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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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## Businesses revved up by<sup>11</sup> DDA plan<sup>5</sup>

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





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."

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PLEASE SEE LIBRARY BOARD, A5

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.

PLEASE SEE GRANHOLM, A5

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."

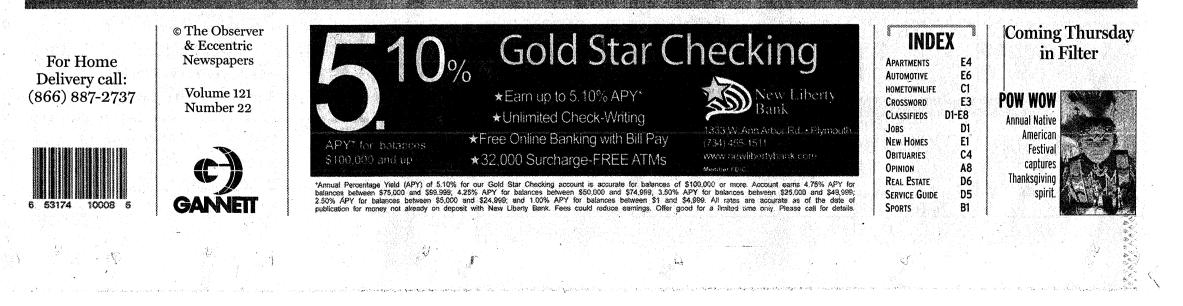
Business owners seemed excited about the prospect of marketing downtown. Sandy Marulis, owner of Michigan Made on Ann Arbor Trail, is already making plans to sell shirts in her store with the new logo.

"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 Bruscato contributed to this report.



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## **PLYMOUTH PIPELINE**

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The Plymouth Optimist Club is also selling the books, at their new fund-raising price of \$20. They can be picked up at Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

The book offers up to 50percent savings on casual dining, fast food, fine dining, travel and hotels, entertainment and sports, and retail and services on everything from apparel to flowers.

Proceeds benefit children's causes. For information, call (734) 453 - 8253

The Beckridge Chorale (formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus) has the new 2007 Entertainment Books and is selling them to support their charitable and educational activities.

The book contains 2-for-1 and 50-percent-off deals for restaurants, entertainment, hotels, sporting events, plane fares, car rental, etc. Retail price is \$25; however, the chorale is offering them for \$20.

The books will be delivered. and can be ordered by calling Stanley Kovacheff, (734) 459-6829.

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling the 2007 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. Pick up your 2007 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The Entertainment Book offer is \$20 with all proceeds used

to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

## **Civil War roundtable**

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts Jerry Maxwell 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.

An instructor at Michigan State University, Maxwell has been a lecturer/presenter of historical subjects since 1972. His topic will be "Six Heroes of Shiloh."

The meeting is at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited; admission is free. For more information call (734) 459-7324.

## MOMS Club

MOMS Club of Livonia S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland hosts an open house at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main Street, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 8, in the Waldorf Room (across from the circulation desk).

Snacks and refreshments will be served. Come and meet stay-at-home moms and their children.

## Top employee

Janelle Smith is the November 2006 Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bennigan's restaurant, officials at LaBelle Management, which owns the restaurant, have announced.

According to LaBelle spokesperson Becky Dell, crew members are recognized "based on job performance, customer service, attitude,

## team spirit, dependability and professionalism." Honoring the

## Symphony

WDSP 88.1-FM, The Escape, partners with the Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society on "Salute to the Plymouth Symphony, to air three times: Noon Friday, Nov. 10; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15; and 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17. The program will preview the symphony's Nov. 18 concert at Northville High School, as well as the Dec. 3 concert for Orchestra Canton at The

"Salute to the Symphony" will feature an interview with conductor Nan Washburn; Donald Soenen, president of the Plymouth-Canton Symphony Society; and Beck Greene, director of the **Plymouth-Canton Ballet** Company.

