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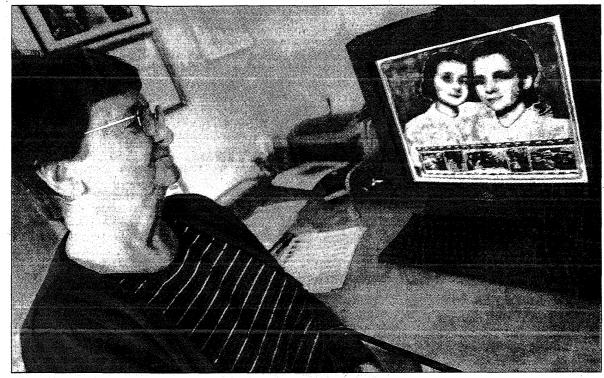
In addition to the annual sale of individual ice carvings, the board of directors of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular are turning to a pair of fund-raisers to finance the 25th annual festival.

The board has scheduled two fundraisers - a Monday Night Football party in November and the second annual gala in January – to help support the silver anniversary spectacular. Both events will take place at E.G. Nicks on Forest.

"All the funds raised will go to support the 25th anniversary Plymouth Ice Spectacular," said Mike Watts of Watts Up Inc., who organizes the annual festival. "They will assist us in providing a unique learning experience for hundreds of local students."

The Monday Night Football party kicks off (pun intended) the fundraising campaign at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13. The \$35 fee (\$25 of which is tax deductible) includes tasting of premium Scotch (Johnny Walker Green and Gold, Dahlwinnie, Glenkinchie, and Cragganmore) and Martini's (No. 10 Tanqueray offers a Perfect 10, and Dirty Martini's by Ciroc Vodka).

There will also be light hors d'oeures, a cash bar, the game featuring the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Carolina Panthers, a 50/50 raffle and perhaps a euchre tournament. Advance tickets are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, E.G. Nicks or from any Ice Spectacular Board Member. The second annual gala fund-raiser is set for Sunday, Jan. 14. The event will feature wine and cordial tasting, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and entertainment. Last year's gala raised some \$2,000.



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Holocaust survivor Miriam Brysk looks at a photo of herself and her mother when Miriam was about 4 years old. Brysk uses old photographs from the Holocaust to create pieces of digital art.

# Stories of survival

## Holocaust central theme of Plymouth cultural push

#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Always keeping an eye out for art exhibits that would play well at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Nancy Pilon thought she'd found one when she spotted

District Library, Plymouth Historical Museum and the Penn Theatre all now have Holocaustthemed events scheduled.

"The thing that is so great is how the groups all came together," said Pilon, the PCAC's art exhibition coordinator. "The people involved in this are all interested in big projects like this, and they came together to get this one done." It started when Pilon spotted a couple of photographs by Brysk, born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1935 and whose work is spurred by her childhood experiences in the Holocaust. Pilon was struck by the quality of the mixed-media photographs of Holocaust survivors.

attempt to restore to them their dignity as Jews."

When PCAC staffers started talking about Brysk's work, the idea occurred to them it might be the springboard to an opportunity to get other groups involved. Before her departure, former PCAC staffer Leslie Greeniesen got the ball rolling, and now all the other groups are on board. "We had three meetings where we all got together and brainstormed about what we can do," Pilon said. "It all just came together."

# **City eyes** another road bond

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city officials are considering a \$10.2 million engineering and construction plan for nearly nine miles of asphalt streets throughout the city over the next 10 years.

The plan for city streets comes as city commissioners ponder asking voters to approve a bond issue to pay for road and infrastructure repairs for the second time in just over a decade. In 1996, residents approved \$12 million in bonds to pave every one of the city's 32 miles of roadway over the course of 20 years. Instead, only 10 years into road projects, the fund has run dry with only half of the roads having been improved.

"Auburn and Arthur are streets that need a new water main," said Shawn Keough, vice president of WadeTrim, a consulting municipal engineering firm located in Taylor. "Adams Street, from Farmer to Junction .. anybody who drives there will notice that.

"Maple between Sheldon and Harvey has more and more cracks ... signs that in the future it's going to come apart," he said. "Sheridan is a street that could use some work."

Mayor Dan Dwyer said he'd be willing to discuss asking voters to approve another road



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photographs from Miriam Brysk at the Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center.

Little did Pilon know how quickly the idea would bloom into a multifaceted tribute to Holocaust survivors, "Plymouth Remembers: Voices of the Holocaust."

Not only does the PCAC have an exhibit by Brysk, herself a Holocaust survivor, starting Nov. 4, but the other cultural organizations in town have now gotten into the act. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, Plymouth

The exhibit, "In a Confined Silence," strives to tell of the Jewish suffering and "the artist's

First on board, according to Pilon, was the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, where conductor Nan Washburn has been itching to put together a concert featuring music composed by

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#### millage.

"My street (Ann) was paved in the previous program, and I feel an obligation to pave the streets of those people which didn't get paved," Dwyer said. "I fully support some kind of road millage and advocate strongly for that."

Of the street improvements recommended by Keough, Harvey Street from Wing to Ann Arbor Road is the most costly — with water main improvements - at \$486,000. Maple, from Sheldon to Harvey, is projected to cost \$436,500 because of the poor pavement and the number of water main breaks.

"Some of the newer streets could just have resurfacing and extend the life," Keough told commissioners. "But, the more heavily traveled streets will need more attention."

John Morgan has lived in Plymouth for the past 12 years, and said the city has no choice.

"If they've got to be fixed, they've got to be fixed," said Morgan, 77, who lives on Deer Street. "If you don't pay for that, you end up paying for something else."

"Nobody likes bumpy roads," said Morgan, who is not in favor of going back to special assessments for street paving. "I think every-body who drives on them, walks on them, runs on them should pay."

Commissioners will not only have to determine which streets will get makeovers as part of a new bond, but also which streets reconstructed in the previous bond will have to be paved again before some are repaired the first time.

"Main Street was done in 1998, and I would expect 10 years from now it will show some signs of wear," Keough said.

Some commissioners believe road improvements should become a permanent capital improvement project.

I look at this as an ongoing program for the life of the city, and I support that," said Commissioner Gerry Sabatini. "It should just become part of the basic operations of the city like public safety, the trash being picked up and the streets plowed."

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#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Like many Detroit Tigers fans, Laurie Golden believes the good guys will beat the St. Louis Cardinals and bring home the Commissioner's Trophy as world champions.

Golden decided to take it one step further, using her creative talents in constructing her own

Commissioner's Trophy – consisting of a garbage can lid, dowel rods and foam flags - and proudly displaying it in front of her Linden Street home in Plymouth.

"We made the Stanley Cup in 1997 when the Red Wings were in the playoffs, and we put that out every year whether the Wings are in the playoffs or not," Golden said. "I felt compelled to do something for the Tigers. I'm a huge, huge baseball fan.'

Golden, 43, drafts her own fantasy

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baseball team and has a collection of baseball memorabilia. Her love for the game - and the Tigers - began as a youngster.

"My brother and I would make up our own sheets and score the game while watching TV, that's what kind of geeks we were," Golden chuckled. "And, we would practice drawing the Old English D.'

"We would ride our bikes to the party store to buy baseball cards," she said.

"We didn't care who we got, as long as they were Tigers."

Golden - whose yellow Labrador retriever is named Gordie, as in Red Wings' great Gordie Howe — has attended a playoff and World Series

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BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Laurie Golden is a World Series optimist who used her creative talents to make her own Commissioner's Trophy - consisting of a garbage can lid, dowel rods and foam flags – and displaying it proudly in front of her Linden Street home in Plymouth.



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## **PLYMOUTH PIPELINE**

#### Steelers turn 30

Football fans can celebrate the Plymouth-Canton Steelers' 30th Anniversary Saturday, Oct. 28 at the PCEP Varsity Field when the Steelers take on the cross-town rival Canton Lions and compete for the "Black and Blue" Trophy.

Past Steeler football players, cheerleaders, coaches and administrators are invited to register and be recognized during this event. Past Steelers are encouraged to make memory posters including old photos to be hung during the game.

For more information, contact Bob Callahan via e-mail at bob.b.callahan@aexp.com or by calling (877) 861-5059.

#### Coat drive

The Children's Christian Alliance is conducting its annual collection of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens and blankets to be distributed to low-income families living in Wayne County.

The Children's Christian Alliance is committed to organizing and funding activities to educate, inspire, and promote positive change in individual's by teaching God's word

Drop-off sites for this year's drive are: Maurice's, 44620 Ford Road, in Canton, (734) 207-5001; and ROC International, 16115 Beck Road in Northville, (734) 404-0270.

Pick-up can also be arranged by calling (734) 844-8472 or (734) 812-4502. For more information on the drive or on

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Children's Christian Alliance. visit the group's Web site at www.childrenschristianalliance.org

#### Walk of Trees

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its annual "Walk of Christmas Trees" in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Any family, club, scout troop, school class or business interested in decorating a tree should contact the chamber. Cost is \$75 per tree, which includes 200 white lights strung on each tree, and the group/company name on a sign.

Trees will be assigned at random, and signs will be in place by Friday, Dec. 1. Decorating days are Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3.

To reserve a tree or for more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

#### Halloween hoedown

The Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors sponsor the Kids Halloween Hoedown for kids age 10 and younger 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at The Barn in the Colony Farms Subdivision (south of Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, south on Colonv).

The event features plenty of spooky shenanigans and goofy ghoulishness including games, dancing and, of course, costume contests. Moms, dads, siblings and grandparents are welcome.

Pizza, beverages and treats will be provided; there is no

charge. To RSVP call Angela Nolan, (734) 420-1011. Rummage sale

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

For more information, call the church, (734) 416-8854.

#### Holiday marketplace

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors is gearing up for its annual "Holiday Marketplace" vendor show 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

All proceeds from the event will go to a local family in need, providing an opportunity for holiday meals and gifts that would otherwise be impossible.

The Holiday Marketplace features products and services from nearly 20 different vendors. Past participants include Arbonne International, Discovery Toys, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Pampered Chef, Silpada Jewelry, Tupperware and more. Many vendors will offer special discounts, samples and prizes.

In addition, the Holiday Marketplace will provide free refreshments, a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Limited space is still avail-

able for vendors. Tickets are not required in advance, and admission and parking are free.



## Tiger mania

Becca Garzaniti, Tiffany Gibson and Lauren Slavick showed their support for the Detroit Tigers before heading to Plymouth High School's Homecoming dance Oct. 14.

tact Patti El-Amin at (734) 416-86981 or pattielamin@aol.com. Harvest Festival

Life Church will host its annual Harvest Festival at East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill, in Plymouth. East is the new home of Life who recently outgrew their previous location of Field Elementary in Canton. This year's Harvest Festival

takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, and is free and open to the public. Family fun and fellowship are at the top of the list that makes each year's Harvest Festival a community favorite. Participants should gear up for an exciting, funfueled evening for kids ages 0-12 years.

The evening's activities include: games, inflatables, crafts, free face painting, fall goodies, hayrides, and each family's very own "family memory photo!" Participants are encouraged to come in their favorite non-scary costume and to bring a friend or two.

Life Church seeks to make a difference in the lives of its members, their families, the community and the world. It is a church where people can know and be known, love and be loved, serve and be served, celebrate and be celebrated.

For more information on the Life Church Harvest Festival, check the church Web site at www.lifechurchcanton.org or e-mail festival coordinator

#### Aimee Neal at aimeeneal@comcast.net or call lead pastor Alex Rahill at (734) 634-2697.

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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.

#### 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.

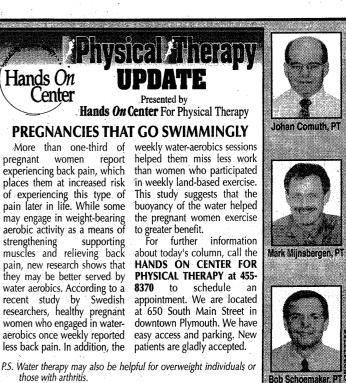
There will be refreshments, and special sale prices on items. Visitors can see the nursery's dramatic Department 56 display, unique gifts and garlands. Visitors are also welcome to explore the nursery's theme trees, decorated from elegant to fun.

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

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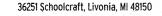
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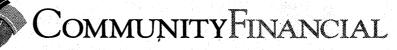
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# Incumbent, challenger vie for seat on 35th District bench

## Judge calls experience key in vote Challenger emphasizes consistency

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Citing his 12 years of experience sitting on the bench and doling out justice, 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe believes that's the key why voters in the Plymouths, Northvilles and Canton Township should return him to the bench for another six years in the Nov. 7 election.

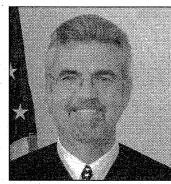
"With 12 years of doing the job and trying to do it well, you can't help but learn something and the right way of doing it," Lowe said. "If you have someone with 12 years of experience and someone with zero, voters at least know they have a known quantity and some experience."

Lowe said he not only hands out rulings in his courtroom, but also takes the opportunity to educate those who stand before him.

"If I'm sitting in the courtroom and I have a chance to educate them, I will do that," Lowe said. "If you were ever to spend time in my courtroom, I probably give an inordinate amount of time in formal hearings, bench trials and jury trials educating people.

"There are lawyers who have told me the reason they're supporting me is because they've watch me sit on the bench and struggle with a decision," he said. "They tell me "I realized you heard me, you understood me, did the homework, and I've never been disappointed by your decision. It's not always what I wanted, but I'm not disappointed."

Lowe, who was Plymouth



Ron Lowe

city attorney for a dozen years before winning a seat on the 35th District Court bench, said he lives by the philosophy handed down by his father, also an attorney.

"My father taught me to find out the facts, apply the law to the facts and let the cards lay where they may," Lowe said. "The law will always be the top priority."

As with all entities in Michigan, 35th District Court is facing a budget crunch, and Lowe said it's time to put everything on the table to curb expenses, including the third judgeship which was awarded by the state legislature four years ago.

"The salary is paid for by the state, but you have to figure out how much it costs to pay for the court officer, the court reporter and other incidental expenses, like health insur-

ance," Lowe said. "That's \$200,000 in expenditures out of a \$4 million budget. You have to look

at it. "The magistrate's position. You've got to ask yourself, could the three judges do it without a magistrate?" questioned Lowe. "Of course we could. That would mean each judge would have to work in the afternoon one week out of a three-week rotation, saving money."

Lowe also said while he isn't advocating cutting programs like the juvenile and sobriety courts, "If you're in a budget crunch, can you justify spending money on programs district courts aren't even supposed to run?"

Lowe recently took a major hit from Chief Judge John MacDonald, when the latter criticized Lowe and endorsed challenger Jim Plakas. Lowe admitted he and MacDonald have had their differences, but said they haven't affected justice handed out by the court.

"You don't see John and I argue about how we dole out justice," Lowe said. "The disagreements John and I have are about management of the court.

"I've honestly voiced my opinion, and it's not always gone along with the way John wanted it," added Lowe. "But, John is the chief judge, and I've always toed the corporate line after the decision was made."

Lowe has been criticized by Plakas for being inconsistent in his rulings, to which Lowe takes exception.

"In the 12 years I've been here, no one has told me that I'm not performing," Lowe said.

"I have an open door ... come in and tell me what you think. I strive for feedback."

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When Jim Plakas talks about his campaign for 35th District Court judge, he chuckles at the tag some have put on him in what is a nonpartisan election.

"Opponents love to label me a liberal Democrat," said Plakas, 38, of Northville Township. "Am I really a liberal or a Democrat? Maybe I'm really just a fair person who will do the job effectively."

Plakas, an 11-year attorney with the Westland law firm of Angelo Plakas & Associates, said his experience includes representing plaintiffs, as well as prosecuting cases as an assistant city attorney for Westland. Plakas said it's that experience that gives him a good understanding of what it will take to become a district court judge representing the Plymouths, Northvilles and Canton Township the next six years.

"Other attorneys know I know the law, they know I'm well-prepared, they know I don't make knee-jerk decisions on things," Plakas said. "I have a willingness to help people better themselves.

"It's always been my nature to want to help and bring out the best in people," he said. "In my job as a prosecutor, I can do that to a certain extent, but at some point I pass that file on to a judge and then it's



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**Jim Plakas** 

out of my hands. Every once in awhile you get someone who thanks you for helping to change their life for the better, and it's a good feeling."

Chief 35th District Judge John MacDonald made waves recently when he criticized incumbent Ron Lowe and announced he would support Plakas in the Nov. 7 election. Plakas said he's heard the same criticisms of Lowe, and is quick to point them out.

"It's a lack of respect, a lack of courtesy, making knee-jerk decisions and a lack of being consistent," Plakas said of Lowe. "I'm not going to say he's not fair, but I don't think he has the temperament for the job.

"District Court should be a place where the judge brings finality to disputes between people as quickly and efficiently as possible, and that's not happening," added Plakas. "You have to be a decisionmaker and a mediator. You have to resolve disputes between people, and for them, in a way that's really going to solve it."

Plakas shrugs off the whispers that he moved into Northville Township four years ago to run against Lowe because he couldn't get elected to a judgeship in Westland, where he practices.

"Judge (C. Charles) Bokos in Westland retires in two years, and I could walk into that seat if I wanted to," said Plakas, who noted he lived in Plymouth for nearly eight years beforehand. "I love where I am, I love this community. I have a 3- and a 5year-old and I'm raising them here. They're not going anywhere, this is where I'm staying."

Plakas said as a judge the best way to connect with residents in the five communities is to meet face-toface.

"People aren't educated about what's going on in the courts or how the courts work," Plakas said.

"A judge can educate people at the local library, one day a month in each community, where they can come and ask you about what's going on in the courts or the cases they may have read about."

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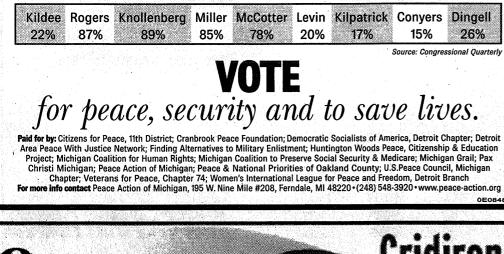
an unknown (and hidden) number of service connected injuries have scarred the physical and mental lives of veterans of the war. The uncounted Iraqi civilian casualties number in the hundreds of thousands—as their country teeters on the edge of total chaos.

• **ENDLESS WAR AND ENORMOUS DEBT:** The present "stay the course" policy means endless war. And, to pay for this war, while giving the richest one percent huge tax breaks, will mean that our children, our grandchildren, and even their children will be saddled with an enormous debt—owed to foreign creditors. Is this the legacy we want to leave future generations?

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• **VOTE:** Our Constitution provides for three separate branches of government. On November 7, 2006, we the voters will have the opportunity—and the responsibility to vote for members of Congress. Congress is the institution that is supposed to provide a check and balance to any President when that President's policies have endangered our security and when that President has sought to extend his authority beyond the Constitutional limits.

• **MAKE CONGRESS ACCOUNTABLE:** We have had a Congress that has mostly been a rubber stamp for this Administration. Here are the percentages of how often Southeast Michigan's incumbent Congressional Representatives supported the Bush agenda in 2005. We can make our votes count for an accountable Congress.



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## **Catholic school rallies to bless the Tigers**



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Sister Mary Raymond has her Tigers Rosary ready for the World Series. She's a substitute teacher at St. Genevieve School in Livonia.



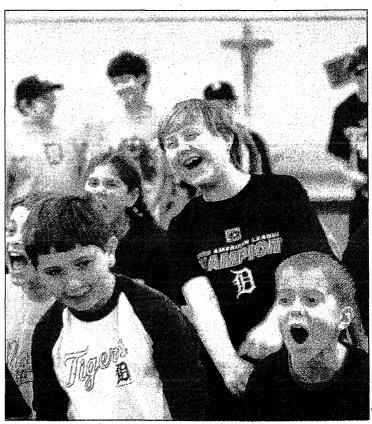
BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

St. Genevieve Catholic School students took a break from their blue and white uniforms Tuesday to wear the blue, white and orange of Detroit Tiger paraphernalia.

Tiger colors were on display around the school on Jamison Street near Middlebelt. Orange and blue tiger paws were painted on the sidewalk leading into school, and once inside, visitors found the pupils' colorful tributes to the American League champions on pennants posted throughout the school.

"I put a picture of the scoreboard with the final score when they beat the A's in the playoffs," said fourth-grader Ryan Bohr, who added his parents are letting him stay up past his 9 p.m. bedtime to watch the World Series games. Teacher and staff also wore

Tiger hats and shirts. Even Sister Mary Raymond, a substitute teacher, was wearing a blue blazer and a rosary anchored by the Old English



Brendan Tabone and Nicholas Joseph (foreground), Chris Semaan, Josie Abdulbaki, and Sean Williams compete to see which group could shout 'Bless You Boys!' the loudest.

ties were fun and the team's championship run seems to be more thrilling than the Pistons basketball title in 2004.

and "Bless You Boys," they sang "God Bless America" and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," and stood up in sequence to do The Wave.

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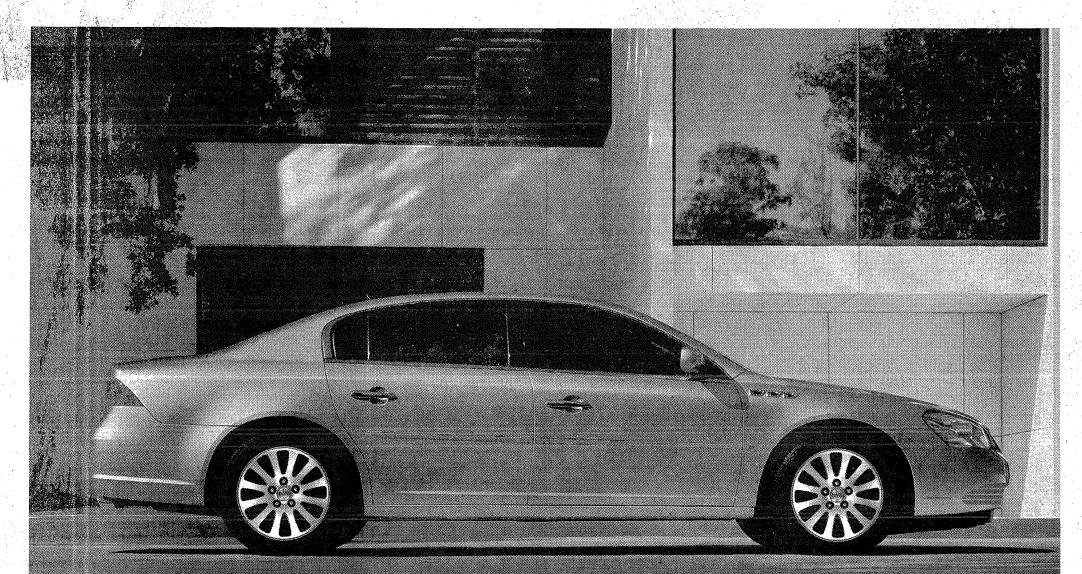
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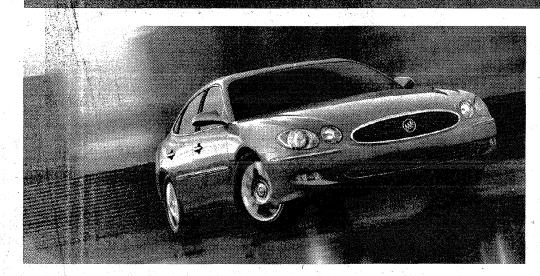


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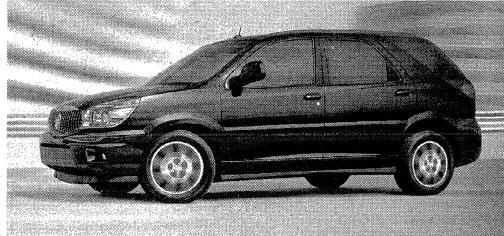


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The old used car office comes down to make room for the new one for Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

## Fox Hills demolition moves out old, makes room for new used car home

While many Metro Detroit car dealerships are struggling to keep their head above water, Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep in Plymouth is expanding its used car operation by doubling the size of its facilities.

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The transition was completed Monday with a dramatic "out with the old, in with the new" demolition of the old building, revealing the new center built behind it. The new facility grew from 484 square feet to more than 1,100 square feet, including full handicap access with an entrance ramp and ADA equipped restrooms.

"This renovation comes at a great time," said Jim Schebil, president of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep. "My family and all our store employees support our efforts to put our customers first. Buying a car is an emotional experience. We want to create an atmosphere in which our customers and employees feel comfortable and welcomed."

The previously owned car selection has all makes and models with a variety of options, service and a focus on the customer, Schebil said. The show room has four work consultation areas offering customers privacy during their personalized discussions with skilled and experienced salespersons.

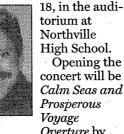
"We typically have more than 80 cars to choose from, giving our customers widen options for immediate selection," said Schebil.

Fox Hill's used car hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep is located at 111 W. Ann Arbor Road. For more information on the dealership, visit its Web site at www.foxhillschryslerjeep.com or call (734) 455-8740, www.foxhillschryslerjeep.com.

## HOLOCAUST

Holocaust-era composers such as Mendelssohn and

Shostakovich. The PSO's contribution to the event, the "Music of Remembrance" concert, takes place at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov.

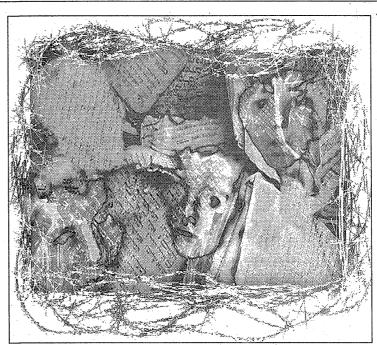


Hartmann Overture by Nazi-banned Jewish composer, Felix Mendelssohn. Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, subtitled Babi Yar, will feature a male chorus and solo bass-baritone singer, Donald Hartmann.

The program will also showcase PSO concertmaster, Mark Schuppener, who will solo on the evocative and hauntingly beautiful *Three Pieces* from *Schindler's List* for Violin and Orchestra by illustrative film composer John Williams.

"This is an opportunity to perform one of these beautiful pieces that historically had been suppressed or destroyed, specifically Mendelhonson and Shostakovich," said Jennifer Philpot-Munson, the PSO's executive director. "Miriam Brysk is in many ways the driving force behind this. Meeting her inspired all of us to do our level best to present something as thorough as possible. Even though (the Holocaust) was a tragic event in world history, we want to celebrate the triumph in human spirit. Mirian Brysk embodies that."

The Plymouth District Library is also on the bandwagon, offering two screenings



Miriam Brysk's work, focusing on the Holocaust, will be on display at the Plymouth Community Arts Council starting Nov. 4.

of the Emmy Award-winning documentary, *Nicholas Winton: The Power of Good.* Winton was a young British stockbroker in 1939 when a trip to Prague spurred him to action. Over the next year he organized eight trips to take children from Prague to foster homes in Great Britain. His efforts saved the lives of 669 children.

The library will show the 65minute film at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, and at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29.

"We have seen a great surge of interest in 20th-century American history over the last year," said Susan Stoney, the library's director of public relations and marketing. "We have presented a number of very well-received programs on the world wars and know the interest is there. We were delighted to have the chance to participate in this cooperative program and to further share the story of the Holocaust with our community." Other events: ■ The Plymouth Historical Museum presents a panel discussion of Holocaust survivors at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15. The public is welcome and there will be time for questions following the program. Call the museum at (734) 455-8940 for more information.

■ The Penn Theatre will show films in conjunction with the project. Scheduled movies include *Casablanca* on Nov. 12, *Schindler's List* on Nov. 19 and *The Sound of Music* on Nov. 26. Call (734) 453-0870 to confirm titles and show times.

All of this, according to the PCAC's Pilon, is being driven by Brysk and her amazing story.

"We're always looking for something different," Pilon said. "Of course, we didn't know the story behind it. Once we met (Brysk), of course, it became much more meaningful."

For more information on Brysk's exhibit, call the PCAC EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Here's a look at the list of Holocaust collaboration events:

 Plymouth Community Arts Council – Miriam
 Brysk's mixed-media exhibit, "In a Confined Silence," on display Nov. 4-28; call (734) 416-4278 for details.
 Plymouth Symphony Orchestra – "Music of Remembrance" concert, 8 p.m., Nov. 18, Northville
 High School; for tickets call (734) 451-2112.

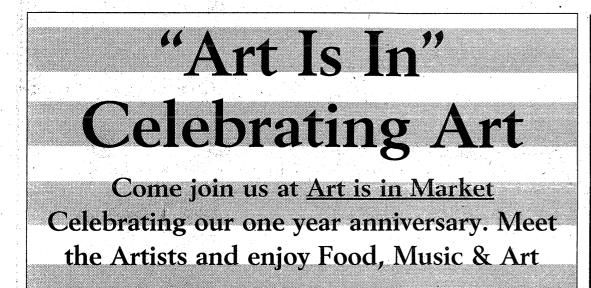
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### DEATHS

Josephine P. DeLorenzo DeLorenzo, 91, of Bloomfield Township, died Oct. 15. **Mary Jane Henderson** Henderson, 87, formerly of Birmingham, died Oct. 15. **Nancy Walton Hudson** Hudson, 84, of Birmingham, died Oct. 18. Lyla Dolores (Shaver) Isely Isely, 71, of Waterford, died Oct. 17. **Christine Joyce Leonhard** Leonhard, 78, of Traverse City, died Oct. 14.

Susan McGraw McGraw, 60, formerly of Birmingham, died Oct. 19. 0

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game this year at Comerica Park. It was an opportunity she missed in 1984 when the **Tigers won the World Series** because she was away at college in Missouri.

"I remember listening on the radio when they clinched the American League (cham-

#### David A. O'Neil O'Neil, 47, of Livonia, died Oct. 18. R Walter Leon Roose Roose, 93, formerly of Plymouth, died Oct. 22. Mary B. Rudnick Rudnick died Oct. 21. **Donald William Schmidt** Schmidt, of Plymouth, died Oct. 19. **Arlene F. Schroeder** Schroeder, 74, of Howell, died Oct. 20. Louis Michael Stieb Stieb, 100, formerly of Rochester, died Oct. 18. Sandra J. Wilson

Wilson, 56, formerly of Livonia, died.

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

pionship)," Golden said. "I would get in my car and drive around so I could get the best spot to tune it in on the radio."

"I made my roommates watch the World Series with me," said Golden, who noted those get-togethers embraced a Detroit theme. "We had Stroh's beer and Little Caesars pizza.

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## **Veteran's Memorial part of poet's inspiration**

**BY DAN WEST** STAFF WRITER

The formal unveiling of the Livonia Veteran's Memorial Plaza in May was an inspiring moment for Canton author and poet Cheryl Martin.

Her observations that day led to her poem, "A Haunted Soul," which honors the living World War II veterans who continue to pay tribute to their fallen comrades who died in battle six decades ago.

"I've had many veterans tell me that they feel the heroes who didn't make it home are the ones that we must always remember," Martin said.

"A Haunted Soul" is in her 116-page book Woman Reclining. The book's poems documents some personal episodes, but most of the writings focus on her observations of people.

She said her poems basically reflect her love of observing people, but her kinship to veterans fueled her interest in the Memorial Day weekend dedication of the new Livonia memorial. Martin, who served in the U.S. Army for 14 years, took special interest in observing the solemn and respectful nature of World War II veterans during the ceremony for the memorial that honors Livonia natives who served in military conflicts since the community was formed in 1835.

During the ceremony, she took a picture of World War H veteran and Livonia resident Lawrence Schweiger. That portrait accompanies her poem in the book.

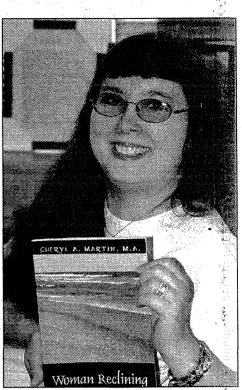
"It was good to see a new local veteran's memorial," Martin said. "The black granite was impressive and it reminded me of the walking monument (Vietnam War Memorial in Washington).

"In particular, I think the World War II veterans feel a little left out because they didn't get their own war memorial until a couple of years ago. So, I think it's good to remember them and what they did.

Martin, a New England native, moved to Michigan in 1988. For years, she has worked as a freelance writer, reporter and photojournalist. Her works have appeared in various publications, including the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and The Detroit Free Press. Her creative works have appeared in juried exhibits and publications and garnered awards.

Martin, who had lived in Westland and Plymouth, has lived in Canton for the past three years with her husband Gerald.

Woman Reclining is on sale for \$15 at Book Cellar Nand Cafe, located on Ann Arbor Trail near Main Street in Plymouth. The book can be purchased by e-mailing Martin at Peroinc5@comcast.net, or calling her at (734) 397-1626.



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Author Cheryl Martin wrote a book of poems, 'Woman Reclining.'

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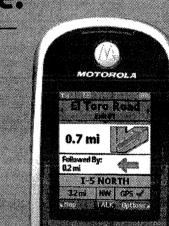
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## **COUNTY NEWS**

# Experts weigh business tax replacement issue

#### BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

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The state's Single Business Tax has been an issue this political season, but few solutions have been offered on how to replace the estimated \$2 billion the tax generates annually and how much of it should be replaced.

The SBT was established in 1975 and contains a variety of taxes rolled into one formula. Many say it is far too complicated and prohibitive for companies that do business in Michigan.

A petition drive, led by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson earlier this year, should have landed the SBT issue on the ballot this November, but a loophole in state law allowed the Legislature to vote on it once again as a veto-proof bill. The first attempt by the Legislature to get rid of the SBT was vetoed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm because there was no plan to replace the revenue.

Now, the tax will expire at the end of next year and there still is no firm replacement plan. The SBT revenue is about 22 percent of the state's general fund.

A panel of experts weighed in on the issue at a recent forum in Farmington Hills, sponsored by state Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi and state Sen. Gilda Jacobs.

Tom Clay, director of state affairs for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, said there are a few options replace the tax with a new tax on businesses; add new tax on individuals, e.g., services; or implement a net tax cut.

Ĉlay said a replacement tax should be broad-based, at a low rate and easy for taxpayers to understand and calculate. He said businesses that are "selling into our state" should be taxed and in-state businesses should be favored.

Currently, about 150,000 businesses pay the SBT, while 41,000 do not pay it and another 25,000 pay less than \$1,000 per year in SBT taxes, according to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization founded in 1919. to promote "sound policy" for state and local governments through research. The SBT is largely paid by 3,000 businesses in Michigan, which contribute 59 percent of the total SBT revenue. Charles Ballard, from the Department of Economics at Michigan State University, said not replacing the tax should not be an option. He said four or five years ago, he would have thought the state's budget could handle a \$1 billion cut which is being proposed by some people. The current budget would not be able to sustain such a cut without a dollar-for-dollar affect on services He and Clay note Michigan is not a high-tax state, like many people believe. National taxes have gone down in recent vears and now Michigan is slightly below the national average in taxation. "There is a huge body of research that shows Michigan is average or below average," said Clay, noting 35 other states have higher business taxes. Ballard said Michigan was slightly above the national average in taxation in the 1970s and 1980s, but continual tax cuts have occurred since

then. "We've gone far enough, and probably too far," he said.

Replacement options could include a variety of sectors, Ballard said. Business taxes equate to taxes on people, via lower wages and higher prices, for example.

"From an economic perspective, there is no reason to replace the SBT with a business tax," he said. Ballard said the income tax could be adjusted to increase with higher income. Michigan is one of six states with a flatrate income tax, while 37 states and Washington, D.C., have graduated rates. This change would require a state constitutional amendment, which isn't politically likely, he said.

David Wright, a CPA, said tax policy is a result of the political process, but he hopes the SBT replacement is simple and easy to understand. "Complexity is the worst

waste of money," he said. Clay said there are a lot of consumer taxes that ought to be considered, noting we pay tax on gasoline, clothing and other necessities, but not on movie tickets, golf fees and other leisure activities. Cory Jacobson, owner of

Phoenix Theatres in

Farmington Hills, a movie complex in Detroit and a screening room in Southfield, said he has been creative in making ends meet. He said national box office sales are up 7 percent, but not in Michigan, because people are not spending their money at the movies when they're worried about keeping their jobs.

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There's only so much he can do.

"We're at the glass ceiling with ticket prices and concessions," he said.

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Jacobson said he wants to see some stability in the next tax policy.

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## OUR VIEWS McCotter has edge in 11th District race for Congress

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The Democratic Party believes it has a legitimate chance to retake control of one and possibly both houses of Congress in the November election.

According to national polls, voters are angry with Republicans over an unpopular war in Iraq, a series of lobbying scandals, a scandal over protecting a sexual predator in Congress, a ballooning deficit and an economy that doesn't seem as solid for most people as statistics suggest.

For many voters, this will be a parliamentary election, a vote for the party out of power because of dissatisfaction with a party that effectively controls all three branches of the federal government and that some believe has become arrogant with power.

But as former Democratic Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill once said, "all politics is local." Many voters will go to the polls Nov. 7 and repeat that old saying, "I hate Congress, but I like my congressman," and vote accordingly.

In Michigan's 11th Congressional District, former talk show host Tony Trupiano is giving incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter his most spirited opposition to date. Trupiano presents himself as a moderate Democrat, fiscally conservative, opposed to gun control and leery of federal interference in education. But he is strongly opposed to the war in Iraq, believes the war on terror has been mishandled, favors a single-payer health insurance program and decries the corruption in Washington. Many voters could feel comfortable making a parliamentary vote for Trupiano.

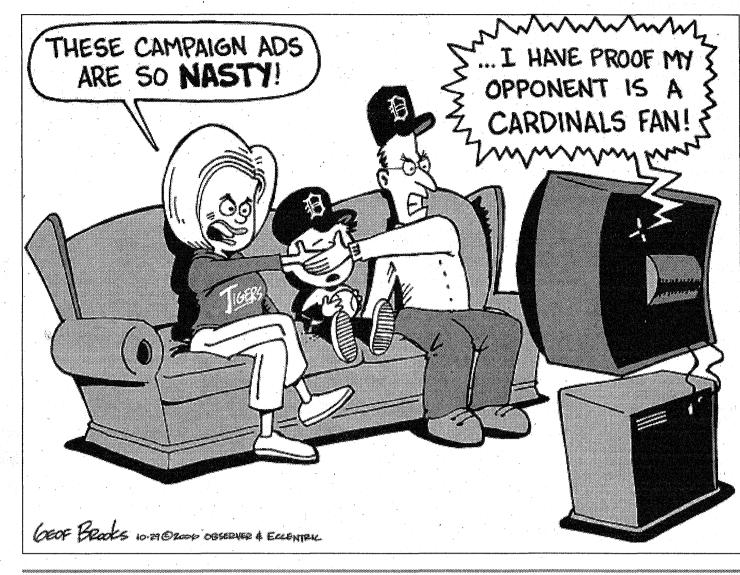
However, McCotter is not the one-dimensional conservative his opponent portrays. He is a conscientious conservative, steeped in the Ronald Reagan tradition. He has a long history in this community as a county commissioner, state senator and two-term member of Congress.

While he has been a reliable vote on party initiatives, he has also taken strong positions that run against the grain. He supported the bipartisan vote that took the country into the war in Iraq, but he has been a steady critic of the administration's mishandling of the war after the fall of Baghdad. He has argued that the Bush top-down approach has been disastrous and contributed to the ongoing factional disputes. He has been to Iraq on several occasions and speaks with authority on the issue.

McCotter has also been a vocal opponent of free trade agreements that don't require reciprocity from our trading partners and have hurt the Michigan economy.

As a seasoned legislator, McCotter also understands the importance of constituent service. Contrary to what his opponents say, McCotter is a visible presence in the community and his office has done a good job of serving the 11th District. McCotter also understands which issues are most pertinent to his local constituency.

Finally, we don't believe that McCotter's integrity has been compromised by taking funding from now disgraced Republican House members. It's a common practice in both parties to receive funding from party PACs. We have no reason to believe that McCotter is anything but an honest member of Congress who votes his conscience and the best interests of his constituents. The Republican Party has become arrogant in its power. It has failed to confront President George Bush on the Iraq war, failed to investigate the scandals involving its members and failed to address such crucial social issues as health care and Social Security.



#### Dodge a bullet

It is amazing how few people are aware of a recent, and very real, threat to this country's right of free speech and freedom of worship.

A chaplain in the U.S. Navy was courtmartialed just this past September for the content of his prayers at a memorial service for a young sailor. The chaplain's crime? The crime? Quoting John 3:36 from the Bible and praying in Jesus' name during the service.

On the heels of this chaplain's courtmartial came House Resolution 5122 that would have allowed censorship of prayer for all chaplains in the U.S. military. You don't need to be a religious person to get upset over this one. All you need to be is someone who values our basic freedoms.

Fortunately, after a deluge of phone calls to the Senate Committee on Armed Services from Americans who were aware of the situation, the U.S. Congress issued a conference report this month that ordered the Navy to rescind their nonsectarian prayer policy. Whew! That was a close call. A terrible precedent was almost set here. I think we all had better pay closer attention to what our representatives may be doing to us, rather than for us,

### LETTERS

encourage you to do the same!

Patrica Grzywacz Plymouth

Time for a Democrat

What's a decent old-fashioned Republican supposed to do? The current crop of candidates is a set of mostly shrill, fanatical demagogues. What happened to decency and equality (Lincoln), believers in protecting the environment and controlling greedy industrialists (Teddy Roosevelt), diplomacy and walking softly while carrying a big stick (TR, Eisenhower), fairness and decency (Gerald Ford and Bill Milliken).

The local followers of Pat Robertson and other extremists follow the line "If you're not with us, you're going to be damned." People like Abbo and DeVos may have a brain (I think they share one) and are dangerous to American beliefs. The Betsy wing of the Michigan Republican party hates all non-believers, all who voice a difference of opinion, all How on earth could these representatives, Congressmen/women who vowed to uphold our Constitution, vote to deny us our fundamental Constitutional rights?

And then there's the torture part of the bill. Waterboarding seems to be the current torture of choice and McCotter, et al, just made it legal. This rubber-stamp Republican Congress will tell you that this bill protects you from terrorists. *It does not*. This bill is designed to protect the Bush regime from prosecution for crimes against humanity, the very same crimes for which the Nazis were executed after World War II.

How can this "Christian" Congress live with themselves?

To say we need to change our representatives is the understatement of this election year. For the sake of our rights and our conscience, McCotter, Knollenberg, Rogers, Ehlers, Hoekstra and Miller all need to go.

> Mary Ann Beaser Plymouth

However, despite our reservations about the direction of the Republican Party, we support Republican **Thaddeus McCotter** for a third term in Congress on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

## Letters a great way to air political debate

As we come down to the wire in the 2006 political season — the general election is less than two weeks away — supporters on both sides will be doing what they can to push their candidates' agendas and denigrate the capabilities of their opponents.

The letters to the editor columns of local newspapers are traditionally a popular way to do that. But the *Observer* has a long-standing policy of not allowing that to happen at the 11th hour.

