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County: Underpass project finally a go

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials Thursday delivered an early Christmas present nine years in the making to local officials who've been waiting for the Sheldon Road underpass project to get started.

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp notified City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials Thursday that work on the project is scheduled to begin in early December, pending final approval of all the relevant contracts by the Wayne County Commission.

Five agreements — intergovernmental agreements with the city and township and contracts with the Michigan Department of

Transportation, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and CSX Railroad — will be presented for approval at the commission's Nov. 16 meeting.

"I don't have any reason to think they're not going to go," Helmkamp said Friday. "I don't anticipate any problems."

The major sticking point has been relocation of the water main that serves the area. Helmkamp said work on that main has to start as soon as possible in order to meet the local communities' request that it be moved during non-peak times. That work must be started now, he said, in order to get it done by April.

That means Sheldon Road will be closed in both directions at the railroad crossing. The road is expected to be closed for some 22

months, but the timing of the start of the project — less than a month before the Christmas holidays — has local officials concerned about the effects on businesses both in the area of the closure and downtown.

"I'm worried about the retailers," Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "I'm not sure they'll have a chance to react with the holidays coming up."

Helmkamp empathizes with Dwyer, but said the county is in a tough spot.

"(Dwyer) is understandably concerned about that," Helmkamp said. "By the same token, it was all about the water service and getting it done in the winter. We wanted to make sure the temporary connects get put in place and get properly tested. It's a bit of a Catch 22."

The project has grown in cost from some \$8.8 million to some \$14.4 million. However, local shares have been locked in for some time. The city will contribute \$503,000 to the project, while the township is on the hook for just over \$1 million. There's about \$4.9 million in federal grant money, and the state will contribute nearly \$5 million from two funds. DWSD is set to pay \$1.4 million, and the railroad will chip in \$662,000. Wayne County is responsible for the rest.

"The last big thing was negotiating with Detroit Water and Sewer," Helmkamp said. "It wasn't this project in a vacuum, we had other things going on with them as well, some of which we had to give ground on to get them to close on this project. But we got that done."

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7 vie for 4 spots on library board

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Amongst Tuesday's election for governor, U.S. Senator, various judgeships and a myriad of ballot proposals, almost lost in the shuffle — some would say it has been — is the race for four seats on the Plymouth District Library board.

There are seven candidates, including three incumbents, vying for the four-year terms.

"They're in charge of the money, as in the 'buck stops here,'" said Pat Thomas, library director, about the \$4 million annual budget. "They set policy, and delegate day-to-day management of the finances to me. But, under state law, the library board members have fiduciary responsibility."

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library invited candidates for the library Board of Trustees to submit personal statements about their backgrounds and qualifications.

■ Brian Anderson: "My participation with the Plymouth District Library dates back to 1994, when I initiated the Plymouth Writer's Club. I feel that my experience with the Plymouth Writer's Club, as well as my many experiences accompanying my children to a wide range of library events and programs over the years, has given me good insight into how our library can best serve the diverse demographic groups that make up our community."

■ Eric Bacyinski: "I have a good idea of what the younger generations of our community desire from the library. I know what will bring them to the library and furthermore what will keep them coming back. With that being said, I would also like to see the library continue to provide the magnificent services to the seniors of our population."

■ Kimberly Hickey (incum-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Governor Jennifer Granholm gives a thumbs-up to Plymouth Township resident Beth Stewart as the governor leaves a Thursday afternoon campaign stop at Senate Coney Island in Livonia. Stewart attended the rally as a supporter of the "Republicans for Granholm" group.

Chili reception?

Granholm greets supporters at Senate Coney Island

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

When the election is over, Livonia business owner Bob Kunkel will measure the governor's success over the next four years by the number of jobs in Michigan.

"The bottom line is how many jobs are we gaining or losing — and not \$10 an hour jobs. We need \$15 an hour jobs," said Kunkel, owner of Caddy Shack Golf Shop. "Everything else will take care of itself."

Kunkel was among a crowd of about 250 Democrats and Republicans at Senate Coney Island on Nov. 2, a stop on the fourth day of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's re-election bus tour throughout the state.

Granholm talked about funding for public education, health care and offering short-term training to help displaced workers find jobs.

"We need a 'No Worker Left Behind' law," Granholm said.

"In challenging times, you have to make sure you invest in higher education," she said. She was joined by Lt. Gov. John Cherry, Sen.



Plymouth resident Alicia VanPelt listens to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's message during the governor's campaign stop at the Senate Coney Island in Livonia.

Carl Levin, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, state Sen. Hansen Clarke, state Rep. Andy Dillon, state House candidates Brian Duggan and Richard Blanc and state Senate candidate Glenn Anderson.

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Businesses revved up by DDA plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

After spending months doing surveys and fact-finding, all that was left for those making up the new marketing plan for downtown Plymouth was to energize the business owners in the district.

That's exactly what the Downtown Development Authority, led by new operations director Sherrie Pryor, did Thursday, laying out a light spread — and spelling out the plan — for "Downtown Plymouth, Not Just a Walk in the Park" to some 100 civic and business leaders.

That's the new slogan, complete with a new logo, aimed at letting people know downtown Plymouth has much more to offer than Kellogg Park. Pryor said the DDA and consultants hired to help develop the marketing plan spent a great deal of time studying other downtowns — Birmingham, Royal Oak and Northville among them — to determine how to proceed in Plymouth.

"The number one difference is Kellogg Park," Pryor told the audience Thursday. "No one else has a park. Kellogg Park defines the community. Expanding the idea of the park to the entire downtown will expand the identity of downtown."

The DDA hired North Star Destination Strategies of Nashville, Tenn., to pinpoint where it should target its future marketing efforts, and hired New Moon Graphic Design to come up with the logo.

That logo has been added to banners that went up around the downtown area Thursday.

Next up in the plan is for the DDA's new Web site — www.downtownplymouth.org — to go live Nov. 16. The site, which will feature, among other things, a calendar of events and listings of downtown businesses, was designed after DDA staffers studied the Web sites of other downtowns.

"We looked at a lot of sites for what we liked and what we didn't like," Pryor said. "We wanted to make sure the Web site conveyed the character and spirit of being in downtown Plymouth."

Business owners seemed excited about the prospect of marketing downtown. Sandy Marulis, owner of Michigan Made on Ann Arbor Trail, is already making plans to sell shirts in her store with the new logo.

"I love it," Marulis said. "We thought it was modern, but yet will have an appeal for many years to come. We're trying to extend the feel of the park throughout our town. We're hoping when you see it, you'll think of downtown Plymouth."

They also sang the praises of Pryor and assistant director of operations John Buzuvis.

"It's a good plan, but the thing is we actually have a plan," said Sharon Pugh, the owner of sideways. "For the first time, we have a cohesive (DDA) office. They are just phenomenal."

Staff writer Tony Bruscatto contributed to this report.

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Annual Native American Festival captures Thanksgiving spirit



50 years and going strong

Woman, 70, still gets kick out of driving hi-low

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Laverne Cruce still shows up for work with the same enthusiasm for her job as the day she started with Packaging Corporation of America in Plymouth -- a half century ago.

While many people look forward to putting in their 30 years and retiring, the Canton resident is still going strong at PCA, and will celebrate her 50th year with the box making company next year.

What makes Cruce even more extraordinary is the fact she drives a hi-low -- not exactly your prototypical job for a 70-year-old lady. Cruce spends her workday loading up huge semi trailers, which deliver the company's corrugated boxes all over the country and ultimately all over the world.

While Cruce realizes she has lasted longer than most of her peers, she attributes her long tenure at PCA to the fact it is a good company to work for, but mostly to her good health.

"I enjoy my job. God gave me my health, so why not work? I get up every morning and come to work. What else am I going to do? I don't want to sit around," she said.

Cruce was recently honored for her longtime service with PCA at Operation ABE's "Ability is Ageless" luncheon Oct. 30 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Operation ABE, an organization that helps mid-career people obtain work and remain employable through-

out their lifetime, holds the annual luncheon to celebrate workers aged 50 and over, with 25 years at a company, who make a daily difference at their place of employment.

Cruce's supervisor, Mike Rieker of Plymouth, nominated her for the award. He said she is well deserving. He said not only does Cruce have perfect attendance each year, she can also be counted on to work overtime. One of the traits he admires about her is how conscientious she is about not making mistakes, which he attributes to



'I enjoy my job. God gave me my health, so why not work?'

Laverne Cruce

the pride she takes in her job. Something he doesn't always see from his newer hires.

"These younger workers today are nothing like the older workers," Rieker said. "And she always comes to



Laverne Cruce's supervisor, Mike Rieker, nominated her for an award for her longtime service with PCA at Operation ABE's "Ability is Ageless"

work with a smile."

Cruce was born in 1936 in Tennessee. In the early 1950s, she moved to Michigan, and resided in Canton on Brookline Street. After getting married, she moved back to her native

state for about a year, before moving back for good. She first worked for Kresge's on Main Street in Plymouth, before landing a job at PCA.

Initially her job included some hand assembly work and a little heavy lifting.

About 30 years ago, her then supervisor told her if she wanted to stay with the company long term she had better learn to drive the hi-low, because it wasn't so physical. Her initial reaction was "I can't do that." But during her lunch breaks, he taught her the tricks of the trade, and she has been doing it ever since.

Cruce also attributes her longevity in the workplace to her husband, Tom, who she has been married to for 54 years. Even though he retired from the railroad company CSX some 15 years ago, she says he hasn't pressured her to do the same. He now does most of the chores at their home on Candlewood Court.

"He let's me do what I want," she says in her Tennessee drawl. "He's like my house husband."

As for retirement, Cruce is not even thinking about it, as long as she has her health. Besides, she doesn't want to give up the best perk about working at the same place for 50 years.

"I love the money," she admits. "Besides, I've got to keep paying social security to help everyone else out."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Laverne Cruce, 70, drives a hi-lo for Packaging Corporation of America in Plymouth, a company she has been employed by for a half century.

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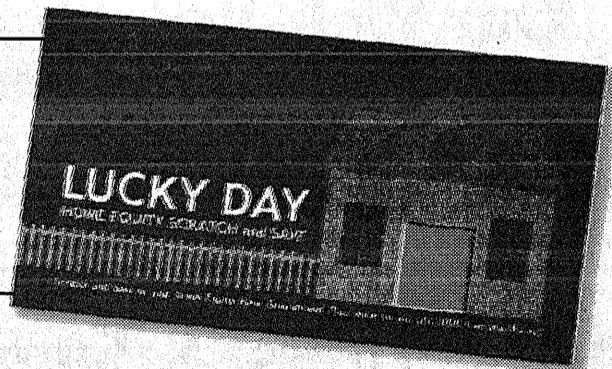
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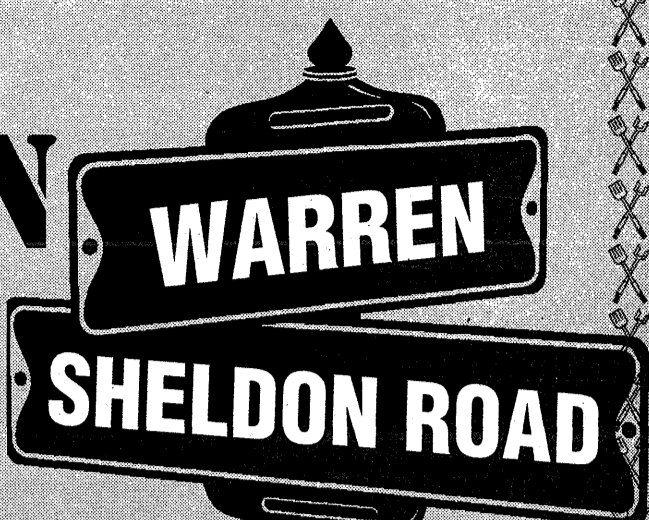
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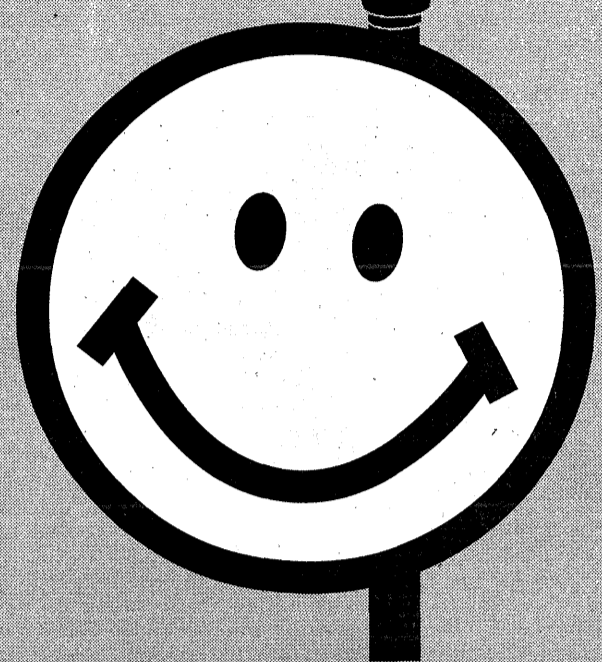
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Four shows will be held: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 and at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12.

The fun, engaging program showcases the styles of girls from yesterday and today - with historical and contemporary fashions from American Girl as well as Bitty Baby outfits for younger girls.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

Tickets are now available for \$30 per person. To purchase tickets, call Leah McLean at (248) 210-5591 or email Debbie Bienstock at dbienstock@twmi.rr.com. The shows are not recommended for girls under age five.

The shows feature more than 50 young girls serving as models from throughout Metro Detroit. Each show will include a light meal, favors, door prizes, souvenirs and a raffle for some fabulous American Girl prizes.

"American Girl fans will see their favorite dolls come to life on stage through these fashion shows," said Leah McLean, one of the show organizers and a founder of Friends of Suzette.

"The shows provide an enter-

taining and educational look at how generations of American girls have used clothing to express their own unique style and personality."

Now in its third year, Friends of Suzette is proud to host the American Girl Fashion Shows to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, a non-residential clubhouse located in Royal Oak where people affected by cancer can come to find social and emotional support in a home-like community atmosphere with others who are living with cancer.

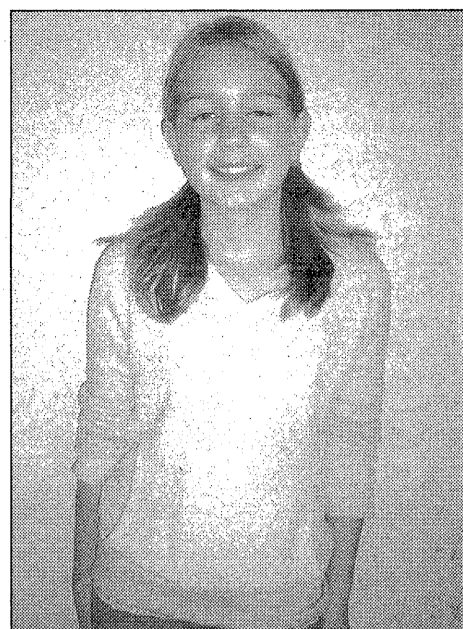
Friends of Suzette is a group of women who came together to continue the fight against breast cancer after their dear friend, Suzette Herskovitz battled and

sadly lost her fight with the disease in 2001 at the age of 32.

Initially, the group came together to raise funds for a bone marrow transplant that Suzette needed. Now, the group is committed to raising \$50,000 to endow an art room in memory of Suzette at Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

"This year, we're thrilled to announce that we will provide the last installment of funds which will take us to our \$50,000 commitment to Gilda's Club," said McLean.

Named to honor the late comedian Gilda Radner, Gilda's Club is a free cancer support organization that held a very special place in Suzette Herskovitz's heart.



Ciarra McCarthy is an American Girl Fashion Show model from Plymouth.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Oct. 25-31:

- Tuesday, Oct. 31 - Residential rescues on Northview and on Haggerty; commercial rescue run on Lilley.
- Monday, Oct. 30 - Residential rescue runs on Grant and on Eastside; industrial rescue run on Port.
- Sunday, Oct. 29 - Residential rescue runs on Brookline, on Linden, on Amherst and on Sunset; vehicle accident with wash-down on N. Mill.
- Saturday, Oct. 28 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Sheridan; downed wires at Beck and the CSX crossing, at Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail and at Joy and Ridge; vehicle accident with wash-down on southbound I-275 and M-14; mutual-aid rescue run on eastbound I-96 at Newburgh.
- Friday, Oct. 27 -

Residential rescue runs on Newporte, on Deer Run, on Haggerty, on Shadywood, on Brougham, on Beech and on Sheldon; industrial rescue run on Halyard; vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 at Beck; rescue run at M-14 and Beck.