## Santa photos

Santa is coming to Jill Andra Young Photography in downtown Plymouth Saturday, Nov. 11.

Children of all ages welcome, as are good dogs, for photos or greeting cards. Limited appointments are available.

For more information call Jill Young at (734) 455-7787 or caninepix@aol.com

## Book signing

Cheri Hallwood of Niles, author of the illustrated children's book Winter's First Snowflake, will be signing copies of the book 3-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Michigan

Made and More, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

The book is available at independent bookstores, as well as on amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and bordersbookstores.com.

For more information, call Michigan Made, (734) 207-8794.

## 'Moon' rises

"Moon Over Buffalo" opens for a three-week run beginning Friday, Nov. 17 at the **Farmington Players Barn** Theater on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

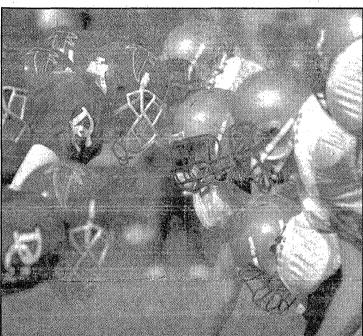
In "Moon Over Buffalo," author Ken Ludwig leads the audience on a headlong romp through the backstage brouhahas of a down-at-heels traveling repertory company. The delightful script brought Carol Burnett back to Broadway after a three-decade absence, and the Farmington Players carry on without missing a beat.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$13 to \$15, depending on dates and times, and can be reserved by calling the Farmington Players ticket hotline at (248) 553-2955.

## Veterans' Day event

The American Legion 112 Post and Auxiliary hosts a breakfast event in honor of area veterans Saturday, Nov. 11, at 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

Breakfast will be served 7:30-



9:30 a.m., and will be followed by sharing and reminiscing. Veterans will then proceed to the new Veteran's Memorial Park on Main Street to participate in the annual Veterans' Day service.

For more information, call (734) 459-7324.

## Shopping extravaganza

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

Admission is \$1; the event features vendors, crafters, a bake sale, silent auction, prizes and Bob's Sloppy Joes.

## **Blood drives**

Trinity Church and the American Red Cross are looking for willing participants in their upcoming Blood Drive on Monday, Nov. 6.

The blood drive is open 2-8 p.m. Call Catherine Withrow at (734) 455-1972 or e-mail CatherineWithrow@Comcast. net to set up an appointment time; walk-ins are also welcome. Trinity Church is located at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson. Donors must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110

pounds and be in general good health. There will be a Red Cross

blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, in Plymouth.

Call Carolyn Libeau, (734) 455-5395; walk-ins are also welcome.

## Wreath sale

The youth group from St.John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth is selling 24-inch Christmas wreaths as a fundraiser for the development of a vouth house.

Each pre-decorated wreath costs \$20 and is produced by the Worcester Wreath Co. Ten percent of the proceeds will be given to Episcopal Relief and Development to rebuild the Gulf Coast region.

Wreaths must be ordered by Tuesday, Nov. 14, , and will be

available for pick-up 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. For more information, call (734) 453-0190, Ext. 14.

## Coat drive

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

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

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

Pick-up can also be arranged by calling (734) 844-8472 or (734) 812-4502. For more information on the drive or on Children's Christian Alliance, visit the group's Web site at www.childrenschristianalliance.org

## Medicare/Medicaid speaker

The Plymouth Community Council On Aging sponsors a speaker talking about Medicare Part D and Medicaid 1-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

The meeting will feature a qualified specialist who has been trained in Medicare and Medicaid law and regulations. Their mission is to educate, counsel and empower individuals to make informed benefit decisions.