Letters are certainly welcome, right up through election day. Standard rules apply: They should be 400 words or fewer, contain no libelous claims and include the name, address and phone number of the author (only the name and hometown will appear in print; the street address and phone number are included for verification purposes only). Letters are subject to some editing to ensure compliance with company policy.

Our editorial pages are here to provide a voice to the community. We urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to express your views.



Sam Dibble Plymouth

#### Signs are gross

The oversized political signs sprouting up all over our Plymouth community from both parties look gross.

Just because you are allowed to put them up now doesn't mean you should. Keith Rolston

Plymouth

#### Good proposal

The new proposal that is aimed at funding the Plymouth-Canton school district NEEDS is a good one that the community can support.

I still fail to understand why the board/superintendent had to spend thousands of dollars to find out that asking for \$120 million in this economy was stupid. They must have known what our NEEDS were last spring.

> Don Chumbley Plymouth

#### **Breath of fresh air**

I was very refreshing to read the "Youth Movement" story on Eric Bacyinski, a candidate for the Library Board of Trustees.

In these times, so filled with political corruption, scandal and mud-slinging, it is revitalizing to hear a story such as Mr. Bacyinski's. I might add that it is inspiring to see a young man with such a large work ethic.

I concur with Pat Thomas's opinion that it is good to see the younger people interested in our civil service offices. These very youth are the future of our community and we need to embrace their ambition and community involvement. This is why I will give my support to Mr. Bacyinski on Election Day and I with an open mind.

So-called intelligent design is one of their gospel verses. Barefoot and pregnant is better for women than thinking independently. Public education is evil because students learn to think outside the narrow box of the wacky right wing. Big government is bad when it helps those in need, but good if Big Brother is in your bedroom or your doctor's office or your school room.

What are we to do? I suppose it's time to try a Democrat. Mr. Corriveau is a decent young fellow with good credentials. Ms. Granholm has done a pretty good job. Her ideas about changing the skills of our workers through education are good but will take time to bear fruit. The auto industry's woes are a result of their own short-range planning, a load of costly baggage, and some smart, quick responding competitors.

Google and Toyota and our universities, if given some support, can help get us to the new economy of thinking jobs.

Doug Koch Plymouth

#### These folks have to go

Do you know what your representative in Congress has been up to?

Thaddeus McCotter, Joe Knollenberg, Mike Rogers, Candice Miller, Vernon Ehlers, Peter Hoekstra and Joe Schwarz just voted for The Torture Bill, euphemistically called the Military Commissions Act. This horrifying bill allows George Bush to detain and torture *anyone*, including U.S. citizens. Without a trial.

That's right. These public servants voted to deny you the right to see a judge, if arrested,

Leading Republicans would like you to believe that they reached a "compromise" with Bush and that all is well with the Constitution and the Geneva Convention. Not so.

If you are arrested, you have no more rights than the "enemy combatants" currently rotting in Guantanamo. You are no longer guaranteed the right to know what the charge is, to see a lawyer, to confront your accuser or to see a judge.

#### QUOTABLE

"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 public schools. ... The problem for me is the money comes out of the state general fund, which is what funds our revenue sharing."

- Dan Dwyer, Plymouth mayor, on his opposition to the K-16 ballot proposal that would require the state to fund education

#### 'No' to Slavens

Here's what we know about Mark Slavens. He's a trial lawyer and member of the Plymouth-Canton school board. As the former president of the school board, he was unable to hold the line on educational expenses. What was his answer? He repeatedly asked voters to pay more and more property taxes. Now, Mark Slavens would offer more

of the same solutions if he gets to the state Senate. He is on record for supporting the ballot proposal that locks into the constitution automatic raises for schools. Not only is that reckless management for our children's education, it is downright dangerous. Police and fire protection would be at risk, not to mention services for the people that need it most.

Stop Mark Slavens from getting his hands in the Lansing cookie jar. His solutions are too reckless and risky.

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## **OTHER OPINIONS**

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### LETTERS

I have been reading the political literature that is being sent out and, at first, was rather amused of the two from Sen. Patterson that characterizes him as a snarling, attacking grizzly bear. My second thought was how he reacted to my letter to the editor of the Plymouth Observer published March 3, 2005.

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**Supports Slavens** 

In my letter I criticized the senator for blaming the Detroit Free Press for tarnishing the image of lawmakers because of the report of some lawmakers, including Sen. Patterson, taking a paid trip to Florida. In my opinion, he had a personal gain from a lobbying group and evidently he was upset because it was reported in the Free Press.

The senator became rather angry that I would express my concern of his acceptance of the trip. He attacked me personally and did not address the issue in a letter to the editor of the Plymouth Observer on March 10, 2005. Somehow he sniffed out my address and also sent the letter to my home.

Unfortunately, the above behavior is not an isolated case. The Free Press on Oct. 10, 2006, in its endorsement of Mark Slavens for state senator, stated: "Unfortunately, his (Bruce Patterson's) ego has grown at least proportionately, and he has begun to earn the reputation for name-calling, ill temper, and abusive treatment of people during Committee hearings. This may be too high a price for his independence, especially when videos of his behavior, such as 'Patterson Gone Wild,' circulate on YouTube.'

I never expected to have our District 7 represented by a person who characterizes himself as an angry grizzly bear and who acts as if his fishing hole is in danger of being dried up. This is why, for several reasons, I support Mark Slavens who has demonstrated a civil approach to issues and treats his fellow citizens with respect.

William Cole Plymouth

#### Supports Lowe

As a former employee of the 35th District Court, I support the Observer & Eccentric endorsement of Judge Ronald Lowe. I worked at the court when Judge Lowe was first elected and was proud to work under his guidance.

At the time, I had two teenage sons and was well aware of how fast they were growing and how much they really knew about life. This is where Judge Lowe excels. He not only gives sentences to the defendants who appear in front of him, but he also has a unique capability of teaching what consequences really mean.

Maybe his ways in the courtroom are more contemporary and not with the status quo. Isn't this what we need for the young people who appear before him every day? He has an uncanny wisdom that separates defendants who "get it" and those that "don't." There is not a one-size-fits-all punishment.

The world is moving fast ... sometimes too fast. We need a judge who can keep the pace, stay in tune with the kids, and continue to initiate breakthrough programs for community

service, probation and the high schools. I have worshipped with Judge Lowe, I have been present at his wonderful storytelling, and feel he is more in touch with the community than anyone else at the 35th District Court.

> **Sandy Fercho** Canton

#### **Corriveau the choice**

As I was sitting in the living room with my elderly mother watching the news, we heard a knock at our front door. I opened the door and was greeted by a gentleman who explained to me what he is trying to do to help working families and seniors.

I was very impressed by his level of willingness to walk in my community to stay in touch with the voters. He introduced himself as Marc Corriveau, candidate for State Representative for the 20th District. I have never had a candidate come to my door. I was certainly impressed.

Not only did this gentleman explain who he was and his plan to get jobs in Michigan, but he also took time to listen to the concerns that both my elderly mother and I had. I invited him into our home, were we sat down and talked over several issues that faced the people of this great state and the district we call home. I kept thinking to myself "Finally, we have a candidate who is a real average guy!'

I am a very proud union member and am greatly concerned about jobs, our economy, my pension, health care, seniors, and education. Marc is too, and he has a plan! I want someone like him that will fight for me, my family, and my neighbors in the 20th District when he is in Lansing.

Marc Corriveau is the best choice for District 20 in the Michigan House of Representatives.

**Mark Blackwell** Wayne

#### **Race-baiting rhetoric**

The first week in October, leaders from both political parties attended the Leadership Summit on Race in Detroit. They pledged to make a concerted effort to improve race relations in the region, particularly between Detroit and suburbs.

Since then I have received four mailings and two recorded messages from the Michigan Republican Party which were filled with racebaiting rhetoric aimed at 11th District candidate for Senate, Glenn Anderson.

What kind of "improved relations" did the Republican leadership expect to build with the destructive messages in the mailings and phone calls? Livonia and the western suburbs have been trying to rise above the clouds of racism for years, and this kind of trash perpetuates racism and suburb vs. Detroit attitudes.

I encourage voters to vote against any party that promotes this division and any candidate that allows this trash to be sent out in an effort to gain votes for re-election.

**Ronaele Bowman** Livonia

## Tiger fan fever spreads message about our town and its people

he Rev. Henry Roodbeen got it right during Sunday morning Mass at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. "There's not much joy in Mudville this morning," the priest said.

Saturday night's 7-2 loss in the opening game of the 2006 World Series did indeed cast a pall over our town. Sunday evening, that pall lifted and, thanks to a generous brother-in-law, I was lucky enough to be in Comerica Park for Game 2.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central High senior Roger Zatkoff of Northville was among the other more than 42,000 fans who braved the low-40s temperatures at game time. He came "to watch the game" and because girlfriend Erica Dzmelyk

baseball fan.

"I love it," said Dzmelyk, a senior at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. "I just like sports in general." They agreed it's been exciting to watch the team improve this season and said in unison "Tigers" when asked who would win Sunday.

The 3-1 Sunday victory over St. Louis proved them right, and

the crowd was reluctant to leave the stadium, pausing for last looks and photos. Nicole Kern of Royal Oak came to Game 2 with her brother, Scott Avery of St. Charles, Ill.

"I grew up here," Avery said before game time. "Just coming back to watch the World Series. I've been to about 30 games this year," some 15 at Comerica.

He bought a Tigers mini-season package, and has shared in the team's excellence this season. "It is simply amazing," Avery said, echoed by his sister. "I'm very excited," Kern agreed. "Never thought

I'd be at the World Series. It's pretty amazing.' Avery went to Game 1 with his mom, and

Game 6 he set aside for his other sister. "Game 7 is up for grabs," he said with a smile. "I'm going to go for the best cheering person."

Traveling a bit, Mark Kreter of Battle Creek went to seven or eight Tigers games in the regular season and all the Detroit home playoff games. "We went to New York for a game," said Kreter, who was also at the World Series Game 1 Saturday. "We've chased them around.

"We always have in sports a team that comes out of nowhere. You had that feeling with the Tigers," Kreter said. He's got kids ages 17 and 14 who've gone to the World Series games, "one went last night, one tonight."

It was old-home week for my husband and me Sunday, as we ran into friend Steve Bernstein of Keego Harbor, who practices law in Farmington Hills. Also at the game were Larry and Lynda Grillo of Clinton Township, who liked "the excitement of the World Series to finally have been able to come to one in Detroit," she said.

Lynda Grillo's a longtime fan who went to her first game at the old Tiger Stadium in 1967. "I was very young," she said. Her husband calls himself more of a "fair-weather fan," but was glad to jump on the bandwagon this year.

They were at the third game of the Oakland Athletics series and were meeting friends Sunday night at Comerica for the St. Louis Cardinals matchup. "Detroit, of course," she said of the winner. "Because they have Magglio Ordonez," her favorite Tiger.

"It's good that we have a great team," Larry Grillo said, adding that the Tigers have rejuvenated the city's interest in baseball.

Indeed, downtown looked pretty good Sunday night and was full of people. It was great to see such a crowd and note how well-behaved they were.

There was an unofficial cheerleader in our section (333 on the third base side) who was exhorting the crowd to get to its feet more (we did during key moments). Flashing cameras went off around the park and the temperatures didn't seem so bad as the rain had stopped and the wind didn't pick up.

We were walking back to our car a little before midnight and were urged to stop by a local watering hole for a drink, rather than sit in traffic. We didn't stop, as there was work in the morning and we're not as young as we used to be

Still, it's great to see downtown businesses full and doing business that late. The crowd I saw was well-behaved, with a couple of men taking photos of my husband and me so we'd have those keepsakes. I'd been to a 1984 World Series game against the San Diego Padres, thanks to the generosity of friends.

That earlier game was also a win, but I recall the crowd being a bit more exuberant. A women behind us in 1984 got hit on the head with a ball, but didn't want to leave her seat, putting a cold beer where the ball had hit her head instead.

This year, it seemed like people really wanted to watch the World Series game and mostly stayed in their seats. There were fewer people on cell phones than I've seen during regular season games at Comerica.

Westland's own Josh Gracin of American Idol fame wowed the crowd Sunday with God Bless America in the seventh inning, and John Mellencamp and accompanists got things started with his new Our Country.

I recall the 1968 Tigers, when we had TVs on in school, as the teachers were mostly just as excited about the games against the Cardinals as we were. That was a win, and we hope this one will be, too, but no matter the outcome, I'm proud to say I'm from Detroit.

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## Or anyone else facing discrimination!

**Oppose Proposal 2:** The misnamed Michigan Civil Rights Initiative is based on a similar law in California and is being promoted in Michigan by California millionaire Ward Connerly. It is opposed by Governor Granholm, Dick DeVos, and leading candidates from both parties, as well as many religious, community, and civil rights organizations.

If Proposal 2 passes, it could eliminate all programs that address inequality or special needs that exist for women as well as for people of color and

- An end to outreach programs to encourage women and minorities to enter key fields—such as engineering, law enforcement and health care—or to attend college.
- Gender-specific programs including breast, prostate, and cervical cancer screenings would be at risk.
- Scholarships and financial aid aimed at women and minorities would be banned.
- State and local governments' ability to decide their hiring and contracting policies would be forbidden.
- Programs to ensure people are treated fairly when buying homes or renting apartments would be banned.

#### Michigan is now tied for last among all 50 states in gender pay equity,

with women earning just 67 cents for every dollar that men earn. Proposal 2 would prohibit any government program aimed at reducing this inequity. Similarly, it would ban programs addressing the disparity in pay for African-American households, who now earn 39 percent less than white households.

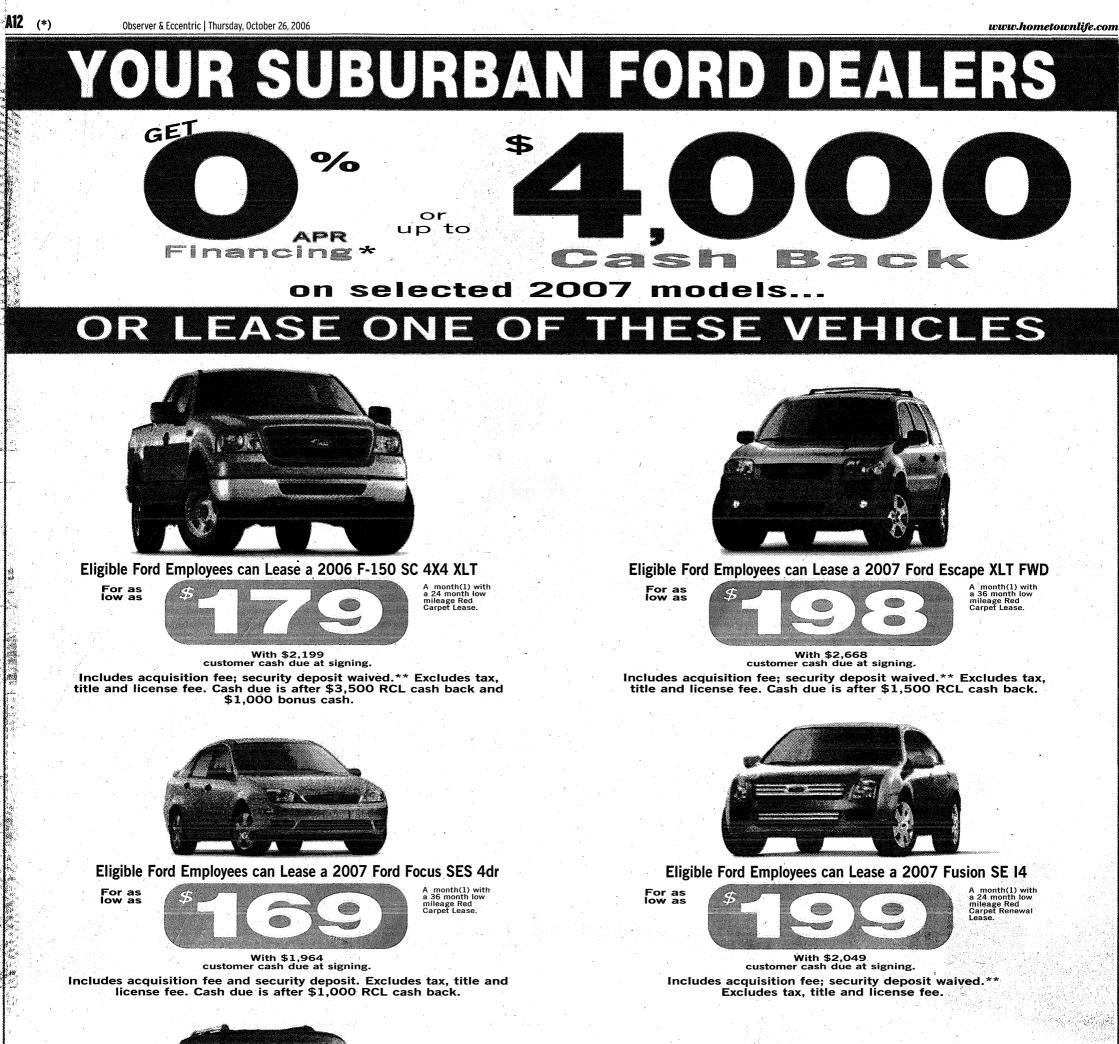
Would Proposal 2 eliminate "preferences" as its proponents declare? Not at all. Businesses and politicians could continue to hire, promote, and give contracts to their friends. Universities could give preferences to athletes and children of alumni when admitting students.

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## **COUNTY NEWS**

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# Face lift

Grow zones popping up in Hines Park to provide wildlife habitat, help prevent flooding

#### BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

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Users of Wayne County's Hines Park have probably noticed that some parts of the park don't quite look like they used to. That's because the park has had a facelift of sorts. Areas that the parks department used to mow are now growing wild with tall native grasses and wildflowers – just like they did before man's machines and mowers took over.

These "grow zones" are a coordinated effort to restore parts of the park for a less intense recreational use. By planting native plants like big bluestem and other grasses and wildflowers, the county hopes to provide important wildlife habitat for birds and animals that live in the park. Also, these native plants have root systems that go deep into the soil, as much as 10 feet in some cases. That means they soak up much more rain

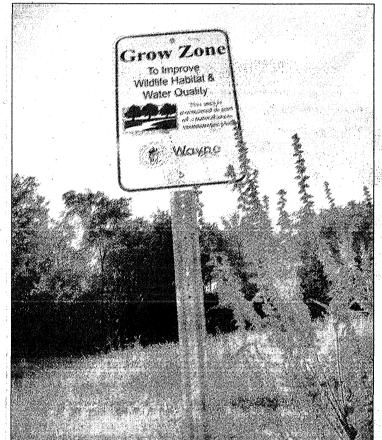


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## Unlike mown grass, wildflowers attract bees.

water that traditional sod, which has a root system of just a couple inches, and less water makes it into the Rouge River. Flooding has been a constant problem in Hines Park for years, and officials hope these grow zones will help.

The county, which received a Clean Michigan Initiative grant to pay for the project,



with more planned for next year. There have also been a couple of rain gardens installed, which trap and retain rain water. Next year, one will be built at Newburgh Pointe, where stormwater has caused some erosion along the parking lot. One of the best examples of these new grow zones is at the Bennett Arboretum in

Northville. It covers 2.3 acres and is an important component of a new master plan for the area, which ultimately will include a self-guided trail system and informational kiosks. The grow zone was planted in May, and is really starting to take off with some grasses already four feet tall. Kurt Heise, director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, stresses the grow zones are in places that don't normally get any use by patrons and were just being mowed for the sake of being mowed.

has constructed three major

grow zones along the parkway covering more than 15 acres.

"We're not taking away any ballfields. Hines Park doesn't have to look like a golf course," he said.

"These grow zones are an environmental asset, and I think they add an amenity to the Hines Park experience. For people hiking and jogging, it's nice to see these natural areas." However, Heise admits that

some people have called the parks department to complain about the lack of mowing.

"It's more of a case of people wondering what is going on. Once they understand what we're doing, and the benefit these sites provide, they are OK with it," he said. "This is kind of a culture clash from what people are used to."



High school cross country teams run along the edge of the arboretum

Noel Mullett, the project coordinator for the Department of Environment,

bepartment of Environment, said the biggest roadblock to the program's success will be managing the grow zones. In the past, it was simple – just mow it. However, the big challenge now is to keep the areas free of invasive plants that can take over and negate some of the benefits these grow zones provide.

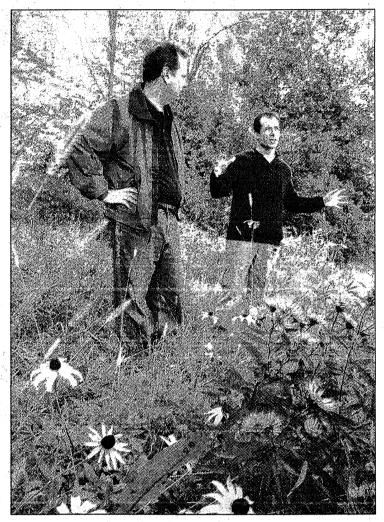
"It just takes a different kind of maintenance," he said.

So the county is trying to recruit groups of volunteers that can help maintain the sites, which could include pulling invasive plants once or twice a year.

Mullett said groups of master gardeners are a perfect target, as are local school children, who could use the grow zones to learn valuable lessons about the state's native flora and fauna.

Some schools have already begun to participate, including Redford's St. Valentine School, which helped plant one of the first grow zones in 2004 at Nankin Mills.

"These are outdoor classrooms. That's how "we're trying to pitch them to local schools," Mullett said.



Kurt Heise is the director for the Wayne County Department of Environment. Noel Mullett Jr. is the project technical coordinator. The yellow flowers are black-eyed Susans. The purple are asters.

The grow zones are marked.





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## LOCAL NEWS

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# Coin laundry, scrapbooking craze thrive in Livonia

#### SOAKING IT IN.

When Amy and Leonard Goodlesky decided to go into business, they did so in their hometown, Livonia.

"It's a wonderful city," said Leonard Goodlesky. "When I hear about people moving out of Michigan I say 'That's because they don't live in Livonia."

Earlier this month, the couple purchased the coin laundry business located on Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. They've changed the name from Happy Coin Laundry to Friendly Coin Laundry.

The Goodleskys aim to make a name for their new business as being the "best in the city."

"This coin laundry has been there for decades," said Amy Goodlesky. "Grandmothers bring their kids and grandkids. People tell us fond memories of coming there as a child. We want to give them a great experience when they visit our facility."

For Leonard Goodlesky, the building was a sort of local landmark in his grandparents' neighborhood. When the business was put up for sale, he knew he had to snap it up and keep the tradition alive.

The coin laundromat offers a drop-off service, dry cleaning, washing and ironing, and 74 commercial-grade machines. The couple plans to offer contests for free laundry, discounts on services and more for to draw in members of the community.

Leonard Goodlesky said they've already hired four employees and future plans include offering a pick-up and drop-off service that caters to Livonia's residents. Goodlesky said the service would particularly appeal to elderly residents.

"There's a need," he said. "We're really looking forward to getting involved in the community."

Friendly Coin Laundry is located at 28450 Joy Road at Harrison in Livonia. Hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, though they won't "close on a customer." For more information, call (734) 522-2454.

#### GET THE GOLDEN TICKET

Chris Nicholson is ready to hand out the golden tickets. As owner of Scrappy Chic, a new scrapbooking store coming to Livonia next month, she's found a way to draw attention before the store even opens its doors.

"We will be giving away 100 specially-wrapped chocolate bars, some of which contain Golden Tickets," Nicholson said. Scrapbooking enthusiasts can win anything from discounted supplies to \$100 worth of classes to a grand prize worth \$2,000.

One in about every four chocolate bars will contain winning tickets. The first chance to try for one will be 7 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 27, at the Country Cupboard, 15970 Middlebelt Road north of Five Mile in Livonia.

"The chocolate bars will be given on a first-come, firstserved basis, and each one contains either a coupon or Golden Ticket," said Nicholson. "Lucky ticketholders will bring them to our Grand Opening week in November to enter to win the Grand Prize."

The store will sell scrapbooking supplies as well as host crops and classes. Scrappy Chic, set to open in early November, will be located at 33509 W. Eight Mile just west of Farmington Road in Livonia.

For more information, call (248) 426-9020 or check the Web site at www.scrappychiclivonia.com.,

#### Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes

about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail future tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to hgallagher@hometownlife.com.

The Parrent family of Livonia is working to make ends meet following Barry Parrent's dirt biking accident last April.

## Benefit to help pay bills for family after man's injury, surgeries

#### BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

In a split second, Barry Parrent's life changed. On April 29, Parrent was seriously injured in an accident while preparing for a dirt bike race with his son,

Barry Jr. Parrent's right femur bone was shattered. He was transported from Bay City to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to repair the break, which was dangerously close to a major artery.

"He's lucky he didn't bleed to death," said Cristie Parent, his wife. Parrent had two major surgeries within days of one another — one to stabilize the bone and another to position a steel plate from his knee to his hip.

Twenty days following the second procedure, a vein in his leg burst causing internal bleeding and a canteloupesized blood clot to form in his thigh. Parrent agáin underwent emergency surgery, nearly losing his leg — and his life.

"He is now home recovering

slowly," said Patricia "Barry Holcomb, a neighbor and friend in Livonia. "However, because of the severity of his injuries and his occupation as a diesel mechanic for Plymouth Concrete, he will not be able to external with the pathematics of the severity of his a diesel mechanic for the several with the pathematics of the severation as a diesel mechanic for the several with the pathematics of the severation as a diesel mechanic for the several with the pathematics of the severation as the several with the pathematics of the severation as the several with the pathematics of the severation as the seve

Plymouth Concrete, he will not be able to return to work for six to 12 months."

Though his bone has nearly healed, Parrent continues to battle blood clots caused by the trauma of his injury and the surgeries that followed. Cristie Parrent said the healing has been "a slow process" and they have relied on friends and family to help them through this trying time.

The medical bills are mounting and the Parrents will soon be cut off from their disability payments - which have been \$230 a week. Parrent is unable to work, and the couple has five children: Franklin graduates Kim, 21, and Lindsey, 20; Emerson student Barry Jr., 12; and Cooper students MacKenzie and Megan, twins who are age 10. Cristie Parrent said she may have to take on a part-time job, while also caring for her family.

"Barry was the sole provider for his family," Holcomb said. "His wife is staying home to care for him."

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Cristie Parrent said they may have already lost their home, if it weren't for family members helping with payments.

"We've had such an outpouring of support," she said. Cristie Parrent said they aren't used to being on the receiving end of help they've always been a giving family. But now the family is "starting to get behind on our bills," she said. "It's frustrating."

All are welcome to attend a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser to assist the family.

The event is set for 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy roads in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per plate. Those who are unable to attend may send donations to the family at 12065 Cavell, Livonia, MI 48150.

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON: You are hereby notified that a **General Election** will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on **Tuesday, November 07, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, at which time, candidates for the following offices will be voted on in the Charter Township of Canton.

> Governor and Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Attorney General United States Senator United States Representative in Congress: 11th District State Senator: 7th District Representative in the State Legislature: 20th or 21st District Two Members of the State Board of Education Two Regents of the University of Michigan Two Trustees of Michigan State University Two Governors of Wayne State University County Executive **County Commissioner: 11th District** Justices of the Supreme Court-Vote 2 Judges of the Court of Appeals-1st District-Vote 2 Judges of the Circuit Court-3rd Judicial Circuit-Incumbent Position-Vote 19

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Judges of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Partial Terms, Incumbent Positions-Vote 4 Judge of Probate Court-Vote 2 Judge of the Probate Court, Non-Incumbent Position-Vote 1 Judge of the Probate Court, Incumbent Position Partial Term-Vote 1 Judge of the District Court, 35th District-Vote 1

Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Non-Incumbent Position-Vote 1

and vote on the following proposals:

#### 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 6-5** 

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS

> CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Road
2	Tri-City Christian Center	3855 Sheldon S. Road
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Discovery Middle School	45083 Hanford Road
5 & 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Road
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	<b>Resurrection Parish Church</b>	48755 Warren Road
9 & 34	Eriksson School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Walker School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 Sheldon S. Road
18 & 29	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Road
20	Township Fire Station No. 1	1100 Canton Center South
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	Canton High School	8415 Canton Center N.
26, 27 & 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
28	Agape Christian Center	45081 Geddes
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 N. Lilley Road
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 Morton Taylor N.
33 & 37	Dodson School	205 Beck N.
35	Canton Human Services Center	50430 School House
38	Cherry Hill School	50440 Cherry Hill
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Road
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The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be opened from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2006 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, November 6, 2006, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots <u>ONLY</u> will be issued on Election Day. November 7, 2006.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please contact the Clerk's office at 734-394-5120. Online registration look-up is available by going to the Canton Township website at: www.canton-mi.org clicking on voting; then click on "Voter Information Center." Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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## LOCAL NEWS

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# **Band performance** thanks foundation

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, recently named Bands of America Regional Champions for 2006, performed its award winning show The Passion Within Saturday for the Canton **Community Foundation and** several hundred guests.

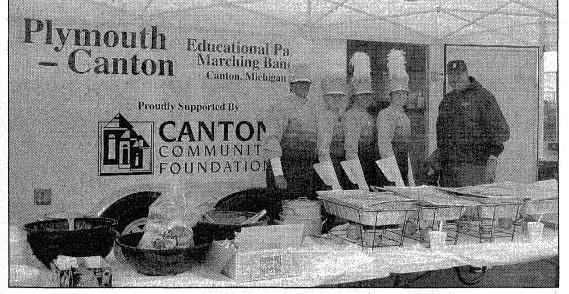
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Prior to the show, the **Plymouth-Canton Music** Boosters hosted a dedication luncheon and christening of the new "PCMB Chuckwagon," a travel-trailer built to be a mobile kitchen, donated with funds from the Canton **Community Foundation for** use to feed the students while traveling.

In attendance as guests were **Plymouth-Canton Community** Schools Board Members Judy Mardigian, Dianne Gonzalez

and Tom Wysocki. Also joining in on the commemorative luncheon was P-CCS Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan, Salem High School Athletic Director Tom Willette, and **Plymouth High School** Assistant Principal Julie Kaminski.

The luncheon was hosted by the Boosters to thank the **Canton Community** Foundation for the donation of the 'PCMB Chuckwagon.' Using funds donated by the CCF, volunteers from the **Plymouth-Canton Music** Boosters constructed the 'Chuckwagon' to house supplies, grills, and food products. The trailer contains a refrigerator, storage cabinets, and a working sink. The new 'Chuckwagon' will



Marching band members pose with Dr. James Ryan, school superintendent, at Saturday's thank-you performance for the Canton Community Foundation.

be used when the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band competes at the 2006 Bands of America Grand Nationals Championship in Indianapolis Nov. 9-12.

The trailer will also serve the community as a disaster relief kitchen and be available for use at the request of other Canton Community non-profit

groups when needed. The audience was treated to a special performance of this year's award-winning show The Passion Within by the 187member band, which includes The Dancer, a moderate ballad and main theme from Finding Neverland; The Painter, from the movie *Prospero's Books*; and The Musician, the

triumphant song Ode to Joy. The Canton Community

Foundation, founded in 1989, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community organization to support the charitable, cultural, educational, recreational, and scientific needs of the community in Western Wayne County. For more info, visit www.cantonfoundation.org.

#### **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 equalinga 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 person. \$10 for students. Visitors and guests welcome. Call (248) 320-5473.

#### **Black Cat Ball**

Market Place Pets and Last Chance Rescue, a no-kill shelter based in Livingston County committed to rescuing animals who would otherwise be destroyed, sponsor the Black Cat Ball and Beauty Contest, an adoption fair for black and tuxedo cats 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Market Place Pets in the Farmer Jack plaza on the corner of U.S. 23 and M-59 in Hartland. These cats are the least

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### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

popular type of cat to adopt and there is an abundance of these cats in the foster care system, waiting for homes. In addition, to the adoption fair, there will be a Black Cat Beauty Contest. Pictures of all available cats will be posted on the wall at Market Place Pets a week prior to the adoption fair. and visitors to the store will vote on the prettiest cat. At 3 p.m. the day of the adoption, a king and queen will be chosen. In addition to the adoption fair, there will be cookies and punch, and door prizes. For more information, call Fran at (517) 552-9306 or Jill at (810) 632-5708.

#### 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 organizaAndrew 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.wayne.edu

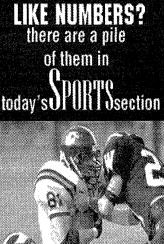
#### **Shopping Spree**

In time for the holidays! The Garden City Community Coalition is holding a an evening of one-stop shopping with more than 20 home-party businesses.The Home Party Shopping Spree will be held from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Roma Banquets, 32550 Cherry Hill, Garden City.Purchase from a selection of jewelry, beauty products, baskets, scrapbook and card making supplies, children's activities, crystal ware, cooking and kitchen supplies, home décor and more.

Admission is \$10 at the door and includes a raffle ticket, food and beverages. Proceeds benefit the Garden City Community Coalition.

#### Marquis Theatre

The Marguis 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.



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

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing

**Charter Township of Canton Notice of Public Accuracy Test** 

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the M-100 Optical Scan tabulating equipment and the AutoMARK System to be used for the General

tions in metro Detroit.

upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing orcalling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 9, 2006 for the following:

#### COMMUNITY WETLAND DEVELOPMENT

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 9. 2006 for the following:

#### HOUSING REHABILITATION - SEPTIC FIELD CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK



Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. The test will take place on Wednesday November 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office, Township Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett- Clerk

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#### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-October 17, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Clerk Bennett made a motion to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter chair in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Motion carried by all members present. **PRESENTATION:** Growth Works - Western Wayne Care Management Organization, Dale Yeigala and Mayor Fielder, Mayor of Belleville, Juvenile Justice Committee, Chair. Mayor Fielder stated Growth Works provides this program better and for less money than was offered by the State. Impact on Juvenile Delinguency: Canton Township 2000-2006 (August) was the topic of discussion. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. <u>Roll Call</u> Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), Yack Staff Present: Director Tim Faas, Tom Casari Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE DWSD EASEMENT ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the Easement Encroachment Permit allowing the Township Public Works Department to cross the DWSD 60-inch main with two (2) water service leads. Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Western Wayne County Transportation Improvement Study. (MSD) Kim Avery, Project Leader MDOT, Ken Kusell, Wayne County Representative, Barbara Arens, Parsons-Brinckerhoff, Brad Strader, LSL Planning, Phil LaJoy, State Representative, were key players in this project. On September 6, 2005 and then again on February 21, 2006 staff presented an update on the progress made to date on the Regional Transportation Study that Canton is funding together with MDOT. The \$458,000 agency study had nine (9) tasks to be completed over a nine (9) to twelve (12) month timeframe based on our selfimposed deadlines. As of August 2006, the Western Wayne Transportation Task Force (WWTTF) had completed the study and the consultant has been refining the final work-product since then in preparation for a presentation to the Township Board. Dan McCausland, 328 N. Haggerty Road, stated this agenda was not posted on the Canton website. Mr. McCausland stated, in his opinion, poor planning on Ford Road has caused this problem. Mr. McCausland is opposed to 5 lanes on main County roads. Item 2. 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Round-up Report. (MSD) Since 2000, Canton has provided residents with an annual Household Hazardous Waste Round-up. Held the first Saturday in September, residents are able to rid their homes of hazardous material free of charge. Items collected at the event include. but are not limited to; mercury, motor oil, flammable liquids, aerosols, pesticides, corrosives, lead acid batteries, propane, bio-medical sharps, latex paint, and electronic waste. <u>Other:</u> Treasure Kirchgatter stated on October 24, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. the rededication of the Cady-Boyer Barn at the Bartlett-Traverse House will take place. Following the re-dedication the next Canton Board of Trustee's meeting will be held on October 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. <u>Adjourn</u>: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 8:35 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. members present. . Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site <u>www.canton-mi.org</u> after Board Approval.

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## **COUNTY NEWS**

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## Democratic candidate gets his priorities in order

Editor's note: This is the first of two stories on the campaign trail with the two major party candidates for the 11th District Congressional seat. A story on incumbent Rep. Thaddeus McCotter will run Thursday, Nov. 1.

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#### BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

It was the day after the first gubernatorial debate. That previous weekend the scandal broke involving now former Florida congressman Mark Foley.

Tony Trupiano, Democratic candidate for the 11th Congressional seat, was standing outside 11th District campaign headquarters at I-96 and Merriman at 9 a.m. waiting for his staff to arrive.

The ongoing and unpopular war in Iraq, the Abramhoff lobbying scandal and now the Foley sex scandal have given Democrats a serious chance to retake one or both houses of Congress. But Trupiano knows he has an uphill fight to unseat incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, running for his third term in Congress.

For the past year, Trupiano has been running hard — soliciting for contributions, making phone calls, knocking on doors, sending out campaign fliers and maintaining a campaign Web site. But the former radio talk show host, business consultant and motivational speaker got a jolt in July on a family outing.

"We were in a serious auto accident," he said. "We were rear-ended. My wife was seriously hurt, still is having some problems though she's all right." The accident forced the can-

didate to take a few days off. "The accident was what I

needed to give me pause in the middle of this insanity," he said.



Tony Trupiano, congressional candidate for the 11th District, talks as the guest speaker at the Wayne Rotary Tuesday afternoon.

He said the brief respite from campaigning brought his already close family closer and put the campaign into perspective.

He said he promised his 16year-old son that win or lose, the family would gather at the Mongolian Grill to celebrate the son's birth Jay, on Nov. 8, the day after the election.

The 11th District Democratic headquarters is a gathering place for candidates and volunteers. On this morning Westland City Council member Cheryl Graunstadt was there to stuff envelopes. State senate candidate and current state Rep. Glenn Anderson and state senate candidate Mark Slavens would drop in that morning. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Gov. Jennifer Granholm have their district representatives there.

#### STAFF MEETING

In one of the offices, Trupiano's campaign manager, Amy McCusker, gathers the staff for the day's marching orders. McCusker, finance director Andalynn Burgess and field directors Anuj Patel, Justin Lindsay and Nan Melke form a circle with the candidate. The idea is to get everyone on point.

"We have to be careful this isn't just Republican bashing," Trupiano tells his staff.

"For McCotter the No. 1 issue is accountability, with Republicans and Democrats," McCusker adds. "Don't go off on McCotter personally, but his record."

They also emphasize that Trupiano is a moderate, though he will be portrayed as a "liberal" by Republicans.

Trupiano mentions a mass mailing from the National Rifle Association asking him to pledge his support for gun rights. Trupiano said he is a supporter of the Second Amendment and would use the cards as a chance to make his case with gun owners.

McCusker said that everyone who goes out to knock on doors should know Trupiano's views on the issues.

Burgess has good news, more contributions have been coming in than expected and there may be a donation from the



Eleventh district congressional candidate Tony Trupiano talks to Cheryl Caughey as he campaigns door to door in Westland.

Progressive Democrats organization that is targeting 13 congressional races.

On a lighter note, the campaign will take a break on the following Saturday to gather at Champps to watch the Michigan-Michigan State football game. McCusker went to U-M, Lindsay went to MSU. Trupiano said the campaign "break" is just an excuse so they can watch the game.

#### **BOTH SIDES**

McCusker has worked both sides, volunteered for Democrats and Republicans.

"I still vote for the best candidate," she said.

The Wixom mother of two, 7 and 3, was pregnant with her second child when she went to



work for Jennifer Granholm. "I liked her and Dan

(Mulhern), I thought they were real," she said. "I worked on the transition, went to work for John Kerry."

She went to high school in Wixom with Craig DeRoche, the Republican state Speaker of the House. They're still friends.

She met Trupiano last summer and he invited her to be his campaign manager.

Following the staff meeting, Trupiano drives to Farmington to tape a short campaign piece for cable television.

Lunch is a Rotary meeting in Wayne, where Trupiano sits between District Judge Laura Mack and former state Rep. Tom Kelly eating chicken tetrazini. The candidate says he's lost count of how many luncheons and dinners he's participated in during the yearlong course of the campaign.

He tells the Rotary that it's time "to put politics aside and work in our communities." He offers to help them reach their membership goal of 50 by joining.

The day will continue with door-to-door campaigning in Westland and Novi and numerous calls to potential donors.

Trupiano hopes enough donors and enough voters will lead to an upset on Nov. 7. But he knows win or lose, where he'll be for dinner on Nov. 8, and he says he'll be fine with that.

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## Schoolcraft hosts Tulsa race riot expert

For 16 hours on May 31, 1921, mobs of white rioters threatened and then set fire to a 34-block black neighborhood of businesses and houses in Tulsa, Okla. The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921 was one of the worst civil disorders in U.S. history, leaving an estimated 10,000 homeless, 800 hospitalized and 300 or more dead.

On Thursday, Nov. 9,

Ellsworth served on the Commission as a consultant and the primary investigator.

At Schoolcraft, Ellsworth will make a keynote presentation, Heartland Tragedy: Uncovering the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921, at 10:30 a.m. in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center.

At 11:30, Ellsworth will join a panel of Schoolcraft faculty

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Schoolcraft College will host Scott Ellsworth, a leading historian on the riot and author of Death in a Promised Land: The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921. Ellsworth began his research into the riot as an undergraduate student at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. He continued his research at Duke University, interviewing eye witnesses, and researching old photos and newspapers, and ultimately published his book.

The event was largely ignored in the history books until the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City when Bryant Gumbel of the Today show was handed a copy of Ellsworth's book. In 1997, the Tulsa Race Riot Commission was created to examine the riots and the possibility of reparations. for a discussion on Facing the Past: Where do we go from here. A documentary film on the riots will begin at 12:30 p.m. in room 200 of the Liberal Arts Building, featuring Ellsworth, who then will talk informally with students from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The Ellsworth visit will conclude with a discussion on oral history research techniques from 3 to 4 p.m. in room 200 of the Liberal Arts Building.

All the day's events are free and open to the public. You can see pictures of the riot at file://U:\International\Scott\_ Ellsworth\_11.9.2006. The event is sponsored by the Schoolcraft International Institute. For information, contact Sam Hays at (248) 559-8264 or Josselyn Moore at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5271.



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## **RELIGION CALENDAR**

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday

#### **OCTOBER**

#### Trunk or treat

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

#### Meeting

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

#### **Divorce recovery workshop**

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

#### Hallelujah festival

Presented by Canton Christian Fellowship 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley, Canton. Come out for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate this alternative to Halloween. For more information, con-

#### tact the church office at (734) 404-2480, or send e-mail to info@CantonCF.org or www.CantonCF.org. Lighthouse cafe

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

#### **Bible study**

Continues with Bill Guy on Human Personalities and Biblical Morality and Heritability of Homosexuality from 7:45-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The series continues Nov. 10 and 24. No child care provided, Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Conference

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

#### Rummage sale

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

#### 54th annual Michigan Southeast District Convention will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The theme is Glorify the

#### Lord based on Psalm 35:3. Registration at 8 a.m., opening service at 9 a.m. Guest presenter is Steve

Siegel, director of U.S. Ministries for Lutheran Hour Ministries. For more information, call (734) 729-0306. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church. LHM produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 40 countries. LHM's flagship program. The Lutheran Hour, airs weekly on more than 800 stations.