- Thursday, Oct. 26 - Vehicle fire on southbound I-275 at M-14; rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road; vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Northern; residential rescue runs on Sutherland; hazardous materials run on Ann Arbor Road; commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Haggerty; industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25 - Residential rescue runs on Lakewood, on Sheldon, on Ann Arbor Road, on Red Maple, on Fairground, on Mill Race Circle and on Andover; investigation on Ann Arbor Road; rescue run on Plymouth Road; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

GRANHOLM

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Ficano predicted a number of close races but said Livonia would make history by voting Democratic this Tuesday. "I grew up in Livonia, and I can tell you that the last time Livonia went Democratic, I was very young," he said.

Members of Republicans for Granholm were among supporters at the restaurant.

"It took a lot of soul searching (to come out in support of Granholm) because I was a Republican for 40 years," said Gil Ziegler, chairman of Republicans for Granholm. "No. 1, I trust her. No. 2, we agree on the majority of the issues. And No. 3, she doesn't have any hidden agendas."

Former Republican state House candidate Beth Stewart called Granholm a moderate Democrat and said voters are sick of party politics.

"I think the moderate Republicans and moderate Democrats, rather than always being adversarial, can work together very well," Stewart said. "People who can work together are the ones who will help Michigan through this crisis."

Plymouth resident Alicia P. VanPelt brought Granholm a

check to show her support. "People are blaming her for the economy. We can't blame the governor for the auto industry," said VanPelt, a retired Livonia librarian.

Livonia's economy is important to George Dimopoulos, owner of Senate Coney Island and the adjacent Plymouth Road plaza. He said business at his restaurant is down 20 percent since a number of small manufacturing sites nearby have closed.

The possibility that Quicken Loans, Livonia's second biggest employer, may move its headquarters to downtown Detroit troubles Kunkel as well. "It's hard to take from Livonia and give to Detroit. We need to bring work here from Mississippi."

Quicken Loans' lease at Victor Corporate Park is up in 2009, and Granholm has reportedly worked to offer tax incentives for the company to move downtown. Quicken has not made any announcement about a decision.

"I am not advocating for them to move to Detroit," Granholm said. "We want them to stay in Michigan. If they move to Detroit, they may get the benefits of a Renaissance Zone. But as a state, we're advocating for them not to move."

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LIBRARY BOARD

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Richard Sharland: "I have sought benchmarking data and have found we are structurally, fiscally, and strategically at the 'cutting-edge.' I am also proud to say that during a term as president, I actually lowered taxes levied that you pay for the library."

Michael Pappas (incumbent): "My priorities as a trustee have been, and will continue to be, to service our customers (the taxpayers of the Plymouth Community), take care of our staff (who are second to none), and maintain and improve our building to make it the true Plymouth 'Gathering.'"

Richard Sharland: "I have experience with library budgeting, personnel policy, circulation policy, plans of service, library law, strategic planning and public relations. I would

like to resume my service as a library trustee and continue the fine library tradition in the Plymouth community while insuring adequate funding and the prudent allocation of resources."

Daniel Slater: "I believe it is a citizen's duty to be involved and contribute to the community in which he or she lives. I would like to help ensure that the library is financially viable, continues to provide excellent services, provides the latest resources, and encourages community use of these services."

Incumbent Joe Bridgman did not post information on the Web site.

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library has the complete information provided by each candidate via the library Web site at plymouthlibrary.org.

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Citizens for Peace hosts 3rd anniversary party

The Citizens for Peace is having a party - and everyone is invited. It's a potluck and silent auction at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Unity of Livonia on Five Mile, with entertainment to commemorate the formation of the group.

Formed on Veteran's Day three years ago, the Livonia-based unit of the nationwide Peace Alliance advocates forming a Department of Peace and encompasses the entire 11th Congressional District.

The Peace Alliance and the Citizens for Peace are nonpartisan organizations working for legislation that supports a culture of peace.

The group meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month. "We try to maintain a variety of activities which take advantage of our extremely talented and enthusiastic membership while not losing sight of our primary goal of getting the word out," said Colleen Mills, head of the Citizens for Peace.

Advocates for a Department of Peace have

been invited to inform attendees at the Red Hot Chili Peppers concerts in their areas. The Citizens for Peace enthusiastically supported the idea of reaching out to 300,000 young people throughout the U.S.

"Locally, the Citizens for Peace were among more than 100 attendees who met with Congressman Thaddeus McCotter who fielded questions and clarified his stance regarding a Department of Peace," said Mills. "We achieved what we regard as a major milestone by meeting with Livonia Library officials to work on creating a nucleus of peace-oriented books to be accessible and suitable for youth as well as adults." The cost of the books will be borne by the Citizens for Peace.

The public is invited to join the group's third anniversary party. A \$5 entry donation or a new item for the auction is suggested, but no one will be turned away, Mills said.

For more information, contact Mills at (734) 425-0079.

Better late than never

80-year-old finally grabs high school diploma

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Charles Britton's high school diploma says he graduated in 1942.

He was actually supposed to graduate in 1944, but never did after missing a lot of school due to a broken leg and then joining the U.S. Marines.

He noticed the misprint a few weeks ago, when his wife - and high school sweetheart - surprised him with the high school diploma he never earned nearly 60 years ago.

Confused? It doesn't matter, because none of that matters to Britton, the 80-year-old Plymouth Township resident who is now the proud holder of a high school diploma from Enfield (Ill.) High School.

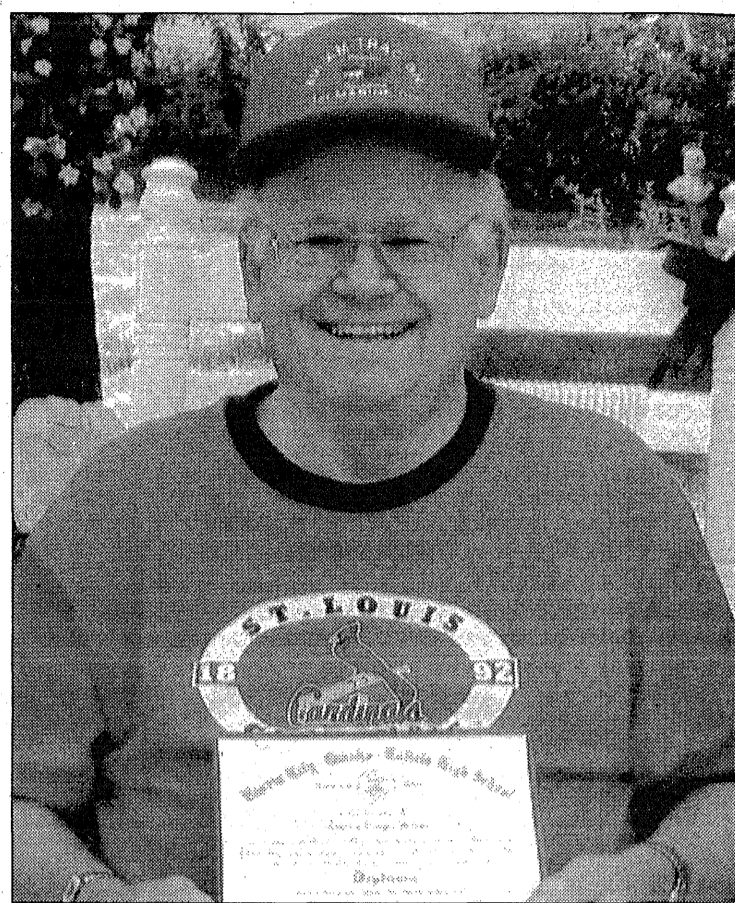
"The point is, I got it!" Britton declared. "I'm very proud of it, because it was hard to get."

Britton traveled a long road to becoming a high school graduate. Born in 1926 in rural Enfield, Ill., a farming community, Britton had to walk some eight miles to school.

That was fine with Britton until his junior year, when he broke his leg, rendering him unable to hobble the eight-mile trip. By the time the leg had healed, Britton figured he'd missed too much school and, with permission from his parents, joined the U.S. Marines.

While training in San Diego, he saved a buddy from drowning during an exercise. Britton was sent overseas, where he drove amphibian tractors onto the islands of Peleleu and Okinawa.

Britton married his high school sweetheart, Marjorie Winter, and the couple moved to Michigan, where jobs in the auto industry were plentiful. The Britton's had five children, four of whom would become teachers in the area. Daughters Linda and Jane retired after teaching in the Plymouth-Canton district; son Ken teaches special education in



Charles Britton of Plymouth Township recently received his high school diploma - some 60 years after he would have graduated.

Westland; son Jim teaches physics in Livonia. A third son, Stan, is an accountant.

The kids came by their desire to teach honestly: Marjorie worked for years at Starkweather, Plymouth-Canton's alternative education school.

Her experience at Starkweather came in handy when Charles started making noises about wanting to get his high school diploma. Marjorie knew a law in Michigan allowed former servicemembers to get their diplomas; persistent digging dug up the same program in Illinois.

Marjorie made all the necessary calls and provided the necessary documentation, and Britton's life experience and military training did the rest.

"I tried to get him to take

classes way back when, because I saw all kinds of other people going back to school," Marjorie said. "But he wasn't interested. All of a sudden, he just wanted it."

Officials in Illinois told Marjorie they'd get the diploma to her in the spring, but it got delayed until September. Marjorie sprung it on him for his 80th birthday.

The moment left an indelible impression on Britton's family.

"As his daughter, I speak for our entire family in congratulating him on this achievement," said Jane Patete. "We are very proud of his courage in battle, his honor to his country, his faithfulness to God, commitment to family and, lastly, his pursuit of education."

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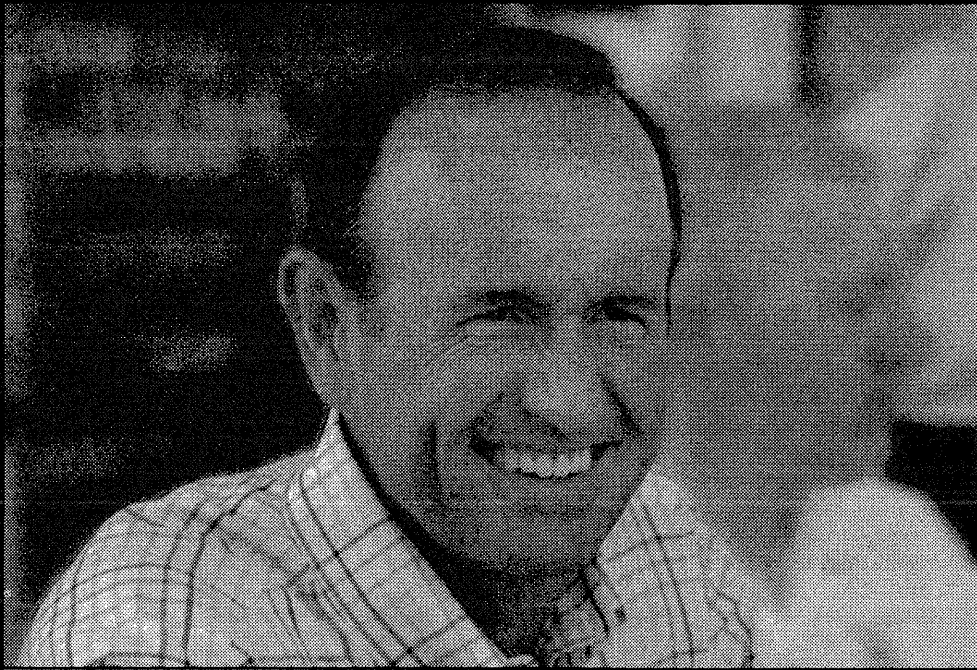
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(The Grand Rapids Press, Dec. 29, 2005).

✓ Opposes unlimited welfare benefits for able-bodied adults.

✗ Supports unlimited welfare benefits for able-bodied adults. (WKAR Debate, 10/2/06)

✓ Supports drug testing welfare recipients.

✗ Opposes drug testing for welfare recipients.
(Lansing State Journal, 10/31/98).

✓ Will get people from welfare to work.

✗ Faces \$100 million dollar fine from federal government for failing to get people from welfare to work. (Gongwer Report, 3/16/06)

The Granholm Record:

FACT: 35,744 MORE people on welfare. (Michigan Department of Human Services)

FACT: Michigan is one of only 2 states in the entire United States that does not have a time limit for welfare. (Welfare Time Limits: State Policies, Implementation, and Effects on Families, Report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2002)

FACT: Michigan has 9,294 people that have remained on welfare for over five years. In comparison, Ohio has just 149. Indiana and Illinois have zero. (Federal Health and Human Service reports, House Fiscal Agency 2005)

FACT: Michigan is facing over \$100 million in fines because it has failed to meet federal requirements of getting 50% of able-bodied welfare recipients to work by October 1st, 2006. Michigan is at 23%. (Gongwer Report, 3/16/06; MIRS News, 9/25/06)

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OUR VIEWS

Granholt, Cox, Land merit re-election

Tuesday is Election Day. We have followed the candidates in their respective races, studied the issues and met with the candidates to discuss their plans. Over the last several weeks, we have recommended candidates for national, state, county and local offices. Following is a recap of our recommendations.

For governor, we believe **Jennifer Granholm** has the right plan to lead Michigan in the next four years. Michigan has been through a difficult time. While most of the country was recovering from the 2001 recession, areas dependent on heavy manufacturing continued to struggle. Michigan's heavy dependence on the automotive industry has made it the most resistant to recovery.

Despite this, Granholm, a centrist Democrat, has made strides in setting the right priorities for Michigan. She has done the necessary work in trimming the state government bureaucracy. She's worked with the Legislature to create the 21st Century Job Fund to invest \$2 billion in emerging sector businesses that will begin to diversify away from the auto industry with life sciences, homeland security and alternative energy businesses. Her \$4 billion Jobs Today program provided both jobs and needed infrastructure repairs.

She has made a strong case for public education working with the Legislature to increase the education foundation grant and to implement a strong high school curriculum.

She also has innovative ideas for a health care program similar to the one implemented in Massachusetts that would provide access to affordable health care for all Michigan residents.

She offers a solid plan for improvement for the next four years. For secretary of state, we believe Republican **Terri Lynn Land** has earned another term as secretary of state and we enthusiastically endorse her re-election.

Anyone who has had to visit the Secretary of State's office in recent years knows that lines move more quickly and business is handled more professionally and politely. Even better, with online and kiosk services, there is considerably less need to stand in line at all.

Since taking office, she's streamlined and automated the state's most visible department.

Land successfully consolidated redundant offices; implemented the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, making it easier for everyone to vote and assuring the integrity of their vote; and introduced new technology to every aspect of the state's licensing procedures.

She's done an excellent job as secretary of state and merits re-election to a second four-year term.

For attorney general, we support Republican **Mike Cox** in his bid for a second four-year term.

When Cox ran for attorney general four years ago, he emphasized the role of the attorney general as the leader of county prosecutors and, essentially, top cop in Michigan.

This year, he's emphasizing his role in continuing the tradition of predecessors Frank Kelley and Jennifer Granholm as a watchdog for consumer protection.

Though Cox touts the role the attorney general's office has had in some high profile criminal cases, it is consumer protection, fighting utility costs, policing prescription drug pricing, protecting seniors and a campaign to go after child support money that top his list of accomplishments.

We disagree with Cox's active support for the anti-affirmative action ballot issue but on balance, his record of working hard for Michigan residents on consumer protection, child support, utility costs and support for county prosecutors on criminal investigations, makes him a solid choice on Nov. 7.

Send Stabenow, McCotter back to Washington

In the race for U.S. Senate, incumbent **Debbie Stabenow** merits re-election to a new six-year term.

Stabenow, unlike her opponent, is not a one-issue candidate. She has broad experience and has proven she can work in a bipartisan fashion. She has fought hard for Michigan. It's a fight she'll need to continue after re-election on Tuesday. She has made health care - in particular affordable prescription drugs - a priority.

Stabenow is a passionate voice for Michigan in the U.S. Senate and deserves to be re-elected on Nov. 7.

In the U.S. House 11th District, we recommend incumbent Republican **Thaddeus McCotter**.

Although we've disagreed with some of McCotter's votes, he 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 has been a steady critic of the administration's mishandling of the war in Iraq. He 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.



OUR VIEWS

Recapping Observer endorsements

These are the *Observer's* endorsements for the Nov. 7 election:

STATE SENATE

6th District

Two veteran lawmakers are knotted up in a contentious campaign to win the 6th Senate District seat - incumbent Laura Toy of Livonia and state Rep. Glenn Anderson.

Both candidates have strong government backgrounds and are qualified, but we believe **Laura Toy** would be the better choice. She understands the need for service and that is what she provides to the residents of the 6th Senate District.

7th District

We believe state **Sen. Bruce Patterson**, R-Canton, has earned another term serving the 7th District that includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

Patterson is a hard-working, conscientious legislator with an encyclopedic knowledge of the myriad issues facing the state Legislature.

