, cruise control, spilt fold down rear seat, rear defroster, and tachometer) and you re at almost \$16,000, with the destination charge.

The Yaris sedan has a lot going for it —it looks nice, gets great mileage and has a decent amount of room. I d like to see a few more standard features, like a radio of some kind, but it does have air conditioning, which some other manufacturers make you option up for. Pays your money —takes your pick. Write Dave Menard at avanti1054@aol.com.

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