#### **Crafters** wanted

Deadline to register is Oct. 28. Craft show is from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Table rental is \$20, \$20 registration fee must be paid by Oct. 28 to hold your spot (and will go toward table rental). Remaining balance for additional tables must be paid at time of setup. Mail registration fee by check or money order to Community Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 851349, Westland, MI 48186. For more information, call Marge at (734) 729-2578 or Jean at (734) 421-0733.

#### Ange Smith does Gospel

The former Motown artist sings during Sunday services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Oct. 29, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Smith will be accompanied by jazz planist Sven Anderson. For more information, call (734) 421-1760. **Trunk or treat** 

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in the park-

#### ing lot at Memorial Church of Christ. 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. Children go from trunk to trunk seeing and hearing a Bible story and receiving candy. **Harvest** festival

Fun-filled afternoon of family-oriented activities including carnival games, crafts, funhouse, bake sale with proceeds to benefit Livonia Goodfellows

No Child Without a Christmas from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (734) 425-7280

#### Organ concert

By Kirk in the Hills organist Glenn Miller 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. Kirk's Sanctuary organ consists of more than 4,600 pipes ranging in size from more than 32-feet long to smaller than the average pencil, divided between the four corners of the room. All are welcome to attend. For tickets or information, call (248) 626-2515, Ext. 109.

#### **Pastie fund-raiser**

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

#### UPCOMING

#### **Caregivers support**

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

#### Crafts and more

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

#### Laugh out loud With comedian Thor Ramsey at 7

Nov. 15. in the Fellowship Hall (church building), St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. Hymn festival

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church opens its 2006-2007 Concert Series at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, with a very special Hymn Festival led by noted Lutheran musician David Cherwien, director of the National Lutheran Choir based out of Minneapolis, and leader in the use of organ improvisation. Choirs from area congregations will be participating in the event which is open to the public with a freewill offering being taken. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is at 14175 Farmington Road. north of I-96 at exit 174, Livonia. For more information, call Mark Lohmeyer, music director, at (734) 522-6830. **Classical Bells concert** 

Michigan's premier handbell ensemble presents a Raise the Roof with a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The performance also features Choralation and Joseph Daniel, organist. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Groups of 20 or more, call (734) 414-9940. All proceeds benefit the Fellowship Hall building fund. For more information, call St. Matthew's church at (734) 422-6038.

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

#### Thanksgiving bingo party

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

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

Sisterhood luncheon For paid-up members of Congregation Beith Kodesh Sisterhood at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19. Canton Harry Sturm will delight with a concert of traditional Jewish melodies. Members are equested to bring in new upoper

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#### Adult literacy classes

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

#### Ladies Bible studies

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

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

#### Personal ministry

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

#### Farmington Women Aglow

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

#### For moms and tots began 10-11 a.m.

Wednesdays at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawassee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143

#### Scripture studies

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

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

#### Learner's Bible study

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

#### **Church service**

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

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#### **ARLENE F. SCHROEDER**

Age 74, of Howell, died Friday, October 20, 2006, at her home. Born September 14, 1932, in Redford, the daughter of Russell and Harriett Johnson) Fulks. A graduate of Farmington High School, she attended First United Methodist Church, Howell; enjoyed many types of physical activities, spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren; her sense of humor and positive attitude towards life will be greatly missed. She married Robert Harley Schroeder on December 30, 1950, in Valparaiso, IN. He preceded her in th on July 3 200 She is her children, Kam (Debbie) Schroeder, Leann Trierweiler and Micky (Jon) Glassel, all of Howell seven grandchildren; five great-grand children: brothers Leon and Russell Fulks; special family members Aunt Betty & Uncle Red. Visitation Tuesday at 10:00 AM with Funeral Service at 11:00 AM from First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Street Howell, with Rev. Charles Jacobs offi cating. Burial at Lakeview Cemetery Memorial contributions are suggested to First United Methodist Church. Howell. Visit online guest book at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

## DONALD WILLIAM SCHMIDT

Son of George and Alice Schmidt, eternally left this world on October 19, 2006 to be with his heavenly father and wife, Diane, of 62 years Mr. Schmidt attended Michigan State and became a life long crop farmer in Plymouth, Michigan. His family worked together on the farm with high business and farming training from their father. Donald was a member of the Stony Creek Methodist Church of Willis. He also was a life time member of the Farm Bureau. He loved the outdoors, through his work, and also hunting and fishing. Survived by his loving children Richard D.(Nancy) David J. (Sallie), Larry A. (Lynn) Sandra J. (William) Matley, and Susar K. Kelly. Dearest grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of 9. Funeral service was held on Monday, October 23, 2006, at the Schrader-Howel Funeral Home, Plymouth with Rev. Peter Harris and Rev. Doug Olson officiating. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.



Age 85, of Bloomfield Hills, died

October 22, 2006. He was born on

**ROBERT BOSTON** 

#### **CHRISTINE JOYCE** LEONHARD

Age 78, of Traverse City, formerly of Caseville, passed away Saturday, October 14, 2006 at Munson Medical Center. Joyce was born in Detroit on June 3, 1928 to Nile T. and Christine Cameron) Lombard. Joyce graduated from Redford High School and attended Michigan State University for some time before exploring other opportunities. She went on to work as a radio actress and model before marrying the late Robert P. Leonhard. Joyce enjoyed spending time in the garden, working with ceramics, collecting antiques, and playing the piano. For many years, while living in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, she was an active member of the Women's Farm and Garden Association and The Village Club. Joyce moved to the Traverse City area after more than two decades on Sand Point in Caseville, MI, where she enjoyed the views across Lake Huron. The center of Joyce's life was always her children and grandchildren. Joyce is survived by her sons, Douglas (Karen) Leonhard of Birmingham David (Kelly) Leonhard of Traverse City, five grandchildren, Michael, Patrick, Peter, Katie, and Sean, brother, Cameron (Patricia) Lombard of Florida, sister, Carol Lombard Afarian of California, nieces, Heather and Penny, nephew, Christopher, and many other loving family members and friends. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, William. The family requests that memorial contributions may be directed to Grand Traverse Pavilions or the charity of one's choice. In keeping with Joyce's wishes, cremation has taken place and private family services will be held. The family is being served by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home of Traverse City, and A. J. Desmond and Sons of Royal Oak.

#### **DONALD M. BOESE**

October 23, 2006. Age 78. A long time resident of Livonia. Dear brother of Viola Gallagher and Evelyr (Robert) Lenk. Also leaves six nieces and nephews, eight great-nieces and nephews and ten great-great-nieces and nephews. Memorial Service Saturday 11 am at the Clarenceville Jnited Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. In lieu of flowers contributions suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



LOUIS MICHAEL STIEB Age 100, of Largo, Florida (formerly of Rochester, Michigan), died Octobe 18, 2006. He was preceded in death by his wife Harriet. He is survived by his children, Mike Stieb of Oklahoma and Joan Stieb of Florida; his nine grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren Mr. Stieb began working at General Motors' Fisher Body Plant in 1928. He was instrumental in organizing Local Union 653 in 1939. He was the union's first financial secretary. While living in Rochester, Mr. Stieb built and lived in a cement home on Wilcox Street. Mr. Stieb retired from General Motors Pontiac Plant in 1966. He and his wife traveled to Largo during the winter months from their retirement home in Sand Lake (near Tawas) Michigan. They enjoyed round danc ing and entered many dancing compe titions. He was an avid euchre player and a big fan of baseball. Family members and friends traveled to Largo in January to celebrate his 100th birthday. A memorial service is scheduled in Michigan later this year.



#### **MARY B. RUDNICK**

of Bloomfield Hills, died Saturday, October 21, 2006. Wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Patricia Conzett (John), James (Doreen) and Ken (Micki). Grandmother of Matthew, Christine, Jennifer, Christopher Robert and Megan. Sister of Joyce Gravelle (Jerry). Funeral Mass Thursday Oct. 26, at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial Tribufes: Alzheimer's Association. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

April 2, 1921 in Highland Park. He attended Highland Park High School and graduated from the University of Michigan with an Art Degree. Bot served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Bob was a partner in Art Workshop, Inc. in the New Center area in Detroit for much of his award winning career and also was a free lance illustrator in his later years. He taught for a number of years at the Center for Creative Studies. Bob was the loving husband of Lois; dear father of Mike (Sandy), Linda, and Steve (Cathy) Boston; and awesome grandfather of Brian, Jason (Marisa). Brooklyn, Madison and Camden Family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 27 2006, at his home at 3939 Charing Cross Road in Bloomfield Hills. Memorial contributions made to the Michigan Humane Society and the Huntington's Disease Society of America will be appreciated.

#### WALTER LEON ROOSE

formerly of the Plymouth area passed away October 22, 2006 at Cadillac Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. He was 93. Funeral services will be held at the Dighton Wesleyan Church on Saturday October 28, 2006 at 3:00 pm in Dighton, Michigan. Visitation will be on Friday October 27, 2006 from to 9:00 pm at Hitesman Holdship Funeral Home in Cadillac Further information can be found at www.hitesman-holdship.com .



The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious

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e-mail your obit to oeobits@hometownlife.com or fax to: Attn: Obits c/o Charolette Wilson 734-953-2232 For more information call: **Charolette Wilson** 734-953-2070 or Liz Keiser 734-953-2067 or toll free

866-818-7653 ask for Char or Liz p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Tickets \$5, advance purchase recommended. Free child care provided. Ramsev has appeared on A&E network and was a semifinalist in Comedy Central's Laugh Riots competition. He presently hosts the syndicated family-friendly comedy series, Bananas. Call (248) 374-5920.

Haiti dinner buffet At 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw at Washington, Ypsilanti. Donation is \$18 adults, \$8 children

age 11 and under. A benefit for The Haiti School Project, a plan to build and improve schools in northern Haiti, For information and tickets. call (313) 278-4849.

Monthly dance Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization provid-

ing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, Nov. 4, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Road. Cost is \$10 and includes refreshments. For information, call (734) 261-5716.

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

#### Fundamentalism

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

toiletries to be donated to a local charity. For information on membership or to RSVP, call (248) 477-8974. Hanukkah gift shoppe

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

#### Thanksgiving choir festival

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

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

#### **Education pilgrimage**

The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized. You will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history, politics, and economy of El Salvador. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455-6474.

#### ONGOING

#### Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

#### Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730.

#### Eucharistic adoration

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

#### Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads. Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

#### Unity of Livonia

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

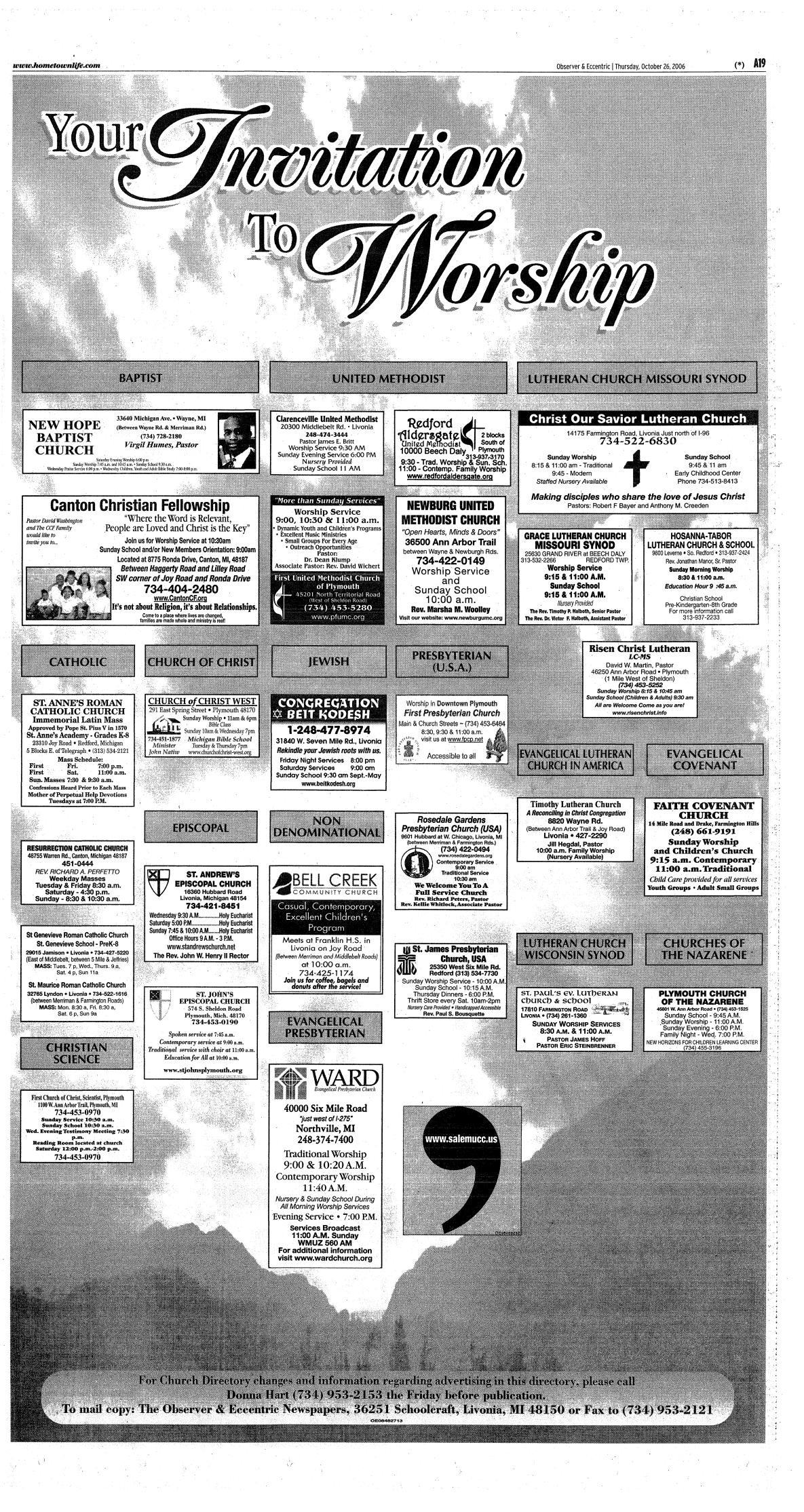
#### Shabbat services

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

#### **Bet Chaverim**

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

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# Find your Fall style

#### By Jameela Harris

As Fall blows in full-force, it's time to reinvent your wardrobe. Being a fabulous gal, it's important to make sure you're always well put together, whether you're going to a business affair, out on the town, or just to the grocery store! Take this quick PINK quiz to pinpoint your style for the season.

#### 1. When I go to a sporting event I wear:

A) A pair of skinny jeans with layers on top.
B) Cropped cuffed trousers with a tuxedostyle shirt and low, pointed-toe shoes.
C) Leggings with a tunic top and cowboy boots.
D) My favorite team colors and logo.

#### 2. When I go to a play or social gathering I wear:

A) A short bubble skirt with a peasant shirt and bangles.

B) A flared skirt with a form-fitting button-up shirt.
C) A long jean skirt with a belted knit sweater.
D) All black from head to toe.

## 3. If I have a business function to attend I usually wear:

- A) A one-button blazer with an A-line skirt.
- B) A classy, polished skirt suit with high heels.
- C) Khaki pants and a shirt with a Peter Pan collar.
- D) A traditional black skirt with a white blouse.

## 4. For a night on the town for dinner and fun with friends I wear:

A) A nice pair of gaucho pants with a beaded T-shirt and tall boots.
B) Black linen ankle pants with a trench coat and ballerina flats.

C) A sweatsuit with tennis shoes.

back, with pumps and a cream colored rayon blouse. D) A tailored pantsuit tapered at the ankle with granny boots.

#### 8. For a family picnic at the park I wear:

- A) A wrap skirt, flip-flops and a fitted T-shirt.
  B) Capri jeans with a tank top and cardigan sweater.
- C) A velveteen cotton jumpsuit with hood .
- **D)** A logo hat and T-shirt, with cotton stretch leggings.

## 9. On a cold and chilly night out to get ice cream I would to cover up with:

- A) A military cropped jacket.
- B) A trench styled with buckles and buttons.
- C) A tweed, double-breasted peacoat.
- D) A fur-trimmed leather.

## 10. If I'm going to a masquerade ball I would dress up as:

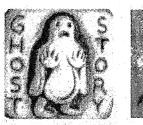
- A) A she-devil with horns and pitch fork.
   B) A queen with a crown, and a long beau-
- tiful robe and gown. C) A school teacher with my hair pinned
- up in a bun and glasses. D) A diva with long curvy nails and every
- garment the same color.

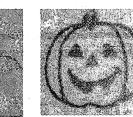
#### **Results:**

If you chose mostly A's: You love to look stylish and keep up with trends. Having the latest in fashion is a must – you wouldn't have it any other way. You are also an innovator, and people look to you for fashion ideas.

> If you chose mostly B's: You are satisfied with classic style, and love that polished, professional and conservative look. You might add a new flair or twist to what has already been established as chic, but with







Hang It! Halloween Tiles at Dancing Eye Gallery

Wear It! A Halloween costume get in the spirit

**DON'T Wear It!** 

A plastic mask

A pillowcase for

trick-or-treating

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C) A red silk dress.
D) A ballroom dress, sweeping the floor, with a cowl neckline.

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## pinklist

#### Under the Stars at the DIA

Celebrate in grand fashion as the Detroit Institute of Arts hosts "Under the Stars: The Final Hard Hat Party That Rocks!" 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. The glam gala marks the last "under construction" edition of the DIA's annual fall party, before the museum unveils its new look next year. Patrons will be treated to fine art, fabulous food and live entertainment, as well as sneak peeks of some of the DIA's newly renovated galleries. Party-goers also can tour the special exhibit "Annie Leibovitz: American Music," featuring portraits of some of music's most iconic performers shot by the legendary photographer - including Detroit's own White Stripes and Eminem. This year's gala also includes an afterglow "drinks and dessert" party. At 9:30 p.m. the DIA's Rivera Court will be transformed into a swanky, metropolitan club, with beats spun by New York DJ Frank Delour. Afterglow tickets are \$50. Under the Stars tickets are \$400, which benefits the DIA. Call (313) 578-1063 or visit www.dia.org.

#### Doll Show and Sale

The Michigan Doll Makers Guild will host its annual Doll Show and Sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at The Centerpoint Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. The event features everything for collector and doll maker, including displays of competition dolls, antique and one-of-a-kind dolls for sale, clothing, furniture, dollmaking supplies and prizes. Admission is \$4 with children under 5 free. Call (248) 474-2446 or (248) 357-2090.

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#### The Bluest Eye

Don't miss your chance to see Toni Morrison's Nobel Prize-winning novel "The Bluest Eye," now playing at the City Theater stage. The story about the tragic life of an 11-year-old African-American girl growing up in Ohio in the 1940's, has been transformed into a stage play and will be performed by the Plowshares Theater Company through Nov. 19. For ticket information and show times, please call the box office at (313) 872-0279. City Theater, formerly Second City, is located on 2301 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. you, everything must be decent and in order, with every piece of fabric in the right place.

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and D's: You are equally fabulous but can't be pinned down to one style. Keep your open mind and remember, image is everything! You only get one chance to make that first impression.

Jameela Harris is a freelance writer and fashion student at the International Academy of Design & Technology in Troy. grads, pampering products and unique handbags, clothing and jewelry. Call owner Kelly Ragatzki at (248) 449-8890.

#### Color Trend Workshop

Join Fashion Group Detroit for "The Age of Meaning: Emerging Color Trends," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at Andiamo Italia West in Bloomfield Hills. Josette Buisson of Pittsburgh Paints International will discuss global and societal color trends that impact all design markets, and how to translate emotions and thoughts into color and design. Donation, \$20, benefits the FGI scholarship fund. RSVP to mmoenssen@ameritech.net. For more information, visit www.voiceofcolor.com.

#### The Ultraglam Party

Grab your girls and get ready for a night of pampering at Ultraglam Promotions' "Ladies Night Out," 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at Papi O' Nightclub in Ypsilanti. The evening of mini manicures, massages, makeovers and martinis will benefit Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, which provides sleep

#### Macy's Seeks Designers

Aspiring fashion designers from around the greater Detroit area are invited to present their sketches and/or samples to Macy's buyers and trend managers noon-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at Macy's Somerset. A panel of judges will provide relevant feedback and direction during this annual competition. The designer awarded with best-ofshow will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. No reservations required.

#### Sephora's Tricks and Treats

Boo! Is your skin scary? Celebrate Halloween noon-5 p.m. Oct. 27 at Sephora Somerset, by trying on magical masks designed to transform your skin. Or, concoct a "Witches Brew" at the store's fragrance mixology event, noon-5 p.m. Oct. 28. Mix scents to make a potion completely unique to you. Appointments are recommended. Call (248) 458-0100.



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## Gerulis earns All-State golf honors

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

For a while Saturday afternoon, Plymouth Christian Academy's Ross Gerulis sat atop the Division 4 boys golf world.

Through eight holes of Saturday's second round of the 36-hole Division 4 state finals at The Meadows Golf Course near Grand Rapids, Gerulis led the entire 90-player field thanks to the blistering one-under par round he had working in windy, bone-chilling conditions.

The junior eventually dropped back in the pack, but his overall score of 79-83 still earned him a 10th-place finish and All-State honors.

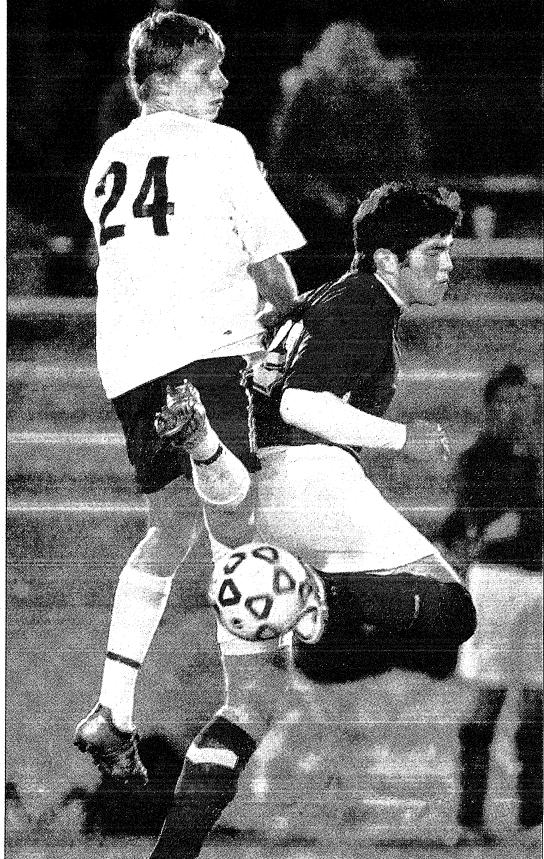
"Considering how bad the conditions were, I figured since I was oneunder that I was probably leading," said Gerulis, a Canton resident. "I just tried to stay focused on what I was doing and not pay attention to the scorecard. But anyone who plays golf knows that's impossible.

"I ended up getting a couple of bad bounces and hitting a couple of bad shots. The bad shots led to some big mistakes."

Gerulis's effort on the challenging layout placed him nine shots behind eventual Division 4 champion Jackson Koert of Grand Rapids North Pointe Christian, who fired a nine-over 36-hole total of 153.

"It's a great accomplishment for Ross, especially because the weather was so bad and the course was very difficult," PCA coach Kurt Johnston said. "Any time you can say you were leading at the state meet, it's something special."

Gerulis was the leader of the Eagles' golf squad throughout the season, leading them to an unprecedented title in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and a berth in the Division 4 Regional event earlier in the month. "I didn't really have any numbers in mind to shoot before the tournament," Gerulis said. "My goal was to win it, and if I didn't to that, I wanted to finish in the top 10." Mission accomplished.





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Tight defense, timely goals lead Salem to D1 regional title game

#### **BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

Woodhaven routinely packed the 18-yard box with as many as seven defenders during Tuesday night's Division 1 Regional semifinal soccer match against Salem.

As it turned out, the Warriors could have deployed a small army in front of the net and it still wouldn't have been enough to derail the rolling Rocks.

Following a scoreless first half, Salem solved the sardine can-like defensive alignment to post a 2-0 victory on a brutally cold, windy night in Saline. The triumph pushed the Rocks (17-7-4) into Saturday's 7 p.m. final against longtime nemesis Livonia Stevenson, which throttled Dearborn, 4-0, in the other semifinal matchup.

Woodhaven finished with a 16-5-1 mark. "I've never seen a team put that many guys in the box against us," said Salem senior forward Brooks Belhart, who assisted on Jace Bearden's ice-breaking goal before scoring an insurance marker of his own with 5:42 left. "When teams do that, getting a good shot off can be very

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## **ROCKS-SPARTANS III**

- What: Division 1 Regional final soccer match; Who: Salem (17-7-4) vs. Livonia Stevenson (16-2-4);
- When: Saturday, 7 p.m. Where: Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway, Saline 48176;
- How they made it: The Rocks upended Woodhaven, 2-0, in

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Salem's Jace Bearden (left) goes airborne to take the ball from Woodhaven's Dimitri Golematis during Tuesday's Regional semifinal game at Saline. Bearden scored the first goal in the Rocks' 2-0 victory.

Tuesday's semi-final; the Spartans knocked off Dearborn, 4-0, on Tuesday;

**History:** Salem is 1-0-1 against Stevenson this season having tied the Spartans, 1-1, at home on Aug. 30, before defeating them, 2-0, on Sept. 18. at Stevenson.

**Players to watch:** Salem's key players are senior GK Brian Field, senior F's Brooks Belhart and Tom Bennett; and senior mid-fielders Bobby Towne and Jon Gibson; the Spartans rely heavily on senior GK Mitch Hildebrandt and senior forward Luke Knochel.

– DIVISION 1 PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS: ROUND

#### **LET PLAYOFFS BEGIN**

What: Opening round of Division 1 football playoffs; Who: Canton (9-0) vs. Livonia Stevenson (6-3); When: Friday, 7 p.m.; Where: P-CEP varsity football field;

**Chiefs' numbers:** Canton has outscored its opponents 342-99 (38.0-11.0) and has outrushed its foes 2,645 yards to 995. Nick Moores has paced the Chiefs' offense with a team-high 684 yards rushing and 14 touchdowns.

Spartans' numbers: Stevenson has outscored its opponents by an average score of 21-18. Coach Tim Gabel's offense is led by the White brothers: junior quarterback Mitchell and freshman running back Austin.

## Size matters

## So do speed, mobility and strength for Chiefs' imposing D-line

#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton football coach Tim Baechler doesn't recall the game or the opponent, but he won't soon forget the path of destruction senior defensive tackle Wardell Fuqua carved through an overmatched foe's offensive line earlier this season.

"As soon as the ball was snapped, Wardell threw down the offensive tackle, then he threw down the center," Baechler said. "It was like he was playing against seventh-graders. The most impressive thing about it was how quick it happened. And after Wardell got through the line, he pursued the running back and got him, too."

#### **Preview** of Canton-Stevenson playoff game, B3.

The 5-foot-10, 285-pound Fuqua makes up one-third of one of the most feared and most respected defensive lines in Michigan high school football. Combine his size, speed and skill with 6-3, 290-pound Donnie Laramie and 6-1, 280-pound Jay Bailey and you get what Canton defensive line coach Jeff Powers refers to as the Chiefs' "900-pound pain box."

"Since there is no middle school football in Plymouth and Canton, it's rare to get three big football players like this with their kind of skill at the same time," Baechler said. "The most impressive thing about these guys isn't their size — it's the fact that they're big *and* they have great hands, they can move *and* they have outstanding technique."

Salem football coach Parker Salowich got his first glimpse of Canton's version of "Mount Rush-More" when he watched a film of the Chiefs' 20-14 victory over Walled Lake Central.

If he were Siskel or Ebert, the Rocks' coach would have had both thumbs up when the flick ended.

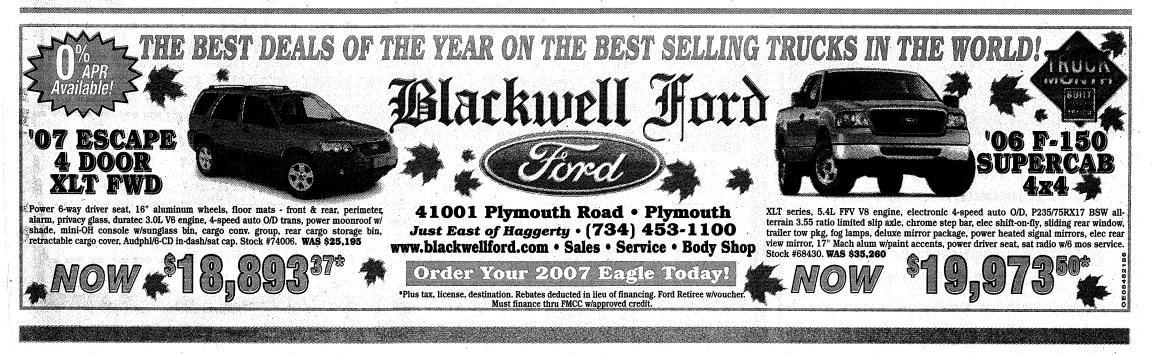
"When you see them on film, they look big and quick and strong," said Salowich. "But then when you see them play in person (which he did the week after he viewed the film) they're a lot bigger and faster than they

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Wardell Fuqua (kneeling), Jay Bailey (standing at left) and Donnie Laramie make up one of the most dominating defensive lines in Michigan high school football.



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## **Bennett keys Rocks' district title**

#### **BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

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Salem senior forward Tom Bennett can do magical things with a soccer ball. On Saturday night in a

Division 1 District final game at South Lyon High School, he made Saline disappear.

The team, not the city. Bennett's goal 25 minutes into the contest was the difference in the Rocks' 1-0 triumph over the sting-less Hornets. It also assured Salem its fifth District title in the past 10 years and the first since 2002.

"Certainly there is no better feeling than this," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, a few moments after his team accepted the championship hardware. "Hopefully, we can find a way to keep it going.

"We've been very close the past couple of years to winning a District title, but things didn't quite fall into place. Our defense was outstanding again tonight, turning in another critical shutout, and Tom Bennett was the player of the

#### game for us."

Bennett's heightened skills can deflate even defense-first teams like Saline, McCarthy said.

"I don't think (Saline) was expecting Tommy to make a run right before he scored," the veteran coach said. "The defense actually closed just as he was striking the ball, but he was able to get a good, clean hit and he really struck the ball well right into the corner of the net.

"That was one of the best goals I've seen all season."

When asked to put a finger on his team's most valuable commodity during its march to a championship, McCarthy spread the praise.

"We defend very well, plus we have a lot of good players in key positions," he said. "We're solid in every spot and - especially in the tournament so far we've been getting a lot of timely goals.

"Led by Bobby Towne and Jon Gibson, our mid-field does a solid job, and the back line, which is anchored by our two sophomores (Jace Bearden and Kevin Cope) has been dominating. In general, I think the reason we've been playing so well is that we're well-balanced."

McCarthy said he expected a low-scoring contest against the stingy Hornets.

"They're very defensive and they do a good job of slowing the game down," said McCarthy. "Saline is one of those teams that is able to turn an 80minute game into a 40-minute game by the way they play.

"The weather conditions helped us tonight because it was calm with hardly any wind, which allowed us to keep the ball in play a lot."

Salem senior goal-keeper Brian Field was his usual stellar self, turning away all six shots he faced. His two best efforts came in the second half: With 29:10 left he batted away a high, bouncing shot in front of the net; and with 15:10 to go Field snared a high hopper just as a pair of Saline players were closing in for the potential game-tying goal.

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# Salem stars shine on 'Senior Night'

#### **BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls basketball team couldn't have scripted Tuesday night's "Senior Night" any better than it unfolded.

Led by their three seniors Teresa Coppiellie, Tayler Langham and Lauren Kurtz - the state-ranked Rocks rocked visiting Westland John Glenn, 60-26, to improve to 14-2 overall and 9-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes **Division.** The Rockets slipped to 8-8 and 4-5, respectively.

All three upper-classmen

turned in spectacular efforts in their final regular-season home game. Coppiellie netted 15 points, 12 rebounds and five assists; Langham recorded 13 points and four assists; and Kurtz notched nine points and nine boards.

"This senior class is every bit as good as any I've had here at Salem," said Fred Thomann. "That's why it was especially nice to get a win in their last regular-season home game."

Sophomores Chelsea Davis (seven points and 10 rebounds) and Jansan Falcusan (seven points) also shined for the winners.

Junior Alaya Mitchell added five points and four assists.

John Glenn was paced by Brittany Holbrook's 11 and Chanel Payne's eight.

Salem led 13-9 after one quarter, 27-14 at the half and 45-25 with eight minutes to

play. "I thought our offense was very effective in the second, third and fourth quarters," Thomann said. "We started out a little too fast in the first quarter, but the girls did a nice job of settling down after that.

"We spread the ball around, too, which was nice to see. Eight of our nine players scored."

all and 5-4 in the division.

9-of-18

Franklin was 9-of-16 from

the foul line, while Canton was

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Robinson nailed five triples on

## Chiefs edge Franklin behind Houdek's 3's

For the second time this girls basketball season, state-ranked Canton escaped with a onepoint girls basketball victory Tuesday, this time at Livonia Franklin, 59-58.

Becci Houdek scored 17 points for the victorious Chiefs, now 14-2 overall and 9-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Houdek's four 3pointers in the opening quarter staked Canton to 16-14 advantage

Ja'nee Morton and Baylee Hollowell added 10 points apiece for Canton, which defeated Franklin earlier this season, 39-38.

"The key stretch for us tonight was the second quarter when three starters — Lauren

#### **Steelers clinch**

On Saturday, the Plymouth-**Canton Steelers freshmen** football team defeated the Lake Area Hawks, 19-6, to win the WSJFL Division A championship. Lucas Callahan led the defense with rugged line play and multiple tackles with Andy Gregor and Nick Poet putting in strong efforts to shut down the Hawks' running game. Nick Farmer and Bradley Deeg were offensive standouts on the winners' offensive line. The Steelers' junior varsity squad dropped a hard-fought 13-6 decision. Brent Piligian, Alex Brown, Brandon LaBlanc and Alex Mason played well for the offense. The defense was paced by

#### **PREP BASKETBALL**

Delapaz, Ja'nee Morton and Baylee Hollowell – all had to sit with two fouls each," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Lesile Weisz, Kaylie Martina nd Hilary Payne came in, stepped up and played huge minutes which allowed us to hold onto the lead."

The Patriots, who rallied to take the lead in the final quarter after trailing by as many as eight points, got a game-high 22 points from sophomore guard Briauna Taylor. Senior center Robyn Whalen added 13 points and 12 rebounds, while sophomore forward Brittany Taylor contributed eight points for the Patriots, now 11-4 over-

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL** 

Tyler Hoeman and Michael Kennedy's tough play.

The Steelers' playoffsbound varsity team rebound-Schultz and Dylan Hatcher. Patrick Salo, Enrique Pardo,

points Tuesday as the Wildcats (7-9, 5-4) downed host Wayne

her way to a game-high 18

Memorial (1-15, 0-9) in a WLAA-Western Division game. It was 13-all after one quarter before Plymouth outscored the Zebras 18-9 in the second period to take a 31-22 halftime lead. The Wildcats put the game away with a 15-4 thirdquarter run.

Junior Trenia Barbee paced Wayne with 17 points.

Plymouth was 13-of-22 from the foul line, while Wayne was 1-for-2.

ed to upend the Hawks, 30-14. Turning in strong performances for the Steelers were Jack Ashton, Blake Leighton, Robert Perkins, Adam Randall, Phillip Defensive standouts were

#### Lions sweep

The Canton Lions varsity unit defeated Belleville, 32-13, Sunday afternoon thanks to touchdowns from Braden Price, Brad Trublowski and Eric Haase. Luke Hager also turned in an outstanding performance on offense.

The Lions freshmen captured a division championship by knocking off

the rest of the tournament." Belhart's game-clincher was

clear it out. It's a far different

#### difficult, especially when they have big guys back there like Woodhaven did. The key is to Salem's patience was rewarded with 23:33 remaining when Bearden, a sophomore defender, settled Belhart's cornerkick eight yards in front of the net before rocketing a right-footed shot past Warrior goalkeeper Dustin Salliotte to make it 1-0. "That goal allowed us a sigh of relief," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said. "That was a big goal. Jace is very good in the air, but the pass was lower, so he was able to get a "Woodhaven defended very well tonight. They had a lot of numbers back, so early on we weren't successful on our counters. And every cross we tried didn't work because there were always three guys on the ball to style than we're used to seeing and I doubt we'll see it any more

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just be patient."

little more power on it.

a solo effort. It was also a work of art.

The senior received a pass on the right wing before juking a Woodhaven defender just inside the box. He then sidestepped another Warrior before drilling a left-footed missile into a gap between Salliotte's outstretched fingers and the right post.

"At first, I tried to take it to the corner to open things up as much as I could by bringing their defenders to me," said Belhart, the Rocks' leading scorer this season. "Then I made a move to the middle, saw I had a shot and took it." "Once we got Brooks the ball Tuesday night's Division 1 Regional semifinal game. on the flank, he patiently and methodically went to work," McCarthy said. "He beat one guy, then another before putting the ball in the net with a great left-footer. When Brooks is on, he shoots as well as any-

successful against Stevenson." Thanks to a dominating defensive effort by the Rocks, Salem goalie Brian Field was as busy as the Maytag repairman. The senior stopped four

Salem's Baze Efremov squares off against Woodhaven's Derek Salliotte during

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shots, the most challenging coming midway through the second half when he pounced

> on a shot from the doorstep off the foot of Dimitri Golematis. Golematis nearly scored with 11:55 to go in the opening half, but his rebound shot from 15 yards out sailed five yards wide.

The Rocks' came close to lighting up the scoreboard a minute before Bearden's netfinder when Kyle Freeman's crossing pass eluded Aaron Brown's head by less than a foot.

Belhart was denied his second goal of the night with 3:45 left by a sprawling Salliotte. Salem received stellar defensive efforts from Bearden, Kevin

Cope and Dan McLaughlin. "We're going to need a better performance than we got tonight

to beat Stevenson," McCarthy said. "Stevenson is a much better team than the one we beat three weeks ago. They've been on a roll and haven't lost since we beat them. Plus, they've been beating outstanding teams.

"We're going to have to defend very well and Brian Field is going to have to continue to play outstanding in front of the net."

#### **Recreation offerings**

Canton Leisure Services will be offering the following sports programs during the next few weeks:

Indoor volleyball leagues will begin Friday, Nov. 10, at the Summit on the Park. There are still openings in the recreational league. The cost is \$250 for residents and \$295 for non-residents.

The annual Elks Free Throw Shooting Contest will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Summit. The free contest is open to boys and girls from 8 to 13 years old. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

The bi-annual Family Bowling Bonanza will be held Christopher Merbler and Mark Wallath.

On Sunday, the Steelers will be hosting their 30th anniversary celebration game against the Canton Lions. The Steelers are inviting all former players, cheerleaders, coaches and administrators to be recognized. The games will held at the P-CEP varsity football field beginning at 4 p.m.

### **SPORTS BRIEFS**

Friday, Nov. 10, at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. The cost is \$40 per resident family/team, which includes 2.5 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza/pop and free giveaways. The event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394 - 5355.

#### Kapadia lauded

Former Salem cross country and track standout Dan Kapadia was recently named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's "Freshman of the Year" for his accomplishments with the Wayne State University men's cross country team.

Belleville, 7-0, Sunday afternoon. Both teams entered the contest unbeaten. The game's lone touchdown was Westen Price's 40-yard run mid-way through the second quarter. The defense was led by Daniel Jipping, Kenneth Arnold, Sean Stanners, Alec Pantaleo, Forrest Hall and Chuckie Turfe.

#### Lacrosse news

All girls interested in playing for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors lacrosse team in 2007 should attend an informational/registration meeting on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Waldorf Room of the Plymouth Library. Parents are also encouraged to attend the meeting. For additional information,

contact Rudi Rabe at rrabe@comcast.net.

There will be a parent/player meeting for all everyone interested in playing for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Warriors boys lacrosse team on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School library.

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# Canton's 'D' looks to freeze Spartans' wide-open offense

#### **BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

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The Weather Channel is forecasting temperatures in the 40s with winds anywhere from 5 to 15 miles per hour for Friday night's Division 1 playoff opener between Canton and Livonia Stevenson.

Given his opponents' passhappy offensive attack, Canton coach Tim Baechler hopes the forecast is high (temp) and low (wind speed).

"They've thrown 77 passes in their past two games, so I hope the wind is blowing about 50 miles per hour, it's real cold and it's real wet," Baechler joked. "Stevenson is a very good offensive football team. They have a very good quarterback (Mitchell White) and a lot of kids who can catch the ball and run with it.

"I'm very impressed with their skilled-position players. They're some of the best we've seen all year. The fact that they beat Livonia Franklin twice tells you all you need to know about them."

The way the Chiefs' firststring defense has slammed the door on opposing offenses this season, the game could be played in the wind-free, 70degree Pontiac Silverdome and the Spartans would still have their work cut out for them.

Led by a dominating defensive line (see story on B1), Canton has posted two shutouts (against Ann Arbor Pioneer and Walled Lake

"I've been coaching high

and they're as good of a front

thing I noticed about them is

how low they play. Their pad

level is great. They're all very good, but I think Laramie has

Division 1 written all over

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#### Western) and one nearshutout (42-3 victory over Westland John Glenn). And with their top 11 players on the field, the Chiefs have yielded more than one score in a game just three times all season.

"This is one of the best defenses we've had at Canton since I've been here," Baechler said. "One of the keys is that we've been able to stay pretty healthy on the defensive side of the ball. And when we did lose Deshon (McClendon), Alex Lajoie and Derek Perino stepped up and did a great job."

Canton's injury-riddled offense should be near fullstrength for the playoffs, Baechler said. At one point this season, the defending Division 1 state runner-up was down to its third-string quarterback while its full-house backfield was filled mostly with backups.

"Steve Paye will be back at quarterback and Deshon has looked good in practice this week, so he should be ready to go," Baechler said. "Even though we had some injuries this season, we've been lucky enough to have some good, athletic kids step in and get the job done."

Senior Nick Moores led the Chiefs' balanced ground game this season with 684 yards on 104 carries. McClendon gained 460 on 69 attempts while senior Antwaun Hawkins chalked up 447 on 69 rushes.

When the Chiefs have gone

to the air. senior tight end Brandon Fender has been the primary target. Of Fender's five catches, four have gone for TD's

Although Baechler asserted that he is taking the post-season one game at a time and not looking past any team, he added that the Chiefs' side of the bracket is stocked with plenty of talented teams.

"It's kind of strange how the teams in our draw are different every year," said Baechler, who has guided the Chiefs to the playoffs for seven consecutive seasons. "I was surprised that South Lyon (8-1) was in our district, but (the MHSAA) doesn't seed for this, so you just never know what you're going to get.

"It's funny but we've gotten better draws when we were 6-3 and 7-2 than we have when we've been 8-1 or 9-0."

The Spartans are looking for their first post-season victory in seven tries under veteran coach Tim Gabel.

The Spartans hope to combat Canton's stout interior defense by mixing up their offense.