He boasts proudly of his near-perfect voting record, his quick ascendancy to leadership positions when he served in the state House and his long hours wading through the complex issues facing the Senate's Technology and Energy Committee, which he chairs.

STATE HOUSE

16th District

We believe the best choice to represent the district, which includes Garden City, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and a portion of Allen Park, is Democrat **Bob Constan** of Dearborn Heights.

An attorney and Dearborn Heights city councilman, Constan has done his homework. He has a strong understanding of the problems facing the state and has ideas to solve them.

17th District

State Rep. **Andy Dillon** merits re-election in the 17th District, which covers a southeast corner of Livonia and all of Redford. Dillon played a key role in crafting an innovative funding scheme to help pay for paving Redford's gravel roads; he offers sensible views for replacing the state's single business tax revenue and providing health care; and he has provided good constituent service.

18th District

Voters must find a successor for 18th District state Rep. Glenn Anderson, and we believe the nod should go to **Richard**

LeBlanc. His many years of service on the school board and City Council give him the skills, knowledge and ability to represent Westland in Lansing.

LeBlanc has always been responsive to the needs of his constituents as a member of the City Council and the Wayne-Westland school board.

19th District

In the 19th District state House race that covers Livonia, we endorse incumbent state Rep. **John Pastor** over former Livonia Councilman Brian Duggan, based on Pastor's better understanding of statewide and local issues, plus his vision for improving the role of the Michigan Economic Development Corp. in bringing more jobs to our state.

20th District

We believe Democrat **Marc Corriveau**, a Northville attorney who lost to term-limited state Rep. John Stewart two years ago in his first run for public office, is ready to take on the challenges facing the 20th State House district, which includes Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton. The Democrat is a staunch supporter of public schools. He supports the idea of equitable school funding, but would rewrite the K-16 initiative to force Lansing to fund public schools, making it less restrictive on legislators.

21st District

During his term, Phil LaJoy has authored 18 public acts, and introduced many other bills, many of which are aimed at cutting waste in state government. He has also taken on leadership positions, such as becoming chair of the transportation committee. In that position, he has helped Canton officials work with state and county road officials to come up with plans to ease the township's traffic problems.

Phil LaJoy has repeatedly shown that he is in touch with the needs of the district, and he deserves your vote on Nov. 7.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

9th District

In the Wayne County Commission's 9th District incumbent Democrat **Philip Cavanagh** is facing a half-hearted challenge from Republican candidate Mark H. Slater.

We believe **Philip Cavanagh** merits re-election to the 9th District, which covers Redford, Garden City and Dearborn Heights. Cavanagh has a good handle on the political workings that are needed to

get issues resolved and he's not afraid to voice criticisms on county issues.

11th District

The race pits two formidable candidates in Republican Loren Bennett and Democrat Kevin McNamara, the son of former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who died earlier this year. The two Canton residents will try to win in the district that includes the townships of Canton, Sumpter, and Van Buren, and the cities of Wayne and Belleville.

In this race, we believe the best candidate to represent the residents of the Wayne County Commission's 11th District is **Loren Bennett**. His experience as a state senator and Canton Township clerk and his promise to mend fences with the city of Detroit would prove to be a beneficial asset on the Wayne County Commission.

DISTRICT COURT

35TH DISTRICT COURT

Judge **Ron Lowe**, seeking re-election to the 35th District Court, is the right choice over attorney James Plakas of Northville to retain the seat he's held the last dozen years.

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

18th District Court

With the retirement of Judge Gail McKnight, Westland voters will have a choice of Jennifer Thor or Sandra Cicirelli to serve as judge in 18th District Court.

Both candidates possess the legal expertise to be a judge, but we believe **Sandra Cicirelli** holds the edge for her involvement in the community and her plan to adopt rehabilitative approach toward nonviolent, first-time drug defendants.

Garden City Ballot Issue

Garden City residents face a difficult decision on Tuesday. The city is seeking a charter amendment that would allow the tax rate to increase by 2 mills to finance the construction and operation of a new community center/library.

A 52-year-old former school was never meant to be a community center, let alone the library. It has outlived its usefulness.

We believe Garden City deserve a new community center/library, that's why we urge residents to vote **YES** on the charter amendment.

Vote 'no' on 5 state ballot proposals

After selecting candidates in Tuesday's election, voters face a decision on five statewide ballot issues ranging from school funding to dove hunting. We recommend voters say NO to all the statewide proposals.

■ Proposal 06-1 is a constitutional amendment to require money held in conservation and recreation funds can only be used for intended purposes. Although well-intentioned, Proposal 1 duplicates some current statutes. It earmarks funds and ties the hands of the governor and state Legislature. The amendment would add sections to the constitution that would shift several restricted DNR funds by combining them into one large fund, the Michigan Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund, and place the fund within the state Constitution.

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

that these funds should not be raided.

But we also believe that an addition to the state constitution is not the best way to proceed. Altering the amendment in the future would require a statewide vote.

■ Proposal 06-2 is a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban affirmative action programs in public employment, education or contracting. The proposal is a misguided and mean-spirited attempt to roll back the progress Michigan has made in addressing inequality.

■ Proposal 06-3 is a referendum on Public Act 160 of 2004 which allows a hunting season for mourning doves. Doves are not overpopulated, not pests and do not damage crops. A no vote will continue the state's 100-year-old ban on hunting mourning doves - a traditional backyard bird. There's no overriding economic or social reason to enact a permanent dove hunting season.

■ Proposal 06-4 is a constitutional amendment to prohibit government from taking private property by eminent domain for certain private purposes. We understand the concern about overreaching government and the misuse of eminent

domain. But we also know that there are times when eminent domain is necessary for economic development. The proposed amendment would create barriers to eminent domain that could have serious consequences for future urban development.

■ Proposal 06-5 is dubbed the K-16 initiative. This measure would guarantee annual funding increases to match inflation for local public elementary, middle and high schools, as well as intermediate school districts, community colleges and universities.

It is hard to argue about giving our children the best education possible. Unfortunately, the only effect this ballot proposal would have is tying the hands of the governor and Legislature in the annual budget process, and shifting ever-increasing retiree pension costs from local districts to the state. Although we support additional funding for public education, Proposal 5 is bad public policy.

For more information pro and con on state ballot proposals, visit www.hometownlife.com and click on Election 2007 or visit the League of Women Voters Web site at www.lwvmi.org.

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FROM PAGE A9

Crossing the line

In politics it is common for campaigns to distort the truth in an attempt to get their message across. However, the recent personal and professional attacks on Mark Abbo are inexcusable and cross the line.

Given that together Ms. Fedus and Mr. Dankoff have donated over \$4,000 to Governor Granholm, and Ms. Fedus has given the maximum limit allowed by law to Mr. Corriveau, we should not be surprised that they are attacking Mark Abbo. In fact, Ms. Fedus is even a Governor Granholm appointee to the Michigan Board of Accounts. So should we be surprised that they are attacking Mark Abbo? No, we should be outraged!

We should be outraged because as a member of the Michigan Board of Accounts, Ms. Fedus knows the difference between a registered CPA and licensed CPA and legal uses of the designation. Ms. Fedus and Mr. Dankoff have purposely tried to confuse and mislead voters with baseless accusations.

If you voters are concerned about Mark Abbo's standing as a CPA, they need to look no further than Michigan Association of Certified Public Accounts \$5,000 donation to Mark Abbo's campaign.

Please join me in support Mark Abbo for State Representative and calling on Mark Corriveau to stop all of the personal and professional attacks on Mark Abbo.

Shannon Price

Wayne 11th Republican Chairman
Canton

Let's hear from others

We have heard the debates between Republican and Democratic candidates for the office of governor, and for the Senate of the United States, unfortunately with the exclusion of the candidates from the five other placed on the ballot, deserving-attention parties.

These two, Republican and Democrat, supposedly different parties, are considered by many as one under two names. Why

had candidates from the other parties not been taking part in the debates? People in a true democracy are entitled to have more choices, hear more ideas.

Maybe the candidates of some of these other parties have better ideas how to reverse the slide of this country into the third-world status. We certainly would have liked to hear from them, too.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

Yes on Prop. 2

Proposal 2, a proposal to end discrimination in university admissions, government hiring and government contracting, must have opponents with a lot of money, judging by the TV ads in opposition to the proposal.

The ads show white mothers and their daughters warning us that their health could be placed in jeopardy if the proposal passes. This is a deliberate deception and a diversion tactic knowing full well that in California and the state of Washington, where a similar proposal was passed years ago, nothing of the sort ever occurred.

Let's face it - it's all about the University of Michigan. The only university in our state that still uses race as a factor in their admissions policy and they do not want to change.

U-M's reasons may be well-meaning but in my opinion, they are misguided. The voters in Michigan have a chance with Proposal 2, to compel U-M to stop discriminating and become color-blind in their admissions policy.

Janusz M. Szyszko
Canton

Enough already

I have been watching a lot of rhetoric about different candidates running for office lately. I am wondering which ones will be able to ban such repetitive garbage on our local cable stations. I pay a significant amount of money for cable, and don't appreciate paying to have all this mind-numbing, shove-it-down-your-throat type of politics delivered to my TV. Enough is enough! Take all this garbage off of cable and put it on public television.

Terry Smith
Canton

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I believe that Marc Corriveau is the best person to represent us as State Representative, and I encourage you to cast your ballot for him on Nov. 7.

Peggy Koppy
Northville

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Do you know if YOUR plumber has been through a background check?

Plymouth-Canton Observer

Sunday, October 1, 2006

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

not do background checks on their staff."

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

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

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

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

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Canton 14, South Lyon 10



How sweet it is for Canton football players as they hold up the District championship trophy they earned by upending South Lyon, 14-10, Friday night.

Lyon tammers

Late defensive heroics clinch Chiefs' 2nd straight District grid title; Hornets next

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Almost every time Canton's football team faced a gut-check situation during Friday night's Division 1 District title game, the Chiefs responded by knocking the wind out of South Lyon.

In the end, Canton survived a frantic late drive by the Lions and a slew of red-zone turnovers to earn a classic 14-10 triumph.

The tense victory catapulted the 11-0 Chiefs into Friday night's Regional final when they will host 9-2 Saline. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. South Lyon, which finished 9-2, leveled Saline, 41-0, two weeks ago.

Friday night's Sportscenter highlight for the Chiefs came with 1:30 left and South Lyon facing a 2nd-and-10 on the Canton 34. Lion running back Ian McGee broke free on a draw play and seemed headed toward paydirt until Canton's Chris Bogdanski and Deshon McClendon separated him from the ball with a jarring tackle at the 15.

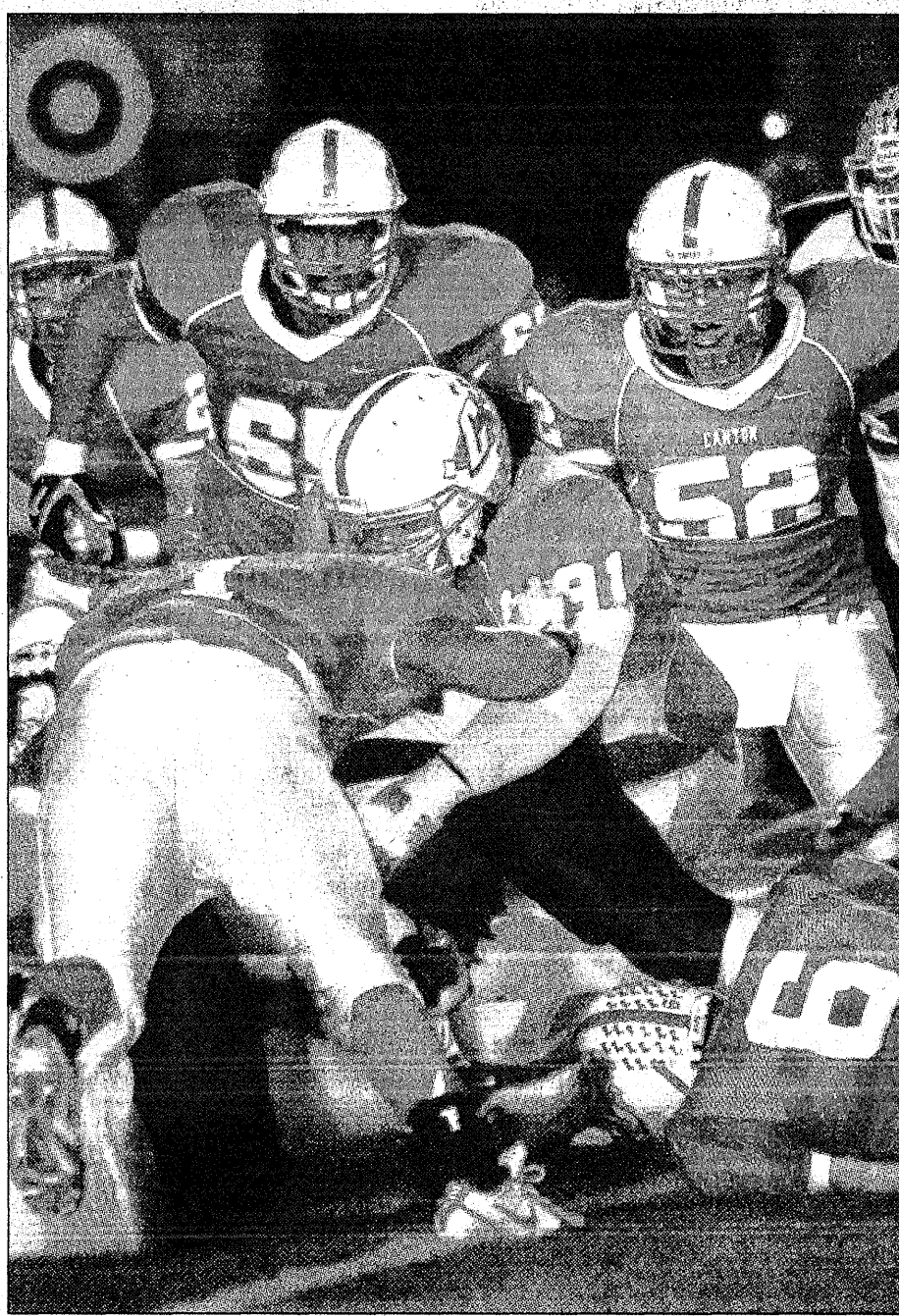
McClendon pounced on the pigskin at the 17, igniting a New Year's Eve-like celebration in the Canton stands.

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THE HIGH FIVE

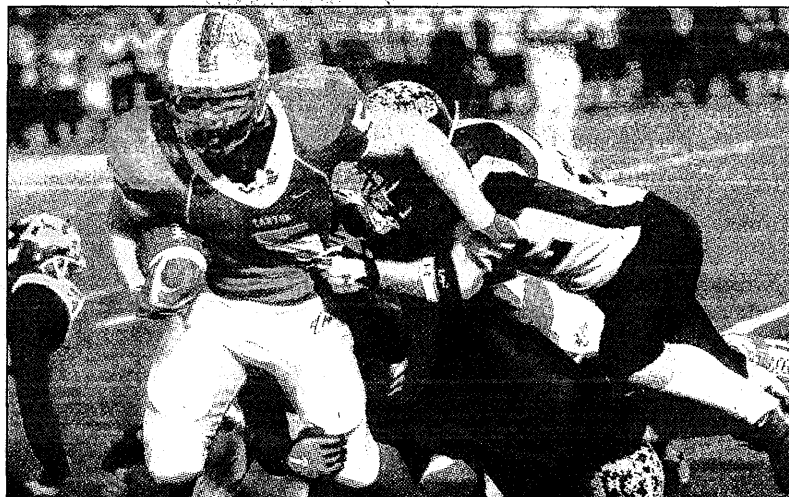
In the estimation of Sports Editor Ed Wright, following are the five biggest plays executed by Canton in its 14-10 victory over South Lyon Friday night (in descending order):

- 5. Nick Moores scores from 8 yards out with winning TD with 0:46 left in third quarter;
- 4. Deshon McClendon trips up Lion RB at the 3-yard line forcing a field goal;
- 3. Steve Paye hits Billy Turner on 4th-and-3 on 17-yard TD pass;
- 2. Paye hits Nick Moores for 32-yard pass play on 3rd-and-7, leading to game-winning TD; and
- 1. McClendon recovers fumble at Canton 17 with 1:30 left and South Lyon driving for potential game-winning TD.



Canton's defense executes a gang tackle against a South Lyon running back during the third quarter of Friday night's Division 1 District final at the P-CEP football stadium. The Chiefs won, 14-10, to advance to Friday's Regional final against Saline.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Canton's Nick Moores carries South Lyon's James Holbrook III for a couple yards during a third-quarter carry Friday night.