Junior quarterback Mitchell White is a dangerous threat to throw or run. He also has two capable wide receivers in Derek Severson and twin brother Myles White. The emergence of tight end

Cory Lynch and freshman tailback Austin White give Gabel

even more options. "The two go together," Gabel said. "We've been successful when we're able to run and throw. But we can't let our defense stay on the field and get beat on. The whole thing comes together when we're able to control the ball. And that means offensively we have to be balanced."

Lynch, a 6-foot, 195-pound senior, has been an unsung hero for the Spartans. He was penciled in as a starting tailback at the beginning of the year, but was moved to tight end when returning starter Jon Schwalm got injured.

In a 27-24 playoff-clinching win two weeks ago against Livonia Franklin, Lynch caught seven passes for 80 yards, many of which occurred on key third-down situations.

"We looked around and we saw Cory as a guy with great hands with a good attitude and decent size," Gabel said. "He learned how to block and become more of a lineman. He was the MVP of our the Franklin game. And he never complained (about the switch). He's a real team guy and he's become our second leading receiver."

The 5-9, 170-pound Austin White was hurt in Stevenson's JV opener and didn't return to the lineup until the fifth week. By the sixth week, Gabel elevated the ninth-grader to the varsity lineup where he made his debut in a 33-0 loss to WLAA runner-up Walled Lake Central.

ALL- WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL TEAMS ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE

Center: Josh Perusse, 6-2, 250 Sr., Wayne Memorial. Interior lineman: Will Khoury, 6-3, 285 Sr.,

Canton; Kevin Wengert, 6-2, 243 Sr., Livonia Franklin; Frank Toarmina, 6-2 252 Sr., Westland John Glenn; Anthony White, 5-11, 245 Sr., Walled Lake Central. Tight end: Brandon Fender 6-0 185 Sr. Canton

Wide receivers: Dan Chynoweth, 5-10, 162 Sr., Franklin: Derek Severson, 6-0, 170 Sr., Livonia Stevenson.

Quarterback: D.J. Freeman, 5-9, 170 Jr., Wayne Running backs: Nick Moores, 6-0, 205 Sr., Canton; Nathan Gholston, 5-8, 179 Sr. Plymouth: Kenny Loney, 5-11, 185 Sr., Walled Lake Western.

Kicker: Matt Watko, 5-8, 162 Jr., W.L. Western. **ALL CONFERENCE DEFENSE** 

Down lineman: Donnie Laramie, 6-3, 285 Sr., Canton: Jonathan Robinson, 6-0, 225 Sr. Livonia Churchill: Deano Nicolaides, 5-10, 230 Sr., W.L. Central.

End-OLBs: Billy Turner, 6-1, 215 Sr., Canton; Nick Lusk, 6-0, 195 Sr., W.L. Central. Linebackers: Collin O' Shaughnessy, 6-0, 195 Sr., Canton; John Leverenz, 6-0, 210 Sr., Wayne; Jerry Smith, 6-4, 205 Sr., John Glenn. Backs: Chris Boodanski, 5-9, 170 Sr., Canton: Matt Wozny, 5-11, 190 Sr., W.L. Western; Kevin Long, 6-2 195 Sr., W.L. Central.

Punter: T.J. Rice, 6-0, 205 Sr., Stevenson At-large: Dittrick Williams, 5-11, 180 Sr., Northville; Deshon McClendon, 5-7, 180 Sr., Canton: Pat Cecile 6-3 220 Jr Frankiln: B.I. Johnson, 5-11, 170 Sr., Walled Lake Northern: Tyler Schonsheck, 6-2, 275 Sr., W.L. Western. **ALL-LAKES OFFENSE** 

Center: Andrew Kirby, 6-3, 250 Sr., Salem. Interior lineman: Brian Baumgart, 6-6, 260 Sr., Salem: Matt Broome, 6-3, 216 Jr., Stevenson: Nick Ailouny, 6-0, 220 Sr., John Glenn; Brandon Decker, 5-9, 195 Jr., W.L. Central. Tight end: Jesse Caddell, 6-4, 210 Sr., W.L.

Central. Wide receiver: Cody Rzenik, 6-3, 170 Jr., W.L. Central: Ed Hoinacki, 6-1 190 Sr., W.L. Northern, Quaterback: Torrey Stimson, 6-1, 170 Sr., W.L.

Central Running backs: Mike Berger, 5-10, 175 Sr., Chruchill; Steve Robinson, 6-0, 190 Jr., W.L. Central; Emmanuel Onwuemene, 5-11, 177 Jr., Stevenson. Kicker: Andrew Hein, 5-9, 190 Sr., John Glenn.

ALL-LAKES DEFENSE Down Lineman: Kevin Ahn, 5-9, 171 Sr. Stevenson; Alex Petrik, 6-4, 190 Sr., W.L. Northern: Antonio Smith, 5-10, 200 Jr., John

End-OLBs: Kevin Tabone, 6-3, 225 Jr., Churchill; Shawn Murphy, 6-1, 205 Sr., John Glenn. Linebackers: John Samaan, 5-10, 195 Jr., Stevenson; Anstin Richards, 5-0, 180 Sr., W.L. Northern; Adonis Adonakis, 6-0, 213 Jr., W.L. Central Backs: Joe Speiss, 5-10, 180 Sr., Churchill; Ryan

"Against Walled Lake Western, their quarterback rolled out right and Jay pursued the ball all the way down the line," Baechler said. "Then when he realized the quarterback was going to throw it, he dropped back a few yards, jumped up and picked it off. It was a miraculous play."

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**ALL-LEAGUE FOOTBALL** 

Tisdall, 5-11, 175 Sr., W.L. Central; lan Thornton, 5-11, 155 Sr., John Glenn. Punter: Jim MacLellan, 6-0, 183 Sr., W.L. Central.

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**ALL WESTERN OFFENSE** 

Center: Jeff Phillips, 5-11, 215 Sr., Canton Interior lineman: Saratino Ruggeiro, 6-3, 325 Sr., Plymouth; Keil Price, 5-10, 185 Sr., Canton; Zack Kyle, 6-0, 240 Jr., Wayne: Chris Boyd, 6 1,230 Sr., W.L. Western. Tight end: Sean Sciba, 6-5, 205 Sr., Franklin, Wide receiver: Aaron Chew, 5-9, 155 Jr., Northvile: Israel Woolfork, 6-3, 181 Jr., Franklin,

Quarterback: Jesse Carpenter, 5-10, 172 Jr., Franklin Running backs: Alan Freeman, 5-9, 160 So.,

Wayne: Endrit Cela. 6-2, 210 W.L. Western: Cole Kelly, 5-10, 164 Jr., Franklin, Kicker: Jeff Lucco, 5-9, 197 Sr., Plymouth.

**ALL WESTERN DIVISION DEFENSE** Down lineman: Wardell Fugua, 5-10, 290 Sr. Canton; Chris Alexopolous, 5-10, 230 Sr., W.L. Western: Neil Copeland, 6-5, 202 Sr., Franklin, End-OLB: Chris Hasse, 5-0, 180 Sr., Canton: Josh Gonzales, 5-11, 200 Jr., Wayne. Linebackers: Nick Rosochacki, 6-2, 178 Sr. Plymouth; Dan Wanshon, 5-11, 190 Jr., Canton; Greg Eichler, 5-7, 191 Sr., W.L. Western. Backs: LaBrodrick Caldwell, 5-9, 166 Sr.. Plymouth: Michael Boykins, 5-10, 150 Sr., W.L. Western.

#### Punter: Charlie Webb, 5-10, 157 Sr., Plymouth, HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Jay Bailey, Kyle Brodzik, Nick Dunleavy, Antwuan Hawkins, Brandon Lasko, Steve Pave, Derek Perino, Adam Powers, Dalton Walser: Churchill: Daran Carev. Max DiCicco. Duane Najarian, Aaron Poirier, T.J. Tilley, Ryan Whittum; Franklin: Vincent Benavides, Mike Birney, David Fortin, Justin Hawks, Brian Humeney, Jeff McCullough, Dan Robinson, Pat Woodward; Plymouth: Andy Price, Spencer Tohin, Ronnie Goble, Klulrai Sandhu, Mohamed Hakkani, Dean Hubbard, Junior Fails, Gerald Lou, Anthony Bono, Chris Sanchez; Stevenson: Ryan Aneed, Ricky Bell, Eric Huber, Cory Lynch, Colin Marquardt, Darrius Pringle, Mitchell White, Pat York; W.L. Central: Anton Jennings, Sean Armstrong Derek Bahri Chris Sesi, Mike Dennison, Pat Campbell: John Glenn: Bryan Henley, Ryan Lopez, Ryan Wakeford, Blayre McCormick, Keshawn Martin, Zach Bozigian, Victor Sanders; Northville: Erik Markstrom, Daid Burke, Andrew Devine, David Stewart, Brian Smith, Max Bojovic, Greg Hasse, Kris Baumgardner: W.L. Western: Spencer Jardine. Edison Vushaj, Erik Goszczynski, Phil Kroll, Richard Saxson, Ralph Johnson, Ken Roesler, Montel Nix-Fleming, Miklovan Gjokaj, Draeton Steiner, Eugene Simon, David Cole, Alec Ohryn; W.L. Northern: Robbie Balma, David Carpenter, Tim Grandee, Rvan Hummel, Thomas Ropek, Jared Rose: Wavne: Josh Baver, Clint Cavanaugh, Mike Davis, Dwayne Davenport, Jeff Elswick, Darion Fudge; Salem: Justin Bader, Josh Cudney, James Crabil.



him." Salowich wasn't the only opposing coach who raved about Laramie. The man who will be pacing the opposing sidelines Friday night -Livonia Stevenson's Tim Gabel — also had high praise for No. 91.

"Laramie looks as good as any defensive lineman I've seen since (Farmington Hills) Harrison's Frances Gojcaj, who we played against in 1996," said Gabel. "He just

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takes over his side of the line. "Canton's entire defensive line is very formidable. They're very difficult to block not only because they're giant, but because they're giant and athletic."

Baechler said one reason his trio is so mobile is because all three have excelled in other sports.

"Donnie's a great wrestler, Jay has played a lot of basketball and Wardell used to wrestle, so they all have very

good feet," he said. "They're all among our leading tacklers, which is unusual because defensive linemen usually take out the offensive linemen so the linebackers can make the tackles."

Amazingly, Bailey is also one of the Chiefs' leading interceptors. OK, he only has one, but that's not all bad for

a 280-pound defensive tackle.

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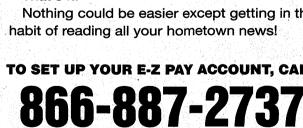
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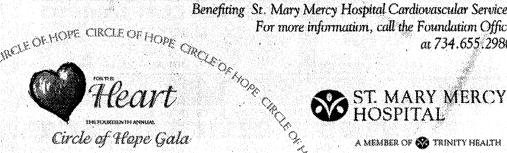
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# Oh, say can she sing ... and dive, and

Canton's multi-talented Selden performs everything from 'National Anthem' to reverse pikes

#### **BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

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(CP)

On the nights Canton's Chelsea Selden has completed the most amazing of sports daily doubles - singing the "National Anthem" minutes before making harmony with the water on her dives - there is no doubt which endeavor generates the most butterflies in the 18-year-old's stomach. "I definitely get more nervous before I dive than I do before I sing," Selden said, without hesitation. "After I sing, just about everybody tells' me I did a good job no matter how well I actually did. But if I smack the water hard on a dive, nobody says a word." Based on her diving statistics heading into tonight's regular-season finale against Northville, Selden rarely smacks the water hard. The senior captain, whose best effort of 208.10 is second only to Salem's Katie Koetting's 231.33 among Observerland divers, usually hits the water like she sings - smooth and

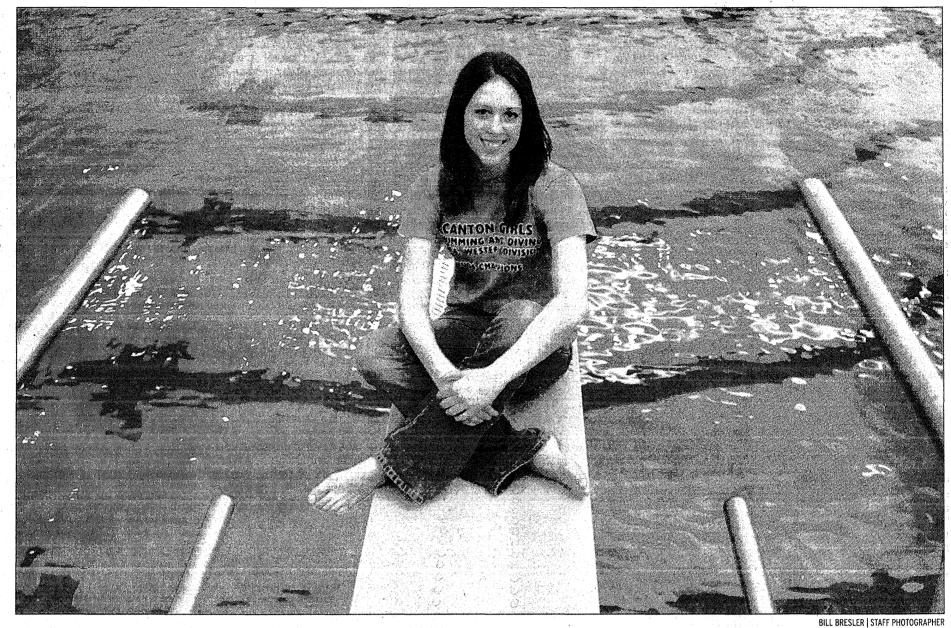
Chelsea is an exceptional and unique individual," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber, who has coached Selden since her seventh grade year at East Middle School. She dedicates herself to whatever she goes after and she does well at whatever she puts her mind to.

"She was voted captain this year, so she's obviously wellrespected by her teammates. One reason for that is because she's a hard worker. When the swimmers worked out in early-August, she was at every workout. She's been a regular at all of our early-morning (5:30 a.m.) practices as well."

#### **DIVING RIGHT IN**

Already an accomplished gymnast, Selden decided to give diving a shot during her freshman year at Canton, figuring it would only improve her skills in her primary sport.

The strategy has paid off for both Selden and the Chiefs' swim team. While Selden's



Canton's Chelsea Selden is a multi-faceted contributor to the Chiefs' athletics programs. The senior is a standout diver, gymnast and she also sings the "National Anthem" at various Canton sporting events.

meet in 2005 as she missed making the cut by just a few points.

"The two sports — gymnastics and diving — are very sim-ilar in that they both require flexibility and an aerial awareness," she said. "Diving has definitely helped me in gymnastics and vice versa. I'm not the only one, either. I'd say half the divers in our league are gymnasts.

Speaking of gymnastics, Selden has made a splash in that sport as well. Since catching "gymnastics fever" during a "Tumble Bunnies" class in first grade, Selden has enhanced

### **SELDEN'S FAVORITE ...**

#### Class - Choir;

- Teacher Mrs. Marshall (pre-calculus);
- TV show (tie) "Desperate Housewives" and "Grey's Anatomy":
- Actor/Actress Reece Witherspoon;

Car - "I drive a Mercury Cougar, but I don't really have a favorite ..."

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"I love gymnastics because it's a very team-oriented sport and we have a very close team at Canton," she said.

gymnastics meet or swimming meet, vou'd never know she's never had a lesson. She hones her voice skills as a member of the P-CEP's top female choir,

made it and I was lucky enough to be picked. We perform at concerts, at competitions and we're hired for gigs around the community. It's a lot of fun and we make money for the choir department at school."

Like the teams she sings for, a strong start is essential for Senden when she's singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

"As long as my first few notes aren't too high I do fine," she said. "I get a little nervous before I sing, but I just try to have fun with it. I usually get good feedback."

they're not in the same league as her academic accomplishments. A 4.16 (grade-point average) student, she is vice president of her school's National Honor Society and bound for either the University of Michigan, Hope College or Michigan State University next fall.

"The toughest class I've ever had in high school is without a doubt - advanced placement calculus," Selden revealed. "There are hours of homework every night. I'm glad I took it, though, because it made me a better student.' Make that student/athlete/singer.

gymnastics career has continued to flourish in high school, her diving skills nearly qualified her for the Division 1 state

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#### **Girls Basketball**

(By the Associated Press) NOTE – The top 10 teams in the Associated Press high school girls basketball poll with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for second, etc. Class A - 1. Detroit Martin Luther King (4) (12-0) 74: 2. Auburn Hills Avondale (1) (13-1) 71: 3. Lansing Waverly (14-1) 65: 4. Grosse Pointe North (14-1) 58; 5. Saginaw Arthur Hill (12-2) 46; 6. Rochester (14-1) 44; 7. Detroit Pershing (12-1) 43; 8. Flushing (14-1) 39; 9. Midland Dow (12-2) 22; 10. Benton Harbor (12-2) 21. Others receiving votes — Utica Ford 20, Clarkston 16, Brighton 12, Farmington Hills

her skills so much that she qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the balance beam earlier this year.

#### SELF-TAUGHT CROONER

If you've heard Selden perform the "National Anthem" before a Canton football game, the Madrigals.

"You have to try out for the top choir, so it's a little nerveracking," she said. "The top 18

### **GRADE-A STUDENT**

As impressive as Selden's athletic achievements are,

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Honorable Mention - Traverse City Central,

Plymouth, Livonia Churchill, Howell, Utica

Traverse City West, Milford, Temperance-

Ford II. Grosse Pointe South, Macomb Dakota,

Catholic; 10. Kalkaska. Honorable Mention – Napolean, Grand Rapids

West Catholic, Capac, Shepherd, Lansing

Catholic Central, Cass City, Saginaw Swan Valley, Dundee, Parchment, Hanover-Horton. Division 4 – 1. Hesperia; 2. Bear Lake; 3. Saugatuck; 4. Whitmore Lake; 5. Potterville; 6.

St. Louis; 7. Saranac; 8. Jackson Vandercook

Honorable Mention - Harbor Springs, Ubly, Blanchard-Montabella, Ellsworth, Grand Rapids

Covenant Christian, Eau Claire, Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian, Mendon, McBain.

Division 1 - 1. Rockford; 2. Livonia Churchill;

3. Okemos; 4. Saline; 5. Milford; 6. Brighton; 7.

Rochester; 8. Rochester Adams; 9. Clarkston;

**Girls Cross-Country** 

Sacred Heart.

(By CCIR)

10. Grandville.

Lake; 9. Morenci; 10. (tie) Fowler, Mt. Pleasant

Mercy 12, East Lansing 11, Livonia Ladywood 11, Plymouth Salem 9, Belleville 9, Detroit Northwestern 5, Monroe 5, Plymouth Canton 3, Howell 2, Holt 1, Dearborn Edsel Ford 1. Class B – 1. St. Clair (3) (13-1) 73; 2. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day (1) (12-2) 69;

3. Hudsonville Unity Christian (1) (13-1) 67; 4. DeWitt (13-1) 58; 5. Detroit Renaissance (13-1) 52; 6. Grand Rapids South Christian (13-1) 48; 7. Ludington (13-1) 44; 8. Midland Bullock Creek (13-2) 42; 9. Portland (13-2) 39; 10. Warren

Woods-Tower (12-2) 29. Others receiving votes - Marshall 18, Flint Powers Catholic 13, Ida 10, Scottville Mason County Central 9, Wyoming Park 9, Corunna 8, Goodrich 5, Mount Clemens 5, Flint Northwestern Prep Academy 1, Standish-Sterling 1. Class C - 1. Saginaw Nouvel Catholic (3) (15-0) 73; 2. Houghton (2) (14-0) 72; 3. Kent City (15-

0) 64; 4. Detroit Community (12-1) 57; 5. Morley-Stanwood (13-1) 51; 6. Sandusky (14-0) 50; 7. Michigan Center (14-1) 48; 8. Flint

Hamady (14-1) 45; 9. Allen Park Cabrini (14-1) 30; 10. Marcellus (14-1) 28. Others receiving votes - McBain 18, Memphis 17. Olivet 16. Pewamo-Westphalia 13. New Lothrop 9. Muskegon Catholic Central 5. Southfield Christian 3, Marlette 1. Class D - 1. Portland St. Patrick (5) (14-0) 75; 2. Chassell (13-0) 67; 3. Muskegon Western Michigan Christian (15-0) 63; 4. Pickford (13-1) 56; 5. Beal City (15-1) 54: 6. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (13-1) 54; 7. Lansing Christian (12-2) 48; 8. Frankfort (12-3) 3;3 9. Crystal Falls-Forest Park (12-2) 30; 10. Climax-Scotts (13-2) 26. Others receiving votes - Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 25, St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic 19, Onaway 17, Gaylord St. Mary's Cathedral 8, Cedarville 7, Kingston 6, L'Anse 3, Carney-Nadeau 3, Felch-North Dickinson 2, Traverse City Christian 2, Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian 2.

**Boys Soccer** (By the coaches association) Division 1 - 1. Eat Kentwood; 2. Warren DeLaSalle; 3. Novi; 4. Rochester Stoney Creek; 5. Plymouth Canton: 6. Northville: 7. Clarkston; 8. Dearborn; 9. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 10. Plymouth. Honorable Mention - Plymouth Salem,

Rochester Adams, Livonia Stevenson, Utica Eisenhower. Division 2 - 1. Mason: 2. East Lansing: 3. Auburn Hills Avondale; 4. Grand Rapids Christian; 5. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 6. Bloomfield Hills Andover: 7. Oxford: 8. Dexter: 9. St. Joseph: 10. Lapeer East. Honorable Mention – Grosse lle Division 3 – 1. Jackson Lumen Christi; 2. Richmond; 3. South Haven; 4. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic; 5. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern; 6. Goodrich; 7. Elk Rapids; 8. Macomb



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Division 1 – 1. Pinckney; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 3. Warren De La Salle; 4. Novi; 5. Rockford; 6. Saline; 7. Monroe; 8. Detroit U-D Jesuit; 9. Brighton; 10. Lake Orion.

> Honorable Mention - Grand Blanc, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Troy, Utica. Division 2 – 1. Grand Rapids Christian; 2. East Grand Rapids; 3. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern; 4. East Lansing; 5. Spring Lake; 6 Chelsea; 7. Dexter; 8. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern: 9. Gavlord: 10. Petoskev. Honorable Mention - Goodrich, Grand Rapids South Christian, Monroe Jefferson. Division 3 - 1. LeRoy-Pine River; 2. Hillsdale; 3. Jackson Lumen Christi; 4. Allendale; 5. Macomb Lutheran North: 6. Benzonia Benzie Central; 7. Whitehall; 8. Lansing Catholic Central; 9. Elk Rapids; 10. Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central. Honorable Mention - Freeland, Flint Powers Catholic, Schoolcraft. Division 4 - 1. Potterville; 2. Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian; 3. Battle Creek St. Phillip Catholic; 4. Ubly; 5. Southfield Christian; 6.

> Hesperia; 7. Pewamo-Westphalia; 8. Hillsdale Academy; 9. Saginaw Valley Lutheran; 10. Concord. Honorable Mention - Allen Park Cabrini, Traverse City St. Francis, New Lothrup, Big Rapids Crossroads Academy.

**Boys Water Polo** (By the coaches association) Open Class - 1. Rockford; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer; 3. East Grand Rapids;4. Ann Arbor Huron; 5. East Kentwood; 6. Zeeland; 7. Okemos: 8. Grandville: 9. Birmingham Seaholm: 10 Birmingham Groves

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## Whalers' Neal signs with Dallas

The National Hockey League's Dallas Stars have announced the signing of Plymouth Whalers left wing James Neal to a three-year contract. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

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Neal, 19 and from Whitby, ON, has nine goals with six assists in 11 games this season for the Whalers. He leads the team with a plus-9 rating.

During the 2005-06 season, Neal scored 21 goals and 37 assists in 66 appearances. He was named the Ontario Hockey League's Player of the Week on Dec. 12, 2005, after recording six points in two games.

In 13 OHL playoff games a season ago, Neal recorded nine goals and seven assists, earning the Whalers' "Playoff Most Valuable Player" honors.

Neal was honored as Plymouth's Rookie of the Year in 2004-05 after notching 18 goals and 26 assists for 44 points. He also played in the 2005 Home Hardware CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game in Vancouver in his first full season at the OHL level.

The 6-foot-3, 205-pound left wing attended the 2007 Team Canada National Junior Team development camp in Calgary, and won a silver medal with Team Canada at the 2005 World Under-18 Championships in the Czech Republic.

THE WHALERS' WEEK AHEAD: Plymouth (7-4-0-0) is back in



Friday when it hosts the Toronto St. Michael's Majors (currently 7-6-0-0) at 7:05 p.m. and then

Kitchener (3-6-0-2) on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. During Friday's game, Pepsi Corporation will be promoting its products and handing out free samples to fans throughout the night. During Saturday's game, the Whalers are encouraging Trick or Treaters of all ages to come out and have fun

on Trick or Treat Night. The Whalers and their corporate sponsors will hand out goodies to all kids in attendance during the intermissions and select Whalers players will sign autographs.

In addition, former Plymouth captain Jared Newman will be on hand to drop the ceremonial first puck on Saturday night as well as sign autographs. Newman was team captain of the Whalers from 2000 to 2002.

Tickets are available for all Plymouth Whalers games by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. FLEX packages and pro-rated season tickets are also available.



## **Pride of Plymouth-Canton**

The Plymouth-Canton Pride 14u Stars captured first place Oct. 7-8 at the Lady Irish Fall Harvest Tournament in Oregon, Ohio. The Stars were undefeated and outscored their opponents, 38-10. Pictured (front row from left) are Briana Lee, Kelli Janiczek, Lauren Roberts, Mariah Tesarz, Mary Johnson, (back row from left) coach Kevin Dunleavy, Amanda Burnard, Amy Dunleavy, Lyndsey Look, CarolAnn Sexauer, coach Mike Burnard, Marissa Blassic, Alyssa Gietl and coach Katie Gietl. Not pictured is Logan Lankford.



#### **AREA GIRLS SWIM BESTS**

(as of Oct. 23) INDIVIDUAL EVENTS 50 freestyle Allison Schmitt (Canton) 24.32 Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 25.44 Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 25.51 Laura Timson (Stevenson) 25.95 Ally Stencel (Salem) 26.09 Mandy Nameth (Ladywood) 26.26 Jordan Burgess (John Glenn) 26.54 Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 26.56 Monica Blaesser (Canton) 26.71 Blake Holtz (Stevenson) 26.76

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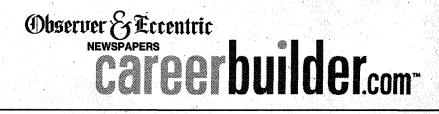


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# Welcome to bye week ... and not a mome

here is no Lions game this Sunday. The annual bye week is upon us and that's a time for reflection, inspection and evaluation. Quite frankly, anything with a "-tion" at the end is open for discussion during the bye.

It's kind of like mid-terms for the Lions. There will be no grading on a curve, however. Instead of a usual boring A, B, C, D or F grade given out, I have a new fun system. It honors former Lions coach Wayne Fontes. Captain Wayne-O is the Lions' alltime leader in coaching victories and coaching losses. It's only appropriate to hand out "Wavne-Os." On a scale of 1-to-5 Wayne-Os, we can evaluate the Lions' start in this 2006 campaign. One Wayne-O is brutally bad, with five Wayne-Os being outstanding. Let us start, shall we?

#### THE RECORD

The Lions won one game before the bye. It came



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against Buffalo. They have six losses. This is easy. Zero Wayne-Os.

#### **PASSING GAME**

Jon Kitna is an upgrade from Joey Harrington. Right now, he is online to be just the second Lions quarterback to throw for more than 4,000 yards in a single season. At this rate, he would also fashion the fourth season in Lions' history of 20 touchdown passes. He has terrific leader-

ship skills and guys seem to like him. Kitna still makes some critical mis-

takes at bad times and, on this team, that just can't happen.

Roy Williams was leading the league in receiving yards into Week 7 and Mike Furrey has been the surprise of the year. He might even be one of the biggest surprises in the entire National Football League.

The Lions did cut Charles Rogers in camp and Corev Bradford in Week 3 and Mike Williams has been a total bust so far. Still, Roy and Furrey make up a little bit for that, so ... three Wayne-Os.

#### **RUNNING GAME**

Kevin Jones went 22 straight games without a 100-yard rushing day. He finally hit the century mark against Buffalo in the lone Lions victory. What a shocker! Get K.J. the ball more than 20 times and he gets 127 yards. The Lions win as a result. It could be a formula for the future.

Shawn Bryson is out for the year and Artose Pinner is now in Minnesota. Arlen Harris is back with the team while Corey Schlesinger recovers from injury. Rookie running back Brian Calhoun hasn't run enough to be effective. We need to see some more of the kid from Wisconsin. Two Wayne-Os.

#### **OFFENSIVE LINE**

This has just been a mess. The only two constants are Jeff Backus and Dominic Raiola. The Lions center just passed 70 straight starts in Honolulu blue, sil ver and black. Verba, Tucker, DeMulling, Saipaia, Stokes, Scott and Woody have all taken turns on the line. They need to open up more holes for Jones and give Kitna better pass protection. It's a must if the Lions' offense will ever really do what Mastermind Mike Martz is trying to pull off. One Wayne-O.

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#### **DEFENSIVE LINE**

Again, we've got trouble here. Shaun Cody went out early and then Shaun Rogers, the All-Pro tackle. was suspended by the NFL for ingesting a weightcontrol product that had banned substances in it. He has three more games to serve without pay. James Hall was the NFC Defensive Player of the

Week after three-plus sacks against the Bills. At



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times, the former Michigan Wolverine can look dominant. Other times, Hall can look average.

Kalimba Edwards got a new contract for big money, but hasn't played to anywhere near his potential. Corey Redding gets an extra Wayne-O for moving over to tackle from his usual defensive end spot. They all simply need to be better and, yes, that means you Marcus Bell. He is Rogers' replacement for the next few weeks. Two Wayne-Os.

#### SECONDARY

Dré Bly said it best to me last week.

"Man, I can't believe I have no interceptions. Jamar Fletcher and Terrence Holt got one before me this season. I'm a big-play guy. I need to make that happen," he said.

Fernando Bryant is getting back, which is good. The backups haven't been very good. Kenoy Kennedy has been out with injury. Daniel Bullocks is still making rookie mistakes. Chalk up another marking as ... two Wayne-Os.

#### LINEBACKERS

Ernie Sims has led the team in tackles. He seems to be a solid first-round draft choice for Matt Millen. Everyone knows that Millen needed to do something in the draft. USC quarterback Matt Leinart was the popular choice, but the Lions went with Sims instead.

Paris Lenon has been serviceable and Boss Bailey seems to get more athletic all the time. They still don't have a true middle linebacker in the classic sense. Teddy Lehman is finally getting back on the practice field and Alex Lewis is coming back soon, as well. This position has given up some big plays, but ... three Wayne-Os.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Chuck Priefer is a very good coach. Eddie Drummond is<sup>a</sup>still a threat to take one back for six each time he touches the football. Only problem is, Drummond hasn't taken one back since 2004. Az Hakim returned as a receiver and punt returner and has been less than adequate.

Coverage has been decent at times, but some big opposition returns have given teams terrific field position. They haven't been a major problem.

Nick Harris can't seem to pin teams deep anymore on his punts. Jason Hanson is still Mr. Reliable. This unit is kind of an enigma. Hanson gives it credibility. Three Wayne-Os.

#### COACHING

Rod Marinelli has all the coach-speak down pat. He seems to be doing the best job possible with the talent he has. Injuries are never an excuse for Marinelli. His team seems to like what he has to offer in his first head coaching position.

Martz took the Rams to the Super Bowl as a head coach. As the Lions offensive coordinator, he is a cut above what's been here the past decade. Defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson still has a lot of work to do to make that defense viable on a weekly basis.

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The 1-6 record takes this down a Wayne-O. Even a second victory before the bye week might have added an extra notch. Marinelli himself knows he has a long way to go. Two Wayne-Os.

There it is — the first-ever Wayne Fontes-meter to grade out the Lions. Have fun with your own system. Get your friends together for a Fontes party and let the Wayne-Os begin. After all, it's the bye week.

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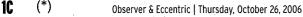
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## MAINTAINING OR BREAKING A CONFIDENCE



Few people would deny that maintaining confidentiality is important, but a confidence isn t always

clear-cut. How do you know when to disclose and when to keep quiet?

Janie Fritz, associate professor of Communication and Rhetorical Studies at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, says that a reputation as a person who will protect truly personal (non-work-related) issues, has the potential to be careerenhancing.

Karla Robertson, principal at Shifting Gears in Howell, N.J., agrees. She states that because of the difficult nature of work and increasing stress, It s a great gift to be a person in whom others can confide and feel safe in doing so. Keeping confidences shows character, trustworthiness and sense of honor. It can (also) help relieve the pressure if people can talk to each other in confidence.

However, the burden can be heavy. Stever Robbins of The Stever Robbins Company in North Cambridge, Mass., tells a story about a client with access to salary data for everyone in his company. That confidential information, for better or worse, he says, affects my client s attitude about his own job and salary.

IDENTIFICATION

Not every confidence is prefaced with between us or and this is confidential. Robbins advises assuming that customer records, company plans, product plans, and anything medical or financial is confidential. Robertson points out that some confidentiality agreements are spelled out in contracts. If you have difficulty determining what s confidential, watch for anything that moves attention off-task and onto other issues a lot, says Fritz. Robertson agrees, considering discussions about other people and details about an individual s personal life confidential.

What do you do when you don t have a contract? There are never any guarantees these days regarding this topic, sadly, Robertson concedes. We need contracts instead of handshakes to keep everyone honest. Use your common sense if someone doesn t tell you to not tell anyone else. Less is more here. If you re not sure, then don t share it.

DISCLOSURE

Fritz says that rules and norms about confidentiality vary. She observes that a company s product or service is the good that is to be protected and promoted. So don t keep confidences from your boss, unless he s abusive or harassing. You may act very differently in a company culture that celebrates what she calls personal disclosure and expressiveness.

Robbins suggests that you consider whether sharing the information would improve the workplace. He echoes Robertson with his when in doubt, don t rule. For example, even if you re against a policy of non-disclosure about salary data, don t disclose.

Robbins further indicates that whistleblowing in some ways could be considered a violation of confidence of sorts, but you have an ethical obligation to disclose. The public norm says that the organization needs to be protected, to trump the personal. He doesn t mention, however, that our legal system often compels people to speak up.

When do vou dare break confidence other than, perhaps, to your boss? If someone shares in confidence a wrong-doing related to work, Fritz explains, you then have a burden placed upon you. If you cant convince that person to confess the wrong-doing, you have an obligation to protect the company. A woman once told me about a 20-year friendship that was broken when her best friend at work became engaged in unethical activities. The woman refused to keep quiet about it. The issue was brought to light and the friendship met its end.

Robbins mentions that it s acceptable to break a confidence when

required by law or after obtaining permission from the person who relayed the confidential information. Robertson stipulates some other possible situations -- if you believe a person will physically hurt others or himself, do something illegal or damage the company or an individual. Otherwise, when in doubt,



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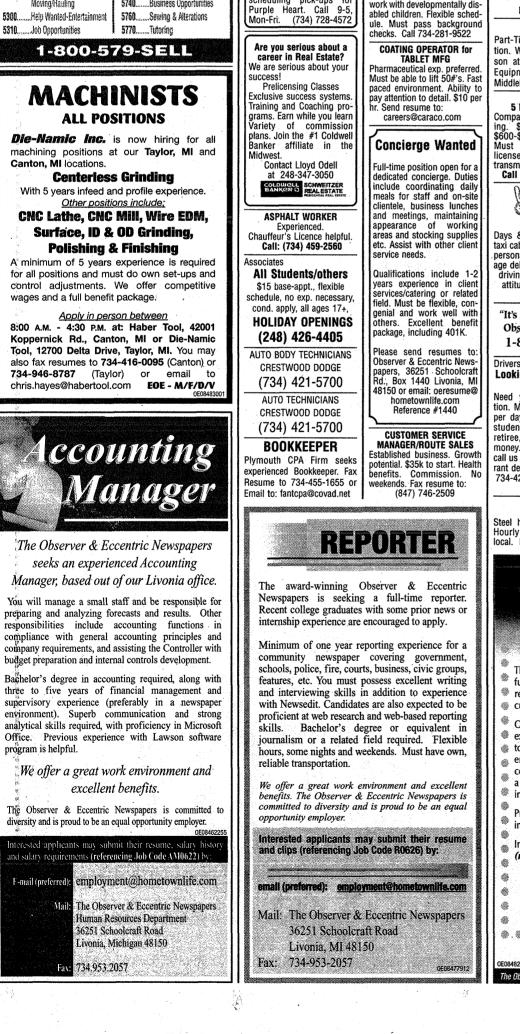
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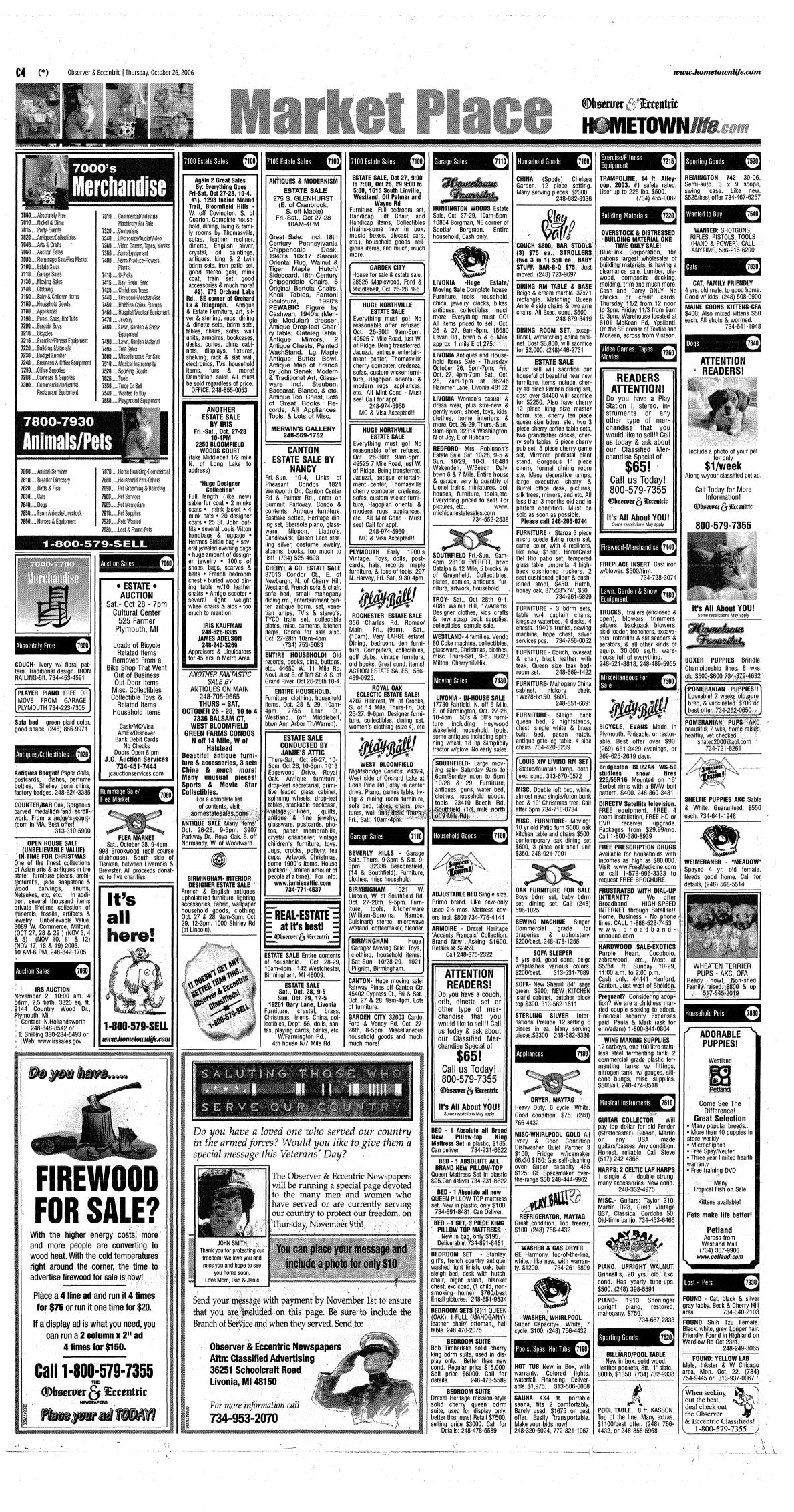
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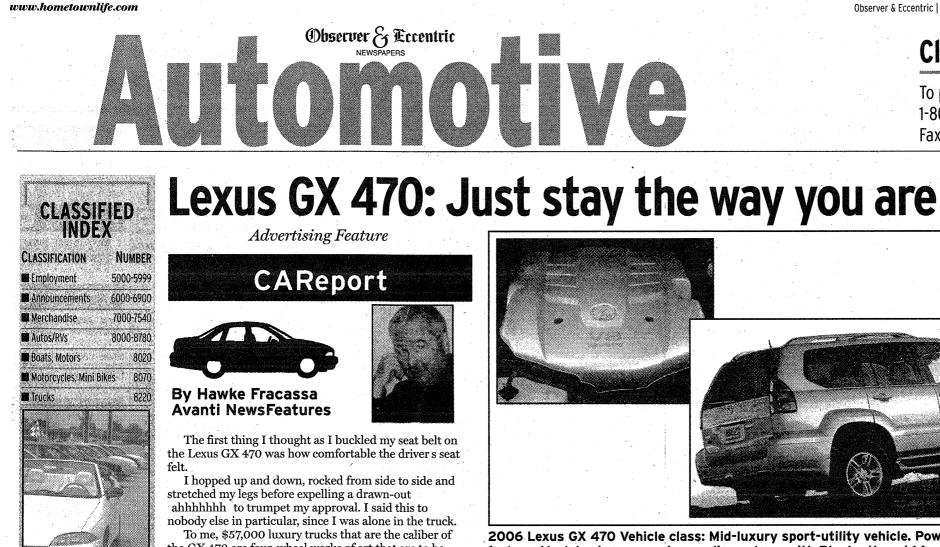
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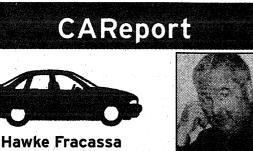
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The first thing I thought as I buckled my seat belt on the Lexus GX 470 was how comfortable the driver s seat

I hopped up and down, rocked from side to side and stretched my legs before expelling a drawn-out ahhhhhhh to trumpet my approval. I said this to

nobody else in particular, since I was alone in the truck. To me, \$57,000 luxury trucks that are the caliber of the GX 470 are four-wheel works of art that are to be savored, pampered and appreciated.

If you want point A to point B transportation, buy an old Ford Pinto or a rickshaw. If you want high-class wheels, the GX 470 is an ideal place to start.

The GX 470 s ride is as smooth as a tumbler of Glen Fiddich on a sun-scorched summer Sunday.

What about rocky roads? Well, this truck absorbs potholes and bumps as well as a Hovercraft gliding over a still lake.

Acceleration is amazing. While the GX 470 is no sports car by any means, it gives off a throaty purr to tell you whatever power you need can be had for the asking.

Its 4.7-liter V8 engine delivers up to 263 horsepower and that can come in handy when hauling your cabin cruiser or the Boblo Boat.

The GX 470 comes with snow and mud tires standard, but do we really want to drag something this beautiful through the mud?

This is no Ugly Betty, so if you want to go off-roading, get something uglier, like a Pontiac Aztec, or something sturdier, like a Jeep Wrangler.

We took our test GX 470 to northern Michigan and it took to the road with a vengeance. The engine responded ably, I was able to thread through tight traffic with pinpoint control and there was enough room in the truck to haul two kids, two dogs and stuff that included a power washer, two weed whackers and five loads of dirty clothes. One of the coolest things about the GX 470 is its

premium sound system. This thing is to die for. Its a Mark Levinson 14-speaker 240-watt premium audio system. The sound is just incredible. It s an experience to be enjoyed.

As we have come to expect from Lexus, it has already



2006 Lexus GX 470 Vehicle class: Mid-luxury sport-utility vehicle. Power: V8 engine. Cool feature: Mark Levinson premium audio package with Bluetooth and 14-speaker sound system. Mileage: 15 city / 19 highway. Where built: Tahara, Japan. Base price: \$46,535. Price as tested: \$56,807.

outdone itself in creating an even better sound system. Just this week, Lexus came out with a 19-speaker premium sound system in the new LS 460. Wow!

We Americans buy about 450,000 mid-luxury SUVs a year and between 7 and 8 percent of these buyers typically have chosen the segment-leading GX 470 since it made its debut as a 2003 model in September 2002.

That means about 35,000 Americans a year choose this particular truck. Through September, Lexus had sold just under 19,000 GX 470s this calendar year.

This down sales year is a little confusing to me because it seems to me that Lexuses, which used to be rare, are now everywhere --in my neighborhood and in yours.

The luxury brand born in 1989 that was once upon a time only for the elite and seemingly unattainable for everyday Americans is now owned by more than just the Joneses.

Lexus is here, it s there, it s everywhere. It has survived the Buy American onslaught to gain acceptance from discerning Americans based purely on the quality of the workmanship.

Conversely, the Japanese have taken a cue from their American counterparts by incorporating services like General Motors OnStar juggernaut.

People who work for Lexus Link can remotely lock or unlock doors and activate their horns and lights. Something Lexus calls Directions Plan gives GX 470 owners route data and other important information. My favorite service is the Lexus Link Concierge

Advisor, who can make travel and hotel reservations for

me and buy tickets to games. Is it just me, or wouldn t you think that someone who could afford a Lexus would have someone already available who can do these things?

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This concierge service, Lexus says in a news release, can even provide for personal needs. I am wondering how far Lexus will go in providing personal services.

Remember that five loads of dirty laundry? Hmmmm

I say this because such a promise seems to go well beyond servicing the Lexus itself. Maybe Lexus is taking a page from GM s Saturn playbook.

Saturn for years has had mediocre cars but awesome customer service. Saturn owners will tell you how much they like going to the dealership to get service because the salesman knows their names and is so friendly.

To be honest, I would rather just have a great car like a Lexus that never breaks down and never needs service. I do not care if the salesman knows my name because if I am seeing him, it means something bad has happened to my car. Because I am provided service with a smile doesn t make me smile.

Saturn, for its part, recognizes and acknowledges this gap and for 2007 has substantially stepped up the quality of its vehicles.

At Lexus, there is no need to step up the quality of the GX 470. It s already awesome.

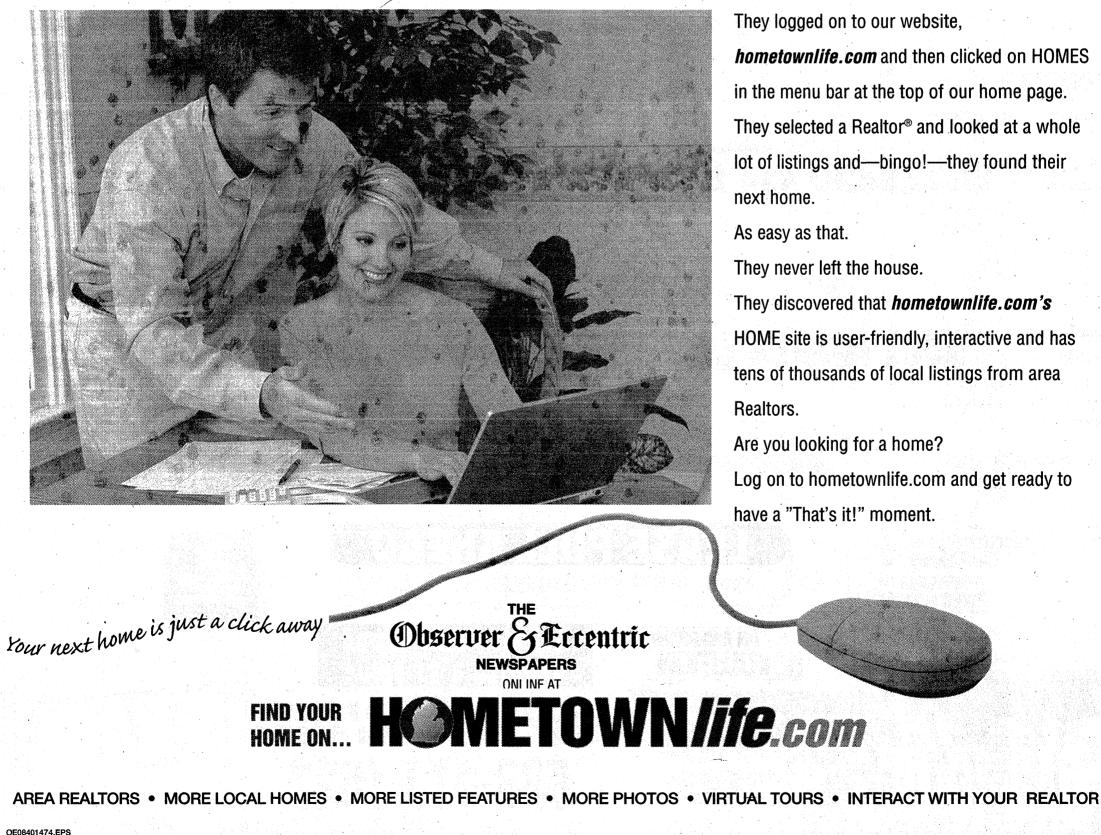
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### Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

by J.L. Sims Independent ad features

Livonia. MI - A Livonia dealer is selling 2006 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2006 models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmer-ized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2006 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$233 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low. today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans. if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2006, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

John Rogin Buick sold over 150 Buick LaCrosse & Pontiac Grand Prix's in the first 30 days of their sale.

A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more

2006 Pontiac Grand Prixs than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2005 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the preowned 2006 vehicles. The low financing on new 2006's has left the used models unnoticed and over-looked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows.

So, once again, John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they

currently stock the largest inventory of 2006 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2006's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone,

along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain ... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

A Beautiful Buick

the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175horsepower V-6 boasting 20mpg city and 29mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need

The 2001-2006 Buicks were for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

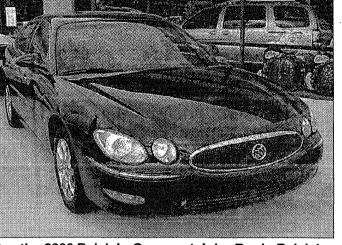
The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its' luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, sixposition tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes, 100.000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions. Wow.



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the preowned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from

throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its engine value of \$24,000 list price new. While they last. © J.L. Sims - 2006

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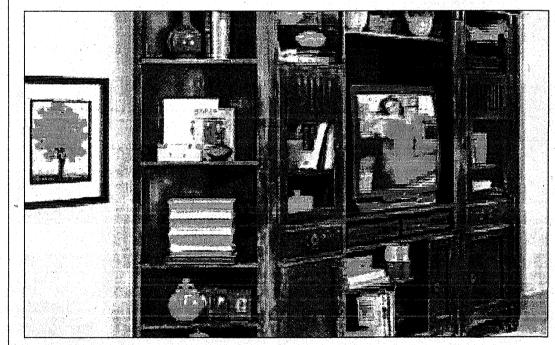




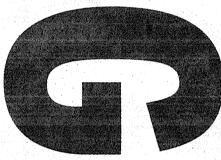
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it will bring the family back together," he said. "Friends are also drawn to game rooms, making homes with this attraction the place to be."

Rose Rea of LaBaron's Billiards & Game Room Supply in Sterling Heights adds that another advantage of an at-home game room is that it is a safe place for the youngsters to be.

"When kids are having fun at home, their parents don't have to worry about where they are or with whom."

At-home entertainment for all members of the family is the top reason that game rooms have grown in popularity in American homes.

Hickling says that it used to be that a pool table was put in the basement to create a game room.

Now the game room has moved upstairs and often includes not only the billiards table, but a poker table, a home theater and/or a number of other game tables, such as foosball, air hockey

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Trick out your PC to enjoy games

ove computer games? You can enjoy them even more by tweaking your PC with a few strategic upgrades and accessories.

Let's start with the video card, the single most important piece of gamerelated hardware in your PC. Unless you bought an expensive and/or custom-built machine, chances are you've got little graphics horsepower under the hood.

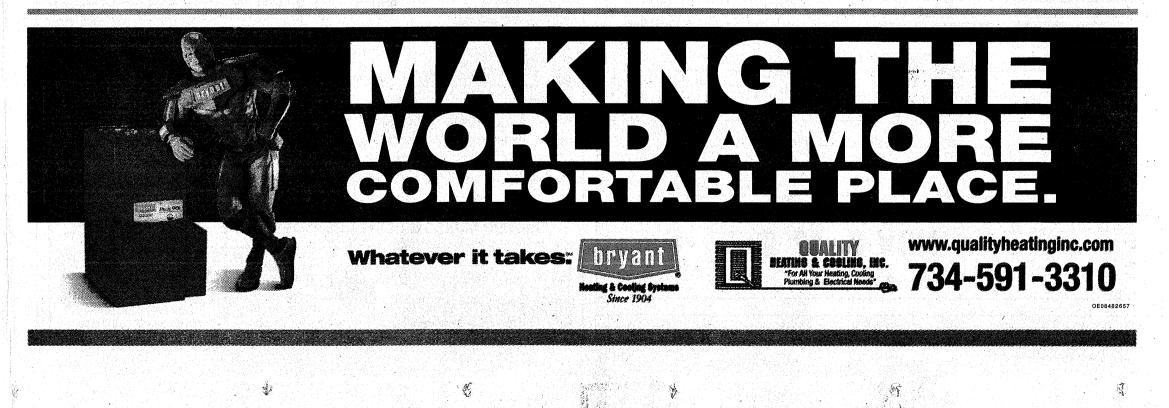
As a result, certain games might run slowly and at less-than-optimal reso-

lutions.

You can remedy that with a video card upgrade, by which I mean replacing the existing card with something that has a faster graphics processor. This is for desktop PCs only; notebook users can't upgrade their video cards.

First, make sure your machine can accept a new card. Many budget PCs have built-in graphics chips and no

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slot to accommodate a standalone video card.

You may need to check the manual or call the manufacturer to see what upgrade options are available for your system.

As for what card to buy, let your wallet be your guide. Unless you're really, really serious about games, you don't need a high-falutin' video card that costs more than the whole computer.

No joke: The top-shelf cards sell for as much as \$600. But you can get a fast card that will improve the appearance and performance of your favorite games for as little as \$150.

That's the price, for example, of the BFG Technologies GeForce 7600 GS OC, which comes with 512MB of onboard memory (so it won't unnecessarily tax your computer's primary memory).

That's a good choice if your computer is a bit on the older side and has an "AGP" video card slot.

If your machine has a PCI Express slot instead, as most newer models do, look for something like the ATI Radeon X1600, which sells for around \$200.

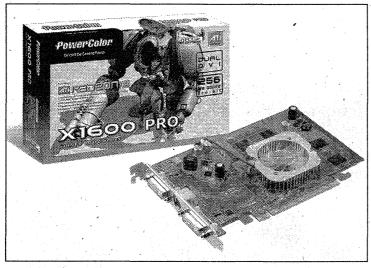
Installing a new video card isn't terribly complicated, but if you're not comfortable venturing inside your computer's case, the techs at stores like Best Buy and CompUSA will do the job for a small fee.

Once you've got the new card in place, consider a new monitor to go with it. Widescreen LCDs are the big trend these days, and just as widescreen TVs make movies look better, a broad monitor can really enhance your favorite games.

The Dell E207WFP and Samsung SyncMaster 205BW are 20-inch widescreen LCDs that sell for around \$300.



If your PC came with cheap, low-end speakers, consider replacing them with the Logitech X-530 system, which surrounds you with sound.



A new video card like the ATI Radeon X1600 can really put some pep in your game graphics.

Two added perks to using a widescreen monitor: You can enjoy letterboxed movies on your PC, and you can use the extra screen estate to keep more windows open.

#### SOUND JUDGMENT

.Most computers come with cheap, anemic speakers. By investing \$100 or so in a good speaker system, you can really make games come to life. At \$80, the Logitech X-530

5.1 Stereo Sound System is hard to beat. It comes with five satellites and a subwoofer, so

it's as good for movies as it is for games.

I'm not a big fan of wires snaking all over the place, though, which is what you get from a six-speaker setup.

I'd rather have two powerful satellites and a subwoofer, which is why I'm partial to the Klipsch ProMedia GMX A-2.1 System, which sells for \$150.

Of course, you can skip the speakers altogether and invest in a good pair of headphones, which many gamers would argue offers the most immersive sound experience.

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Pro 1 Digital Stereo PC Gaming Headset plugs into a USB port (no messing around with complicated audio jacks) and includes a microphone for in-game communication. (You can also use it for voice-over-IP phone calls if you're a Skype user.)

Finally, get yourself a good controller, especially if you're into sports or platform games. One of the best is Microsoft's

Xbox 360 Controller for Windows. Though obviously designed for Xbox consoles, it works equally well with PC games. It sells for \$40.

#### WHAT TO PLAY

I can't let a gaming column go without throwing out a few recommendations.

Call of Duty 2 offers whiteknuckled World War II combat action. And it was recently featured on the hit show The Office, so you know it's cool.

For a more strategic take on WWII, try Company of Heroes. It's quite possibly the best realtime strategy game since Command & Conquer: Generals (which is still a blast, by the way).

Players who like to go adventuring should try Sam & Max Episode 1: Culture Shock, a hilarious and thoroughly entertaining puzzle-solving mystery.

Budding pilots should be sure to pick up Microsoft's Flight Simulator X, the most realistic and beautiful-looking flight simulator I've seen yet. Just be sure your PC has a lot of horsepower, otherwise your flights will be choppier than a puddle-jumper to Aspen.

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# Sunrooms can help improve energy efficiency

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Homeowners concerned about rising heating and cooling bills shouldn't rule out adding a sunroom onto their homes.

After all, with improved glass technology, insulation and flooring all contributing to the energy efficiency of sunrooms, they just might want that room for a little escape and relaxation, all year long.

The sunroom's predecessor, the three-season room, used to consist of little more than a screened-in sun porch.

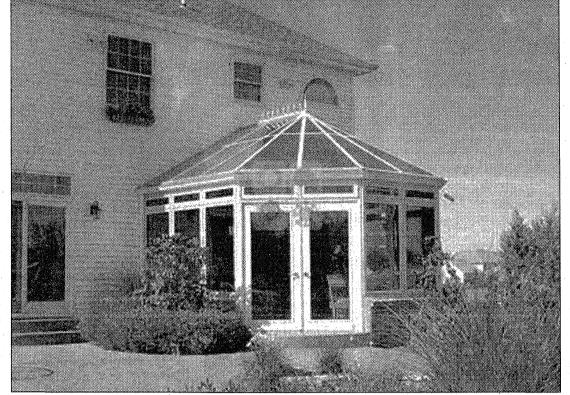
It appeared to be misnamed because it wasn't always used all three seasons. Cold weather often intrudes well into spring and fall. and those rooms often sat unused during that cold weather.

But that's all changing now with improved building materials. Often these rooms are built off kitchens, so it's important for many homeowners to keep the light coming into the kitchen area.

"What we've concentrated on is keeping the light coming into the house and not darken these areas," said Bob Clark, owner of Four Seasons Sunrooms in Ann Arbor.

#### GLASS

The glass technology (Conservaglass) allows light to



The Conservatory is Four Seasons Sunrooms' most popular style of sunroom chosen by customers these days.

enter the room, yet it removes 93 percent of the ultraviolet rays.

According to the company's Web site, Conservaglass uses up to nine different microscopic coatings of silicon nitride, titanium nitride, zinc oxide and silver "to create a glass product that reduces the relative heat gain, glare and UV damage that competitors face

with regular low-e glazing. "We maximize the view," Clark said. "(The sunroom) takes the outdoors and brings it indoors."

The Conservatory, the most popular unit sold by Four Seasons in Ann Arbor, brings

FOUR SEASONS SUNROOMS OF ANN ARBOR

There are 16 different styles

of sunrooms, and windows can

be spaced from 3-1/2 to 5 inch-

es. Interiors can consist of

light in on three sides.

in that room and watch the storm blow through, to look at it and watch the action."

The glass roof allows you to see the skies unobstructed. Clark estimates that 90 percent of his customers order the glass roofs.

The rooms average 12 by 16 feet, but Clark just installed a pool enclosure in Dearborn Heights that was 49 by 27.

#### VINYL

Tim Sass, branch manager for Patio Enclosures of Novi, said vinyl is the new trend.

"In the last five years, vinyl has come to its own place," Sass said.

Vinyl isn't a load-bearing component, so the structure still needs to be built with wood or steel, Sass said. The room's header system has eight separate components to help with expansion and contraction, he said.

"With the temperature change from the outside to the inside, you can't have any infiltration," Sass said.

Patio Enclosure's solarium is popular and so is the All-View room, Sass said."We don't attempt to make a product fit you," Sass said. "We want it to fit you."The Super Spacer window stops the argon gas from seeping out of the window. Sass said. Super Spacer windows are made of structural

non-metallic foam with millions of tiny insulating air pockets.

#### **FLOORING**

Cork flooring is popular in sunrooms, Clark said. Homeowners needn't be

concerned about heating these floors either, because sunrooms also have Nuheat flooring - an infloor electrical heating system.

Pre-built like an electric blanket, the Nuheat floor warming system is an electrical radiant floor warming system.

The Nuheat system provides warm floors and soothing comfort that keeps tile, stone, laminate and engineered wood surfaces at a just-right temperature.

Homeowners are showing variations in what they want for the sunroom floor.

"People put in everything (in sunrooms) from ceramic tile to hardwood, to Pergoes to carpet," Clark said. "We have a couple that are going with the cork."

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#### BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

Great rooms are great to arrange to your satisfaction. "Sectionals are very, very popular. Theater seating is very, very popular," said Jim Draper, Value City Furniture district manager.

"People want the maximum amount of seating in the minimum amount of space." And the spread of poker

games on TV has led to another favorite furnishing. "We have a whole big boom"

in poker tables, Draper said. "We have tables with remov-

able tops so the table can be like a regular table or a game table, then when you remove the top it becomes a full-blown poker table like on TV."

Pier cabinets are going strong, said Greg Mason of Mason Family Furniture in Livonia.

Plasma and other large TVs are placed on top of these consoles, which also provide storage space.

Sectional and modular pieces can accommodate any use of the room, whether it is a TV and entertainment center, a play area for children, or more of a place for conversation.

The size of the television and whether it is the focal point of the room is also something to

keep in mind.

Perhaps because of their large size, today's TVs are kept out more often than put away in armoires, Draper said.

"People want to show off the TV also," he said.

Larger "love-seat" chairs, and cocktail ottomans that can be used for storage, are other popular pieces in great rooms and entertainment rooms. Microfibers and leather are favorite materials.

in a half-moon shape) will give you that . . . great room effect," Draper said.

A sectional can serve as a room divider, Mason said. "It adds depth," he said.

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#### house," Clark said. "But I had a customer who wanted to stand

#### wood, aluminum or vinyl. "Most of the time when you see a storm, you run into the

"Great rooms are all getting to be like condos or apartments," in that the rooms are open and flow together, Mason said.

Because of this, many people choose furniture collections where pieces in one room, such as a sofa and loveseat, match pieces in another area, such as dining tables.

Great rooms don't have to be great in size.

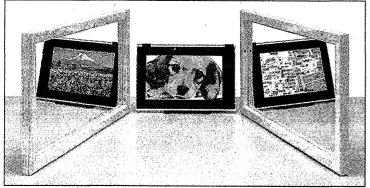
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## Fabulous LIVING 2006

# Which television is best for you? Depends on the month



Sharp Triple Directional Viewing LCD is demonstrated using mirrors. Three things can be viewed at once by people seated in three different angles. The person seated in the center can watch the dog, the person on the left can watch the nature screen and the person seated on the right can browse the map, for example.

#### BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

It's seemingly impossible to keep up with technology.

Sure, everyone wants the best and latest in quality. But no matter how much money is spent on, for example, a television, chances are that in a few months something new will come along.

So, when choosing a new television, the first rule of thumb is: Don't be upset if you buy the latest and greatest only to see something new six months later.

Just choose what you need,

and try to be happy with it. After all, you're going to have that TV for a few years.

What to choose from? Choices are endless but here are a few examples:

#### EXAMPLES

At Samsung, new technology has led to great improvement on plasma weaknesses. Clearer images on the screen can now be seen in bright artificial light, daylight and darkness. Samsung achieved an

improved picture with its FilterBright Plus technology that makes it possible to block external light without lowering the brightness through maximizing the internal light.

"The most important factor that makes consumers buy large-screen digital TVs is the image quality," said Sangheung Shin, senior vice president of Samsung Electronics Visual Display Division.

"We plan to maintain our status of being the leader in digital TVs by continually introducing new plasma TVs that possess sharp image quality and are suitable for multimedia, like watching sports or movies."

Samsung Electronics' new plasmas also contain the newly developed Smooth Motion Driver technology.

Sharp Corporation has developed a Triple Directional Viewing LCD, a screen that controls the viewing angle so the display can show different images from the left, right and center simultaneously.

You know how it is. One of the downfalls of flatscreen TVs is that the viewing isn't always the same depending on the angle where you're seated. Last year, Sharp developed two products for controlled viewing angle: the two-way viewing-angle LCD and the switchable viewing-angle LCD. They are already in use in products like car navigation systems and mobile phones.

The Sharp Triple Directional Viewing LCD takes controlled viewing-angle technology a step further. It's described as follows:

"Using a proprietary parallax barrier on a standard TFT LCD, the screen splits light in three directions – left, right and center – and displays three separate images on the same screen at the same time." It's one LCD playing three roles at once.

The example: People in a van. The driver uses a car navigation system screen, the person in the passenger seat views tourist sites and the person seated in the back seat watches a DVD, all in full-screen view, according to Sharp.

At Westinghouse, one of the top five LCD TV manufacturers in the U.S., new models were recently released including LCD HDTV/DVD combos, models LTV-32w4HDC and LTV-40w1HDC, the first frontloading TV/DVD combos.

Until recently, flat-panel TVs with built-in DVD players had trays that slid out from the side, top or back and were only available in smaller TV sizes, according to Westinghouse. It's described as follows:

"The Westinghouse LCD TV/DVD combos feature electronic front-loading 'auto wake' slot that detects when a disc (CD or DVD) is inserted and automatically powers the TV on, switches to DVD or CD source, and plays the movie or music.

If the TV is already on and a DVD is inserted into the slot, 'auto select' is activated and switches to the DVD, whether the viewer is watching TV, playing video games or using other sources."

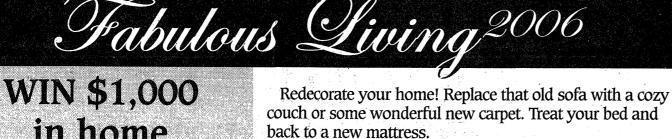
"With these TVs consumers can watch the latest high-definition content as well as save space in their homes by eliminating an extra DVD component," said Rey Roque, vice president of marketing at Westinghouse Digital Electronics.

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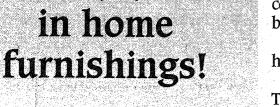
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# Beds come in broad bevy of choices

(MS) - Ask a number of people what their favorite room in their apartment or house is and you're likely to get a variety of answers.

Some might enjoy the serenity of a den or reading room, while others might enjoy the isolation of a good basement.

Ask those same people where they'd prefer to be most comfortable in their home, and the answers could be more uniform: their bedroom.

A good bed is a welcome sight at the end of a long day for most people, affording them the chance to rest up in absolute comfort or sleep in late on rainy mornings.

Part of what makes a bed a good bed is the type you choose, since not all beds are made for all people or places.

#### PLATFORM BEDS

Platform beds are arguably the simplest choices, coming without a box spring and oftentimes without a head- or footboard. That makes them rather easy to assemble, something that appeals to people who are moving without the help of a professional service.

What's also appealing about platform beds is that, thanks to their lack of head- or footboards and box springs, they're easy to move around.

Platform beds are often the ideal choice for apartment dwellers whose quarters are more confined, as they leave more space for other amenities.

#### **SLEIGH BEDS**

Framing Month.

Sleigh beds look exactly as their name would suggest: like an old-fashioned sleigh. Among the most aesthetically appealing types of beds, sleigh beds boast an upward curving

#### **SIZING UP YOUR NEXT** MATTRESS

Oftentimes what makes a bed most comfortable is the room it allots its occupant or occupants.

People generally find that the bigger the mattress, the more comfortable the bed.

The following rundown provides a quick glimpse of what size mattress you might want to consider for your next bed.

Twin - Generally only for children or smaller adults. At 39 inches by 75 inches, these aren't suited for grown men or women and don't provide much space even for smaller adults.

Full size - At 54 inches by 75 inches, the full size (or double, as it was once called) can prove sufficient for one or two smaller adults. Full XL size - These mattresses are slightly bigger (at 54 inches by 80 inches) than full size, so taller adults will find them more comfortable.

choice at 60 inches by 80 inches, these are both wide enough and long enough to comfortably accommodate two average-sized

inches by 80 inches, king-size mattresses are typically only necessary for taller adults.

headboard and footboard, creating a sense of style and coziness.

and footboards, however, sleigh beds might not be the best choice for apartment dwellers or those with loftstyle bedrooms that don't boast an abundance of space.

#### **UPHOLSTERED BEDS**

who likes to read in bed before they go to sleep at night, as the headboards are upholstered with fabric that is both soft and supportive of the back.

When buying such a bed, be sure to bring along a picture or design of your bedroom, as the color scheme of your room can be incorporated into the head-

#### WATERBEDS

boards.

While they were more popular years ago, waterbeds still have their devotees.

Much of those devotees cite the back support their waterbed provides because waterbeds are known to distribute weight and avoid pressure spots. That makes for a

asthma or allergies.

heavy, making them a lessthan-ideal choice for anyone with a smaller apartment or

Those with more ample. might want to consider a

Resembling a sofabed, futons typically come with a wooden frame and a thin mattress on top. The futon's owner determines how to best use it. whether as a sofa or a bed.

One thing to look for in a futon is not just price, but how comfortable the mattress is.

Whereas older futons were widely known to have paperthin mattresses that weren't very comfortable, nowadays most still boast thin but more supportive mattresses.

**CHEST BEDS** 

A chest bed is a particular type of platform bed that offers more aesthetic appeal as well as practicality.

Chest beds are so called because they have a chest of drawers or compartments built into them.

In lieu of nothing but space underneath the mattress, chest beds essentially provide users with a built-in dresser, particularly valuable for people with limited space.

**BUNK BEDS** 

Certainly not the choice for adults, bunk beds can be ideal for young children who either have limited space or just want to sleep in the same bedroom.

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Bunk beds can even be fun for youngsters, and they take up less space than having two beds in the same room.

Be careful to ask about weight or age specifications for certain bunk beds, as most are made with children of a certain age and size in mind.



October is National Art & around each frame on a piece

of newspaper. Cut out and hang the newspaper samples (taped to the wall with small designed to promote the enjoyment of art as part of daily life.

The National Art & Framing Month Council offers the following tips for hanging pictures:

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Art & Framing Month was

Not too high! This is the most common mistake when hanging pictures.

Think in terms of eye level, so that the eye of the average viewer falls about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the way down from the top of the picture. This should be about 55 to 58 inches from the floor.

Hanging a picture next to a lamp or low table where the viewer will be seated? It's eye level again, except the level of the eye will be much lower. The picture should look connected to the grouping.

Be sure to use hangers that are strong enough to hold the weight of the picture.

Two hangers are better than one; the weight will be distributed and the picture will be less likely to shift. A custom frame shop will typically provide two hangers for the framed item.

■ Is the wall strong enough? You may need special hangers that won't pull out or droop down. There are hangers for all types of walls; be sure to use the right one.

When hanging a pair or trio of pictures, group them together so they relate to one another instead of appearing to float in a large space on the wall.

Keep the distance between pictures small - just a few inches apart.

When hanging a picture wall, create alignments, so the viewer's eye has lines to follow. These visual lines may be horizontal or vertical. Any two frames should have a common line, horizontally or vertically.

Keep the spaces between pictures nearly equal - 2 to 4 inches apart.

All types of art can be hung together. Drawings, paintings, collages; traditional or modern subjects; picture walls can be the gathering place for an interesting collection of art and photographs.

Here are two ways to "audition" a picture wall: 1. Arrange and rearrange the pictures on a floor until satisfied with the layout.

2. Make templates by tracing



### Save time with easy New online wine portal covers North America painting pointers

(MS) - The walls and ceilings throughout a home usually form the backdrop for room furnishings, drapes and other decorations.

Choosing a color can be hard enough, but choosing the right kind of paint can be just as important.

At a home center, it's easy to get overwhelmed by aisle after aisle of paints and equipment. No matter how many different

varieties there are, they all fit into a number of broad categories. Flat latex paint is waterbased and has a dull. matte finish. It remains one of the more

popular options because it's user-friendly - easy to work with and low odor.

Flat latex is suitable for all walls and ceilings, especially those freshly plastered, since it allows the plaster to dry out thoroughly.

Vinyl flat latex is waterbased, but it's easier to clean than traditional flat latex paint; it dries to a wipeablematte finish.

It's also more durable - suitable for all walls – since the paint's matte properties help to conceal many surface imperfections

🕷 an you define an AVA? It's the acronym for American Viticultural Area.

For all practical purposes, appellation, the more frequently used term around the globe, and AVA are synonyms. Currently, there are 172

AVAs throughout the 50 United States. More than half - 93 - are in California.

Michigan has four AVAs including Lake Michigan Shore, Fennville, Leelanau Peninsula and Old Mission Peninsula.

Across the United States, AVAs range in size from the miniscule 62-acre Cole Ranch in Mendocino, Calif., to the 26,000-square-mile Ohio River Valley AVA.

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#### EXCELLENT

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2003 St. Francis Pagani Vineyard Reserve \$37 (unique style aged in 100 percent American oak)

2004 Rancho Zabaco Stefani Vineyard \$28

2004 Girard Old Vine Napa Valley \$24

2003 Rodney Strong Knotty Vines Estate Vineyards \$19 (superb value)

#### **VERY GOOD**

2003 Paraduxx \$45 (64 percent zin with three Bordeaux varieties) 2004 Rancho Zabaco Russian River Valley \$28 2004 Kenwood Jack London Vineyard \$23 2004 Kenwood Jack London Vineyard \$23 (finesse with layered complexities) 2003 Napa Cellars Napa Valley \$20

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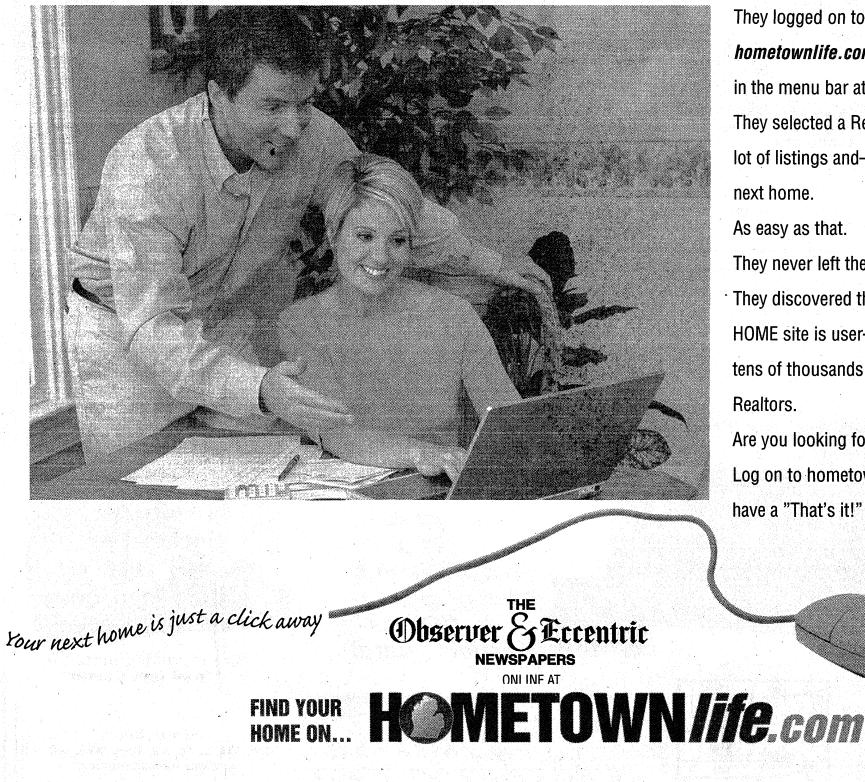


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### **GAME ROOM**

#### FROM PAGE DI

and shuffleboard.

"Speaking of shuffleboard," said Rea, "this game is making a comeback and shuffleboard tables are in great demand."

She says that this game is popular with all generations.

"Youths can enjoy this game with their grandfathers just as much as they can with their friends."

Shuffleboard tables are available in lengths ranging from 9 to 22 feet and are available with electronic scoring.

"Also the tables are offered in a variety of furniture styles to suit taste and decor."

#### FEATURES

According to Hickling, what goes into the game room depends on the homeowner's needs, the size of the space available and the budget.

He adds that a game room with a billiards table, two spectator seats (high chair that allows a good view of the action on the playing space) and a poker table with four chairs can cost as low as just under \$4,000 to anywhere up to \$80,000.

"We carry an artistically carved billiards table that is reminiscent of the Louis XIV period that costs \$16,000."

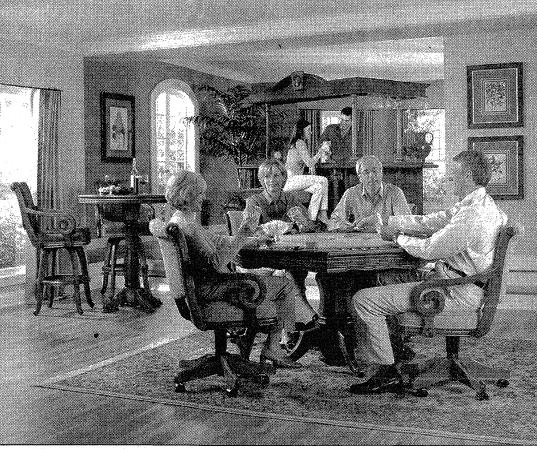
Decorations, such as lighting, carpeting and wall art are other considerations that add to the cost.

Currently one of the most popular spots being used as a game room is the dining room.

"In many homes, this space is rarely used for dining so it's being transformed with a billiards table taking the space that was once occupied by the dining room table," Hickling said.

Other spaces in the home, such as an extra bedroom, are also being used for the game room if the space is large enough.

While a billiards table traditionally has been a game



ALL STATE BULLIARDS & PATIO FURNITURE

A bar and barstools, pub table and stools, and poker table and chairs, all by California House, furnish this game room. The two-in-one poker table has a top that flips to a dining table. The pieces are available in thousands of different fabrics, finishes and woods.

shows on television and in

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room must, poker tables, available in a variety of furniture styles and wood finishes, have become popular during the past couple of years. This, according to

Hickling, mirrors the growth

of this card game on reality

public bars and lounges. Another popular feature in the game room is the home theater. "Family movie nights have

gained appeal," Hickling said.

This has led to the addition of a big screen TV and theater seating - comfortable chairs, some that recline and some providing a massage, that are placed next to each other in front of the screen to the game room.

There are a multitude of chair styles and fabric choices with leather taking the lead. A bar with stools is, for many, a game room essential.

"To provide uniformity to the room, a bar that matches the other furniture in the room is often selected." Two other popular game room additions, according to Rea, are a Ping-Pong table and a dart board.

"Since space often precludes having both billiards and Ping-Pong in the game room, we have a conversion top (it costs \$159) that turns the billiards table into a Ping-Pong table."

She adds that dart games, which cost from \$50 to \$1,000, are especially popular with college-age and young adults. TIPS

No matter what games and furniture are chosen for the game room, decorating experts say to paint the room in a bright and light color to raise the excitement level. Bright colors are identified with fun; dark colors, gloom. Another decorating tip is to section off the room if

space allows. Make one area for cards, board games, chess and checkers and conversation;

another area for the home theater; and the largest area for billiards, bar, electronic games and the jukebox.

### Accessorize your home theater to draw applause

Elizabeth of Livonia writes: "My husband and I have just finished renovating our lower level. We've always wanted a home theater room, so we included one in our design.

"The large screen TV is great and the furniture is very comfortable, but it just seems like an empty box. How much accessorizing should I do in a home theater?'

I am glad you took the time to add a room in your renovation that you've always wanted. Accessorizing a home theater space is very different from the

rest of your home. You will need to consider lighting and acoustics, and you don't want your accessories to compete with the main activity of the room, which is watching movies.

You didn't mention whether or not you have windows in your home theater room. Even the small, traditional basement

windows need to be addressed. Cover the windows with an operational drape or Roman shade. There may be times that vou will want to let in some natural light, so I would make the window treatments opera-

tional and not stationary. Choose heavy drapery fabric, and make sure you line it. If the fabric isn't heavy enough, you may need to use an inner lining, as well as an outer lining, to prevent light from filtering into your room.

Fabric draperies are a better option than blinds because of the sound absorption they provide.

During the construction phase of a home theater room, I usually recommend wall sconces placed higher on the wall and rope lighting along the floor's perimeter to prevent tripping in the dark.

The hard-wired lights should all be on dimmer switches to give vou the most lighting flexibility.

If you haven't hard-wired these types of lights in your home theater, you will need to consider portable lighting. A single, ceiling fixture doesn't



work well in a home theater. Portable lighting includes table lamps and floor lamps. You will

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> Guastella player and the controls. A couple of torchiere-style floor lamps could also work in the back corners of the room.

Remember, having adjustable light intensity is very important here. Most torchiere lamps come with a dimmer option.

If your new home theater has acoustic ceiling tiles and the walls are finished with drywall, make sure you carpet this room for optimal sound quality.

Now let's take a closer look at adding those decorative accessories.

Since this a room to watch movies in, try not to fill every space on the walls with tons of pictures that will distract the viewer from the television.

Movie posters are wonderful in a home theater; just make sure you exercise a little restraint in the number of posters you use.

The color you choose for the walls in a home theater looks best when it leans to the darker, or more saturated, palette. This contributes to the total movie theater experience.

Last, but not least, is the popcorn machine. If you have an open corner in your home theater, an old-fashioned popcorn machine looks great and smells great, too.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.



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# Fabulous LIVING 2006 Fireplaces: Efficient, inviting

**BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER** 

As a feature for the home, a fireplace is "hot" - a popular element that, because of today's designs, can be placed in any room.

"Around the country . . . there is one fireplace in 60 percent of the homes," said Dave Whittingham, president, Fireside Hearth & Home, which has showrooms in Canton and Utica. "In Michigan that's probably around 80 percent."

Great rooms are "very popudar" sites for fireplaces, he said. While fireplaces are desired for warmth and comfort, they can be customized to match the style and decor of a room, For to accommodate plasma TVs or other entertainment items above or around them. "An awful lot of people have wheir plasma TV above the fireplace," said Mike Scott, store manager at AllSeasons Spas and Fireplaces in Livonia. "That's real popular. It's nice looking at the TV and the fire-"place at the same time." New designs for fireplaces and other appliances help cut heating costs.

Fireplace units are efficient, some fueled by natural or propane gas, electricity and other sources, and easily turned on.

"Most people are looking for "heat efficiency," Scott said. "They don't want heat to escape through the chimney."

Wood-burning inserts, which can be placed in existing fireplaces, are popular, Scott said. One log can burn for eight hours in an insert and "heat a 2,000-square foot area. "The majority of the fireplaces we install are gas fireplaces," Whittingham said. "People don't want to be tethered to gathering firewood and then building a fire.

There are other examples of efficient fireplaces from which to choose.

Heat-duct technology directs much of the heat away from the



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The Mt. Vernon Advanced Energy System by Quadra-Fire has the latest state of the art technology, and burns more types of fuel (15). The system also has a fully computerized burn; a seven-day, programmable thermostat; a battery backup and a lifetime warranty.

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fireplace and into the cold air return ducting for the furnace.

This reduces the heat output of the fireplace when homeowners don't want it, and it returns it through the furnace, improving its efficiency.

Direct-vent fireplaces bring fresh air into a sealed firebox,

then distribute heat. Exhaust is expelled outside.

Vent-free gas fireplaces draw in air, then heat it and re-circulate it.

Smaller areas, as well as great rooms with soaring ceilings, can accommodate a fireplace.

A growing trend is fireplaces that are small enough to fit in a wall pocket, Whittingham said.

"We have nice designs for kitchens, nice designs for bathrooms, nice designs for bedrooms," he said.

Wood mantels and marble, granite and stone surrounds are examples of the materials with which to finish fireplaces.

When visiting a showroom and having a consultation, customers are encouraged to bring photos from magazines that illustrate what they have in mind, along with the measurements of the room.

"From that we can get to work," Whittingham said.