Sidelines

Youth wrestling

■ Practice for the Plymouth Wildcats Wrestling Club, which offers competitive wrestling for boys and girls in elementary and middle school, will commence Tuesday, Nov. 28, in the Plymouth High School wrestling room. Weekly practices will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. until the final week of March.

The club will compete in meets from January through March in the MMWA and MYWAY youth wrestling associations.

For more information, visit the club's Web site at <http://wildcatswrestling.org>; or call coach Jeff Harden at (248) 231-7789.

■ Registration for the fifth season of the Canton Wrestling Club will be held Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Canton wrestling room, which is located in Canton's Phase III. The cost is \$65, which includes a T-shirt, shorts, MYWAY membership and entry fee to the MYWAY tournament.

For more information, visit www.chiefswrestling.com; or contact Casey Randolph at randolc@pccs.k12.mi.us or (734) 582-6885; or Ray Price at trw-el000@sbcglobal.net or (734) 454-5440.

Practice will start on Monday, Nov. 27. Practices will be held weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Pom clinic

The Plymouth High School Saberette's pom squad will be hosting a kid's clinic on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium for girls in kindergarten through 8th grade.

The cost for the clinic is \$35, which includes a pom T-shirt, pom poms and a snack. Registration will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Plymouth High School athletic wing.

All participants will be invited to perform in the Saberette Variety Show on Feb. 16-17 and at half-time of a Plymouth basketball game. For more information, call (734) 459-6460.

Chiefs earn berth in WLAA final

Salem upends Franklin, Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

An extra pass here, another cut to the basket there and — presto! — turnovers started turning into layups for Canton's girls basketball team during Thursday night's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament semifinal contest against visiting Walled Lake Central.

It took a little while for the Chiefs to figure out the Vikings' half-court zone defense, but once they did, coach Brian Samulski's squad rolled to a 41-25 victory and into Wednesday night's final against Salem.

"During the first quarter (when Canton committed a whopping eight turnovers) we were trying to throw the ball inside without making their zone shift," explained Samulski, whose team

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SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE

- **What:** Western Lakes Activities Association tournament championship game;
- **Who:** Canton (17-2) vs. Salem (17-2);
- **Where:** Livonia Churchill gymnasium;
- **When:** Wednesday, 7 p.m.;
- **History:** Salem defeated Canton, 36-34, on Sept. 14. It was the Chiefs' most-recent setback since putting together a 14-game winning streak. Salem has also won 14 straight; it's last loss was Sept. 19 at Plymouth.
- **Who's hot:** The Rocks have been riding the hot hand of senior Tayler Langham while Canton relies heavily at both ends of the court on senior point guard Becci Houdek.
- **Ed Wright's prediction:** One team will win by 1 point in double-OT.

Canton's Becci Houdek outraces Walled Lake Western's Tanya Meftah during a game earlier this season. On Thursday, Houdek contributed 15 points and seven steals in the Chiefs' 41-25 victory over Walled Lake Central.



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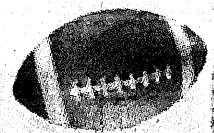
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FOOTBALL

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"Their running back broke outside, Boggy (Bogdanski) came up and contained him, hit him low and I tackled him high," recalled McClendon. "When I hit him, I felt the ball go out and then I jumped on it as fast as I could."

The Chiefs salted away their 15th consecutive home win by running down the final 90 seconds thanks to a clinching 17-yard run by McClendon that was one shoe-string tackle away from finishing in the end zone.

"We've talked all year about cobra-ing up when the rubber meets the road and things get tough," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "You can either slide away and hide or you can cobra up, get after it and make something happen, and that's what the guys did tonight."

"We tell them a lot that they don't have to be perfect — they just have to make a couple more plays than the other team come playoff time. When they know they don't have to be perfect on every play, it takes the edge off and they don't play scared or tight. Luckily tonight, we made a few more plays than they did."

Arguably, the Chiefs' second biggest play of the night came with 2:30 left in the third quarter when quarterback Steve Paye connected with running back Nick Moores on a 32-yard, 3rd-and-7 pass that put the ball on the South Lyon 24. The drive-extending play was extra-significant because the Lions had grabbed their first lead of the night — 10-7 — two minutes earlier on quarterback Arik Habay's 7-yard keeper.

It was the first time Canton had found itself on the short end of the scoreboard since the second quarter of its Week 5 game against Livonia Franklin on Sept. 22.

"On the pass to Nick, they gave us a coverage we liked and we thought we could pop one open on it," said Baechler. "But to their credit, their defensive back turned and ran with Nick. Nick got a few steps on him and Steve made an absolutely perfect pass."

Four plays after the Paye-Moores hook-up, Moores swept



Canton's Nick Dunleavy (57) congratulates Nick Moores following his 8-yard, game-winning TD.

around left end, broke a tackle at the four and scored from 8 yards out to put the Chiefs ahead for good, 14-10.

South Lyon drove the ball to the Canton 18 on its next drive before setting up for a 35-yard Tyler Hockey field goal attempt. Fortunately for Canton, a delay-of-game penalty moved the ball back to the 23 because Hockey's 40-yard effort on the ensuing play fell short by two yards with 9:36 left.

Canton followed with a time-consuming, 14-play possession that appeared to be the final nail in the Lions' coffin. However, the Chiefs lost their third fumble of the night at the South Lyon 15 with 2:44 left, setting up the Lions' last-ditch, just-short effort.

"We were in it the whole way and we had our chances," lamented South Lyon coach Mark Thomas. "They helped us out in the first quarter by fumbling once and then we stripped the ball away another time. If they go on and score on those possessions, who knows what happens."

"Defensively, I thought we played very well. The kids were physical and aggressive and they kept us in the game. Canton is very, very good. Their offensive line is big and talented. On some of their big plays, they only created a small hole for their backs, but, hey, that's all it takes sometimes."

The Chiefs set the tone early by piecing together a 13-play,

49-yard grind-it-out drive that moved the ball from their own 34 to the South Lyon 17.

However, they relinquished the ball after their first fumble of the night was recovered by South Lyon's Chris Groth.

After a fumble ended Canton's second possession at the South Lyon 25, the Chiefs struck on their next drive when Paye lofted a 17-yard TD to Billy Turner on a 4th-and-3 flag pattern with 9:25 to go in the first half. Colin O'Shaunessy booted his first of his two extra points to make it 7-0.

The Lions countered with a titanic 20-play drive that consumed 9:20 and ended with Hockey's 21-yard field goal to make it 7-3 at the half. McClendon prevented a sure touchdown on the previous play when he took Marty Rochowiak's legs out from under him for a two-yard loss on a 2nd-and-goal sweep from the Chiefs' 1.

Led by Moores' 128 combined rushing (96) and receiving (32) yards, the Chiefs outgained the Lions, 320-232. McClendon finished with 80 yards on 16 attempts while Antwaun Hawkins picked up 47 on 11 carries.

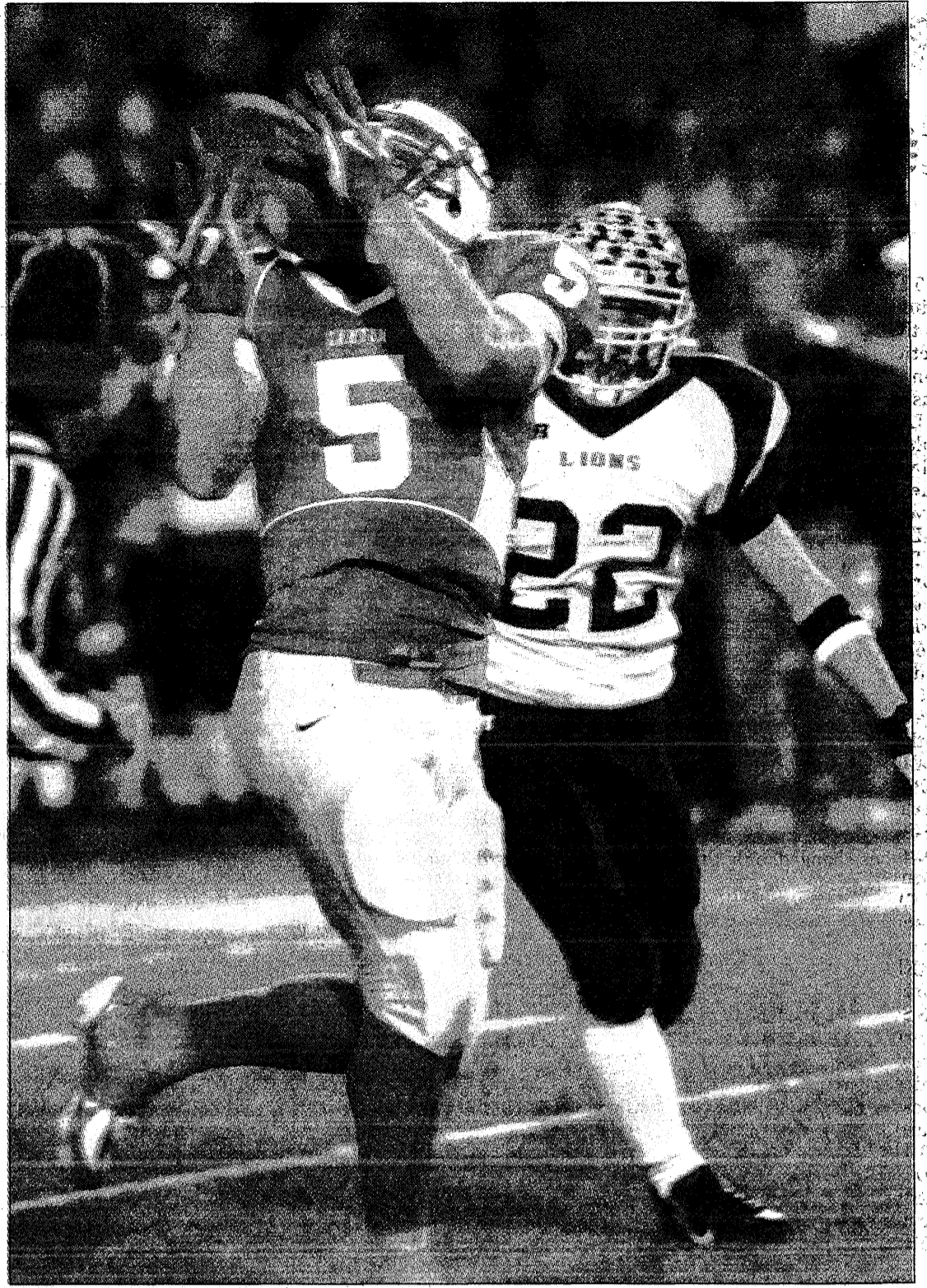
Paye was flawless in the passing department, going 5-for-5 for 99 yards and the TD to Turner.

McGee churned out 81 yards for the Lions. Rochowiak finished with 47 on 15 rushes.

Like he's done all season, McClendon played with a variety of aches and pains, including a stiff back and sore ankle. But he wasn't complaining as he admired the District title trophy moments after the game.

"I feel 100 percent healthy right now," he said, smiling. "But I'm sure I'll be sore in the morning."

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Canton's Nick Moores hauls in a clutch 32-yard pass from Steve Paye that led to the Chiefs' second touchdown of the night. Looking on is South Lyon's James Hornbrook III.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

PLYMOUTH H.S. TRYOUTS

Official practice for the Plymouth boys wrestling team will begin Monday, Nov. 13, in the Plymouth wrestling room from 2:30-5 p.m. Athletes should bring: wrestling gear, running shoes, T-shirt and shorts.

For more information, contact coach Jay Helm at (313) 590-3548.

Optional pre-season wrestling conditioning for Wildcat athletes will be available in the wrestling room from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 23, 25, 26 and 30; and Nov. 6, 8 and 9.

Tryouts for the Wildcats' volleyball team will be held Nov. 16, 17 and 20, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for all levels.

Athletes should bring all of their volleyball gear, including knee pads.

Optional open gym time for athletes interested in trying out will be held in the PHS gym on: Nov. 6 and 8 from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Official practice for the Wildcats' boys swimming and diving team will be held on Monday, Nov. 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Canton High School pool. Athletes should bring a bathing suit, towel, goggles and a lock.

Plymouth H.S. basketball tryouts will be held Nov. 13-15 at the following times: freshmen (2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.); junior varsity (4:45 p.m. to 7 p.m.); and varsity (6:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.).

All PHS athletes must have a current physical dated April 15, 2006, or after on file the PHS Athletic Department prior to the first practice. Physical forms must have parent and doctor signatures to be accepted.

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 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.

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.



Long-hitting Rocks

The Salem golf team enjoyed a successful season in 2006. Pictured are (front row from left) Joel Cheesman, Aaron Thompson, Matt Smidebush, (back row from left) Quinton Higgason, Tyler Jeleniewski, Brian Fifield and coach Rick Wilson.

Whalers' Ward drawing eyes of NHL scouts

It's always informative to talk to the National Hockey League scouts who come to the Compuware Sports Arena to watch the Plymouth Whalers and the Ontario Hockey League.

Don Boyd has been around the OHL for a long time, first as a head coach in Sault Ste. Marie and London and now as the Director of Player Personnel for the Columbus Blue Jackets of the NHL.

With current Whalers Jared Boll and Tom Sestito already drafted by the Blue Jackets, Boyd has a vested interest in becoming a regular at Whaler games this season.

But scouts being evaluators by trade, everyone gets looked at. Boyd found a potential diamond in the rough Oct. 28 in Plymouth's 3-0 loss to Kitchener at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Whaler fans have come to appreciate the play of captain Steve Ward. Ward logs a lot of critical minutes for the Whalers and when defenseman Zack Shepley left in the first period with an injury, his work load increased in the loss to Kitchener. Although Ward didn't score, he was voted the Third Star in the game.

"I look at your captain (Steve Ward) last night, and you say 'Where did he come from?'" Boyd said the next day in Saginaw. "There is such a thing as a late bloomer and this kid had a great game last night. His ability to beat the first forechecker last night was uncanny."

Ward came to the Whalers two seasons ago from the Sarnia Sting in a trade for left wing Jordan Grant. Languishing on the bench with Sarnia, Ward has flourished in Plymouth, a fact not lost on Boyd. "Everybody has a different learning curve

in this league, no question about that," Boyd said. "Some are faster than others, but you never want to put players where they can't succeed."

Ward's mobility and good puck handling make him a natural for the new-OHL. He's not afraid of mucking it up when he has to and hits as hard as anyone in the league.

He seems to be adjusting to the new role as captain as smoothly as he make a good first pass out of the Plymouth defensive zone.

"I was a captain in youth hockey, but that was a long time ago," Ward said.

"There's a lot more responsibility now, but it's a great honor." The key for Plymouth, according to Ward, is hard work.

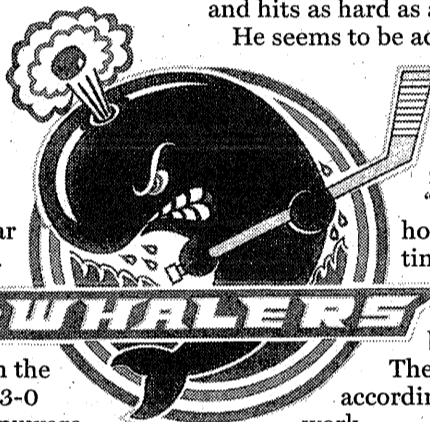
"We're deep, but the one thing we still have to worry about working hard," Ward said. "Because you know what? Hard work will beat skill. So I think we can be a great team if we work hard with the skill we have."

Ward likes the skill level of Whaler pups AJ Jenks, Vern Cooper, Jeremy Smith and Kaine Geldart.

"They're all real good players and they all have the ability to step in (and contribute)," Ward said. "They all have the tools and they'll all come along."

Ward is active in the community and participates around the area for Plymouth in public appearances. He's easy to talk to, approachable and has become one of the more popular current Whalers.

"I said it from Day 1 when I came here, coming to Plymouth is a breath of fresh air," Ward said. "I couldn't ask for anything more than coming here."



Canton grad Bridges set to shine for MU

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

A slew of injuries to key players isn't the best way for Madonna University's men's basketball team to kick off the 2006-07 season.

But that's the bandaged hand dealt to the Crusaders and head coach Chuck Henry, who open with a non-conference contest 3 p.m. Saturday at Spring Arbor.

"Four of our top players may not even be in uniform on Saturday," said Henry, following practice Monday afternoon. "So we just have to go over there with who we have, play hard and smart and do the best we can. But there's a possible scenario that we could go over there with eight bodies and five of them are freshmen."

Not available Saturday will be junior guard Charlie Henry (Canton/Agape Christian), who broke a hand during a recent scrimmage. Henry, who averaged about 10 points and three assists per game last year, could miss up to two months. Out for now with a concussion is 6-4 junior forward and Wayne Memorial alum Mike Rashad (5.2 points, 3.6 rebounds in 2005-06).

The Crusaders also are awaiting results of a bone scan on the foot of junior forward D. J. Bridges (Canton), second in scoring last year with an average of 11.9 points. Bridges pulled down 6.3 rebounds per contest.

Henry's biggest inside threat — 6-5 senior forward Derrick Mudri — also is questionable for the opener, but thankfully not because of an injury.

Mudri (last year's top scorer and rebounder with 13.3 points and 6.4 boards, respectively) is a key player for the MU men's soccer team, which was slated to play a WHAC Tournament semifinal match Wednesday. If the Crusaders were victorious against Siena Heights, they will play for the championship on Saturday.

"He (Mudri) is a senior and he knows the system," said the coach about Mudri, selected to the Preseason All-WHAC Team. "He's a scorer, he's a defender, he's a rebounder and he's one of our most-aggressive players."

"So he's pretty much the entire package. He's very, very valuable to us and at 6-5, he's one of our 'size' players."

DOLING OUT MINUTES

Henry almost rolled his eyes when he made that comment, because the only player taller than Mudri is senior forward Doug Creighton (Redford Catholic Central), who stands at 6-6. The smallish lineup could keep the Crusaders down in the stand-

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ings, a fact the coach is well aware of.

"It (lack of size) does hurt," Henry emphasized. "Especially in our conference, because there are a couple teams that 6-9 and 6-10 post players."

Until Mudri, Bridges and Rashad return to the low post, Henry intends to give Creighton plenty of playing time.

Freshman Nick Bortz, a 6-4 Walled Lake Northern graduate, also will be rushed into the lineup. "He'll have to play, given our situation."

Henry may need to go with a three-guard look during early games, with senior Adam Kerfoot leading the way. Kerfoot (7.7 ppg last year) probably will begin at point guard and stay there until Charlie Henry is ready to return.

But continuing the early lineup woes for the Crusaders, another absence that coach Henry will need to deal with — at least on Saturday — is junior guard Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson), who is competing for MU's men's cross country team the same day.

After Hearn's responsibilities with the harriers are over, he will be one of the early mainstays for the cagers. Last season, he tallied just over six points per outing.

Sophomore guard Drew Coker, meanwhile, is a player who could benefit from others not being available. Coker gained some limited experience late last season.

Rounding out the team are freshmen guards Antonio Caines, Danny Price, Mike Williams, Bryant George and Jordan Hoke.

Henry said Williams (Dearborn Fordson) is "doing a pretty good job so far" in training camp and that Detroit Northwestern product George provides spark and intensity.

If there is a bright spot to the dearth of available players, it is that the Crusaders probably will have everybody back in time for the start of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference portion of the schedule (Jan. 3 against Davenport).

"We'll have some time, to see who's who and give our guys time to heal," Henry noted.

The Crusaders finished 2005-06 with an 11-20 record overall (4-10 in the conference). They were selected fourth in the preseason WHAC poll, trailing co-leaders Indiana Tech and Cornerstone and third-place Aquinas.

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Voters to decide outdoors proposals

State voters will decide a couple of ballot proposals on Nov. 7 that will directly impact conservation in Michigan.

Proposal 1, if passed, will amend the state constitution to require that money held in conservation and recreation trust funds can only be used for its intended purposes. Proposal 3, if passed, will allow the Michigan DNR to continue holding a dove hunting season, as approved by the state legislature in 2004.

The dove hunting proposal is the most controversial of the two. But in terms of importance, the two pretty much parallel each other.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

When I buy my hunting and fishing licenses each year, most of the money collected by the state goes into a restricted fund, which is earmarked for specific conservation purposes (DNR funding, habitat improvement projects, etc.) The same holds true for snowmobile trail stickers, ORV permits, boat registration, camping fees, state park and state forest entry permits, and other fees charged by the state. These restricted funds provide money for parks upkeep, trail grooming, habitat projects and much more.

This is money paid by the respective users with the understanding that it will be used to supplement the recreational activity that the permit purchaser enjoys. It's a great program in which users pay for the maintenance and improvements of their respective activities.

Problems arise when legislators look for a quick fix in a budget crisis. History has shown us that these restricted funds look like golden nuggets to many legislators, who in the past have raided or attempted to raid these funds for use in other areas of state government.

Millions of dollars have been raided from these funds in the past and used to balance deficits elsewhere in state budget.

I want to be clear here, these restricted funds are not tax

monies distributed to the DNR from the state's general fund. These are fees paid directly by the users for the sole purpose of being returned to the respective activity.

In essence, when these funds are raided sportsmen and sportswomen who pay the fees are being double-dipped by the government. Why should we pay a fee on camping, or fishing, or snowmobiling only to have that money used to help balance a budget gone awry by an inept legislature? Why should sportsmen and women have to pay more to the state coffers than other segments of society?

We shouldn't. That's why a "yes" vote on Proposal 1 is critical to preserving the integrity of our established restricted conservation funds.

PROPOSAL 3

Unless you've been living in a cave, you're probably fully aware of Proposal 3 - the dove proposal. I'm not going to respond to all of the ridiculous claims the anti-dove hunting crowd is spewing forth. Instead, I'd like to present some basic facts on the issue - no emotion or spin here - from a hunter's perspective.

First of all, hunters do not use doves simply for target practice. C'mon! The notion that hunters would stoop to such a low is insulting.

Hunters in Michigan, and across the country, have a long-standing tradition of being both ethical and moral when it comes to harvesting and managing wild game. Holding a dove hunting season in Michigan will not instantly turn all conscientious, ethical hunters into heartless morons.

I don't know any hunters who pursue game animals simply for target practice. I don't know any hunters who would waste the time and money it takes to go on a hunt simply to let the harvest rot in the fields. The insinuation that hunters will use doves for target practice is absurd.

Doves are big enough to eat, about equal in size to woodcock and panfish. Their rich, dark meat is both delicious and nutritious. No hunter I know would shoot a dove and leave it in the field. Just doesn't make sense.

The anti-dove hunting crowd, with its ridiculous claims of tar-

get practice, is simply attempting to play on your emotions.

Another concern is that if we open a hunting season on doves that will somehow upset the balance of nature and that doves will quit frequenting backyard bird feeders.

Again, this is nonsense and yet another ploy to attack your emotions.

Squirrels have been hunted in Michigan for generations and there is no shortage of bushytails, either in the woods, or in the backyards. There won't be a shortage of doves, either.

Managed hunting has never led to a detrimental decline or the elimination of a game species. In fact, usually the opposite happens and game species thrive when hunted. That's because hunters, not the anti-hunting crowd, create habitat and manage the species once it becomes a game animal. We now have more white-tailed deer, black bear, Canada geese, wild turkeys and many other species of game animals than we did at the turn of the 20th Century. That's because of hunting, not in spite of hunting.

Hunted in 40 other states, including Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, doves remain the most abundant gamebird in America. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages migratory birds, estimates that there are over 400 million doves (4 million in Michigan) in North America, which is more than all of the duck and goose species combined.

Although the average life span of a dove is less than a year, doves are very prolific, laying up to four clutches of eggs per year.

Hunters will be taking part of the surplus of the population, which dies annually.

Hunting will not have an adverse impact on the overall dove population. It hasn't in any other state where dove hunting is legal, and it hasn't with other species. Vote yes on Proposal 3. There's no biological reason we shouldn't hunt doves.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.



Astro-nomical performance

The Canton Astros finished 12-2 and won the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association's 9U division recently with a 5-4, eight-inning win over the Braves in the final game. Pictured (front row from left) are Alex Zoltowski, Nathan Albin, Jeremy Abraham, Mitchell King, Pete Carravallah, Colin Savage, (second row from left) Ryan Watson, Colin Staub, Kyle Bauer, Tyler Brooks, Adam Cousineau, Alex Boesler, William Dunn, (back from from left) coach Pat Watson and coach Len Carravallah. Not pictured is Jakob Lenders.



Hot Wings

The Canton Wings Squirt B hockey team went undefeated at the Fall Classic Hockey Tournament held recently at The Summit in Lansing. Pictured (front row) Carson Moutsatson, (second row from left) Mitchell Langell, Sam Flesher, Cameron Megazzini, Jonathan Clark, Andrew Shattuck (third row from left) Tyler Hess, alexej Guberinich, Conor Browne, Ryan DesJardin, Colin McCausland, Geoffrey Kelm (fourth row from left) assistant coach Kevin Moutsatson, head coach Cam McCausland, assistant coach Tony DesJardin and assistant coach Sasha Guberinich. Not pictured are Kyle Elinski, and managers Sue Moutsatson and Valentina Guberinich.

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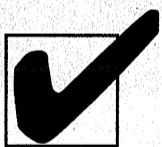
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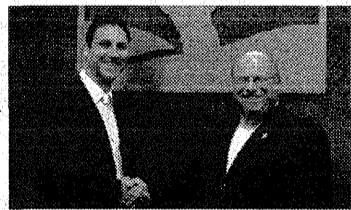
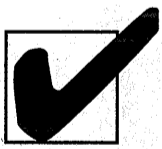
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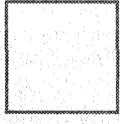
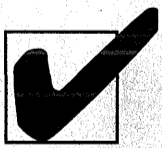
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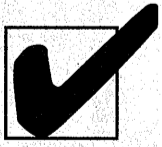
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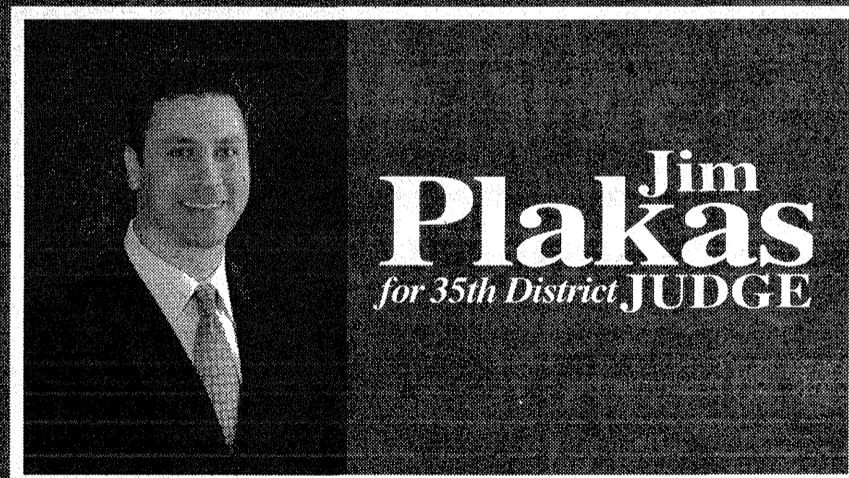
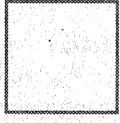
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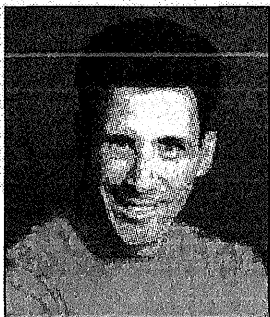
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What good comes from jealousy?

It's something that happens to us every day; we can't escape it. Sure, we can do our best not to let it show its ugly little head. But, sooner or later it will reveal itself.

Jealousy is an emotion we have all come face to face with in our lives at one time or another. The green-eyed monster it's called. If someone is envious we say they are "green with envy."

For centuries, the emotion of jealousy has endured. But why? What is it good for, what does it accomplish and, most importantly, how can we shake loose from its grips?

First let me give you the dictionary's definition of the word. Jealous is defined as being resentful or bitter in rivalry; envious.



Bobbie Jones

How many times have you found yourself at work, unable to focus on the task at hand because your workmate just two cubicles down bought a brand-spanking new car? Now, that you know this you are so enraged by the fact that both of you received the same salary, yet you are unable to live the life of your cubicle neighbor.

Well, take heart, my dear friend, because the life you crave and the trappings of it may not even be worth the entire headache.

I once heard it said we Americans work more hours, spend more money and try our hardest to top our neighbors more than any other society in the world.

And what do we have to show for it? Huge houses we can barely afford, automobiles or SUVs that suck up too much gas and we have to stop driving them when gas prices get too high and children that believe everyone who turns 16 should get a Cadillac Escalade or some other enormous vehicle for their birthday.

Being jealous of what your neighbor or workmate has won't make your life any easier or any better. Jealousy won't even help you get what you want, but jealousy will do something for you. It will leave you doubting yourself and your abilities. It will also leave you unfocused and depressed, none of which promotes or provides a healthy life for any of us.

I had the disheartening experience of working with someone who let the grip of jealousy consume their life. The one thing I noticed was the distinctive frown that appeared on the jealous person's face whenever the other person would come around.

The jealous person went on to lie to the boss about the person they were jealous of, sabotaging of the person's work took place and the jealous person could never bring themselves to admit that jealousy was at the root of all this.

But it was - the person who was jealous felt very inadequate around the other person because that person held a job outside the company the jealous person wanted someday but had no idea of how to get.

So, in life if you find yourself dreaming of being a firefighter, police officer or chef at a local restaurant or even dreaming about a certain lifestyle, get up and do something about it.

Because I can assure you that being jealous of every fireman you come across won't get you any closer to your goal.

This may help you loosen the grip of jealousy. Befriend a person who holds the job or career you wish to enter. If that is not possible, do some research, offer to volunteer at the place you hope to be employed someday. Ask as many questions as you can and do some soul searching and know yourself because you might find the lifestyle or position you are so desperately craving may not even be something you are suited for.

So, do yourself a favor and ditch the jealousy and take some action. Never be jealous of what another person has if you are not willing to do what they did to get it.

Just some food for thought.

Bobbie Jones is a Belleville resident and regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached at workhard36@aol.com.

Alternative fair



Debra Bonde (right), founder of Seedlings Braille Books for Blind Children, takes a break from her booth to buy Christmas gifts handmade by Guatemalans for Maya Works. To the left is Jean Struckmeyer, a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

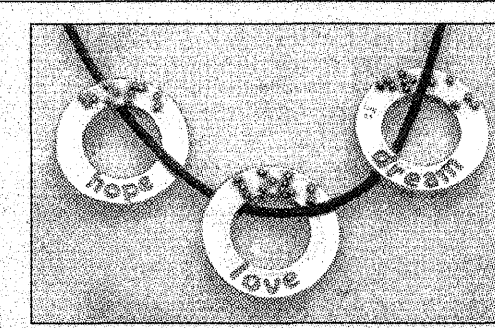


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Seedlings Braille Books for Blind Children brings new affirmations charms to the Alternative Christmas Fair. The solid sterling silver jewelry features the words Touch, Dream, Read, Hope, Joy and Love in Braille and English.

Christmas presents keep on giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Nearly four dozen charities are counting the days until Hope Lutheran Church presents its sixth annual Alternative Christmas Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, in Farmington Hills. The event gives Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia, Burger School for the Autistic in Garden City, The MINDS Program, Furniture Bank of Oakland County, and nonprofits around the world the opportunity to spread the message about their work to the community.

The church does not charge the organizations a booth fee and proceeds from a cookie walk, \$1 admission, and pizza lunch go to participants after advertising costs are paid. This is not a parish fund-raiser. All profits go to help others.

The cookie walk features treats donated by church members and local businesses. Fair



Hope Lutheran Church volunteers Lisa Milz (left) and daughter Alison helped fair goers to select treats on last year's cookie walk.

goers purchase a \$3, \$5 or \$7 size box then fill it with the goodies of their choice.

"I'm excited because we have so many new organizations," said Jessica Beamer, fair chair. "They

bring in new ideas and it helps communities make connections with the charities and it also brings in new items for the shoppers."

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Bethlehem Families leave Pennsylvania with a variety of olive wood carved items including crosses from the Middle East to sell at the show. Sales support families affected by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Lutheran Social Services Refugee Services is bringing candles and handmade gifts from around the world. Money from the items helps Turkish families misplaced in Russia to migrate to the U.S.

Burger School for the Autistic in Garden City is selling chocolate, toys, soaps, jewelry, and dog cookies to fund their programs.

Susan Bresler is thrilled about the new affirmations charms she

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Vocal Arts Ensemble recreates Renaissance sound

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Cindy Keleman had no idea that when she agreed to perform Renaissance music at a friend's wedding, she would be starting an a cappella ensemble sought after by cultural venues. The Vocal Arts Ensemble has become a favorite of audiences at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Henry Ford Estate, Renaissance Festival, Paint Creek Folklore Society, and Birmingham First Night. Their unaccompanied vocal music from the 1500s and 1600s catches the ear while medieval-style costuming attracts the eye.