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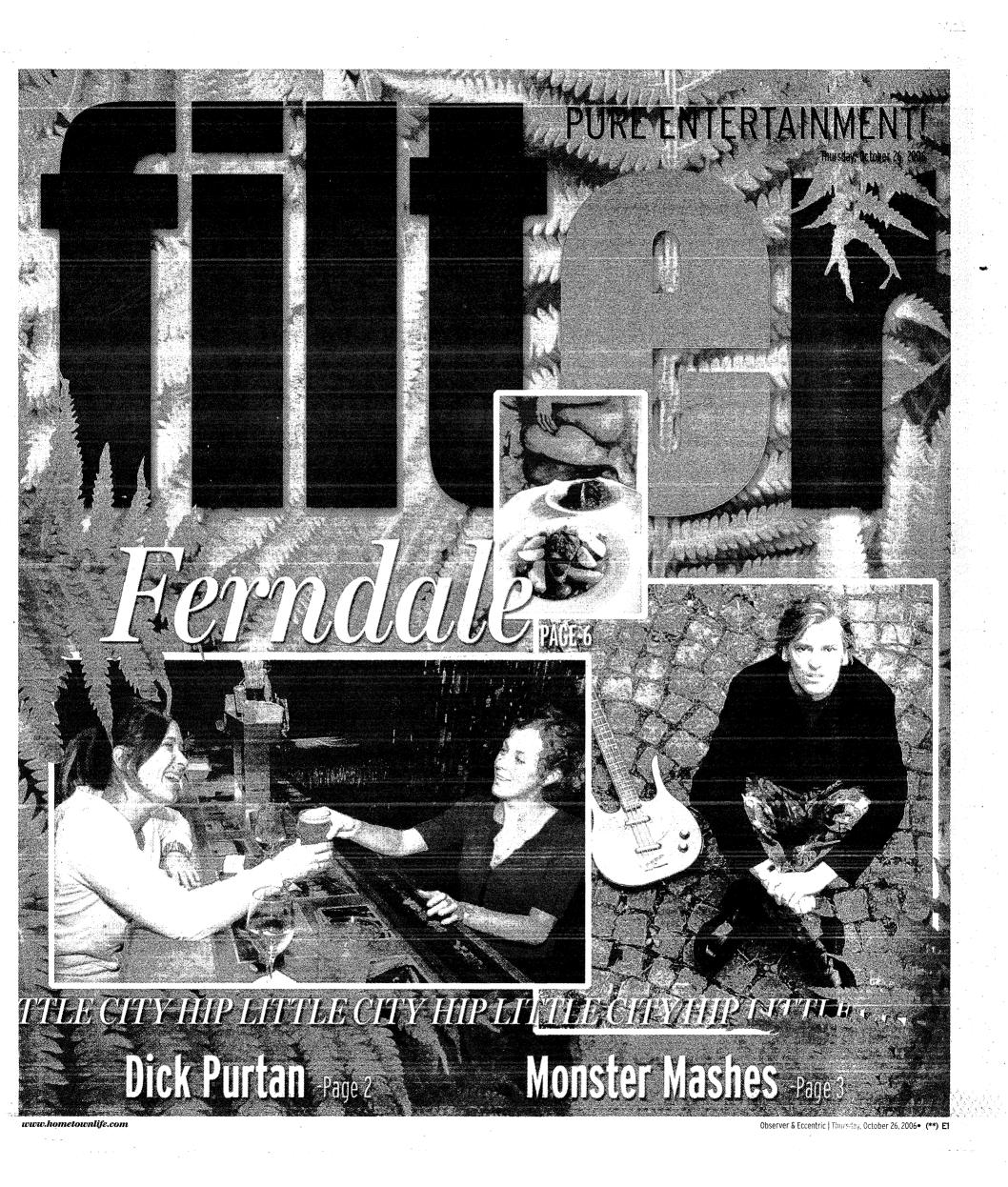




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# Costume quest shows Halloween spirit

ith Halloween just around the corner, I am on my annual quest for the perfect costume.

Sure, I'm on the radio and I could make up any costume I wanted and no one would be the wiser, but that's just plain wrong. We strive for authenticity on our little radio program and don't believe in faking it (unless we're just

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making stuff up).

You may wonder why this is such an important quest. Well, apparently Halloween is the third most popular holiday in the U.S., ranking just behind Christmas and Thanksgiving.

The reasons for this are likely the subject of several sessions of analysis, but I would venture a couple of possibilities.

The Inner Child – Dressing up in a costume on Halloween is a socially acceptable way of reliving vour childhood by acting

like a clown (or pirate or the Cowardly Lion).

The "cloak" of revelry allows us to be whom we cannot in our socially confining, 9-to-5 world. That, or we really like to wear Superman tights.

■ The Alter Ego – Who hasn't wanted to be – at some time or another – Captain Kirk? OK, so maybe that's just me, but the point is that by day we're accountants, lawyers and disc jockeys but on All Hallows Eve we're Jake or Elwood Blues.

The Shock Factor – Imagine the look on your co-workers' faces when you show up on the morning of the 31st dressed like Gene Simmons from Kiss! Imagine the look on your boss's face when he wonders why he just gave you the entire southwest territory.

Whatever your personal reason for costuming, you want to make sure you're fresh, current and topical.

So, I went surfing to get some ideas. I found a site called costumzee.com. They list the 100 most popular costumes.

This isn't meant as an endorsement of their site, as I'm sure their list has more to do with what is in their warehouse right now than with any scientific survey, but one has to start somewhere.

The list is chock full of the usual suspects – sailor, pirate, dog, NASCAR, clown and cheerleader.

However, if the pedestrian costume isn't up to your standards you can be Burger King (is it just me, or is that guy creepy-scary?), one of the X-Men, Super Mario (no, not Manningham), Davy Jones (the one from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, not the Monkees), Willy Wonka, an M (you'd need a partner to be considered M&M's) and even Michael Jackson (yes, nothing will scare the children on Halloween night as the pale, noseless face of the King of Pop!).

Analysis aside, we all know the real reason why everyone dresses up for Halloween: free candy!

The anticipation of opening the bag that night to see what treats and favorites you scored is almost as good a rush as the sugar high that is sure to follow.

So, as you're enjoying this year's bounty, think of me sitting at home in my Batman costume munching on a nice, fat-free granola bar.

No tricks. You can treat yourself to **Dick Purtan & Purtan's People** 5-10 a.m. every morning on 104.3FM WOMC.



# Inside this week's

**HOT TICKET – 3** Sample one of these Halloween parties this weekend.



#### **COVER - 6**

If you're looking for new places to go or have never been to Ferndale, take a look at our wrapup of events, bars and restaurants.

TABLE HOPPING - 8

Livonia features Mexican food in

Los Amigos Restaurante in

a former landmark Italian

restaurant.



#### GET OUT! - 10

Got no plans? Make some after you check out our expanded entertainment calendar of events.

BEYOND BAD — 13 Greg Kowalski gives us his "favorite" Halloween movies.





It's all about zombies! Zom-B-Cup (Danielle Arsenault) and Dana Forrester of rockers 60 Second Crush play at the Detroit Zombie A Go Go Halloween party Friday, Oct 27 at Small's.

# DOING THE MONSTER MASH!

Grab a costume and choose your poison at a Halloween bash this weekend.

High-energy posh nightclubs like the Elysium Lounge in Detroit and casual corner bars like the New Dodge in Hamtramck all host Halloween festivities this year.

There's even a creepy ball at Belle Isle.

Here's a sampling of some of the parties:

#### LAID-BACK AND FUN

The Second Guess Halloween show at the New Dodge begins 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Wear a costume and receive a free three-song EP featuring songs from Second Guess' upcoming record, *Coastality*. Located at 8850 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, (313) 874-5963, 21 and over \$5 and \$10 for those under 21. Visit www.thesecondguess.com for information.

The Second Guess is working to solidify a spot within the Detroit music scene. Its sound mixes the city's classic garage rock style with infectious melodies.

#### **DETROIT ZOMBIE A GO-GO**

Zombies will rise at Small's Bar in Hamtramck for a creepy night of rock and roll and ghoulish entertainment on Friday, Oct. 27.

Live music by rockers 60 Second Crush, industrial deviants Haf/Life, Country Bob and The Blood Farmers, and rockabilly upstarts Gashog. In addition to the live music there will be a performance of zombie burlesque by Hells Belles and Causing a Scene. Sinister sirens Zom-B-Cup and Sparkly Devil will MC the night. Doors open at 8 p.m., 21 and over welcome. Admission is \$7 with \$1 off



cover for those in costume. Located at 10339 Conant in Hamtramck, (313) 873-1117.

#### AT BELLE ISLE

There's a \$1,000 prize for best costume at The Morgue Ball taking place inside the old Belle Isle Casino at 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, with DJs Captn20, Urban Kris and Phil Agosta. Tickets are \$25 in advance and women are admitted free before 10 p.m. Valet parking. Located on Jefferson Avenue and East Grand Boulevard, Detroit. www.morgueball.com.

#### MICHAEL MYERS IS BACK

See Halloween's creepiest psycho at 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 30-31, the classic horror *Halloween* is back on the big screen for two nights of terror in 125 select movie theaters nationwide.

*Halloween*, the original 1978 teen horror classic, has been digitally remastered and will include onscreen interviews with cast members including Rob Zombie, writer/director of *Halloween 9* due out in October The Second Guess will host a Halloween show Oct. 27 at the New Dodge in Hamtramck.

2007. Tickets available at participating theater box offices and at www.bigscreenboxoffice.com for \$10.

It will be showing at Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake.

#### \$3,000 IN PRIZES

Elysium Lounge hosts the Halloween Hair Show and Competition on Saturday, Oct. 28. There's \$3,000 in cash and prizes for best hair, makeup, fashion and costume. Halloween hair show and competition. Call (313) 962-2244 or visit www.elysium-lounge.com for information. Located at 625 Shelby St. in Detroit.

#### NOSFERATU

The Michigan Theater will show this 1922 silent film at 8 p.m. Oct. 27 as Gillian Anderson performs with members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$6-\$20. Located at 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Call (734) 668-TIME or visit www.michtheater.org.

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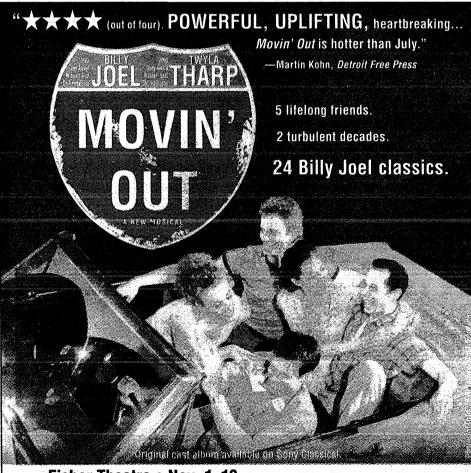
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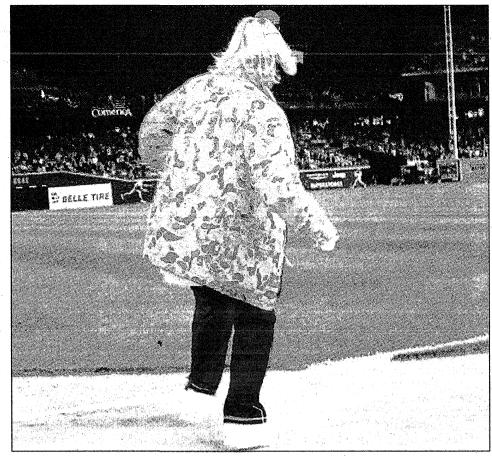
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### Holocaust remembered at exhibit

*Plymouth Remembers: Voices of the Holocaust* is the theme of an expansive collaborative effort of Plymouth cultural organizations during the month of November.

Inspired by the work of Holocaust survivor, Miriam Brysk of Ann Arbor, all the events commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust while celebrating the triumph of the human spirit through the magnificent art it inspired.

To kick off the collaboration, the Plymouth Community Arts Council will exhibit Brysk's work.

Her mixed-media photographs of Holocaust survivors in the powerful series, "In a Confined Silence," tell of the Jewish suffering and the artist's attempt to restore to them their dignity as Jews. Through her images, she hopes to honor and remember those who suffered.

All of the pieces in the exhibit began as photographs. Some are images of the artist's own family but most are from archival photos taken by the Nazis. Each piece in the exhibit is accompanied by explanatory text.

As part of this month-long exhibit at the PCAC, Miriam Brysk will host a reception from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 5. The public is welcome. Copies of the artist's new book, *Amidst the Shadows of Trees*, will be available. The memoir tells her extraordinary life story and sheds light on Jewish participation in resistance during World War II.

For more information on the exhibit or reception, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will participate in this program with a performance Nov. 18 at Northville High School. Opening this "Music of Remembrance" concert will be *Calm Seas* and *Prosperous Voyage Overture* by Nazibanned Jewish composer Felix Mendelssohn. Other works include *Babi Yar* by Shostakovich featuring a male chorus and *Three Pieces from Schindler's List for Violin and Orchestra* by John Williams.

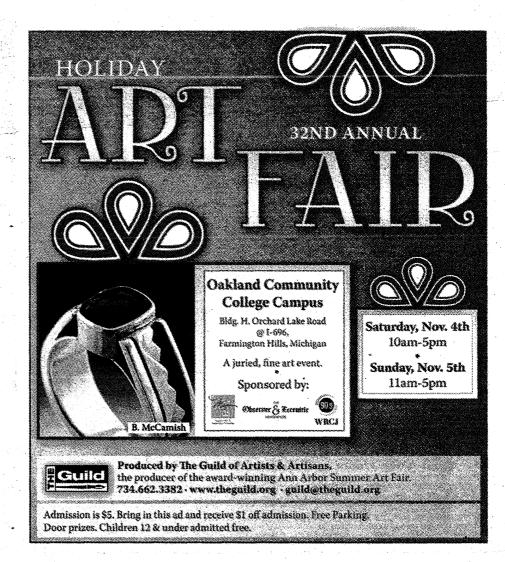
Call the PSO at (734) 451-2112 to purchase tickets.

The Plymouth Historical Museum will present a panel discussion of Holocaust survivors at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15. The public is welcome and there will be time for questions following the program.

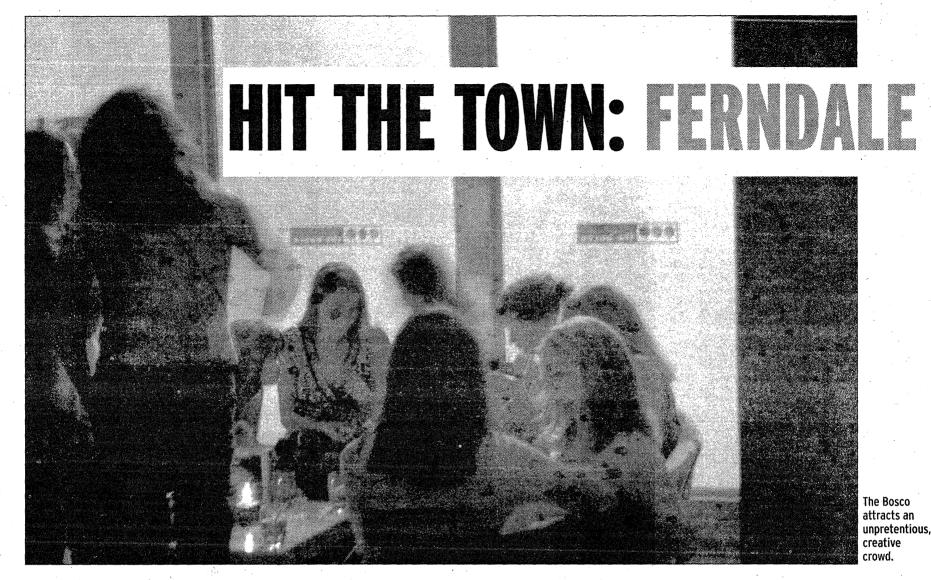
For more information, contact the museum at (734) 455-8940.

The Penn Theatre will be showing films in conjunction with this project. Scheduled are *Casablanca* on Nov. 12, *Schindler's List* on Nov. 19 and *The Sound* of *Music* on Nov. 26. Call (734) 453-0870 to confirm show times.

The Plymouth District Library will provide reading lists for both children and adults to help promote discussions. The library's number is (734) 453-0750.







### A LITTLE CITY WITH LOTS OF ACTION

**BY LANA MINI** STAFF WRITER

Call it Fabulous Ferndale. Or Fashionable Ferndale. It's earned both names.

Posh lofts, swanky lounges, designer boutiques, intimate art galleries, neighborhood bars for hipsters, dance clubs and ethnic cuisine — that's a lot of action packed into the small downtown area of Woodward Avenue and Nine Mile Road.

There's so many places we can't even list them all in one issue. But here's just a slice.

Start out your Ferndale afternoon at the diverse Lawrence Street Art Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., then head west on Nine Mile Road for some shopping and take a break at the casual Xhedos Cafe — a community-friendly, vegetarian cafe that features great coffee, art and live music.

While most indie coffee spots have little staying power, Xhedos just celebrated its 10-year anniversary.

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everyone of different ages and cultural backgrounds," owner Caleb Grayson said. "(It's) good music, interesting conversation and people who want a friendly atmosphere."

The Sunday brunch at Xhedos attracts clientele from throughout metro Detroit. At lunch, try the veggie dogs or the decadent vegan desserts.

For dinner, choices are endless along Nine Mile Road. Enjoy the eclectic menu in an art galleryinspired setting at the Starving Artist; or the intimate and cozy vibe at Angel's Cafe. Exotic Ethiopian dishes of spicy lentils and flavorful collard greens are examples at The Blue Nile.

And when it's time for a drink, you can watch a game on the huge multiple screens at Buffalo Wild Wings. Or, if you want to avoid chain restaurant atmospheres, try Rosie O'Grady's or Danny's Irish Pub for a hometown feeling.

For the trendy crowd, hit Dino's — an establishment that has a Birmingham feel. The creative crowds hang out at Dan Haberman's ultra cool Bosco Lounge (there's no sign, just frosted glass windows and it's next to The Magic Bag ... the well-established live music venue also owned by the Haberman family).

Had enough?

OK, go to sleep, rest well. Then in the morning, try one of two diners that are known to have some of the best breakfasts in metro Detroit: Toast or the FlyTrap, both on Woodward Avenue, north of Nine Mile Road. Both are diners that cater to a hip crowd with flavorful soups, French toast, tempeh burgers, hamburgers, egg or tofu scrambles with greens, huge omelets, pumpkin muffins and other foods.

Or head over to Club Bart's for its blueberry pancakes, and then continue your exploration of downtown Ferndale — because it will take a few days to see everything packed in this small city.

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### BBSO bass player to play 200-year-old instrument

#### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Imagine you are a musician performing a piece written by a composer you admire.

Take that one step further. Imagine you are playing an instrument once owned by that composer upon which he played that same piece.

John Kennedy will be doing just that when he performs the Double Bass Concerto by Serge Koussevitzky on what was once Koussevitzky's bass at a concert with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph Road, in Bloomfield Township.

**BBSO** music director Charles Greenwell will conduct.

Koussevitzky actually was better known as the conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra for 25 years and a composer, but started in life as a bassist with the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow in 1894, writing this concerto in 1902. He came to the United



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States in 1924, and was appointed the Boston Symphony's conductor that year.

Koussevitzky died in 1951. His widow, Olga, gave Gary Karr the bass in 1962, the day after she heard Karr play. "I felt that you were the one to carry on my husband's legacy," she is reported to have told him.

Karr became the first double



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bassist to make a career as a soloist, performing with symphonies all over the world. He retired in 2004, but in the same spirit as Olga Koussevitzky, donated the bass to the International Society of Bassists.

Kennedy, also a board member with the ISB, received the instrument recently for the upcoming performance. The bass is estimated to be about 200 years old.

Kennedy, BBSO principal bassist, is "thrilled and honored" to be performing with the instrument.

"It's arguably the most famous bass in the world," Kennedy said. "I saw Gary Karr perform with it several times, and I performed with him when I was with the Honolulu Symphony.

"Just to hold it, there's an aura about it. . . it's legendary."

Kennedy teaches orchestra at Warner Middle School in Farmington Hills and has an active studio of private students. The Lathrup Village resident is conductor of the Oakland Youth Symphony String Orchestra. Last year he was nominated by colleagues for Michigan Orchestra Teacher of the Year. Kennedy travels throughout the country teaching young bassists and is director of young bassist programs for the International Society of Bassists.

'One great aspect of all this is that it is fabulous to hear the sound it makes," Kennedy said.

"It's thrilling that I'm playing the notes of the concerto, and the instrument is playing his notes."

Kennedy describes the concerto as "dramatic in a romantic style" and "lush" - dualing between the bass and the orchestra.

"Bass players tend to be in the background in support of the symphony, so for us to be in the front performing, well, that is rare," Kennedy said.

Of course, there will be other

classical selections for the evening's program.

'With the theme of 'Legends,' the concert will also feature Maurice Ravel's beautiful and tender Mother Goose Suite, and a colorful suite from Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's opera The Tale of Tsar Saltan," Greenwell said.

"The Ravel (selection) is quite well-known, the Rimsky is not save for one world-famous excerpt, The Flight of the Bumblebee."

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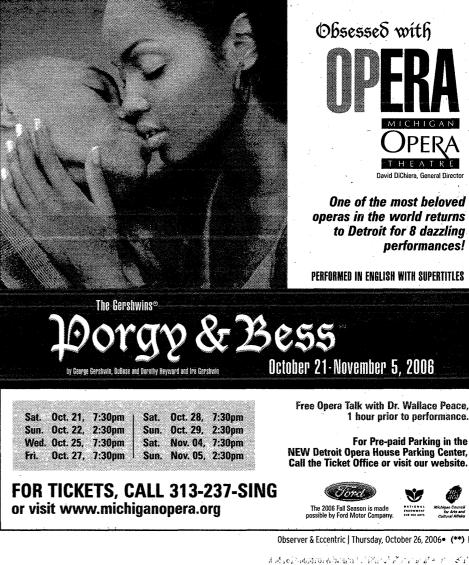
Kennedy is looking forward to the concert.

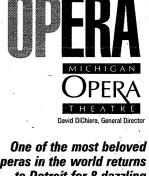
"I feel really lucky to be a part of it," Kennedy said.

"Primarily, I'm a teacher and to be able to show my students this, hopefully, those who can do, teach."

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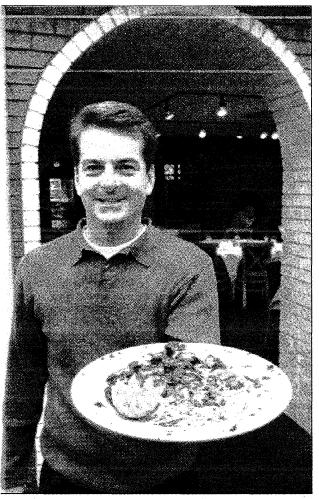
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Los Amigos co-owner Erich D'Andrea presents cilantro grilled shrimp, served with rice, salad and salsa Mexicana.

# Los Amigos Restaurante

### Eatery adds variety to traditional Mexican fare

#### BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

When diners seek Mexican food in the Detroit area, most of the time they are subjected to the usual tacos. burritos, enchiladas and nachos at many of the restaurants.

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Los Amigos Restaurante in Livonia offers some of that, but this new eatery also offers dishes beyond that traditional fare and a little closer to the south-of-the-border flavors.

It's a change, too, for the locals. The restaurant is located on the site of the former Fonte d'Amore in Livonia, a mainstay for Italian cuisine for years in that community.

Los Amigos opened Oct. 2. The restaurant is owned by Larry Weiss and Erich D'Andrea, who also own The Draft in Commerce Township, and Giulio and Mario Ledda, who own Giulio's, a short distance down Plymouth Road from Los Amigos. The restaurant has been renovated to take on a lighter look to fit with the Mexican offerings.

Weiss said they removed the old wine cellar and added seating in the bar, and removed old cabinets to brighten up the restaurant with more

lighting and natural light. "We wanted to make it more of a neighborhood place," Weiss said.

The restaurant seats. 144, with 26 seats at the bar.

Menu offerings refreshingly include a little imagination, too. Like the Cilantro Grill - tilapia, chicken or jumbo shrimp with a cilantro glaze.

Or Porkmolé, which is roasted pork medallions with molé sauce. Mojo De Ajo features huachinango

(red snapper) with garlic butter, and Veracruzana contains snapper or jumbo shrimp in a red sauce.

"Our idea was to put out authentic Mexican food and put a price point

on it that was affordable," Weiss said. "It's not fine dining, but we wanted to do something that was authentic so that people won't have to go downtown for it."

Weiss believes the Tampiquena (with a choice of chicken, salmon or steak and an authentic Mexican sauce) sets the restaurant apart from other eateries.

I ordered Chicken Molé. The chicken was grilled, then topped with molé sauce. The sauce had the right hint of seasonings and wasn't too hot for the average palate. The accompanying beans and rice were standard, coupled with a scoop of guacamole.

Prior to the meal, I chowed on some chips and salsa. The salsa had a good cilantro flavor and a little bit of heat. The staff was pleasant and attentive.

Among other menu items are appetizers featuring a few standards (Nachos, Super Macho Nacho and Botana) along with a few new twists with Tilapia Ceviche and Queso-

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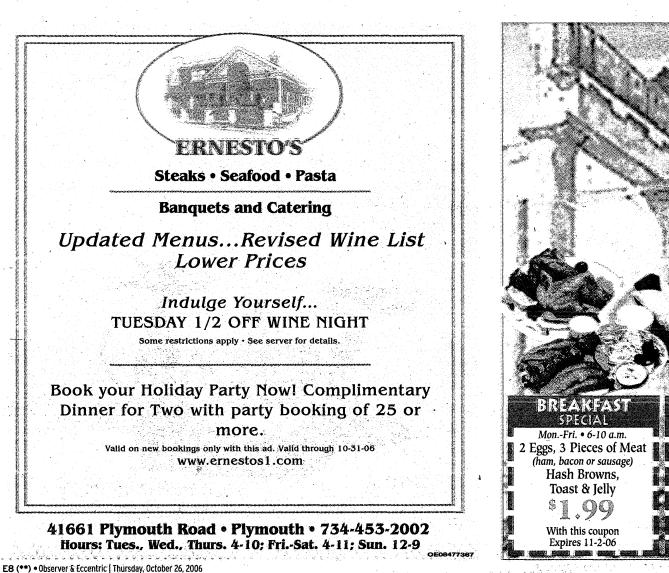
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#### LOS AMIGOS Restaurante

32030 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 421-2300 **Open:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. **Food style:** Mexican **Cost:** Appetizers, \$5.25-\$10.25; entrees (including combos and specialties) \$6.50-\$12.95 **Reservations:** Not

Reservations: Not necessary, but probably a good idea for a large group of eight or more.

eatery on Plymouth Road.

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Fundido (chorizo sausage in melted Monterey Jack cheese with flour tortillas). Of course,

feature a variety

of combinations,

from a Beef Taco

and Bean &

\$4.75 to a

Chicken

Cheese Taco at

Enchilada and

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Taco at \$5.25.

Los Amigos

Combos feature

combinations of

various tacos.

enchiladas and burritos priced

between \$7.75

and \$10.50.

So there's a little for the adventurous, a

little for the common diner, in this new

Of course,<br/>there are the<br/>standards.Help the **Historic White Horse Inn**<br/>raise money to benefit the Metamora<br/>Township Fire Department.Lunch specialsProceeds will help purchase ice reso

Proceeds will help purchase ice rescue equipment for the township's rescue teams.

Corks, Caps and Forks, a wine, beer and food tasting event will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Historic White Horse Inn. Tickets are \$50 and are limited. Wines and beers will be featured from Spain, France, Chili, Argentina, Australia, South Africa and the United States.

A silent auction will feature distinctive bottles of wine and beer, theme gift baskets, Pistons tickets, sports-related items and numerous contributions from local artists and businesses. A delicious dinner will be served by the Historic White Horse Inn and desserts are compliments of Sweet and Savory Bake Shop in Oxford.

"With winter just around the corner,

our goal is to raise \$10,000 to purchase six ice commander rescue dive suits and all of the equipment necessary for our brave and committed emergency responders to perform their job with a

**Historic White Horse Inn raises** 

funds for fire department

greater margin of safety," said Tim Wilkins, White Horse

owner.

For more information, to purchase tickets by phone or to make a financial donation, call the Historic White Horse Inn at (810) 678-2150 or the Metamora Township Fire Department at (810) 678-2255. The restaurant is located

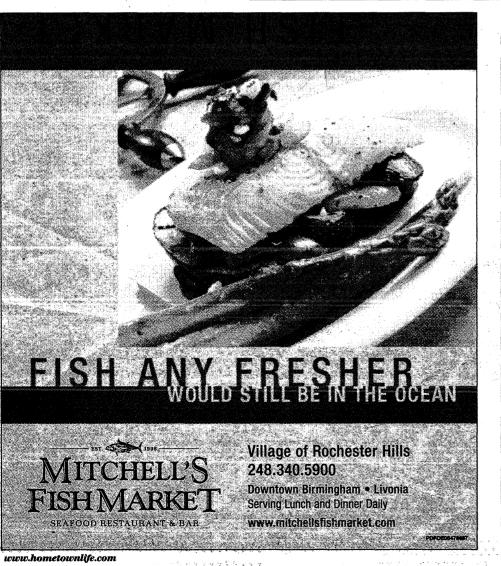
on the corner of High Street (Dryden Road) and Oak Street in Metamora, one mile east of Lapeer Road (M-24) and seven miles west of Rochester Road.

Crystal Mountain has added a guest chef and expanded instruction in the culinary arts for the seventh annual **Vintner Food and Wine Celebration**, Nov. 9-12. The appreciation of exquisite wines from around the world is still the cornerstone of this weekend event but an expanded lineup of four cooking classes has cuisine playing a more prominent role this year.

Classes include Cooking with Chef Angus Campbell, the chief instructor at the Grand Rapids Culinary Arts program; Let Them Have Cake — and Wine with it Too; Kristin Kiteley, Crystal Mountain's executive chef, sharing ways to prepare tapas, and Cooking with Wine with Joe Borrello, executive director of Tasters Guild International.

This weekend getaway is tailored to wine lovers. Guests will be treated to a tour of local wineries, tasting of wines from around the world, and education in the art of winemaking. Crystal is offering weekend stays from \$349 per adult.

Crystal Mountain Resort is located at 12500 Crystal Mountain Drive in Thompsonville. Call (800) 968-7686 or visit www.crystalmountain.com for information.



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#### **ART EXHIBITS**

**Detroit Institute of Arts** Annie Leibovitz: American Music, intimate portraits of those influenced by American roots music, through Jan. 7, www.dia.org.

Flint Institute of Arts Exhibit of *Excavating Egypt, Great Discoveries* from the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, University College, London, through Jan. 7, Rembrandt: The Consummate Etcher and Other 17th Century Printmakers, 40 prints, through Nov. 5, Graphics Gallery, 1120 E. Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.org

#### **ART GALLERIES**

#### Ariana Gallery

20/20, light and dark exhibit shared with River's Edge, of photographic innovator Patricia Izzo, through Nov. 30, 119 S. Main, Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810. Asnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, urban views exhibition with Arms, Christo. Mershimer, Murphy and others, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

#### **David Klein Gallery**

Milton Resnick Back on 10th Street, Paintings from 1957-1959, through Nov. 25, 163 Townsend, Birmingham, (248) 433-3700, dkgallerv.com.

#### Ellen Kayrod Gallery

In There, Out There: Robert Sestok, through Nov. 17, at the Hannan House, 4750 Woodward (southeast corner of Woodward and Hancock), Detroit, (313) 833-1300, Ext. 18, www.hannan.org

#### Flatlanders Arts Galleries

A Life's Work, Denise Keeley, through Nov. 12, sales benefit Denise Keeley scholarship fund at Siena Heights University, 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield, (517) 486-4591.

#### Lawrence Street Gallery

think small, through Oct. 27, 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale www.lawrencestreetgalley.com, (248) 544-

#### 0394

Lotus Gallery Exhibition of The Colored Pencil Society of America, Michigan Chapter 104, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, through Oct. 27, (734) 453-7400

#### **River's Edge Gallery**

20/20, shared light and dark exhibit with Ariana Gallery of photographic innovator Ratricia Izzo, exhibit through Nov. 30, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com

#### **Oakland University Art Gallery** STILL LIFE-Invisible Cities, urban idiosyncratic

images, through Nov. 12, open from noon to 5 p.m. except on Mondays, located next to Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, (248) 370-3005

#### Oakland University Art Gallery

New York Narratives, through Nov. 12, next to Meadow Brook Theatre, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag

#### Paint Creek Center for the Arts Collective: Ceramic Works from a

Collaborative Studio, through Nov. 11, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

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#### Paint Creek Center for the Arts Darcel Deneau: Urban Landscapes, through Nov. 11, First Floor Gallery, 407 Pine (corner of Fourth), Rochester, (248) 651-4110,

www.pccart.org. Plymouth Community Arts Council

#### Landscapes on Location, watercolors by Carol

LaChiusa, through Oct. 30. Regular hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment, 774 N. Sheldon Road Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

#### **Posner Gallery**

Objects and Atmospheres: The Art of Nancy Thayer (painter) and Russell Thayer (sculp-tor), through Oct. 28, 2253 Cole, Birmingham, info@posnergallery.net, (248) 258-9977.

#### **River's Edge Gallery**

Niagara unveils Lunacy, an art curios show. and signs her book Beyond the Pale at afterwork cocktail party, 7-10 p.m. Oct. 26, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com

#### Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art

Impending Luminosity, Patricia Gagic, through Oct. 31, 109 N. Center, Northville, www.sherrusgallery.com, (248) 380-0470. Sherrus Gallery

Jeff Von Buskirk, mural artist, exhibit of origi nal fine art, opening reception, Nov. 3, exhibit through the month of November, 109 N. Center, Northville, www.ilvb.com. Zeitgeist

Dia de los Muertos with various artists, noon to 7 p.m. Nov. 2, gallery opening and perform-ance by The Space Band and Very Large Puppets, 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 3, 2661 Michigan Ave., Detroit, (313) 965-9192, www.zeitgeistdetroit.org.

#### ART. ETC.

**Eastern Michigan University** Hyperflux: Work from CalArts, 1999-2004,

through Nov. 22, Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti (734) 487-0465. Kresge Art Museum

Tools in Motion: Works from the Hechinger *Collection*, through Nov. 5, first floor of the Kresge Art Center, on Michigan State University campus, www.artmuseum.msu.edu. (517) 355-7631.

#### Livonia City Hall

Personalities Plus by Barbara Eko Murphy, life drawings and watercolors, Nov. 2-29, lobby of City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, www.barbaraekomurphy.com. Livonia Civic Center Library

#### Ninth Exhibition of Fine Arts with 50 area

#### artists, 32777 Five Mile (east of Farmington Road), (734) 466-2490. Michigan Water Color Society

Fifty-ninth annual Exhibition Travel Show, water media paintings, through Oct. 27, Artcenter Traverse City, 720 Elmwood, Traverse City, mwcsart.com, (886) 242-0120.

Sisson Gallery Mignonette Yin Cheng, through Oct. 31, Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Wayne State University

Rex Lamoureaux Collects, limited number of pieces by artists donated to WSU, through Nov. 22, Community Arts Gallery, 450 Reuther Hall (at Cass between West Kirby and Palmer) (313) 577-2203

Wayne State University Wenda Gu - Reflections, through Nov. 3, Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit, (313) 993-7813, www.art.wayne.edu.

#### BOOKS

Cranbrook Charles Baxter, best-selling author and writer in-residence at Cranbrook, gives public reading and autograph session, books available for sale, author will answer questions, 7 p.m. Oct. 26, Cranbrook Kingswood auditorium, Cranbrook campus is located at 39221

Woodward, (877) GO CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook edu.

#### CLASSICAL

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra** The Philosopher, Oct. 26-28, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111

#### Flint Symphony Orchestra

Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3, performed by FSO concertmaster Andrew Jennings, The Whiting, 1241 E. Kearsley, Flint, \$9.50-\$54, to purchase tickets, call The Whiting ticket center at (810) 237-7333 or (888) 8-CENTER or log on to http://FlintInstituteofMusic.org.

#### **Oakland University**

Mozart's 250th anniversary, featuring free lecture on Mozart's Requiem, noon Oct. 31; free Faculty Mozart Celebration, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2; concert with Pontiac Oakland Symphony, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road (M-59), in Waterford, tickets for Nov. 4 show \$15-\$25. for tickets visit www.starticketsplus.com or call (800) 585-3737.

#### Wayne State University Sunday Concert Series features DSO members

and WSU faculty Robert Conway and Robert deMaine, Beethoven Sonatas for piano and violin, 3 p.m. Oct. 29, free, Schaver Music Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit, (313) 577-1795, www.music.wayne.edu.

HALLOWEEN

HAPPENINGS

**Destination Theatre** 

Pinky the Flying Ghost

Little Shop of Horrors, 8 p.m. Oct. 27-28,

nee and Nov. 2 evening shows, Village

Theater of Canton, corner of Ridge and

Cherry Hill, reserve tickets at (734) 394-

5300 or (734) 394-5460, visit www.desti-

nationtheatre.org for more information.

Children in costumes welcome, Halloween fun for kids at show that's not scary (no

Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville,

children under age 3), Oct. 27-29, \$8.

www.northvillemarguistheatre.com.

Creative Halloween, kids can draw and

create, trick or treat and show off cos-

will teach about art, supply crafts and

drawing supplies, Halloween stories will

Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal

DJ Doug E Fresh, Thursday-Saturday, 32500

Gratiot, Roseville, (586) 294-5331, www.wild-

Jimmy Dore, Oct. 26-27: 314 E. Liberty, Ann

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m.

and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo ama-

teur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; Rasheed and

Mary Ann, Oct. 26-28; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside

Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-

Citizen Improv, 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Super Fun

Karaoke, 10 p.m. Wednesdays; The Catfight, 8

Thursdays, Biffl Bangl Powl, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, The Damnation Game, 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; The X Show, midnight,

Fridays and Saturdays; The Corner, 7 p.m.

Sundays, Get Up! Stand Up!, 8:30 p.m.

214-7080, www.improvinferno.com

Sundays; The Weekend Wild Card, 10 p.m.

Sundays, The Sweet Spot with Eye Candy, 11

p.m. Sundays, 309 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734)

Joey's Comedy Club 36071 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, also

has comedy at second location, 5070

Bobble Heads of State, performances are

\$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River, Novi, call (248)

348-4448. For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or

Jason Russell with Connie Ettinger, Oct. 27–28;

Steve Bills with Dan Swartout, Nov. 3-4; Laura

Louw with Mike Malec, Nov. 10-11; Sal Demilio

with Kevin Zeoli, Nov. 17-18; Dean Austin with

Steve Lind, Nov. 24-25; Norm Stulz with Keith

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Metropolitan Dance Company at 8 p.m. Oct.

\$16, (248) 370-3013 or Star Tickets Plus at

Ruff, Dec. 1-2, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734)

**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble** 

www.starticketsplus.com.

Wednesday-Sunday, held over through Oct. 29,

Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885;

www.joeyscomedy.com.

www.ticketmaster.com.

Wise Guys at Portofino

Second City

752-1015.

DANCE

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase** 

2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

p.m. Thursdays; High Octane, 10 p.m.

Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy

be read from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 29,

admission is free, (248) 546-1790,

www.synergyfineartgallery.com.

Oak, (248) 543-1964.

Wild Woody's

woodys.com.

Improv Inferno

COMEDY

tumes at the event, owner Andrew Drisko

Nov. 3-5, \$12-\$15, (248) 349-8110,

Synergy Fine Art Gallery

Nov. 2-4, also 2 p.m. show Oct. 28, \$16-\$19, discounts (\$15)-available for Oct. 28 mati-

#### COUNTRY

WYCD's Holiday Concert

Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16, The Palace, \$30-\$50, (248) 645-6666, palacenet.com, The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster locations.

#### **CLUBS**

220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American nouveau cuisine, 220 E Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

#### 313:Jac's

Located upstairs at Jacoby's, 624 Brush in Bricktown, (313) 962-7067, 21 and over, doors open 10 p.m., cover \$5, www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm.

- **Bachelor's One**
- bugs Beddow band, Oct. 27-28, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 682-2295.

#### Blue Martini

Live music from 8-11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, (248) 258-3005

#### Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

#### Buddha Lounge

Thursday, DJ Shug plays super sonic smooth music and beer pong tournament. Saturdays DJ Terrence Parker & Mo Reese; Sundays, Karaoke; Tuesdays, Deep House; Wednesdays Jamtramck jazz band, www.gobuddha.net. (313) 535-4664.

#### Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip-hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit, (313) 235-2233. Elysium

Lounge, dance and happy hour from 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 962-2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit. www.elysium-lounge.com

#### Fiamma Grille

Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

#### The Magic Bag

Free Element at Spooktacular, Oct. 27; The Mega '80s. Oct. 28: Victor Wooten, Oct. 29. Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, Nov. 2, Leon Russell, Nov. 3, Ryan Star, Nov. 6, Robyn Hitchcock & The Venus Three (featuring Peter Buck), Nov. 9; 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

#### Old Miami

Joe Deninzon & Stratospheerius will perform at 9 p.m. Nov. 7, 3930 Cass, Detroit, \$5, (313) 831-3830, www.theoldmiamidetroit.com. X/S

High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) 963-9797.

#### Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of iazz favorites The restaurant also features live jazz every

night of the week, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

#### Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above

le de care composé

#### FAMILY

#### America's Family Pet Expo

Visit with more than 1,000 animals appearing in stage shows, competitions and demonstrations; engage in one-on-one learning sessions; adopt a pet, or get a jump on holiday shopping for gifts for pets and pet lovers, Nov. 17-19. Rock Financial Showplace, Novi, public is asked not to bring pets to expo, visit www.PetExpoNovi.com or call (800) 999-7295. Corn Maze

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, through Oct. 29, ticket includes a hayride to the maze, a walk through the maze, and a tour of Maybury Farm (on Eight Mile just west of Beck Road in Northville), last wagon to the maze leaves at 8 p.m., proceeds help pay winter bills at the farm, groups of 20 or more may tour throughout the week, (248) 374-0200.

#### **Detroit Science Center**

Exhibits include As Time Goes By, new exhibit about the aging process, and A Journey to Our Future, now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R. Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

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#### **Detroit Film Theatre**

Inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, for tickets call (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft.

#### **Oakland Community College**

American Blackout, documentary studying voting irregularities of black voters in Florida 7 p.m. Oct. 26, J Building, OCC's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of 1-696, free, (248) 522-3793.

Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival Blues by the Beach, 8 p.m. Nov. 4, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, \$9, (248) 432-5577.

#### **FUND-RAISERS**

#### **Cookies N' Dreams**

Fund-raiser for Friends of Camp Mak-A-Dream, taste cookies from bakeries and vote for best ones, The Candy Band, arts and crafts, face painting, photos with Cookie Monster, food, 5-8 p.m. Oct. 26, Somerset Collection North in Troy, \$55-\$500, children under 17 pay their age, (248) 539-9970.

#### **HOLIDAY SHOWS** The Palace of Auburn Hills

Martina McBride, The Joy of Christmas, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, tickets at The Palace box office, TicketMaster outlets, www.TicketMaster.com, (248) 377-0100.

#### The Palace

Trans-Siberian Orchestra, 8 p.m. Dec. 8, \$39.50-\$49.50, Tickets available at Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations, (248) 645-6666.

#### Orchestra Hall

Clay Aiken, holiday concert with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Dec. 18, at Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, www.detroitsymphony.com, (313) 576-5111.