On Dec. 2, their presence along with the luminary walkways, horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday shopping, and family craft activities, should create a magical atmosphere for Noel Night, pre-

sented by the University Cultural Center Association in and around 28 participating museums, galleries and historic churches. But before the first note rings from the rafters, Keleman and director Charles Whitmore must find a couple of new singers to replace a member who had back surgery and another who's living in Israel for three months. The Vocal Arts Ensemble rehearses 3-5 p.m. every Sunday at Orchard United Methodist Church at 14 Mile and Farmington roads in Farmington Hills.

For more information, call Keleman, the ensemble's business manager, at (734) 941-5955 or send e-mail to ckeleman@sbc-global.net.

Keleman and Whitmore founded the ensemble in 1992.



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The Vocal Arts Ensemble performs Renaissance music in period costumes.

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NON-FICTION

1. "The Innocent Man," John Grisham

2. "The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama
3. "State of Denial," Bob Woodward
4. "Culture Warrior," Bill O'Reilly
5. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron

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5. "Bad Boys Get Cookie!," Margie Palatini



The Vocal Arts Ensemble performs Renaissance music in costume.

ENSEMBLE

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"We have the fire and the passion and we're very interactive and I think that comes through with the audience. Other wise they wouldn't ask us back," said Keleman, a Romulus resident who formerly sang with the Madonna University Chorale. Keleman teaches the humanities at the University of Phoenix and Northwood and Davenport universities in addition to performing and producing original murder mysteries as co-owner of Athena Productions.

"All of our members embrace a capella singing but we sing other time periods as well, sacred music around Easter, for Renaissance and wassail feasts, fund-raisers for different organizations. We just have a lot of fun doing this. For something to last this long you have to have fun

doing it." Vickie Kimler, a Farmington Hills resident, joined the group to be able to sing a capella. She also performs with the Finnish American Singers of Michigan and the Zamir Chorale.

"I wanted to see how tight harmony is done in Renaissance music," said Kimler, a medical student.

Nora King joined after Whitmore invited her to audition for the ensemble. The two sing together in the Madonna University Chorale. King, now a second soprano with the ensemble, is a student adviser at Madonna University. She earned a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"I like the fact that it's a small group of talented people so you can try different kinds of music and learn it quickly," said King, a single mom who lives in Livonia. "We perform at a whole variety of venues. It's kind of fun to be out in the community

doing these things. I've sung in church choirs and directed them. Music's always been a big love of mine."

Alia Taz of Farmington Hills was already missing the ensemble before boarding a plane for Israel in September. She's been singing in choirs all her life and used to perform with the Rinat Choir in Israel. Since moving to the U.S. she's sung with the Oakland Community College choir and Finnish American Singers.

"I went to a rehearsal for the Vocal Arts Ensemble and I was very impressed," said Taz. "They asked me to sing a song. Afterwards they said welcome. Since then I'm so happy. I like the group-like family. They're good musicians. They sing very old music so I was familiar and like it very much. The costumes look the same as those days. I feel that they're going back 500 years ago."

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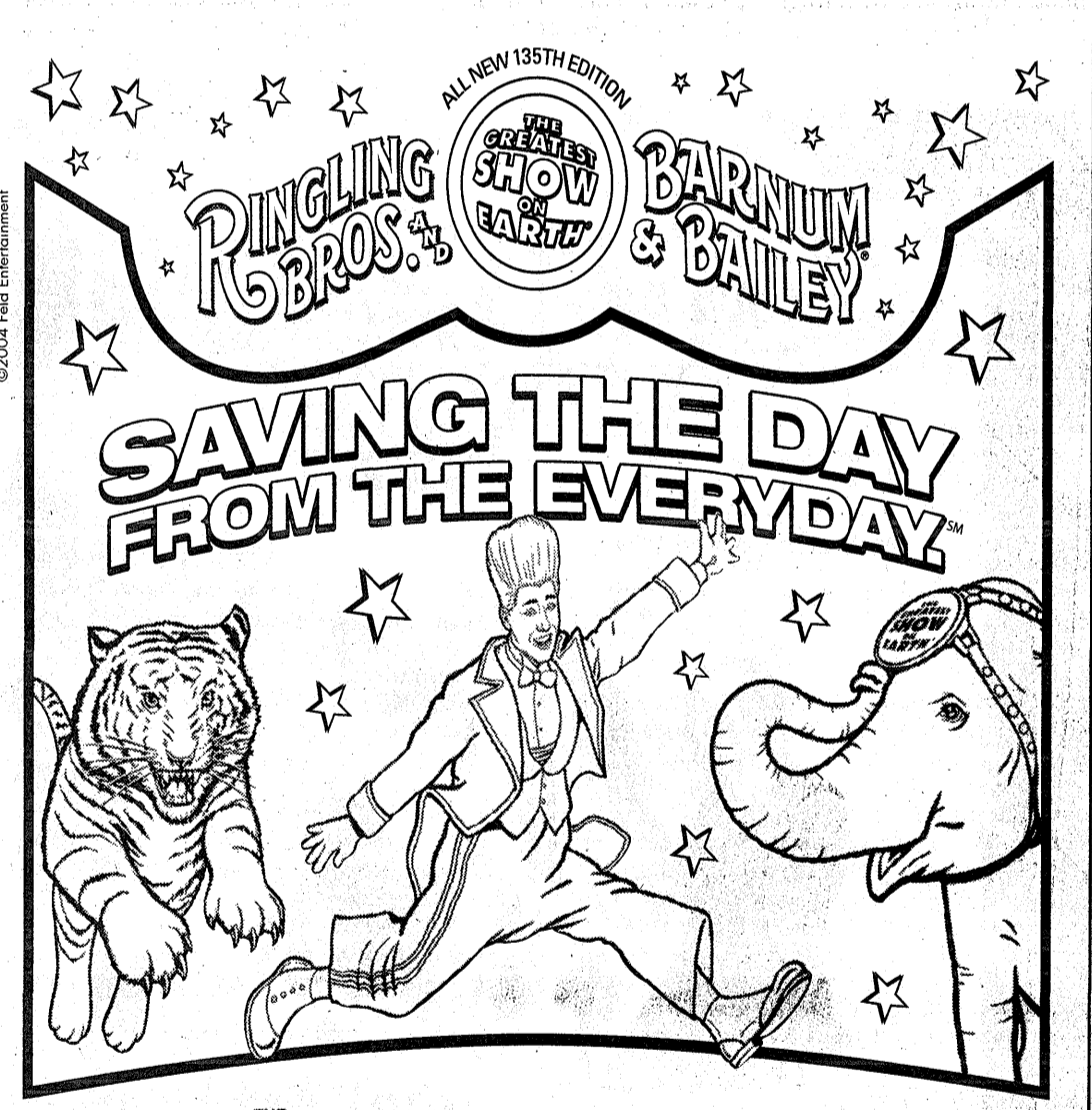
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Wanderlust captured on film

BY SARA CALLENDER
STAFF WRITER

Amanda Peskin had boxes of photographs that needed to be organized.

And she needed a summer project. The result is three recently published show-and-tell photography books of her travels in Asia.

"I had a huge archive," said Peskin, a 1998 graduate of West Bloomfield High School. "I thought it would be neat to share the different cultures because I've been really lucky to be able to experience them first hand."

The three books — *Forty Photos From Japan*, *Forty Photos From Thailand* and *Forty Photos From Nepal* — are available at The Book Cellar in Plymouth, the Vault of Midnight in Ann Arbor and on the Internet.

Peskin started taking photography classes in high school. She went to the University of Michigan, but not initially to study photography.

"After a year, I knew photography was what I wanted to focus on and make a commitment to," Peskin said. "So, I earned a degree in graphic design and photography."

Then she set off for New York with nothing but a portfolio and the hope of working in an artistic field. Two years and a photo editing job later, she deemed New York too tame, packed up and moved to Japan, where she spent 14 months teaching English.

After her teaching job, she returned home to West Bloomfield to work on her books. She moved back to New York last week, where she's working as a freelance photographer.

Designing the books was a good way for Peskin to combine her two favorite pastimes — photography and traveling. She's visited more than 20



Amanda Peskin photographed a 13-year-old girl in the Himalaya mountains in Nepal.

countries, including Tahiti, Australia, Cambodia, Scotland and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Most recently, she traveled solo through Asia with only her wits and a camera.

"I'm addicted to traveling," Peskin said. "It's really tough to pick my favorites. I loved Nepal. I loved Spain, because of the architecture in Barcelona. I loved Paris, because it's so Paris. I loved each of the places for different reasons."

Each of Peskin's books features a variety of photographs depicting the country's culture and architecture. While working in Japan, she experienced small-town traditions and the Tokyo metropolis, barbecued locusts and dried squid jerky, Karioki clubs and cherry blossom picnics — and she photographed it all.

There's also some humor in the books.

"In Thailand, we found dogs running around in T-shirts," Peskin said. "It was in the high 70s, but that's winter there. So, I don't know if it was cold or what. But it's pretty rare to see a gang of dogs running around a city."

For more information about Peskin's books, log onto www.lulu.com/40photos.



Amanda Peskin, a former West Bloomfield resident, mingled with elephants in Thailand. Photographs from her travels are featured in three new books.

ALTERNATIVE

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and volunteers will be offering so Seedlings can continue to print Braille books for blind children (www.seedlings.org). The jewelry is handcrafted in Michigan with the words Touch, Read, Dream, Hope, Joy, and Love. The price is \$20.

"They are solid sterling silver weighing eight to nine grams with the word in Braille and print on both sides of the charm so however it hangs on your neck it shows," said Bresler, Seedlings community outreach director. "They're great to wear or put them in their pocket to touch as an affirmations stone."

Along with charms, Seedlings is selling a sterling silver bead chain for \$10, 18-inch black cord (\$8), and their usual T-shirts, tote bags, Braille awareness lapel pins, and books.

"For me even if I was not representing Seedlings, I'd still come to the fair," said Bresler, who has purposely scheduled enough volunteers and staff to have time to shop. "Every gift you purchase benefits charity. It's a meaningful gift for a meaning filled season. Everyone in my family will receive a gift, nieces and nephews. I especially like the Maya Works handmade gifts from Guatemala."

Colette Kelly, executive director of the Furniture Bank of Oakland County, is looking forward to returning to the show for a third year to meet and greet potential donors and sell wine totes and Christmas felt tote bags. For 38 years, the nonprofit has been helping low-income families through human service agencies such as the Farmington/Farmington Hills Neighborhood House.

The Pontiac-based organization collects gently used furniture and is in need of mattresses, box springs, and working appliances including washers, dryers, stoves, and refrigerators; 2,400 families received everything from baby cribs to refrigerators last year. To donate, call (248) 332-1300.

"It's a good opportunity to get the word out about our mission in the community," said Colette Kelly. "We collect used furniture from donors homes and then the families get to come to our warehouse and choose the furniture they need. We have over 600 families waiting for furniture."

BOOSTING AWARENESS

Caitlyn Henderson is hoping to make more people aware of The MINDS Program to educate youth about mental illness and suicide prevention. Affiliated with the University of Michigan, MINDS (Mental Illness Needs Discussion Sessions at www.mindsprogram.org) visits middle and high school classrooms in cities ranging from Plymouth to Birmingham, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

Volunteers will be selling handmade ornaments, holiday candles, greeting cards, and cookie mixes in a jar. Information and brochures on MINDS will be available for the asking.

"We have presenters in school almost every day of the school year," said Caitlyn Henderson, spokeswoman for MINDS based in Southfield. "We see about 25,000 students a year. We start out with information on the brain and how it works. We give descriptions of each mental illness and what the symptoms are. Each student gets a booklet with illnesses and symptoms and where to go for help."

Henderson is grateful to the church for giving MINDS and the rest of the nonprofits an opportunity to connect with the community.

"It's just been a great experience," said Henderson. "The way the economy has been has been hard on nonprofits it helps them to raise money and to get your Christmas shopping done and know the money goes to a good cause too."

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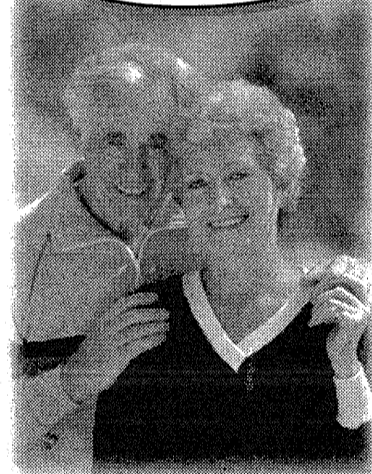
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'Stage Door'

Mercy presents classic tale of Broadway dreams

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Stage Door, the classic film that starred legendary actresses Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers and Lucille Ball, will be performed as a play at Mercy High School.

The play is scheduled for Nov. 10-12 at the school located at the corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

Written by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman, *Stage Door*, debuted on Broadway in 1936 and a year later was made into a movie.

The story, set in the 1930s in New York City, is about 16 aspiring young actresses who come to New York to try their luck on the

stage. The girls live at a theatrical boarding house, the Footlights Club, as they struggle with rejection and hard times and try to get their "big break" on Broadway.

The comedy centers on Terry Randall, who tries to overcome obstacles and stay true to her belief in herself and the stage.

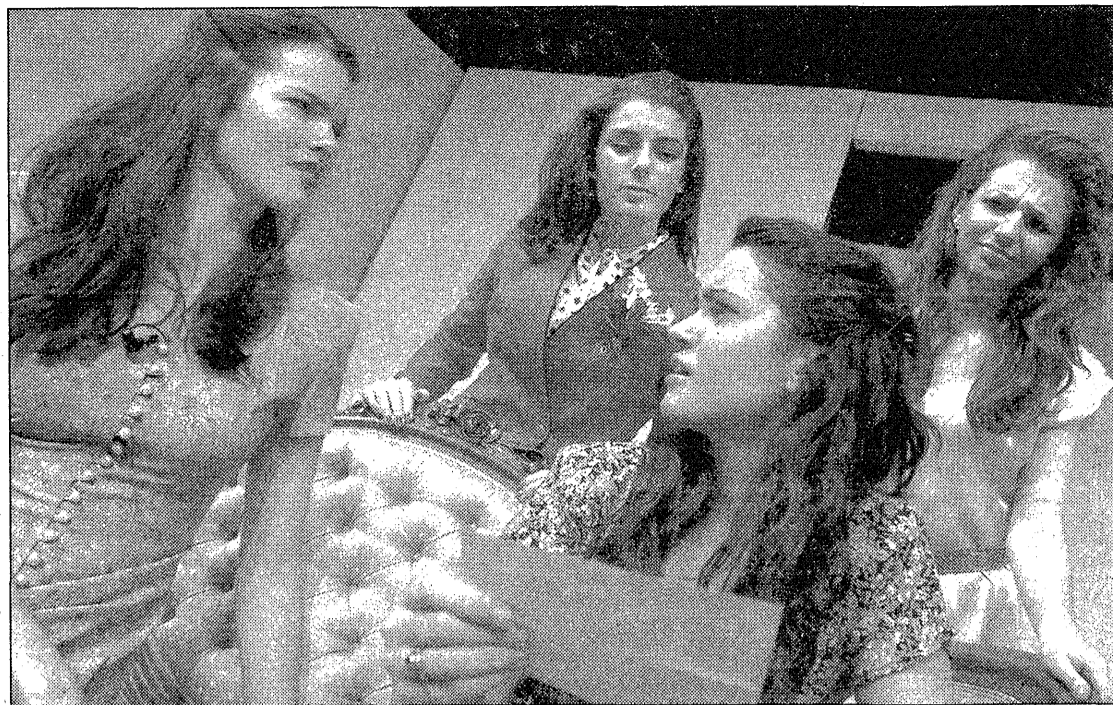
The play features a cast of 33 boys and girls and technical crews of more than 40 students, according to director Kathy Sill. Male cast members include boys from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Catholic Central High School.

The main characters are: Terry Randall, played by junior Kaley Ronayne of Plymouth; Mrs. Orcutt, played by senior Carolyn

Lusch of Redford Township; Kay Hamilton, played by junior Mary Malaney of Farmington Hills; Judy Canfield, played by junior Molly Donovan of Farmington Hills and Jean Maitland, played by Lucy Wylie-Kellermann of Detroit.

Male leads include Keith Burgess, a Catholic Central High School sophomore; David Vogel of Farmington Hills, David Kingsley, a University of Detroit High School junior and Joe Dimuzio of Detroit.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m., Friday Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the school reception area or at the door the night of the show.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mercy High School students, from left, Kaley Ronayne, as Terry Randall; Cara Bosco, as Louise Mitchell; Molly Donovan, as Judith Canfield; and Courtney Williams, as Pat Devine rehearse a scene from the school's production of "Stage Door."

Arts club to host events

Three Cities Art Club presents artist Byron Reed from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, in a lower level meeting room at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road S, south of Cherry Hill. Enter via the southeast entrance and an attendant will direct you to the correct room. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions of the guest speaker plus vote on their favorite artwork submitted by members in our monthly Popular Vote competition.

Reed will focus on how to add the human figure to your art. He is a Detroit-born artist. Reed formed special memories of his environment while living on the lower east side during his early years. He grew up amid a sprawling, vibrant, and energized inner city, and many of his pieces are recollections from childhood. In his paintings, Reed attempts to capture the essence of a dynamic populace on the move. Over the years, he has filled literally hundreds of sketchbooks with his favorite subject: just plain folks on the street.

Reed began his art training at Cass Technical High School. Upon graduation, he attended the Society of Arts and Crafts,

presently known as the College for Creative Studies. During the early 1970s he was art director for WGPR-TV and worked for various advertising agencies, then took a factory job at Chrysler. After retiring in 1995, Reed moved his family to Canton and now teaches art locally. Even though Reed is in his 70s, he invigorates all of his works with a free flow of energy that many describe as breathtaking.

In addition to the presentation by Reed, the public is invited to attend Three Cities Art Club juried Art Exhibition & Sale at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill (Ridge Road and Cherry Hill) Nov. 7-26. An opening reception takes place from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. Featured artists include Reed, Elmer Reeves, Vincent Maiorana, Cathy Vettese, Lonnie Haines, Sharon Dillenbeck, Trisha Lloyd, June Porta and more.

If you are an artist or a want-to-be artist, you will find these to be informative, fun events. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, Ext. 123, or via e-mail at three-citiesartclub@hotmail.com.

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Breast health clinic
St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a Breast Health Clinic 3:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7 and Tuesday, Nov. 14, by appointment only.

Vespers and nativity concert
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will sponsor a Vespers service and Nativity concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 3 at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church.

The Saline Area Players will be performing "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at Liberty School auditorium, 7265 Ann Arbor St. in Saline, 8 p.m. Nov. 10-11; 2 p.m. Nov. 12; and 8 p.m. Nov. 17-18.

Christmas bazaar/lucheon
The Ladies' Literary Club of Ypsilanti holds its annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 at 218 N. Washington Street in Ypsilanti.

Genealogical Society
The November meeting of the Livingston County Genealogical Society has been cancelled due to work at the LDS Church.

Porcelain artists
The Dearborn Porcelain Artists host their annual "Victorian Tea and Holiday Show and Sale" 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the McFadden Ross Museum.

Holiday coping seminar
Heartland Hospice offers a seminar, "Coping with the Holidays," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, designed to help anyone who has lost a loved one.

Shopping Spree
In time for the holidays! The Garden City Community Coalition is holding an evening of one-stop shopping with more than 20 home-party businesses.

Sommelier Dinner
The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 15th-annual Sommelier Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Earle in downtown Ann Arbor.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties.

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills.

Toastmasters meet
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Crafters needed
The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3.

"Holiday Art & Craft Festival" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., in Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor Art Center
The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th-annual All Media Exhibition through Nov. 11. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallery2.

Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Plymouth Newcomers
Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events.

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

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth.

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Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children.

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth.

American Legion
Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street.

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May.

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The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 14, 2006
The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2007 at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 on November 14, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

PLYMOUTH TWP. POLICE DEPT. 734-354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 20, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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Karmanos Cancer Institute awards 'Heroes of Breast Cancer'

Several local corporations, community organizations and individuals were honored by the Karmanos Cancer Institute for their continued support of breast cancer awareness at the 12th Annual Heroes of Breast Cancer ceremony and reception last month at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit.

The Heroes of Breast Cancer Awards program was created to celebrate those who have distinguished themselves by educating people about breast cancer, conducting breast cancer research and/or promoting breast cancer awareness through early detection, treatment and survivorship.

"So many courageous and talented people fight on the front lines to defeat breast cancer," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, recipient of the individual Leadership Award. "Until we find a cure for breast cancer, I won't give up the fight on behalf of our mothers, daughters, sisters and friends who courageously battle this disease."

HEROES

Other awardees include:

■ The Detroit Tigers Wives Association received the organization Leadership Award for their work in speaking out against breast cancer and raising funds for breast cancer research. The group was founded in 1997 and officially became involved with the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Komen Detroit Race for the



Joanne Mancini (bottom right) of Canton, a research nurse in Karmanos Cancer Institute's Radiation Oncology Department and a breast cancer survivor is joined by her co-workers and Brandon Inge, Detroit Tigers third baseman, at last month's award ceremony. Pictured are (back row from left) Todd Bossenberger, Mike Reilly, Cindy Zelko, Jay Burmeister, Shani Inge, Sue Bolton, Sharon Prokop, Brandon Inge, Nancy Lefkowitz and Pam Laszewski (front from left) Chris Zuniga. Mancini received a Gerig Lester Courage Award.

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■ WDVD 96.3 FM received the Media Award for communicating important messages about breast cancer. The radio station was honored for work hosting the WDVD-Gordon Chevrolet Call-2-Care Radiothon, now in its third year. Over the last two years, the event has raised more than \$40,000 for the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

■ Violet Heinebrodt received the individual Philanthropy Award. Heinebrodt died in 2004 at the age of 82, but her legacy of giving will live on. Her posthumous donation of more than \$400,000, which is half of her estate, will be used to establish a new breast cancer research program at the Institute.

■ Smith Barney received the organization Philanthropy Award for its dedication of resources and talent to benefit breast cancer awareness. In the past decade, Smith Barney has raised millions in support of the Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure®. Locally, the organization has raised nearly \$80,000 for the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®, with hun-

dreds of employees participating in the Race each year.

■ Lawrence E. Flaherty, M.D., of Troy received the Scientific Distinction Award for his demonstrated leadership in breast cancer research. Flaherty is a medical oncologist specializing in breast cancer and melanoma, and is also the medical director of the Clinical Trials Office at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. His research focuses on the treatment of tumors with a wide variety of experimental and traditional cancer therapeutics.

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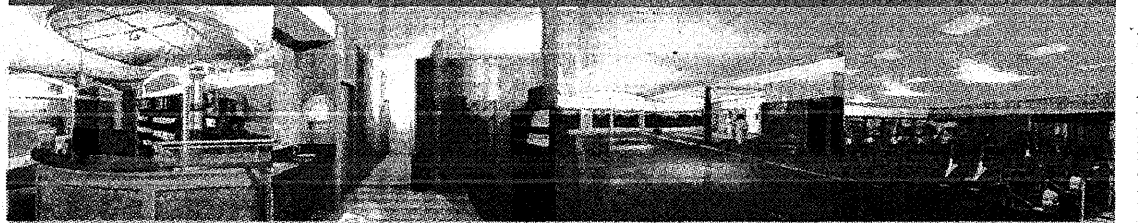
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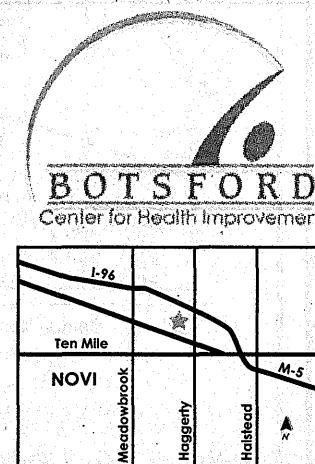
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Mark donation offers healthy boost to JCC

BY SARA CALLENDER
STAFF WRITER



Florine Mark

Florine Mark is a "50 pound loser."

"I was a fat kid, fat all my life," said Mark, Weight Watchers president and CEO. "I lost 50 pounds and have kept it off for 20 years. It was a gift I gave myself."

And a gift she's now sharing with others.

Mark, of Farmington Hills, recently donated \$2 million to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit for fitness programs at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. The center is building a Jewish Academy with a 100,000-square-foot state-of-the-art sports facility and the chapel foyer at the school will be named in honor of Mark.

"Thanks to Florine Mark's

commitment, the JCC will be solidified as one of the finest family fitness centers in the country," said Mark A. Lit, executive director of the JCC. "We are so pleased to have her honor our community and the center in this way. Florine truly stands for what the JCC is all about: a caring and vibrant center for Jewish life."

Mark learned the value of giving as a youngster from her grandmother, who collected money for charities and other organizations — including the Jewish Federation — even though she didn't have much of her own. When she was about 12, she attended a Jewish Federation summer

camp on scholarship. Mark began working at age 11 to help out with her family's finances.

"We learned that even if we could only give a nickel, that was something important," Mark said. "We were taught that the real joy in life is giving back. It's something that has stuck with me all my life."

The health and fitness advocate also works as a motivational speaker, drawing from her experience as an overweight child.

Losing weight, Mark said, gave her self esteem.

"Kids called me 'Fat Flo,'" Mark said. "The more depressed I got, the more I ate. The more I ate, the more depressed I got. It was a vicious cycle. There was a thin person trying to get out. I wanted to be like everybody else. I just stayed positive and

lost the weight. It's all about staying positive."

The journey to success began in 1966 when Mark landed in the hospital after what doctors believed was an allergic reaction to weight loss pills. Her family doctor told her to find a safer way to lose weight and she went to a Weight Watchers meeting in New York. Mark lost weight and was encouraged to take the concept back to Michigan.

She opened her first franchise later that year and went on to become CEO.

In 1999, she was named one of the STAR Group's 50 Leading Female Entrepreneurs in the World.

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Saturday, Nov. 11, Last Lap Cafe, 27758 Warren Road, Westland. For details, call Kathy M. at (734)513-9479.

Breakfast meeting

9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. For information, call Kathy M. at (734)513-9479.

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Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Mondays in Room A101.

■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.

■ Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office.

Tennis Anyone?

The nets are up at Rotary Park on Six Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia and you will find players there weekdays 4-7 p.m. anytime the weather is above 45 degrees. Saturday and Sunday play is 1-5 p.m. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. For more information contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

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Clothing can make the man, and woman, during job interview

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Going on a job interview? Chances are you know you'll need to make a good first impression, and that proper clothing and grooming can go a long way in that direction.

"You impress an employer when you dress up for an interview, and that's what you want to do," said Cheryl Hall Lindsay, director of fashion public relations and special events for Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy. "You can rarely overdress for a job interview."

Even for a job calling for casual attire dressing up for an interview shows you care, Lindsay said. For women, a suit with pants or a skirt or an understated dress are good choices.

"I still think you make a different impression than the person who's casually dressed," she said.

For a man, Lindsay recommends a sports coat or blazer, noting it's not always necessary to wear a suit unless you're pursuing an executive position.

Women benefit from wearing heels, even low ones, she added. "The height that it gives you gives you a little more confidence." She recommends solid colors for clothing, but notes they don't have to be brown, black or navy all the time.

If you can't afford career wear, there are options to consider. Lindsay suggests starting with tailored slacks

A more conservative woman's skirted or pant suit can be accessorized for an interview, she said. Men can choose an interview tie or perhaps a blue shirt rather than white.

or a skirt and borrowing a jacket from a friend.

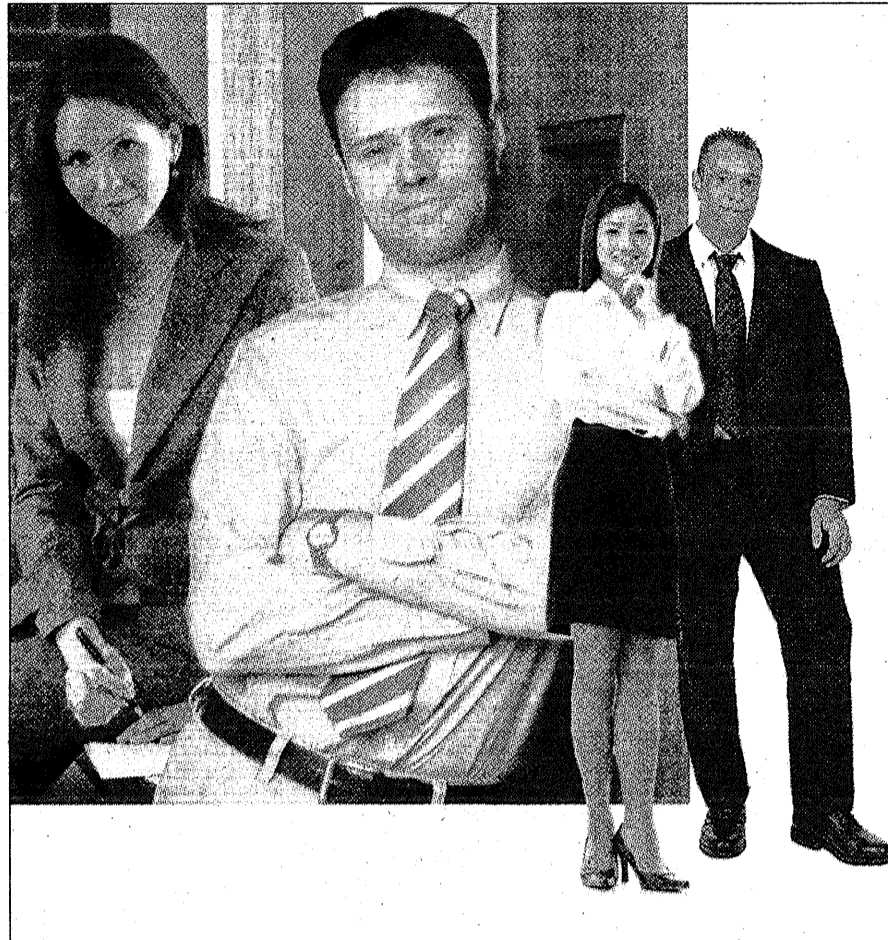
"It's more about taking the time to put it together," she said, and a polished look will go a long way. Clothes should be clean and pressed; grooming counts as well, and hair should be attractively styled, and men's facial hair neat and trimmed.

Lexa Leatherdale, public relations manager for Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection, agrees. A polished and professional look matters, she said, and attire for an interview shouldn't be too trend-driven.

"Obviously, you want to make a good impression. I think that you're better always to err on the side of caution," Leatherdale said. She recommends a suit for a woman going on an interview.

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Leatherdale added it's important



to plan your attire in advance, rather than running around the morning of your interview.

In addition to borrowing, there are other options for people in need of

business clothing. Dress for Success Detroit is (inside Career Works) at 1200 E. McNichols, Highland Park, MI 48203. The phone is (313) 957-2277, the fax (313) 867-7050. E-mail is

detroit@dressforsuccess.org.

The mission of Dress for Success is to advance low-income women's economic and social development and to encourage self-sufficiency through career development and employment retention, according to the Web site. Dress for Success Detroit responds to the needs of the community by providing programs that help economically-disadvantaged women acquire jobs, retain their new positions and succeed in the workplace.

Donations are accepted 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month. The organization asks that the clothing be clean and on hangers, ready to wear.

Items accepted are: skirt/pant suits, separates, blouses, dresses, scarves, purses, belts, shoes, unused pantyhose and unused cosmetics. Clothing size 14 and up and shoes sizes nine-12 are particularly needed.

The Troy Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "Simply Shopping" Extravaganza 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Somerset Collection. Start the day by donating clean, gently-used business attire to the Dress for Success program. Then enjoy complimentary valet, breakfast, and an exclusive presentation of what's hot in gifts and accessories at Nordstrom. Tickets, \$60, include valet, a signature bag, free gift wrapping, bag retrieval, a \$10 gift card for lunch, prizes and hors d'oeuvres at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant. R.S.V.P. at (248) 641-8151 or e-mail theteam@troychamber.com.



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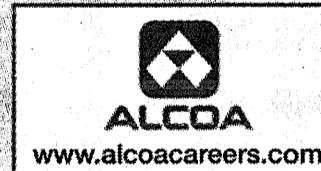
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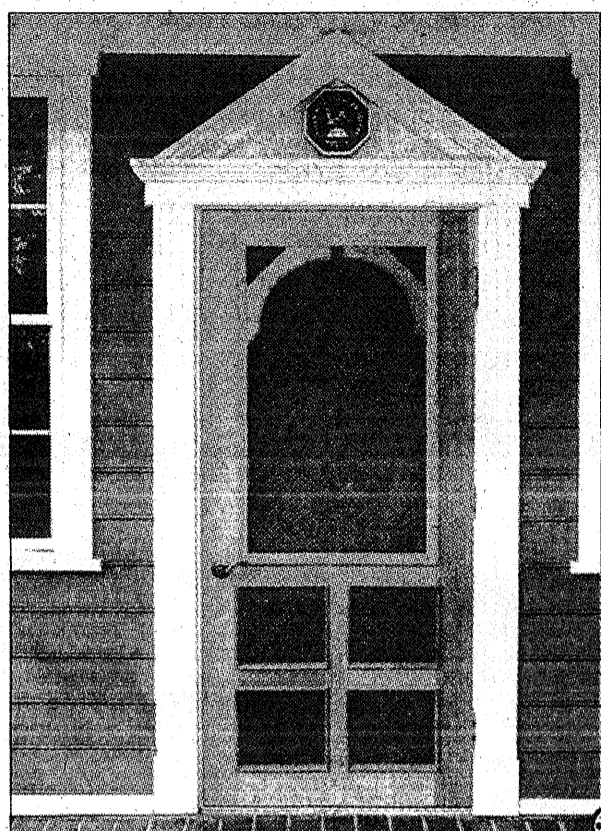
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Another nice touch are turn-of-the-century flower boxes, with slop-

ping front and sides and with buttresses that support their weight. The boxes are also made of the world's finest cedar, renowned for strength and durability. Sizes are available in one-inch increments and in colors including black, dark green, white and burgundy.