#### **HOLIDAY CHORUS**

#### BeckRidge Chorale

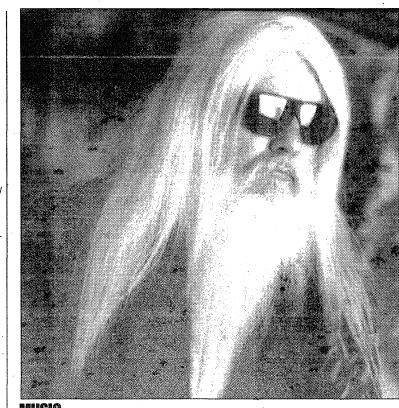
Formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus, opens for Irving Berlin's White Christmas at Fox Theatre, 7 p.m. Nov. 17, discounted tickets (\$23-\$45) available through Chorale ticket hotline, 1-866-924-4276, also Tis the Season concert, 8 p.m. Dec. 9, 4 p.m. Dec. 10, Northville High School Auditorium, 45700 Six Mile, between Sheldon and Beck, \$15-\$18, (866) 924-4276,

#### www.plycommunitychorus.org.

#### **HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

www.hometownlife.com

Big, Bright Light Show, downtown Rochester, begins 7 p.m. Nov. 27 with official lighting cer emony, on display from 6-10 p.m. every night through Dec. 31, (248) 656-0060, www.down-تد د نو د



#### MUSIC

Leon Russell, known for writing such 1970s hits as Delta Lady, Superstar and A Song for You, performs at 8 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Tickets are \$23. Call (248) 544-1991 or visit www.themagicbag.com for information

Walter White, classical and jazz trumpeter, fall

artist-in-residence, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28, Schaver Music Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit,

Cheryl Wheeler with Whithill, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4,

\$18-\$20, Nov. 4, First United Methodist Church,

320 W. Seventh (at Washington), Royal Oak,

\$5-\$8 for Nov. 28 performance.

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www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

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on the Moon narrated by Tom Hanks and new

planetarium show, Journey to the Edge of

Space and Time, \$6, shows run indefinitely,

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- Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172
- Jazz and dinner
- "Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.
- **Oakland Community College** Straight Ahead, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, Building F, Room 123, QCC's Auburn Hills cam-pus, 2900 Featherstone, \$20, (248) 341-2270.
- Tribute to Maynard Ferguson Fund-raiser for the admission-free Michigan
- Jazz Festival featuring The Johnny Trudell Big Band, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt (between Seven and Eight Mile roads), Livonia, for each ticket, send \$15 check payable to Michigan Jazz Festival to Midge Ellis, 20457 Maplewood, Livonia, 48152, (248) 474-2720.

#### **MORE MUSIC**

- **Celebrate Peace Concert**
- Snatam Kaur, GuruGanesha Singh and Krishan, 7-9 p.m. Nov. 9, First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, 4001 Ann'Arbor Saline Road, \$20-\$25, www.spiritvoyagelive.com.
- Kirk in the Hills
- Organist Glenn Miller, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29, \$10-\$15, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills (248) 626-2515.
- Station 885
- Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.
- **Trinity House** Tracy Kash Thomas, 8 p.m. Nov. 10, 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275), Livonia, \$10, (734)
- 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org. Wayne State University

#### 2817. Birthplace of the Model T

- Historic Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., first and third Saturdays through October, \$10, 461 Piguette (at Beubien), Detroit, tours by appointment available for groups of 10 or more, for reservations, call (586) 416-4191, or visit www.tplex.org. **Macomb Cultural Center**
- Open on campus of Macomb Community
  - College with science and space exploration programs through Dec. 1, www.macombcultur alcenter.com, (586) 445-7348.
  - Michigan's Family Album Special historical photography exhibit of 1,200 photographs from David Tinder collection,
  - runs through Jan. 14, 2007, Michigan Historical Museum, inside Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, for more information, visit
  - www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

#### Ballroom dancing

- From 8-11 p.m. third Friday each month, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills (248) 473-1830
- Movies at the Redford Theatre Located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537-2560

#### THEATER -COMMUNITY **Avon Players**

- Proof, Oct. 27-29, Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 10-11, 1185 Washington Road, Rochester Hills, \$14, reserve by calling (248) 608-9077. The Community House
- Aladdin Jr., presented by Sara Smith
- Productions, Nov. 4-5, \$10-\$30, proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre, performances in Wallace Ballroom of The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham,
- (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com **Downriver Actors Guild**
- The Rocky Horror Show, 8 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28, and midnight show Oct. 28. Huron High School Civic Auditorium, 32044 Huron River Road, New Boston, www.downriveractorsquild.org, (734) 374-3906.

#### Farmington Players

Magician and illusionist Gordon Miller, doors open 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9, \$10, Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road (between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road), Farmington Hills, tickets at (248) 553-2955 or at the door **Heart of the Hills Players** 

A senior community theatre group, presents Cruisin' Broadway, Nov. 9-11, Warren Community Center Theater, 5460 Arden, Warren, \$12, for information, call (248) 650-3871 or visit www.hohplayers.org, for tickets call (248) 608-9008.

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Las Vegas Magic Show with Jeff Ezell, Losander and Rudi and Luna Shemada, 135 E. Main, Northville, Nov. 3-5, \$12-\$15, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarguistheatre.com.

Oakland Community College Office Hours, 8 p.m. Nov. 2-4, OCC's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, \$5-\$8, (248) 341-2270, OCC bookstore or at the door, (248) 522-3636. **Oakland Theatre Guild** 

#### My Fair Lady, Oct. 27-29, Starlight Theater,

- inside Summit Place Mall (between Kohl's and Claire's stores), 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford, (248) 335-1788,
- www.starlighttheater.net/Box\_Office. Spotlight Players
- The Lion in Winter, Nov. 17-19, Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 1-2, \$15-\$18, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Road (at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads), Canton, (734) 394-5460.

#### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

The Full Monty, through Oct. 28, \$16-\$18, (play contains adult language, situations and brief nudity), 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587, www.StDunstansTheatre.com.

#### **Village Players of Birmingham**

Gypsy, Tony award winning musical, 8 p.m. Nov. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18; 2 p.m. Nov. 12 and 19, Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple). \$15. 248-644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplay ers.com.

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Meadow Brook Theatre Frankenstein, through Nov. 5, Same Time Next Year, Jan. 10 to Feb. 4, single tickets are \$22-\$38, on the campus of Oakland University, (248) 377-3300 or (248) 370-3316 (group sales), www.mbtheatre.com

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Pan Jumbies Steel Drum/Akwaaba African Drum & Xylophone Ensemble, Nov. 10; By Jupiter, Nov. 17; Dances Across Time, Dec. 1, call Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 or email mtd@oakland.edu

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**Purple Rose Theater** 137 Park, Chelsea, call (734) 433-7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org.

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Cleopatra, Julius Caesar, The Tempest, through Nov. 12, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor, \$30-\$150, (734) 764-2538.

#### **TICKETS ON SALE**

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Guns N' Roses with special guest Sebastian Bach, 8 p.m. Nov. 25, \$39.50-\$77.50, tickets available at Palacenet.com, The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster locations, (248) 645-6666.

#### The Emerald Theatre

Jonny Lang, Nov. 2; 31 N. Walnut, Mt. Clemens. (586) 913-1920, www.emeraldtheatre.com, tickets, Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666.

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Michael Bolton, Oct. 29, tickets available at

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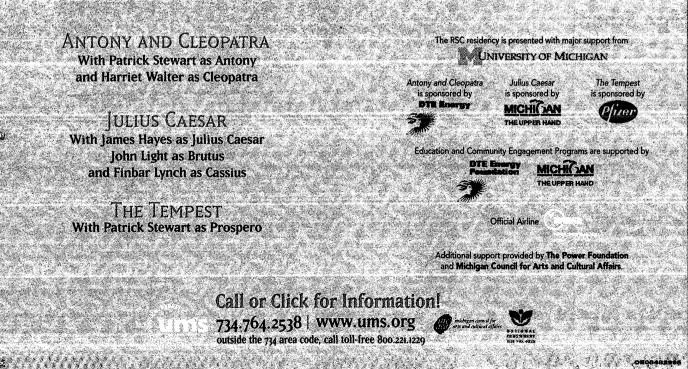
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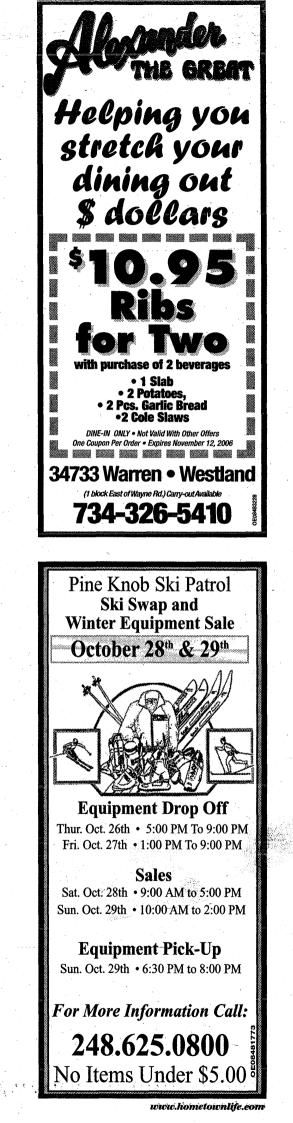






The Royal Shakespeare Company returns to Ann Arbor for three weeks in October and November with 21 public performances of Antony and Cleopatra, Julius Caesar, and The Tempest. Members of the RSC and local experts will participate in over 40 free educational events that are open to the public and 95 in-school visits and classroom activities. For a complete listing, visit www.ums.org.

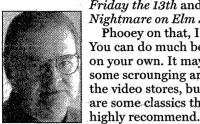




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# **Boo! Some Halloween fare for you**

alloween is Tuesday, which means the TV channels will trot out the usual film fare for the occasion. That means more reruns of Halloween,



Friday the 13th and A Nightmare on Elm Street. Phooey on that, I say. You can do much better on your own. It may take some scrounging around the video stores, but here are some classics that I

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Teenagers from Outer Space: The teenagers are at least 30 years old, their spaceship is seems to be made out of used aluminum siding

badly hammered into place, and the monster is a shadow of a lobster.

Who could ask for more?

■ Uninvited: Now follow this careful-

ly: A cat escapes from an experimental laboratory. Little does anyone know but the cat has a mutant rat living in its stomach.

The rat pops out of the cat's mouth

and chomps on people, turning them into bulging, spewing mutants. The cat ends up on a gangster's vacht where he. two bimbos he picked up and several other people are dutifully slaughtered. This is not to be confused with the classic 1944 Ray Milland film The Universal.

■ Blood Feast: This is an old classic by that pioneering schlokmeister Herschell Gordon Lewis.

Crazy Faud Ramses runs a catering service in Miami, but he's really chopping up young ladies so he can re-create a goddess piece by piece. This has some of the worst acting, writing and directing in the history of cinema. Not to be missed.

Cemetery Man: An outstanding Italian masterpiece that can't be treated fairly in this short space. It's about a cemetery caretaker plagued by dead people who keep crawling out of the grave.

He calmly dispatches them with a bullet to the head.

But there's so much more, including the living head of the dead girl in the TV set. One of the best movies to come

along in decades.

From Beyond: The follow-up to Re-Animator, the best movie of the 1980s. From Beyond doesn't quite live up to that quality, but it still is great. Loosely based on a story by H.P. Lovecraft, it's about a loony scientist who creates a machine that can tap into a weird dimension that co-exists with ours but is filled with horrible creatures.

Meet the Feebles: This is the Muppets gone psychotic. A cast of goofy puppets tells the story of a musical theater troupe preparing for a TV special. Only this group of cute, cuddly characters makes porno movies and deals drugs. The gross finale features a hippo with an automatic rifle. Send the kiddies to grandma before you pop this into the DVD player.

Begotten: Absolutely incomprehensible, this film has no dialogue and principally consists of people rolling around in the mud. Characters are named "God Killing Himself," "Earth Mother" and "Son of Bone." This must be deep.

Cannibal: The Musical: This is the first - and only - cannibal musical ever made. Folks dance and sing such

songs as "... hang him high, hoist his body to the sky." Actually the songs aren't bad. But the mustaches are the worst since Teenagers from Outer Space (see above). It's sort of the story of the Donner Party, with music.

Killer Tongue: I won't even try to try to relate all the incredible things that happen in this masterpiece of insane film making.

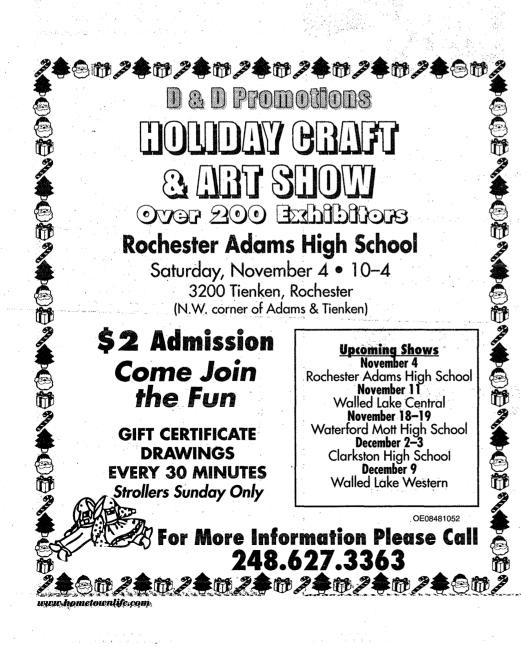
How insane? There's a prison warden who totes his own outhouse wherever he goes and three dogs that are transformed into transvestite humans by a meteor.

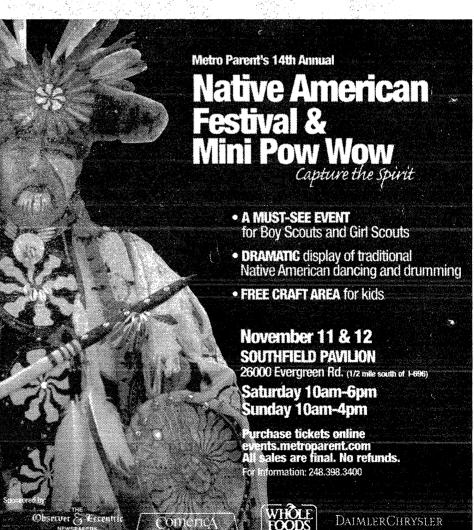
■ *The Boneyard:* Phyllis Diller runs a morgue. A 15-foot mutant poodle runs amok. This is priceless.

Street Trash: One of the all-time best. There's a wicked wine turning up on skid row. One sip and you melt, as happens to one poor soul who dissolves into the toilet.

Just outstanding.

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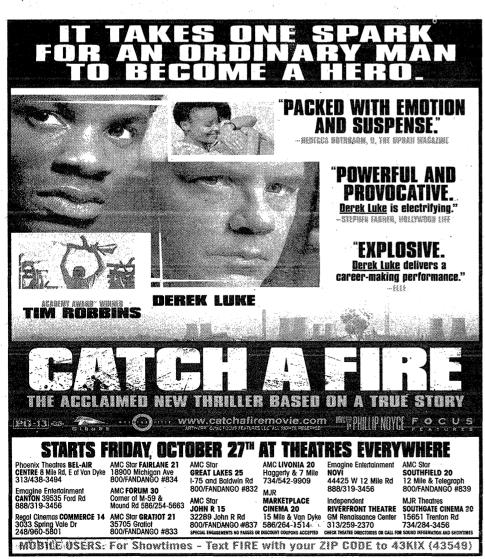
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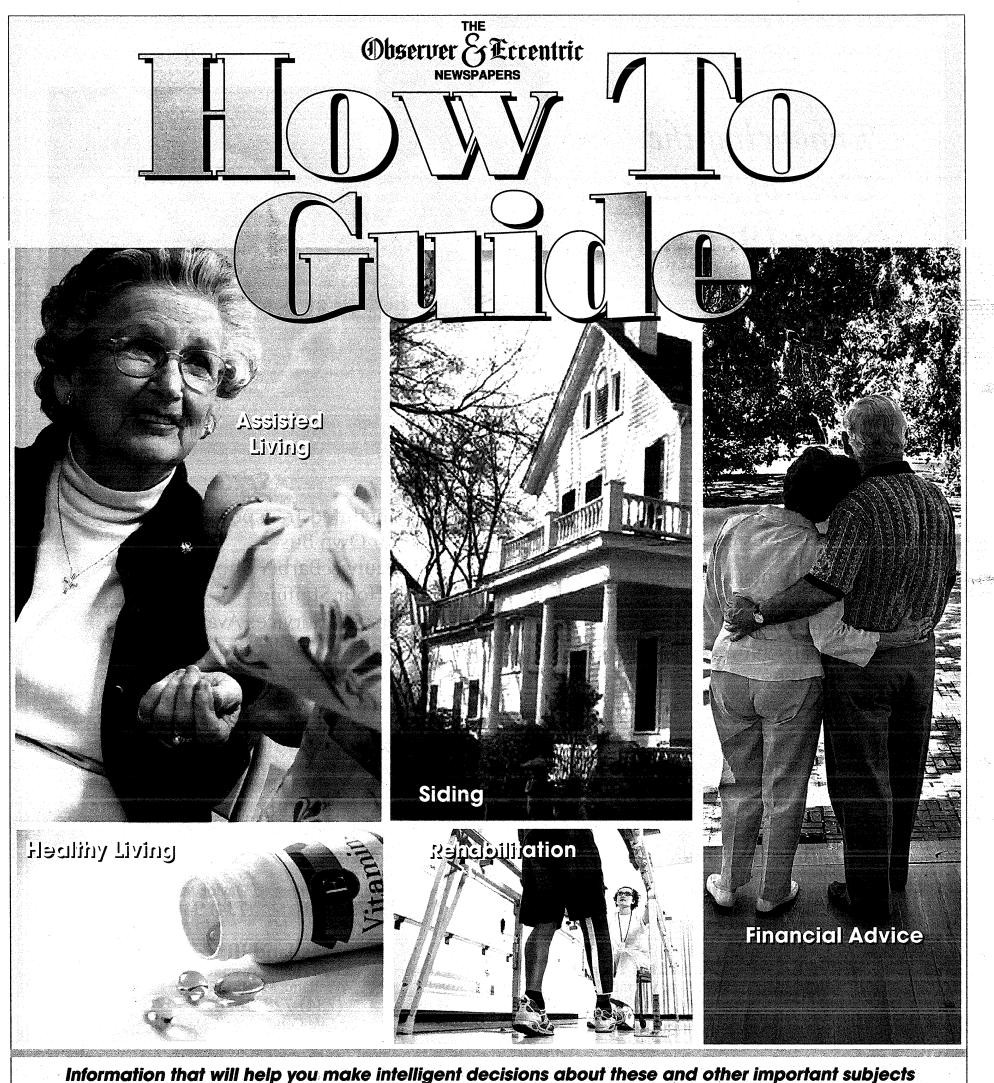
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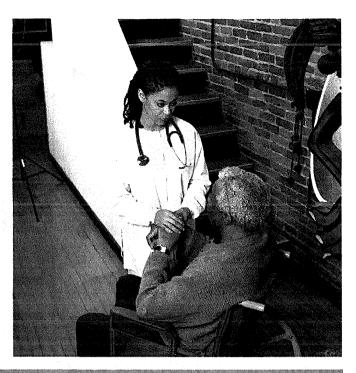
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#### By Cathy Johnson

Most of us would like to remain independent and live in our own home during the senior years but health problems often make that impossible. Assisted care facilities are designed to help seniors and their families make the transition from self-sufficiency to assisted care.

Assisted living centers offer more privacy and are less institutional looking than a traditional nursing home, but there are nurses and caregivers in attendance to help administer medications or help with bathing and therapy if needed. They are more expensive than other senior residences since they must retain additional medical personnel and specially trained employees to help with a variety of needs residents may have.

Before you make a commitment to any assisted living complex, it's best to check it out in person. Glossy brochures may present a rosy picture, but it's best to visit a facility more than once at different times of day



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3. Talk to a few current

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When Choosing

An Assisted Care

1. Don't be shy about asking a

2.Ask for a written description

of rates and charges for

residents to see how happy

they are with the level of care

long-term care ombudsmen or

other government agencies to

help determine if a facility is

rated highly or has logged

many complaints.

lot of questions. You want to

be cautious and make an

### Choose An Assisted Care Facility

to form an impression. Keep your eyes and ears open, talk to residents, and if possible, stay for lunch or dinner. Trust your instincts to get a feeling if the place is homey and inviting or sterile and too institutional.

Most seniors resist the idea of moving to an assisted living facility because they believe it means a loss of freedom and privacy. On the other hand, knowing that assistance is available in the event of a health care crisis or accident brings peace of mind to many families. Other advantages include companionship, regular meals, and the opportunity to participate in social and recreational programs, plus added safety and security.

Many assisted care facilities provide new residents with a comprehensive assessment that is written into a plan of care. Written guidelines are important to assure that all staff members are informed of the resident's condition and the level of assistance that is required. You should look for an assisted care center that allows each resident to be as independent as his condition allows, while still having access to different levels of help as needed.

Ask how the facility helps residents who need some assistance with caring for themselves such as getting to the bathroom, showering, dressing and eating.

Does the center have methods in place for keeping track of medications, troublesome new symptoms, and behavior problems that may arise?

How often do staff members check on residents' physical whereabouts and mental state of mind?

If a resident has a behavioral problem, such as refusing to eat, or becoming verbally uncommunicative, how does the center handle the issue?

Make sure that you trust the facility to manage your loved one's medical care. This includes making sure

medications are given on time, prescriptions are refilled, and changes in a resident's condition are reported.

Does the facility provide assistance or transportation for getting to and from doctor's appointments?

Ask how medical emergencies are handled. Is there an ambulance service on call; and which hospital are residents taken to for emergency care? Also find out what health services are provided on-site such as physical therapy, wound care, assistance with daily injections, or blood and urine testing, etc.

It is important to choose a facility that has a nursing staff to handle dispensing medications. Some centers allow residents to keep their medications in their rooms and monitor their own dosage. This can often lead to serious mistakes when medications are forgotten or taken too often.

Ask about the training and certification of the personnel responsible for caring for residents. Are background checks performed on all staff members?

How does the facility handle aggressive residents who are unkind or abusive toward others? Is there a safety policy in place to handle residents who may wander off or forget where their room is located?

Are there programs in place for residents to socialize and exercise? Does the center offer transportation or assistance to go shopping, visit parks and museums, or go to the movies? Do any community groups send members to visit and entertain residents?

Be sure to ask how long the facility has been in business and what sort of licensing and accreditation it has received. Before you sign a contract, read all of the fine print and make sure you understand all of the policies and rates. Consider having an attorney review the contract if you find it confusing.

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## How to..

### Give your home a good washing for a fresh new look

If you are not quite ready to install new siding on your home you can refresh the look with a careful washing of your vinyl or aluminum siding. Following are some tips to clean up your weathered siding.

- 1. Make sure you close all the windows, doors and vents.
- 2. Cover anything on the house you don't want to get wet. Use plastic bags and tarps with duct tape to cover bushes, outdoor furniture and light fixtures.
- 3. Attach a soft car-washing brush to your garden hose and wash off the dirt.
- Remove tree sap and any other stubborn stains. First soak the sap with raw linseed oil, mineral spirits, or auto bug and tar remover. Let stand until soft. Wipe with a clean cloth.
- 5. You can use household detergent to clean the siding or purchase a cleaning compound specifically for your siding material. Several varieties are available at manufactured home supply stores.
- Wash your siding from top to bottom to keep the lower area wet, preventing detergent lines.
- 7. Rinse off the cleaner. Attach a spray nozzle to your hose to increase water pressure
- 8. Dry the siding with a towel from the top down.

#### By John Danielson

Nothing will impact the appearance of your home more dramatically than the type of siding you choose. As you shop for exterior siding, look for a material that suits the style of your house and also fits your lifestyle. Listed here are the most popular materials for exterior siding.

Vinyl - Vinyl is now the number one siding



### **CHOOSE SIDING FOR YOUR HOME**

material available. And for good reason: Nothing beats vinyl siding, accessories and trim for sheer endurance. Unlike many other siding materials, vinyl is impervious to rain, cold, salt and snow. And vinyl won't rot, peel dent or show scratches, nor will it ever need painting. A simple soap-andwater rinse once a year is all that's required to remove dirt and maintain the look of freshly painted wood.

Brick - Made of fired clay, brick comes in a wide variety of earthy, eye-pleasing colors. Although it is expensive, brick is desirable because it can last centuries and probably won't need any patching or repairs for the first twenty-five years. Quality brick veneers are also attractive and durable, although they don't have the longevity of solid brick.

Cedar Shingles - Homes sided in cedar shingles (also called "shakes") blend beautifully with wooded landscapes. Made of natural cedar, the shingles are usually stained browns, grays, or other earthen colors. Shakes offer the natural look of real wood, but usually require less maintenance than wood clapboard.

Stone - If you think of ancient monuments and temples, you know that stone is the most durable of all building materials. Granite, limestone, slate, and other types of stone are beautiful and nearly impervious to the weather. Unfortunately, they are also extremely expensive. Pre-cast stone veneers and facings look and feel like real stone, but the prices are more affordable.

Wood Clapboard - Modern science has given us many synthetic wood-look products, and yet solid wood (usually cedar, pine, spruce, redwood, cypress, or Douglas fir) remain favorite choices for finer homes. With periodic staining or painting, wood siding can outlast vinyl and other pretenders. Many wood frame houses built centuries ago still look beautiful today.

Stucco - Traditional stucco is cement combined with water and inert materials such as sand and lime. Stucco has been used since the days of Renaissance Italy, and it can be finished in many ways for many different looks. Walls made of genuine stucco are hard, solid, and moisture resistant. Many homes built after the 1950s use a variety of synthetic materials that resemble stucco. Synthetic stucco will look authentic, but may not offer the same durability.

Engineered Wood - Engineered wood, or composite wood, is made with wood products and other materials. Oriented strand board (OSB), hardboard, and veneered plywood are examples of engineered wood products. Engineered wood usually comes in panels that are easy and inexpensive to install. The panels may be molded to create the look of traditional clapboards. Because the textured grain is uniform, engineered wood does not look exactly like real wood. Still, the appearance is more natural than vinyl or aluminum.

Seamless Steel - Seamless steel siding is very strong and resists shrinking and bulging when the temperatures change. The siding is custom fit to the exact measurements of your house. You can purchase steel siding with a wood-look texture. Or, for a modern house, consider the industrial look of corrugated steel.

Aluminum - You may think of aluminum siding as an old-fashioned option, but some builders offer it as an alternative to vinyl. Both materials are easy to maintain and fairly durable. Aluminum can dent and fade.

Fiber Cement - Fiber cement siding can have the appearance of wood, stucco, or masonry. When real wood is beyond your budget, fiber cement siding is a strong and attractive alternative. Fiber cement siding is fireproof, termite-proof, and may have a warranty up to fifty years but must be painted.

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Spas are devoted to enhancing overall well-being through a variety of professional services that encourage the renewal of mind, body and spirit. And with thousands of spas offering countless ways to relax and revitalize you in so many different settings, finding the right one can be a daunting prospect.

So, how do you find the right spa? The best place to start is with you.

Do your homework. Decide why you want the spa experience, what programs and services interest you, what type of setting you would like and how much you can afford. Identify what you'd like to accomplish, then select a spa that enables you to get it done.

Concentrate on an area of emphasis such as:

Fitness — Can you work out in fitness classes, enjoy invigorating body treatments, participate in outdoor sports activities or sign up for programs to lose weight, get fit or adopt a healthier lifestyle?



Stress Management — Will you learn relaxation techniques, how to manage stress, and other strategies for feeling more in balance and in control.

Peace of Mind — Will the spa help you pursue a spiritual journey of introspection and reflection through meditation, yoga, tai chi, chi gong and other practices or activities that lead to serenity, understanding and self acceptance.

Pampering and Pleasure — Guests want to indulge their senses with massages, facials, mud or aroma baths and other delightful treatments as they enjoy a completely relaxing vacation.

Health and Wellness — Will the spa experience help you explore your health, learn to deal with issues such as smoking or medical concerns and discover how lifestyle choices can lead to optimal wellness.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

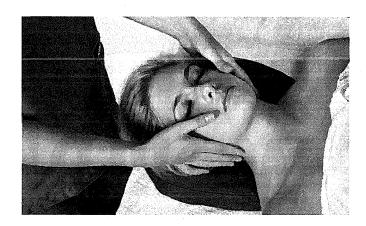
Here are some questions the International Spa Association, the long-standing association for spa professionals, suggests you ask to help get the best spa experience possible:

Q: How do I find the right spa?

A: Do your homework. If you are confused about the difference between the various spas, review their definitions to determine which spa experience is right for you. After you've determined the type of spa you want to visit, call and ask all your questions. Professional spa operators will be happy to answer your questions and put you at ease.

Q:What can I expect to pay?

A: Spas are for everyone and they are affordable. Just as you can find a hotel or restaurant at various price points, you can also find a spa experience in any price range. Nearly all spas list their prices on-line or simply ask the cost when booking your treatment.



Q:What should I ask for when I book my appointment?

A: Spas offer a menu of services describing each treatment and its therapeutic value. At the time of booking, express whether you prefer a male or female therapist and also ask about the spa's cancellation policy.

Q:When should I arrive?

A: It's a good rule of thumb to arrive 30 minutes prior to your treatment in order to check in and begin decompressing. It's also important to ask a spa's tipping policy at the front desk when you arrive.

Q: Do I have to talk during my treatment?

A: It's entirely up to you. If you have questions or would like to talk, certainly do so. The staff takes their cues from you. If you're quiet, they will be, too. Your therapist may leave the room for a few moments (once or twice during your treatment) either to mix up a product or to let you relax. They should let you know before they leave the room and make sure you are comfortable with your surroundings.

If your therapist's touch is too rough or too light – speak up! They are there for you and their goal is to provide you with a perfect spa experience. Also, tell your therapist if the temperature of the room bothers you, the music is too loud, etc. If you have a particular injury or physical condition, explain it to the therapist. They can suggest the appropriate adjustments or enhancements to treatments.

Q: How long can I stay?

A: When your treatment has just ended and the therapist extends an invitation to "take your time getting up" while they leave the room, just how long is it acceptable for one to continue lying there reflecting on the experience? In most instances, the treatment room will be needed in the next 15 minutes or so. It is certainly appropriate to take your time while dressing, such as 5-10 minutes. Your therapist will meet you outside of the room to escort you back to the changing/locker area.

As a spa guest, you are welcome to stay at the spa as long as you like. Relaxation rooms, steam baths and other water features add to the relaxation of lingering. It is recommended to drink a lot of water following a massage to help flush the toxins that were released into your system during the treatment. Spa changing/ locker areas are typically stocked with toiletries to help you freshen up before you leave the spa.

(Information provided by the Web site of the International Spa Association, Lexington, Ky. For more information, e-mail ispa@ispastaff.com or call (888) 651-ISPA.

### The Five Basic Spa Types:

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1. Destination Spas focus on providing a renewing experience for body, mind and spirit, and inspiring guests to healthier, more joyous living.

2. Resort Spas, found at vacation resorts, offer treatments and services to complement such resort activities as golf, tennis, horseback riding, and water sports.

3. Day Spas are designed to provide a healing, beautifying or pampering experience in a short period of time.

4. Wellness Spas address guests ´ specific health issues, welcoming guests with health problems as well as those who are interested in learning how to live healthier lives.

5. Weight Management Spas specialize in lifestyle change for weight loss and weight maintenance.

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#### By: Dr. Karissa Jagacki, Audiologist, Personalized Hearing Care, Inc.

As Helen Keller once remarked, "Loss of vision means losing contact with things, but loss of hearing means losing contact with people". At any age, hearing loss, if left untreated, can lead to social isolation, frustration, and emotional problems. Studies show that a strong social network is critical for living a long, healthy life. Many people with hearing loss, however, are reluctant to seek help. Hearing aids can help you reconnect with the world around you and with the people you love. A qualified professional, a reputable place, and a little time are all that is needed to find the right hearing aid for you.



### How to...

### Select A Hearing Aid

#### Five things you should know before buying a hearing aid:

1. It's been proven-hearing aids can improve your quality of life.— A study conducted by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) showed that people who wear hearing aids enjoyed many benefits beyond better hearing that their hearing-impaired counterparts do not—like improved relationships at home!

2. Educate yourself about hearing loss—The more you know, the better prepared you'll be.

3. Now you see it...now you don't!- Haven't seen anyone wearing a hearing aid lately? Probably because many of today's hearing aids are nearly invisible!

4. You CAN hear better in background noise—With today's advanced digital technology there are many options that can help you understand speech better in background noise... and don't think it's too expensive for you to afford!

5. Find a hearing healthcare provider that has your interests at heart. The right Audiologist can make all of the difference in helping you hear well.

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Selecting a hearing instrument depends upon personal preference, along with degree and shape of hearing loss. If you have heard stories about other people's experiences with hearing instruments, rest assured that every hearing loss is as different as the wearer's needs. And, hearing aids have come a long way just in the past few years. Today's sophisticated technology allows people to hear in a variety of listening environments including background noise. The technology is exciting and people are reportedly hearing better than ever before.

The first step in obtaining hearing aids is to have a comprehensive audiometric evaluation by an Audiologist. An Audiologist is a professional who specializes in evaluating and treating people with hearing loss and balance disorders. Audiologists hold masters or doctorate degrees from accredited universities with special training in the prevention, identification, assessment, and non-medical treatment of hearing disorders. An audiometric evaluation determines the extent or degree of hearing loss. Hearing levels are measured in the sound proof booth under earphones. The perception of sound, the recognition of words and the function of the middle ear are also tested. This test determines whether or not you are a candidate for hearing aids.

If you are a candidate for hearing aids, you and your Audiologist will talk about the many different options available in hearing aids today. The most important factors in determining which hearing aids are best for you have to do with your lifestyle and your hearing needs. For example, if you are an active person, who enjoys going to restaurants and visiting with family and friends, then a more technological advanced hearing aid would be an appropriate fit. On the other hand, if your lifestyle is quite sedentary, then perhaps an entry level aid would be suitable.

Technology is the biggest determination of how you will hear with your new hearing aids. One hundred percent digital hearing aids are the most common fit hearing aids on the market today. Although analog and digitally programmable aids are still available, digital hearing aids are superior in clarity and reducing background noise. Digital hearing aids are separated into three types; entrylevel, mid-level and high-level. Entry-level digital aids use digital circuitry, may or may not be programmable and allow for specific fine-tuning. Mid- and high-level digital aids are programmable, use noise-reduction features, multiple microphone technology, automatic telephone features, automatic volume control and/or fine-tuning of sound. These features vary depending on the manufacturer. The most important advances in technology have to do with the ability to hear in background noise. While no hearing aid eliminates background noise, these devices are sure helping many communicate in less ideal listening situations.

With the introduction of open ear devices (example on opposite page) and the completely-in-the-canal hearing aids, today's hearing aids are nearly invisible and quite comfortable. Some people are restricted to certain sizes of hearing aids because of the severity of their hearing loss. Vision and dexterity problems can also be a factor. You and your Audiologist will discuss which hearing aids will appropriately fit your hearing loss, and your listening needs. Remember, fitting hearing aids is both an art and a science—finding the right Audiologist can make all the difference in how you hear!

The average cost of a hearing aid ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for one. (Don't forget that many insurances help pay for hearing aids.) Because hearing aids are custom-made instruments, you should be aware that mail-order companies are not able to make devices that custom fit a specific individual and therefore are not recommended. Warranty and purchase agreements can also vary. Most offices offer a one- to two-year standard warranty and allow at least a thirty-day trial period. Finally, avoid those who sell only one type or brand of hearing aid. No manufacturer makes an aid that is right for everyone.





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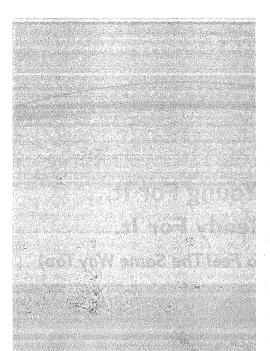


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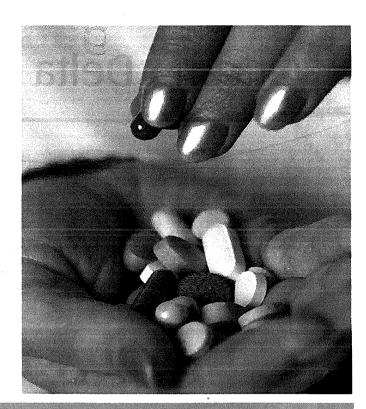
#### By Andrea Kramer

Unless you've been living in a cave for the last decade, you've heard health experts stressing the importance of eating more fruits and vegetables and fewer fats and carbs. The problem is that despite our best intentions, most of us don't get enough of the vitamins and minerals we need through diet alone. At the very minimum it is smart to take a multiple vitamin daily to help supplement the nutrients that you aren't getting through meals.

In addition to a multivitamin with minerals, most people can benefit from extra calcium and magnesium, B-complex vitamins, and omega 3-fatty acids. Vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant that can help strengthen your immune system.

Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding need to take additional vitamins. B-vitamins and folic acid are particularly important in safeguarding the health of both the baby and mother.

If you are a smoker you can benefit from taking a Vitamin C supplement. Smoking effects the absorption of many vitamins but several studies have



# . Choose Nutritional Supplements

## Top Things To Remember When Choosing Supplements:

1. If you have a chronic or serious health condition you should consult your doctor before taking any nutritional supplements. 2. Vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant that has many beneficial effects, including boosting the immune system. 3. Never take more than the recommended dosage of vitamins without consulting a doctor. Some vitamins can be toxic if taken in large doses over a long period of time. 4. Don't rely on vitamin supplements alone to stay healthy. Eat a variety of healthful foods to increase your intake of natural nutrients.

shown that smokers are particularly deficient in Vitamin C.

People who are trying to lose weight and vegetarians often have multiple vitamin deficiencies. The most harmful deficiencies are from calcium, B vitamins, and Vitamin C. Vegetarians need to be especially vigilant in making sure they get enough vitamin B12 and Vitamin D. Those who do not eat dairy, eggs, or meat may have Vitamin A or iron deficiencies.

Many adults over 55 have significant vitamin and mineral deficiencies. Some studies have shown that older adults who don't get outdoors much can benefit from Vitamin D. The immune systems of elderly adults may also benefit from a daily supplement of Vitamin E.

Research has also shown that the following vitamins and minerals can be powerful allies in preventing heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

Vitamin C– Vitamin C acts as a powerful antioxidant. It is important for the production of collagen and may give the immune system a significant boost. Citrus fruits, bell peppers, broccoli, potatoes, red cabbage, cantaloupe and sweet potatoes are good sources of Vitamin C. Taking vitamin C supplements may also protect against stomach, esophageal, mouth and cervical cancers.

Vitamin D is essential in the absorption of calcium into the bone and for normal bone growth. Food sources include fortified milk, fatty fish, egg yolks and liver. Those who spend little time in the sun may need a Vitamin D supplement.

Vitamin E - This powerful vitamin may be beneficial in reducing the risk of heart disease and colon cancer. It has also been shown to help reduce hot flashes in women going through menopause. Food sources of Vitamin E include avocados, vegetable oils, nuts, wheat germ, beef liver, bran, and soybeans. Chromium – This powerful mineral makes your cells receptive to insulin and can normalize glucose and insulin levels. 120-200 mg, per day is recommended.

Magnesium – Researchers have found the more magnesium in your diet, the less likely you are to develop diabetes. Generally foods high in fiber are also high in magnesium – cereals, spinach, black-eyed peas and beans.

Folic Acid – Folic acid has been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease. Foods containing folates include orange juice, broccoli, spinach, and kidney beans. Most people need a multivitamin supplement to get 400 mcg per day.

Vitamin B-6– Like folic acid, B6 helps reduce homocysteine levels, thereby reducing the risk of heart disease. Foods with B6 include bananas, lean chicken, brown rice and oats.

The B vitamins are essential for converting blood sugar into energy and they help with metabolic activity in the heart, muscles, nerves and red blood cells. Good sources of B vitamins include pork, oatmeal, corn, nuts, cauliflower, dried fortified cereals, and sunflower seeds. Alcohol causes significant depletion of the B vitamins.

Vitamin A and beta carotene are important in growth, bone development, night vision, reproduction and healthy skin. However Vitamin A supplements can be dangerous if taken in high doses for long periods of time.

If you are pregnant, nursing a baby or have a serious medical condition, you should consult your doctor before taking any vitamin supplements. He can evaluate your medical history, diet and current medications to determine which supplements are safe for you to take.

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## Zerbo's legacy lives on in Livonia

#### Steve Taormina

arry Zerbo was like many other second-generation Italians in mid-'50s Detroit. He was a World War II veteran, he worked in the cement business and he loved to play handball.
 But it was an out-of-the-ordinary hobby that led Zerbo to discover his life's work – founding and operating Zerbo's Health Foods in Livonia, Mich.

"Harry raised chinchillas for their fur, and he was always trying to find the best ways for them to have shinier, softer coats," says Zerbo's grandson, Ryan Adams. "He ended up giving them a supplement."

Adams isn't sure what that supplement was, but family legend says that Harry's chinchillas were wellbehaved, sold first and went for the most money. This was great for Zerbo (not so great for the chinchillas), and it helped spark his interest in nutrition.

He sought advice about vitamins and minerals from a biochemist in Detroit. Intrigued by the information, Zerbo decided that supplements might help his wife, Yolanda, who was suffering from a heart condition. Her illness improved, according to Adams, and Zerbo became a true believer in the power of diet and nutrition to help people.

He began having regular meetings at his home to talk about a health product, probably something similar to a multi-level marketing product today, Adams says. The gatherings grew, inspiring Zerbo to open Zerbo's Health Foods in 1958 as a "tiny" vitamin shop, Adams says.

Many of the initial customers would come in to talk about their health, vitamins and minerals, and what to buy, and Zerbo would give them foot massages. An avid learner, he studied reflexology and other complementary health therapies.

"This man lived and breathed taking care of people, bringing them something they needed," says Clara Zerbo Adams, Harry's daughter. Harry, who passed away in 2005 at age 88, worked at the store until he was 84. The market is now owned by Clara and her children Ryan and Shannon Adams Faunt, who continue Zerbo's tradition of helping people improve their lives.

"The majority of our customers are coming here because they're having a problem, and they know about it," Adams says. Like his grandfather, Adams is happy to help his customers each day: "I feel like I'm making a difference, and it's not just a 9-to-5 job," he says.

Adams started working in the family business after graduating from college eight years ago. Because he wanted to learn the business from the ground up, he began as a pricer. His timing was perfect. In 1997, Zerbo's completed its second expansion of the original location on the corner of Plymouth and Stark roads.

The store didn't have a computerized point-ofsale system, and Adams came in to help modernize and grow the business. His family could see that health food retailing had grown well beyond the days of small vitamin shops: "it was going toward one-stop shopping," he says.

At 11,250 square feet, the current version of the store feels spacious and clean. A long set of windows running above the shelves brings in natural light. The product selection retains its original vitamin and supplement focus, but now about half the store is devoted to food, essentially offering the same variety of SKUs as much larger grocery stores but with a strict focus on natural and organic. A separate room contains most of the store's refrigerated and frozen items.

Harry Zerbo wanted to include organic produce as early as the 1960's because he believed nutrition from food was as important as supplementation, but he ran into problems with quality and consistency of fresh fruits and vegetables, according to Zerbo Adams. "We would drive out to the airport and never knew what we'd get and if it would still be good." Zerbo's waited to offer organic food until the supply became more reliable, he says.

Another reason the store began stocking groceries was that supplements were becoming available in other stores and over the Internet. Zerbo's reduced its margins for supplements but increased profits in the grocery section and juice bar.