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Not surprisingly, these creations have captured the critical acclaim of design professionals all over the world. Other ways to give yourself a new home at the old address are modular gazebos, garden houses, pavilions and porch systems designed for simple one-day assembly.

Methods to market your home to buyers

What kind of marketing should I expect the Realtor to do in selling my house?

There are many different marketing techniques to use when selling a home. Here are some of the ones that I recommend:

■ It's very important to market your house in the area that you live in. This is usually done by your Realtor sending "just listed" cards into your area.

The reason that it's critical is that many times people move into an area because they have family or friends there. If your neighbor has a family or friend that he/she wants to suggest for the area, your neighbor needs to know that your house is for sale. Obviously, if they don't know that your house is for sale, they can't suggest it.

■ Yard signs. This is very important, as well. Many calls come from the "for sale" signs. It's very hard to sell a house discreetly, especially in today's slower Michigan market. I have run into sellers that don't want their neighbors to know that they are selling their house. That is of course the seller's option. However, it makes it much harder to successfully sell the house.

You want as many people as possible to know that your house is for sale. The more potential buyers who know that you are selling your house, the more likely it is that you will find a buyer who will give you the offer that you want. The fewer buyers that know that your house is for sale, the less likely it will be that you will get a good offer.

■ Print advertising. Many Realtors will advertise your house in local newspapers and



Ask the Realtor

Michael Aldouby

the homes magazines. This is another important method to promote your house.

■ Realtor.com. Most Realtors will put your house on realtor.com. According to Realtor.com, more than 80 percent of buyers use realtor.com before buying a house. This doesn't necessarily mean that they will buy the house that they see on realtor.com, however, it does mean that it's an important tool in their search.

■ Open houses. It's not always that effective in selling your house, but it gives your house more exposure. Many Realtors do open houses in order to pick up potential buyers.

The reason it's not always effective is because buyers usually know very little about the house that they are seeing before they get there. This makes it a lot more hit and miss. Also, nosy neighbors often go into open houses to see what your house is like and to get possible decorating ideas. Still, it does sometimes work in getting your house sold.

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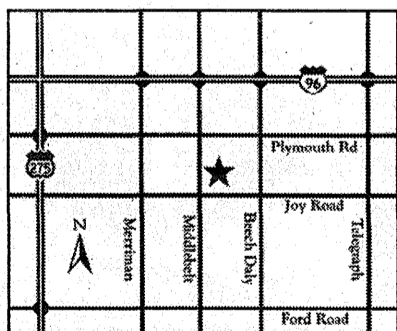
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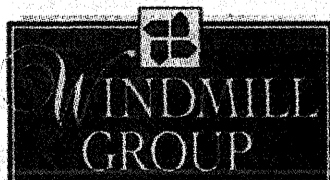
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Free seminar

A Down Payment Assistance Program Seminar will be 7-8 p.m. every Tuesday, starting on Nov. 7 and running through most of December.

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- **Effective Business Management seminar, "A Guide to Condo Conversions,"** 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Anita Blender of Bluerock Management and Jeffrey Kaftan of Kaftan Enterprises will discuss condo conversions and how to know if a property is conducive to converting. Fee includes continental breakfast

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- **Sales & Marketing Council** will present "Essential Closing Strategies" seminar 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Charter One Bank in the Backman Center, 1250 W. 14 Mile in Troy. The course is part of the Master Certified Sales Professional series. Fee is \$149 for SMC members, \$169 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

- **Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council** will sponsor a "Super Leasing Extravaganza" 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 10, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern

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- **BIA will sponsor a lien law seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 14, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.** The focus is "What's New in Michigan Construction." Fee is \$50 for BIA members, \$75 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

- **BIA, in conjunction with the Western Wayne Oakland County Realtors Association,** will present the "Builder/Realtor Selling Extravaganza" 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River in Novi. The first 25 BIA builders to make reservations will have the opportunity to promote their communities to a group of sales professionals. Fee is \$50 for BIA builders to a table top display, free for WWOCAR members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

- **"How To Sell, Serve and Succeed" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at The Radisson Hotel, 39475 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills.** This is presented by the Sales & Marketing Council and will feature Henry A. Thomas of Henry Thomas & Associates. Fee is \$45 for SMC members, \$65 for BIA members and guests. To register,

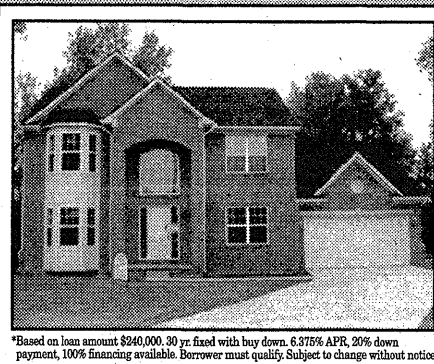
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- **Industry Innovation Seminar** focusing on base-ments 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. A light dinner and dessert are included. Fee is \$10 at the door and for no-shows, free for advance reservations. Call (248) 862-1060 to register.

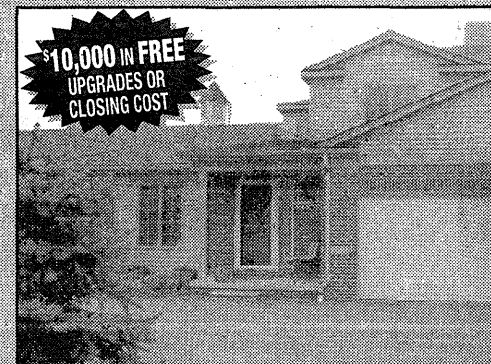
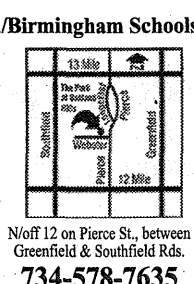
- **"Off-Site Project Management" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.** The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler series. Fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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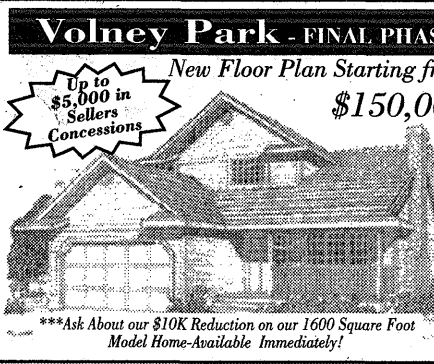
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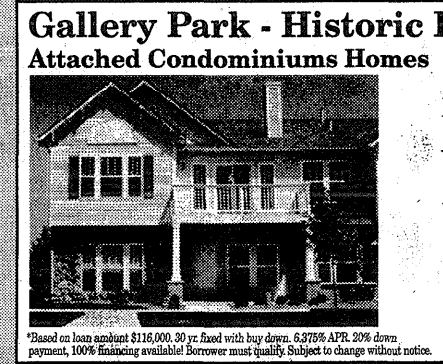
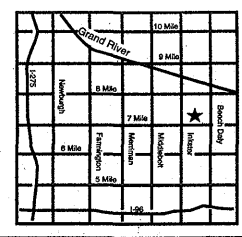
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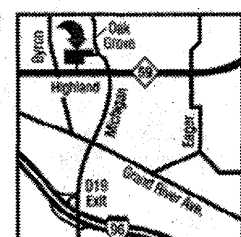
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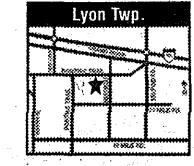
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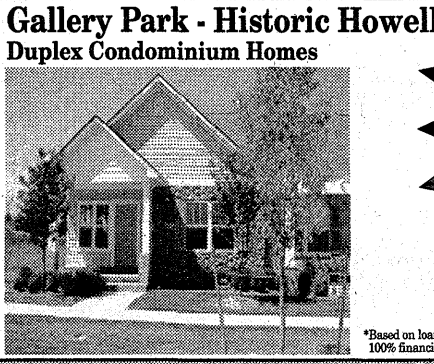
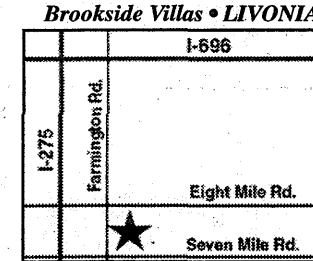
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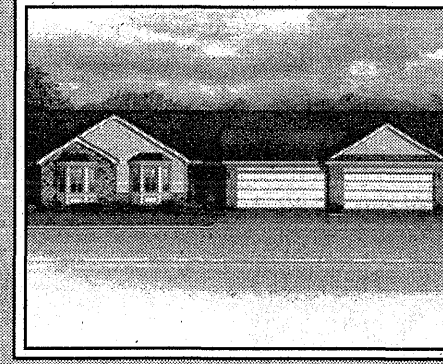
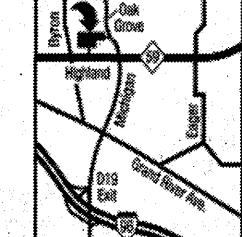
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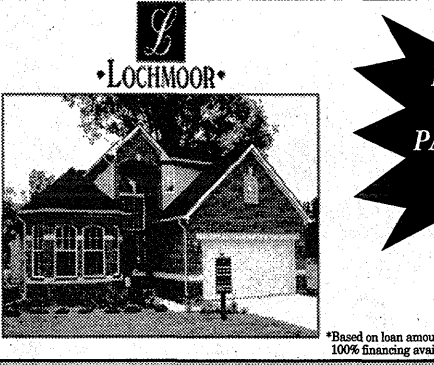
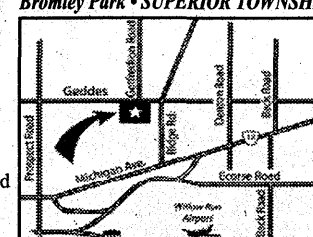
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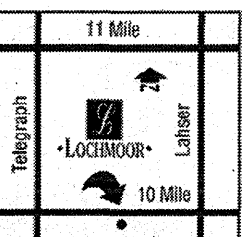
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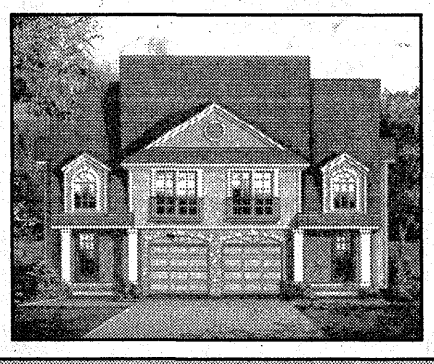
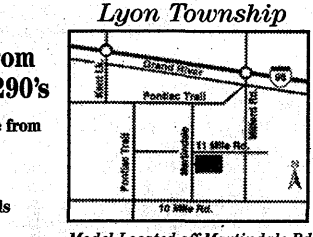
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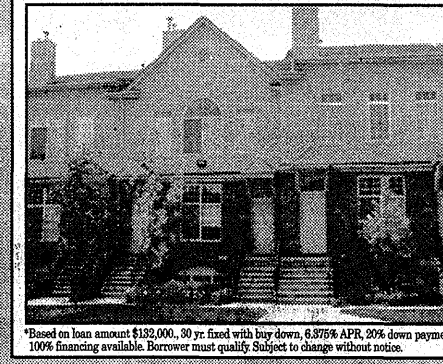
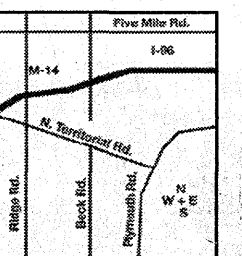
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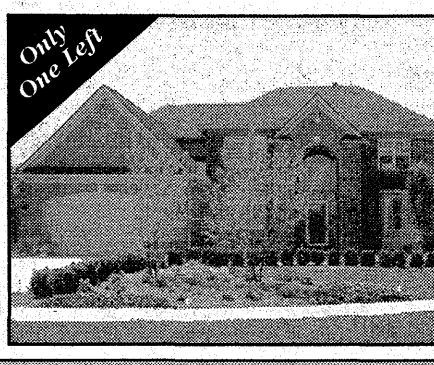
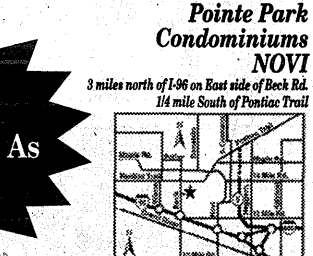
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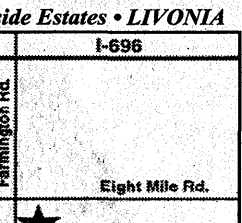
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How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$269 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.

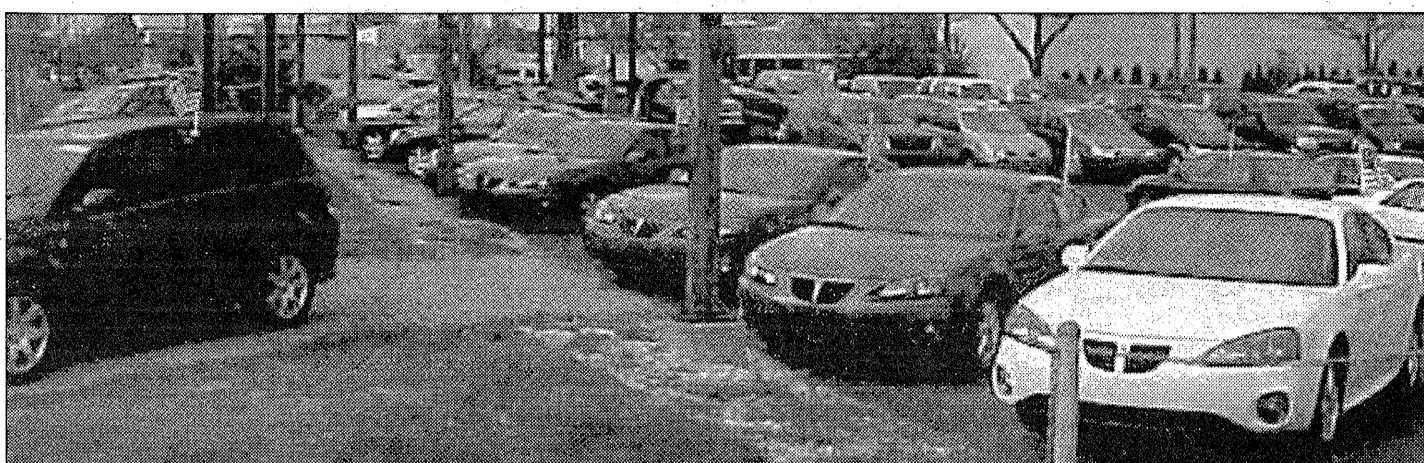
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private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

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

2006 Pontiac Grand Prix's 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 pre-owned 2006 vehicles. The low financing on new 2006's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. 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 2001-2006 Buicks were 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 175-horsepower 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

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.

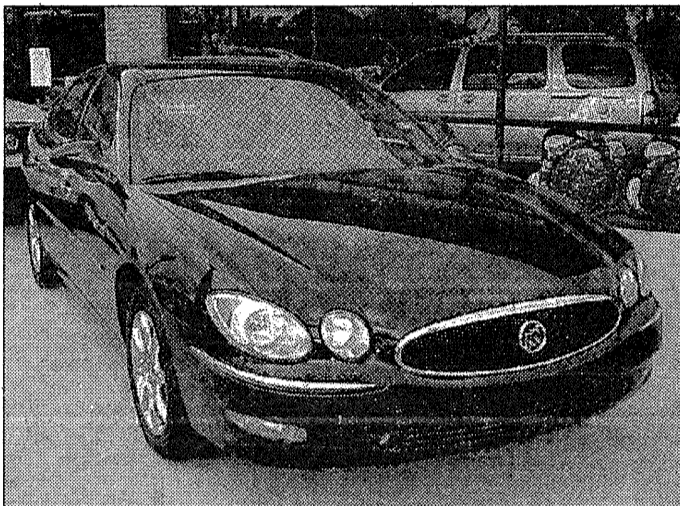
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

position 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.

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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 pre-owned 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

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