The 42-member staff is ready to answer questions in between managing and stocking shelves. Adams says the store averages more than 600 customers daily, so a sizeable staff is necessary. "We're making sure people are serviced. It's a specialty store, and people have questions," he says.

If the staff can't help, there's a large reference section with a reading table near the back of the store where customers can browse naturalhealing books. The juice bar toward the entrance is stocked with organic fruits and vegetables. It's busiest during lunch hours, Adams says, as many local workers come in for a healthy pick-me-up.

Zerbo's also offers lectures and can accommodate up to 30 people. A recent lecture featured a naturopath from California who discussed the benefits of seaweed and plankton.

Being healthy in Detroit isn't always

easy. The metro area was built for cars, not for walking or biking. "We are the fattest, most depressed people in the country because of the air quality, the water quality and lack of sunlight," Zerbo Adams says. "But we have supplements and food that has real nutrition, so people who want to be healthy anyway have that option."

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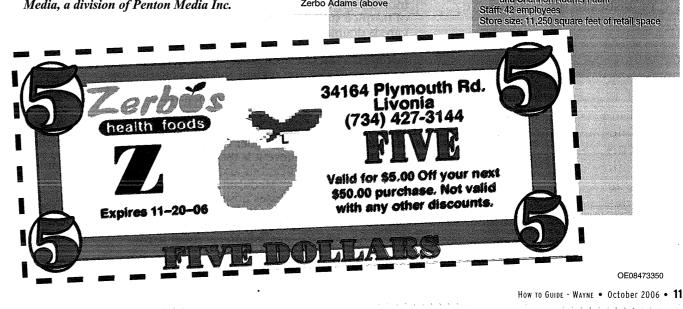




Zerbo's expanded from its original location (top right) to its current spot (top left in 1997, adding an extnesive reference section. Founder Harry Zerbo and current co-owner Clara Zerbo Adams (above



Co-owners: Clara Zerbo Adams Ryan Adams and Shannon Adams Faunt



#### By Andrea Kelly

Statistics show that one third of those who die each year suffer from a chronic illness. In a recent Gallup poll 90 percent of Americans said if they were faced with a terminal illness they would prefer to be cared for and die in their homes. Hospice care is a quality of life choice available when a patient no longer responds to or wishes to receive curative treatment. It is often utilized during the last six months of life when patients prefer to spend time at home with family members rather than remain in a hospital environment.

When a terminally ill patient cannot be cured with aggressive treatments, the patient and family member have the option of considering hospice care. Quality of life is the most important consideration. For many patients, continuing painful treatments and therapies and enduring a stressful hospital environment are very distasteful.

The goal in hospice care is to improve the patient's last days by offering comfort and dignity in a less



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# Know When It's Time For Hospice Care

stressful setting. Hospice care focuses on dealing with all symptoms of a chronic illness with an emphasis on alleviating pain and discomfort. Specially trained caregivers also help patients deal with the emotional, social, and spiritual impact of their disease.

The services of hospice care include a variety of counseling and bereavement services for family members before, during and after a patient's death. Eighty percent of hospice care is provided in the patient's home, a family member's home, or in a nursing home. Some inpatient hospice facilities are also available to assist with patients who need more intensive care.

For many families it is difficult to know when the time is right to consider a hospice. If the patient is receiving treatments that no longer seem to help, the doctor has said there are no alternative treatments or other medical options available, or the patient decides they no longer want to seek treatments or hospitalization, hospice care should be considered. If the patient is very fatigued, sleeping a lot, unable to eat, or consistently short of breath, hospice may be an option. When caring for the patient is becoming increasingly difficult for family members, the support of hospice staff can help. If round-the clock hospital care is draining the family financially and treatments aren't helping, hospice should be considered. You do not need a referral from a doctor to have a hospice professional visit the patient and family to discuss hospice as a plan of care. To retain hospice services the physician will need to certify that the patient is terminally ill.

Many families don't consider hospice care because they mistakenly believe it is too expensive. Hospice care, including medications and equipment, is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most major insurances. In most cases hospice service is less expensive than conventional care during the last six months of life. Since less high-tech equipment is used and family, friends, and volunteers provide the majority of daily care at home, costs can be reduced significantly. Some terminally ill patients and their families resist hospice care because they fear they can't retain their own doctor. In truth, hospice patients CAN retain their own doctor and hospice physicians consult with the patient's doctor to determine the best plan of care. Volunteers, family members, and friends work closely with medical professionals in coordinating a team approach to care.

Patients are required to have a doctor's certification of terminal illness with a prognosis, or life-expectancy, of six months or less to receive hospice care under the Medicare benefit. Patients and family members seem to benefit the most from hospice when referrals are made as early as possible. Patients can remain in hospice care after six months if a doctor certifies that the patient is terminally ill. If the patient is younger than 65, refer to individual insurance policies for covered hospice benefits.

After a hospice is contacted, the staff meets with the patient's personal doctor and a hospice physician to discuss the patient's medical history, current condition, and life expectancy. Prior to entering the program the patient and family meet with staff to discuss services, financial and insurance resources, medications, equipment needs, and the support system. A plan of care is developed for each patient and it is reviewed and revised to adapt to the patient's condition.

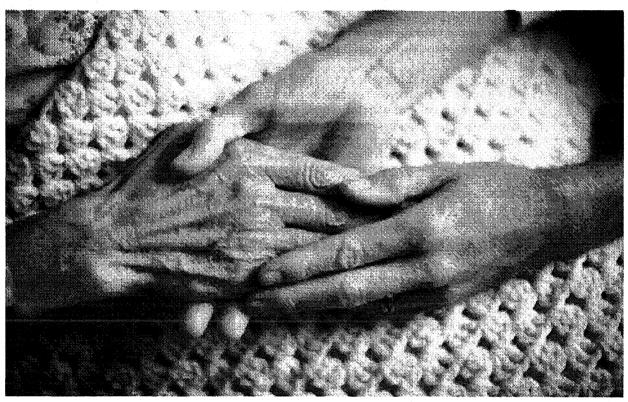
Hospice care includes physician services, regular home visits by registered and licensed practical nurses, assistance from home health aides for dressing and bathing, counseling services, medical equipment and supplies, pain management and symptom control, specialized services such as physical therapy, and volunteer support to assist caregivers and family members.

You can find a hospice in your area by checking the local Yellow Pages under "Hospice," searching the internet, or asking your doctor or local hospital for referrals.

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#### By Charles Hammond

We've all felt it. That first twinge in the back or stiffness of the knee that means that, like it or not, we're not as young as we used to be. Unfortunately, these days people are feeling those twinges at younger and younger ages, thanks to our ever more sedentary lifestyle. Whether you're a school age kid without a physical education program and with a Twinkie habit, or a baby boomer who goes from couch to car to desk to car to couch again, most Americans need to get up and move. And when those twinges, aches and pains become so severe that they start to affect your quality of life, you probably need to look into some professional physical therapy.

Naturally, the first thing you need to do is consult your doctor. Perhaps you're actually not a couch potato but a weekend warrior whose knee gave out while coaching soccer. Or maybe you're a senior citizen who isn't willing to accept limited mobility as



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# How to Feel Better with Physical Therapy

## Advances In Physical Therapy Can Treat Various Injuries

Even if you have a condition as severe as a torn ligament you may be able to choose physical therapy as an alternative to surgery. Even though we've become a nation of couch potatoes, we've also made tremendous advances in sports medicine. That's what allows that football player you saw in agony at last week's game to score the winning touchdown this weekend. Advances in physical therapy for athletes benefit you as well. In fact, if you've been diagnosed with knee, elbow or other joint problems, or even something like carpal tunnel syndrome (the bane of computer jocks) you might want to seek out a physical therapist close to your home or work to get yourself back in the game.

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a consequence of growing old. No matter what your situation, your doctor should be your first stop. Your doctor may suggest a physical therapist or you may consult the American Physical Therapy Association at 1-800-999-2781, or at apta.org. which represents and promotes the profession of physical therapy to further the professions role in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of movement dysfunctions and to promote physical health.

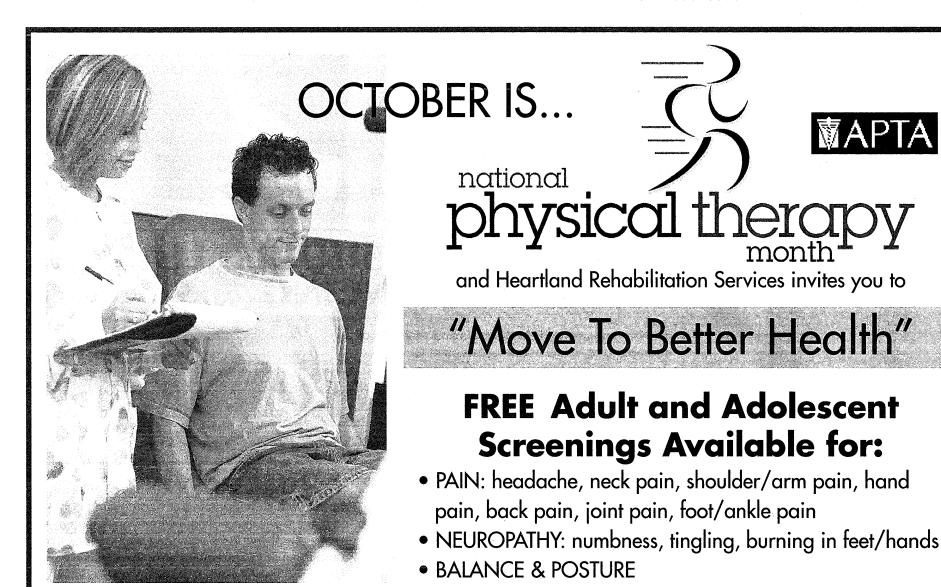
Physical therapy is used to help treat a wide variety of ailments and injuries. There are physical therapy specialties in everything from cardiovascular health to pediatrics, women's health issues, oncology and geriatrics. Physical therapy can be recommended for treatment after an injury, as a way of improving circulation; pre and/or post surgery to enhance the recovery process; as part of ongoing treatment for osteoarthritis or osteoporosis; and to treat specific conditions such as numb, tingling feet accompanying diabetic neuropathy or vestibular rehabilitation for balance and dizziness. Whereas the common wisdom concerning joint pain and reduced mobility, particularly for women, used to be a variation on "you're just getting old," advances in physical therapy and exercise physiology have proven that the right program of exercises or treatments recommended by a physical therapist can improve or even reverse some of the ill effects of aging.

Physical therapy in some cases is recommended as an alternative to surgery. For example, with some damaged or frayed components of knees or elbows, strengthening the surrounding muscles through a course of physical therapy can be an alternative to surgery. Though, if you have a severe pain in your knees, back or other joints, don't just assume you can "walk it off." Consulting a licensed physical therapist will provide you with hands on manual therapy and stretching along with the proper exercises you need to do to help alleviate, not worsen, your problem. For example, aquatic therapy may be recommended because walking in shallow water provides low impact resistance where putting weight on an injury might cause severe pain or further damage.

A full course of physical therapy, depending upon the initial problem, will often include elements of other disciplines, from massage to ultrasound, infrared light therapy and electrical stimulation. Physical therapy has also shown itself to be useful in treating things you might not think of like headaches, neurological disorders, balance and posture issues, work related injuries, automobile injuries, non-healing wounds and especially all types of chronic pain. And physical therapy, while not inexpensive, can cost far less than more drastic surgical measures. Physical therapy can have psychological benefits as well, particularly if you're someone unused to exercise, physical therapy can open a whole new world of care of and respect for your body and how it works.

As with all medical treatment, spend some time researching a physical therapist and physical therapy centers in your area and find one which you feel comfortable with and don't feel uncomfortable asking for references. Choosing a physical therapy center located conveniently close to home or work will help insure the best results. Most physical therapy centers accept Medicare and other insurance, but check with your carrier to make sure that your treatment is covered and if you must have a doctor's referral to qualify.

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#### By Carl Hammond

Unless you've been on an extended trip to Antarctica, or have left the planet entirely, you've probably noticed the resurgence of interest in what you might remember from child or young adult-hood as "social dancing", or more commonly known as "Ballroom Dancing". Shows like "Dancing with the Stars" and movies like "Shall We Dance" with Richard Gere and



## **DECIDE IF YOU SHOULD LEARN BALLROOM DANCING**

Jennifer Lopez chronicle the trials and triumphs of attempting to follow in the footsteps of Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire (or Kevin Bacon in "Footloose" or Jennifer Beals in "Flashdance," or Janet Jackson, or Madonna...) The actual World Championships of Ballroom Dancing are now televised with all the seriousness of a sporting event.

So, should you dip your toe into the heady atmosphere of the ballroom? It's a great opportunity to meet people, to improve your posture, and to learn a skill that will hold you in good stead at wedding receptions, on cruise ships and at other vaguely retro social events for the rest of your life. But there are other benefits:

1) Exercise. Ballroom Dancing Keeps you healthy and helps prevent heart disease. According to the computer diet program Diet Power, dancing can help you burn quite a few calories. Ballroom dancing (slow, for example a waltz) helps you work off 119 calories every 20 minutes. Make if fast (a salsa) and it is 268 calories. No matter whether it's country, folk or flamenco, 20 minutes goes by awfully fast on the dance floor.

2) Confidence. There's nothing like mastering some complicated dance moves to make you feel like a million bucks. And if you're a woman worried about feeling like a rag doll while the man "leads," remember what someone once said about Ginger Rogers: she had to do everything that Fred Astaire did, only backwards and in high heels. Remember that you do not have to be a couple in order to Ballroom Dance, singles can use Ballroom Dancing for a great dating tool.

3) Dressing up. To heck with casual Fridays, start a trend for stylish Saturdays. How often do you get the opportunity to wear something really spiffy Remember, the greatest journeys begin with a and/or sparkly that makes you look and feel 10 years younger? And the right fancy clothes can help cover up a multitude of actual dancing faux pas. After all, like any competitive sport, ballroom dancing is fifty percent skill and fifty percent guts.



4) Being prepared. Though you may be thinking more about snowboarding or hang gliding right now, there will come a time when you'll need a back up activity. So if you don't want to look like a total fool at the reception after the Leisure World golf tournament, it's a good idea to learn a few steps now so you can still be the belle (or beaux) of the ball when extreme rock climbing is out of the question.

5) Fun. Yes, dancing is fun and a great way to relieve every day stress. Though sometimes those world championship competitors can be a bit serious, for the most part whether you're good, bad or mediocre, you'll find others just like you to have fun with. And fun is often in short supply.

So how do you get started? Well, fortunately there are a number of wonderful people out there in your very own community keeping ballroom dancing alive. Whether it's a local college course or at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio locations all across the country, you can be sure that there's someone teaching ballroom dancing in your neighborhood. You can even learn to dance online (up to a point, you're probably going to want to try it out with actual human being sometime) at ballroomdancers.com. You can also look up the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association for information and classes near you.

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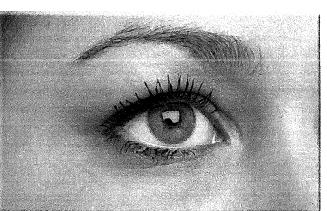
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## How to Decide If LASIK Surgery Is Right for You:

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- Make sure the surgeon performs the exam & answers your questions.

If you've been considering LASIK to reduce your dependence on contact lenses or glasses and you've been bombarded with lots of hype, different prices, (\$295, \_ prices, even Free LASIK) and confusing technologies (Wave-Front, Custom, Intralase, bladeless LASIK, High Definition) you are probably now confused. How do you make a decision regarding your most precious sense, the sense



## **CHOOSE A VISION CORRECTION SPECIALIST FOR LASIK**

of sight? You have also heard some of the possible problems associated with LASIK, especially in the past when LASIK technology was not as advanced as it is today, where some patients complained of visually debilitating complications, such as halos, blurry night vision, dryness and other visual problems.

#### **Evolution of LASIK**

The good news is that LASIK surgery has evolved tremendously from older lasers with small treatment zones that did not track the eye to current tracking lasers that use wave front technology that line up the treatment using Iris Registration, LASIK is enabling surgeons to correct not only myopia, hyperopia or astigmatism, but also other imperfections in the optical system of the eye, giving patients visual results exceeding their vision with contact lenses and sometimes, even their glasses. At the same time throughout the evolution of LASIK complications have become much less common and side effects such as glare or halos at night have also become significantly less common.

Unfortunately in the last several years LASIK, which is a wonderful procedure, has been turned into a commodity and has been highly commercialized with centers using deceptive advertising, hype and gimmicks to entice patients. That trend is leading patients into assembly line-like surgery with some centers using obsolete lasers. In some instances the surgeon flies in from another state leaving the patient under the care of non-surgeon providers. Some of these centers have taken the doctor out of the procedure where the patient only meets the surgeon at the time of surgery. Since we are dealing with your most precious sense, you should do your homework and obtain more than just one consultation. Insist on meeting the surgeon who you're willing to trust your eyes in their hands. They owe you the time to examine you. You should feel comfortable that this is indeed the person you will allow to operate on your eyes. Also, check to see if that surgeon is going to be available locally should you have problems.

#### Who is a Candidate

A candidate for LASIK is someone who is over 18 years old, who has stable myopia, hyperopia or astigmatism, and is free from certain ophthalmologic conditions such as severe dry eye, advanced glaucoma, or other corneal and ocular disorders. Of course a thorough evaluation should be performed during the screening process to see if the person qualifies for the procedure. A LASIK candidate should make sure that a physician examines him or her rather than a sales person telling them that they are indeed a candidate and scheduling them for the procedure.

#### How to Choose Your Surgeon

In choosing your surgeon, one should make sure the surgeon is Board Certified and specializes in vision correction, not someone who just dabbles in it, has had at least 5 years experience and utilizes the latest technology as well as having the technology in-house rather than using a free-standing center that rents the laser.

These are your eyes; make sure you choose wisely and are comfortable with your surgeon.

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# **Confused About LASIK?** Make the right choice for your eyes

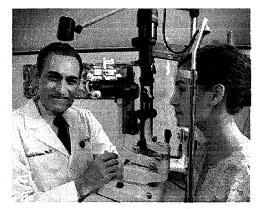
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A lot has to do with the OMPT approach itself. While traditional physical therapy focuses on the treatment of symptoms, which often works fine, many problems do not respond because the real cause is located elsewhere. This situation is known as "referred pain" and can often lead to inaccurate physical therapy evaluation and result in ineffective treatment. Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy focuses instead on using hands-on techniques to treat the problem by improving the patient's quality range of motion and maximizing their functional status - which also results in the alleviation of symptoms.

But that's only part of the story. The other aspect that makes OMPT Specialists stand out from the crowd is the relationship between the therapist and the patient. While therapists in other rehab facilities often deal with numerous patients at the same time. OMPT offers every patient a one-on-one partnership with their therapist in a positive and caring environment. "I'm passionate about the quality of the care we provide," says Fahmy, "which is really another way of saying that I want my treatments to work. The only way I can achieve that is by giving my patient my undivided attention, using my special training to accurately evaluate the cause of the problem. Our comprehensive and thorough evaluation enable us to effectively communicate with the physician so we are aware of all the aspects of the problem before we recommend and carry out a plan of care. Here at OMPT we specialize in the patient."

Fahmy's patients can attest to his expertise and professionalism as well as his personality. Dr. Larry Krugel, a Southfield dermatologist, first met Fahmy last year after having knee replacement surgery. "Micheal gave me the attention I needed," says Dr. Krugel. "I've had several back and knee problems and he's been there with me the whole time. I think he's the best physical therapist I've ever met. Besides being very competent, he's helpful as well as personable. I wouldn't go to anyone else. I even recommend my own patients to him," says the doctor.

Reinart Geizayd of Bioomfield Hills agrees. "My doctor wanted me to go to a regular physical therapy clinic but friends had told me about Micheal and I insisted on seeing him. The difference is unbelievable. He pays attention to me and has helped me so much. He really cares about people, and I have told my orthopedic surgeon all about him."

In addition to being committed to quality patient care, OMPT Specialists features the latest high-tech equipment from Cybex including treadmills, steppers and bikes as well as a wide range of upper and lower body exercise machines. "Our rehab program also allows our patients to continue using the gym after ending physical therapy so they can keep in top form," says Fahmy.

But Fahmy is most proud of his Triton traction table for his neck and back patients. This advanced unit allows the therapist to relieve painful pressure gradually and provides a computer read-out and printed report to be shared with the patient's doctor as well as insurance companies.

"His facility is second to none," says Kate Lawson of Bloomfield Township, who began seeing Fahmy after ankle replacement surgery last year. "I'm not just doing simple exercises and balancing on boards, rather he has worked with me through a variety of massages and strengthening techniques to loosen my Achilles and help me walk without pain. My surgeon did a wonderful job but if it weren't for Micheal I wouldn't be walking nearly as well as I am. He took the time to consult with my surgeon before proceeding with therapy and that was so important."

"Plus," says Lawson "I am treated so wonderfully by the entire staff so it is truly a pleasant experience. I think that's key to a successful recovery."

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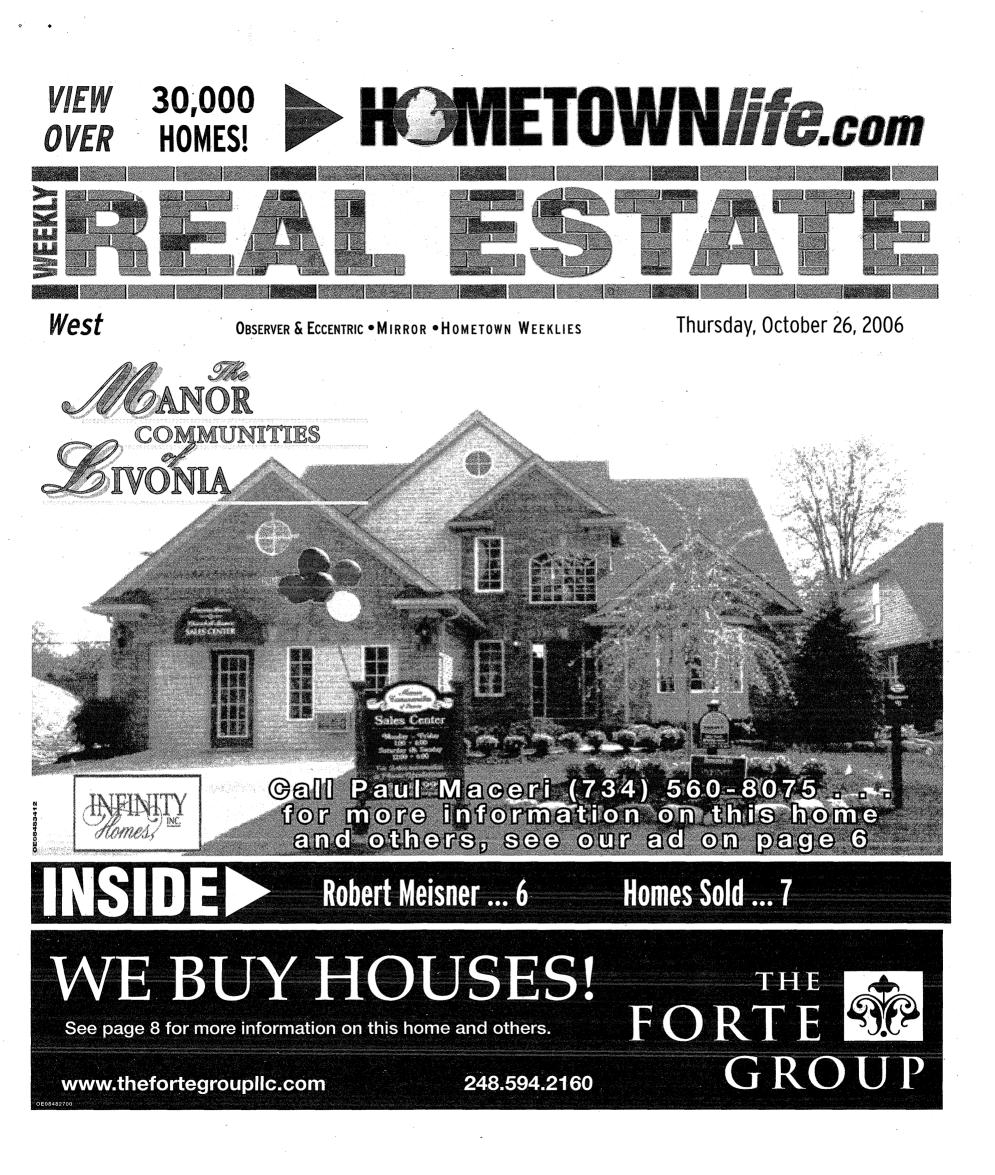
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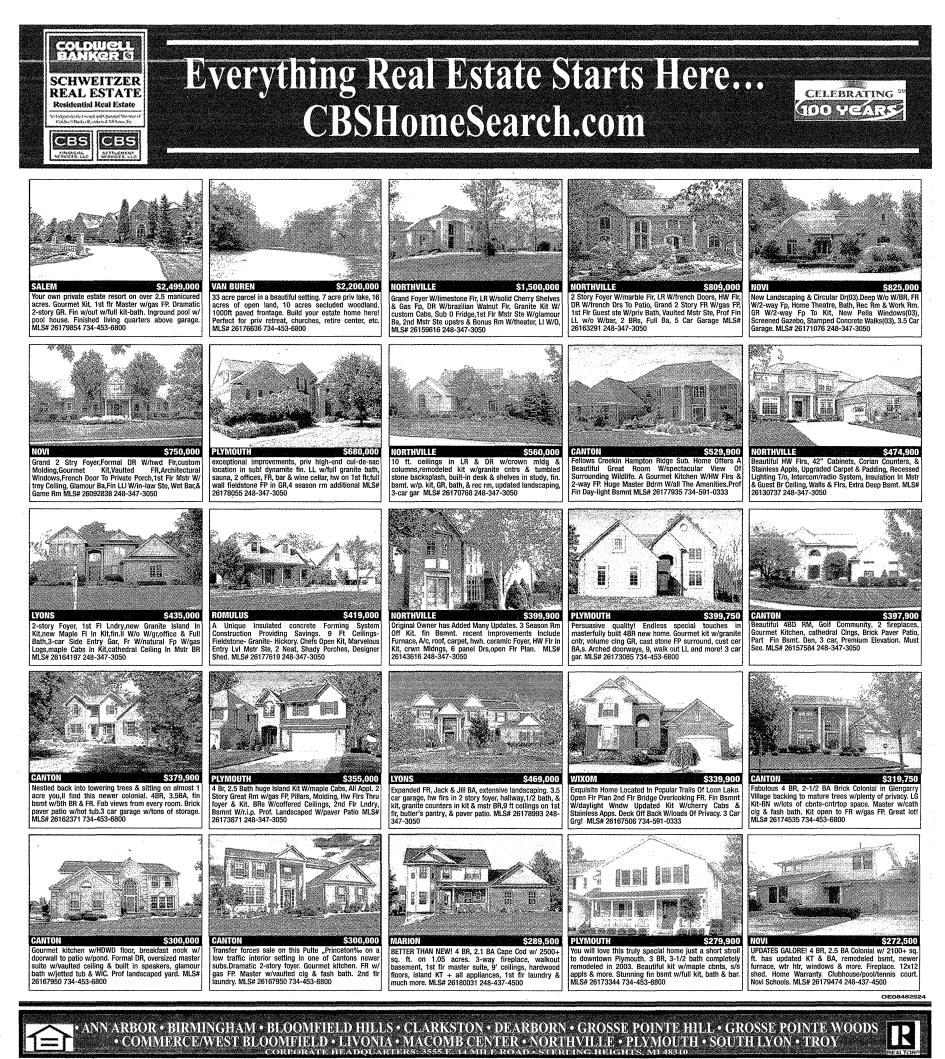
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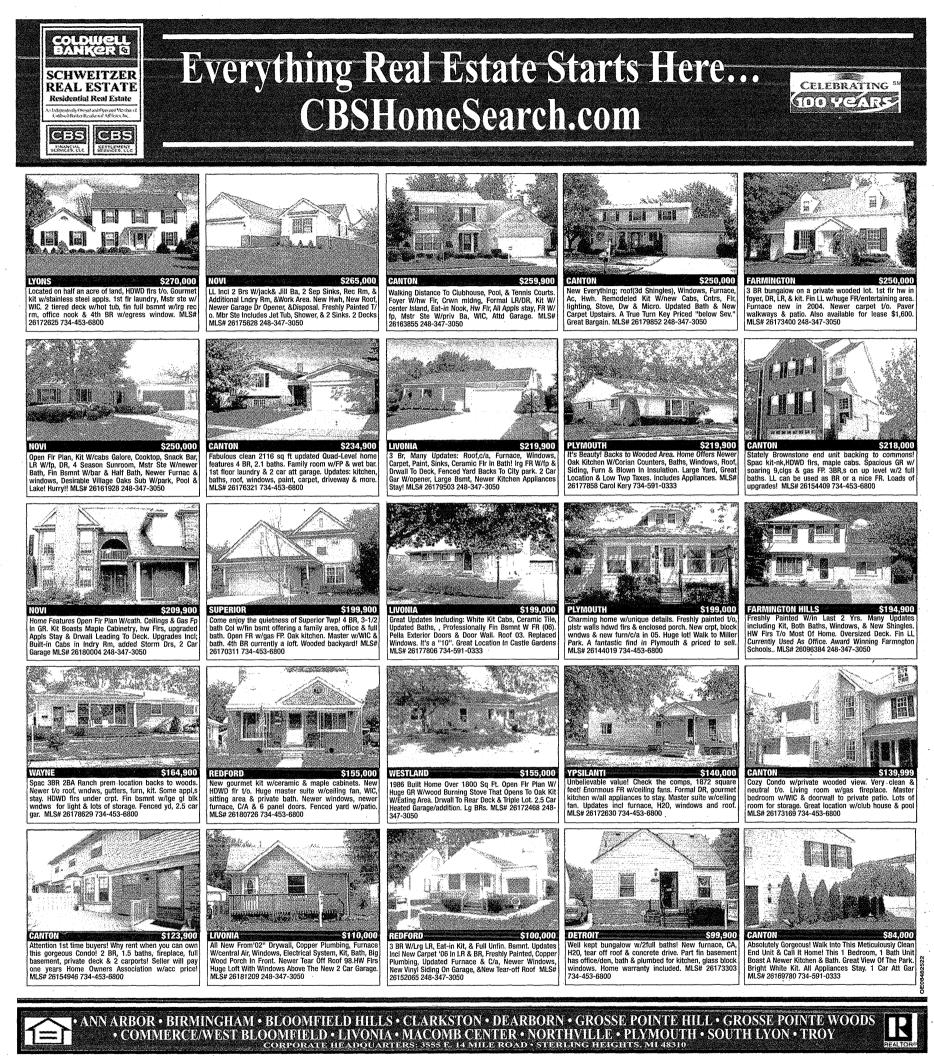


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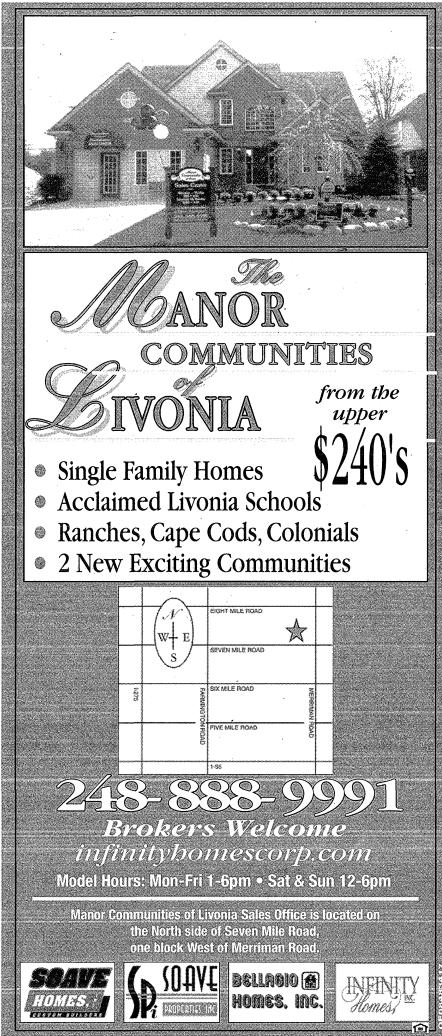
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## It may be best to beg off on conflict

Q. I am a new lawyer at representing community associations and am concerned about the fact that one of my prospective clients had several board members who have been antagonistic to me. I am about to be hired by the board of directors but am wondering what your experience has been in that regard?

A. In my recent book I talk about the "cast of characters" that one finds on the board of directors and unfortunately sometimes you find directors who have a great distaste for lawyers and/or do not match your personality.



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Sometimes some of the best clients are the ones that you choose not to represent just like some of the best real estate deals are the one that aren't made. If you've got a bad group of board members to begin with, things could only get worse unless, of course, the

board changes in composition. It is a business decision that you have to make but you may be best advised to beg off and let someone else have the hassle.

Q. Our board refuses to spend the money to fix a number of the units in the condominium and we have received a number of complaints from our members threatening us with litigation. We can't get the other board members to recognize their responsibilities. Can you help?

A. One of the primary responsibilities of the association through its board of directors is to maintain and repair those areas of the condominium for which the condominium documents give the association such responsibility. Boards are frequently reluctant to do so because they are afraid to spend the money or do not have the money. They look for excuses to take the cheapest way out and/or to ignore their responsibilities. The board can be and should be pursued for failure to discharge their responsibilities including the proper maintenance and repair of the condominium project. Hopefully your board will see the light and recognize what their fiduciary and legal responsibilities are without you having to resort to litigation or the political process to remove them as directors of the association.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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#### **HOMES SOLD**

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 5-9, 2006. at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	
43937 Bannockburn Dr	\$197,000
49068 Belfair Ct	\$460,000
595 Constitution St	\$215,000
50481 Coolidge St	\$65,000
50581 Coolidge St	\$105,000
49719 Courtyard Ln	\$292,000
2894 Eddington Ct	\$418,000
276 Edington Cir	\$226,000
39761 Edmunton St	\$190,000
4143 Elizabeth Ave	\$152,000
48401 Ford Rd	\$155,000
4009 Forest Bridge Dr	\$58,000
49823 Garfield St	\$70,000
1250 Hendrie	\$355,000
8363 Holly Dr	\$187,000
2667 Hunters Ct	\$327,000
49956 Jackson Ln	\$77,000
47105 Larchmont Dr	\$294,000
41617 Larimore Ln	\$175,000
42594 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$125,000
6276 Marshall Rd	\$309,000
835 Meadowlake Rd	\$216,000
8140 N Pointe Ct	\$495,000
8612 Newbury Ct N	\$229,000
8649 Newbury Ct N	\$224,000
43285 Oakbrook Ct	\$243,000
42297 Oakland Dr	\$280,000
4115 Pond Run Ct	\$275,000
2147 Preserve Cir E	\$244,000
43599 Proctor Rd	\$205,000
46372 Registry Dr	\$285,000
44403 Savery Dr	\$104,000
497 Sheffield Ct	\$240,000
43855 Somerset Sq	\$205,000
41226 Southwind Dr	\$125,000
662 Stonehenge Dr	\$205,000
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33001 Sheridan St	\$155.000
32219 Windsor St	\$115,000
Livonia	
18795 Bainbridge Ave	\$241,000
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9072 Beatrice St	\$141,000
30512 Bobrich St	\$231,000
31781 Bretton St	\$173,000
32912 Brookside Cir	\$260,000
32918 Brookside Cir	\$270,000
15963 Doris St	\$162,000
9365 Eastwind Dr	\$210,000
15074 Ellen Dr	
\$178,000	
30436 Elmira St	\$145,000
36211 Fairway Dr	\$110,000
32689 Five Mile Rd	\$95,000
11813 Hunters Park Ct	\$90,000
36851 Ladywood St	\$239,000
18662 Lathers St	\$141,000
27432 Long St	\$129,000
32404 Maria Ct	\$150,000
9928 Marie St	\$176,000
14712 Melrose St	\$165,000
18856 Melvin St	\$190,000
9952 Milburn St	\$170,000
37117 Myrna St	\$205,000
27946 Oakley St	\$315,000
14929 Richfield St	\$233,000
30064 Richland St	\$170,000
20105 Saint Francis St	\$127,000
14678 Stonehouse Ave	\$196,000
18317 University Park Dr	\$110,000
11066 W Clements Cir	\$147,000
19044 Wayne Rd	\$410,000
15022 Woodside Dr	\$263,000
Milford	
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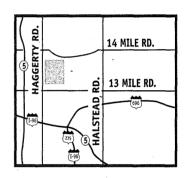
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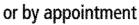
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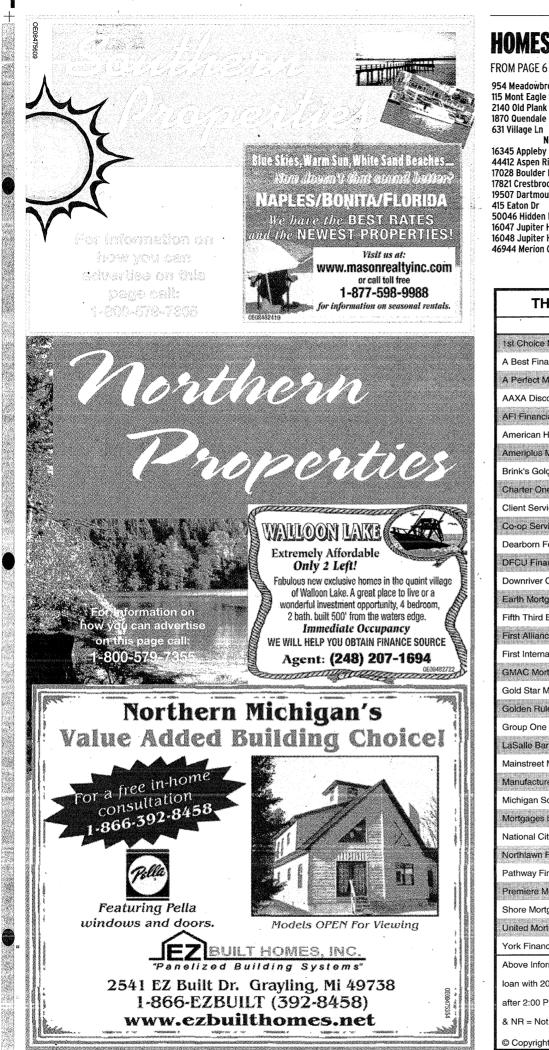
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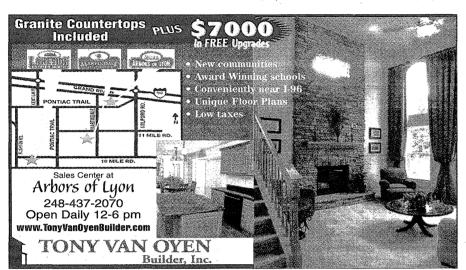
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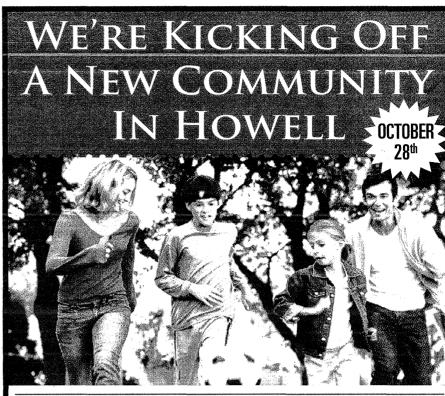
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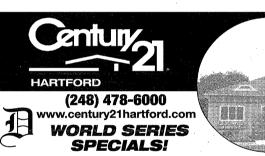


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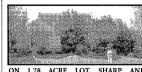
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2 story family room w/fireplace, kitchen w/nook & premium kitchen package, garden rm w/sky-light in nook, 9 ft ceilings on 1st floor, dining rm & study, T- staircase, master bedroom w/walk-in closet & glamour bath, 2 story foyer,1st floor laundry, b ment w/daylight windows & rough ins. Upgraded elevation, oversized d walks & large deck \$625,000(jgriv) sized driveway, paver

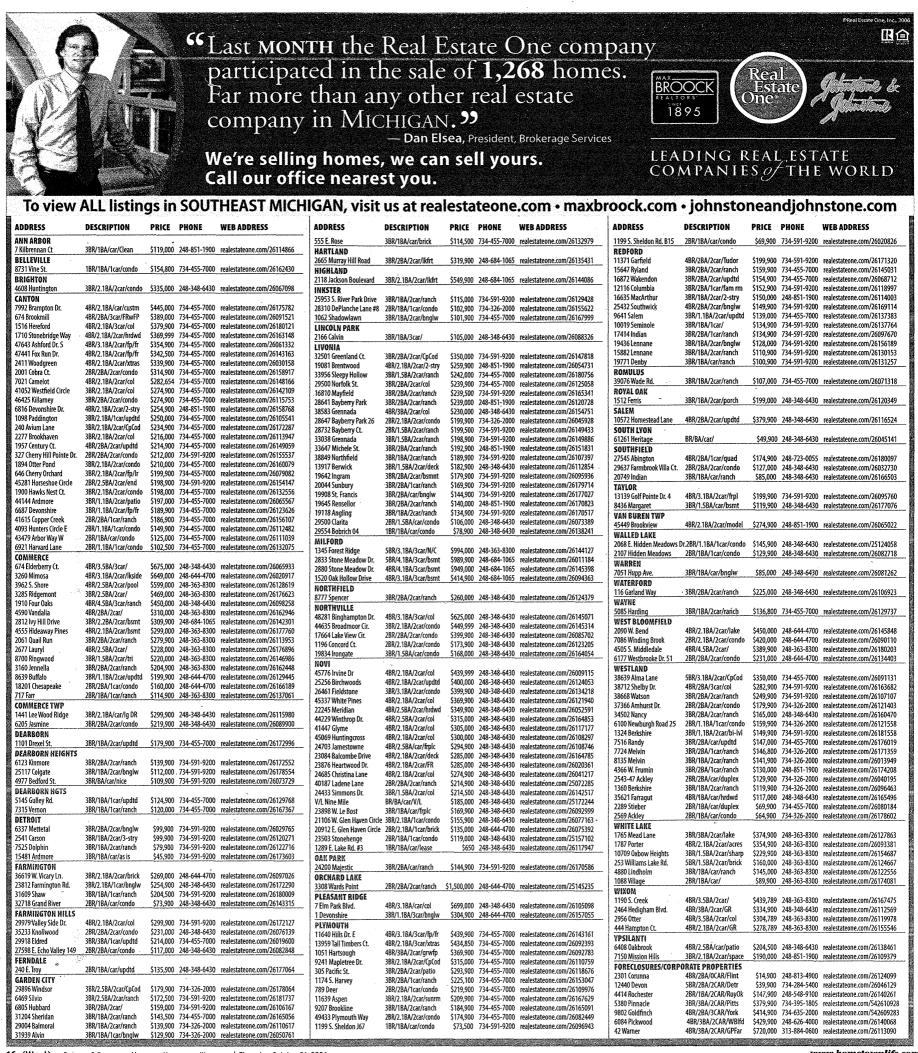
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