For more information and to sign up, call the Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

## Flu shots

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging sponsors flu shots 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 20, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Sign-ups start Nov. 1. To register, call (734) 453-1132. The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

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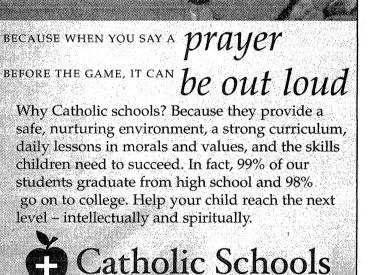
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LOCAL NEWS

## 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.

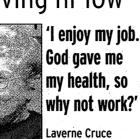
What makes Cruce even more extraordinary is the fact she drives a hi-low -- not exactly your prototypical job for a 70-year-old lady. Cruce spends her workday loading up huge semi trailers, which deliver the company's corrugated boxes all over the country and ultimately all over the world.

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 ABLE's "Ability is Ageless" luncheon Oct. 30 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Operation ABLE, an organization that helps mid-career people obtain work and remain employable throughout their lifetime, holds the annual luncheon to celebrate workers aged 50 and over, or 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



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



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.

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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.

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.

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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.

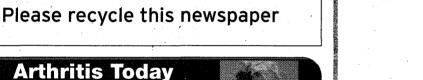
As for retirement, Cruce is not even thinking about it, as long as she has her health. Besides, she doesn't want to give up the best perk about working at the same place for 50 years.

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

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## American Girl Fashion Shows to benefit Gilda's Club

Calling all American Girl fans. A special treat is in store for you, your mom, grandmother and other family and friends to share as Friends of Suzette presents its third annual American Girl Fashion Shows on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12 at the Novi Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty Road in Novi.

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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 –

## **BRARY BOARD** M PAGE A1

t): "I have sought benchking 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

Admission: \$2.00

Children 12 and under: 50¢

Children under 5 admitted free

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.

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."

## 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 Zielger, 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

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

check to show her support.

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.

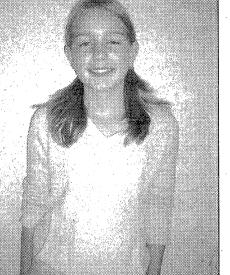
"I am not advocating for them to move to Detroit," Granholm said. "We want them to stay in Michigan. If they move to Detroit, they may get the benefits of a Renaissance Zone. But as a state, we're advocating for them not to move?

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## **Disc Herniation?**

New FDA Approved Technology Treats Herniated Discs Without Drugs or Surgery





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

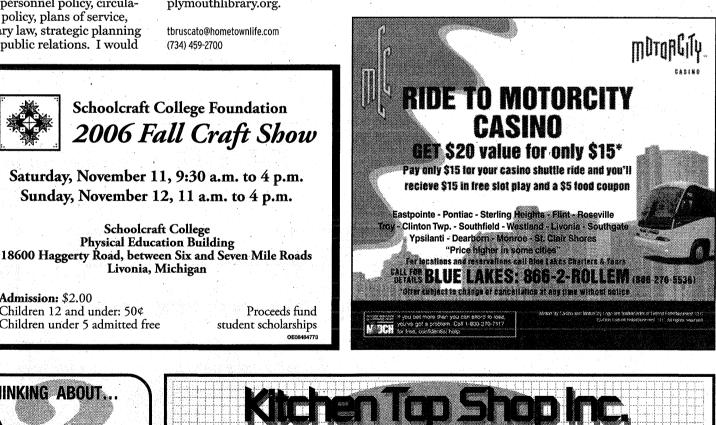
The Friends of the Plymouth District Library has the complete information provided by each candidate via the library Web site at plymouthlibrary.org.

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## LOCAL NEWS

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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

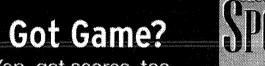
been invited to inform attendees at the Red Hot Chili Peppers concerts in their areas. The Citizens for Peace enthusiastically supported the idea of reaching out to 300,000 young people throughout the U.S.

"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.





Sunday Brunch

Yep, got scores, too.

# 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."

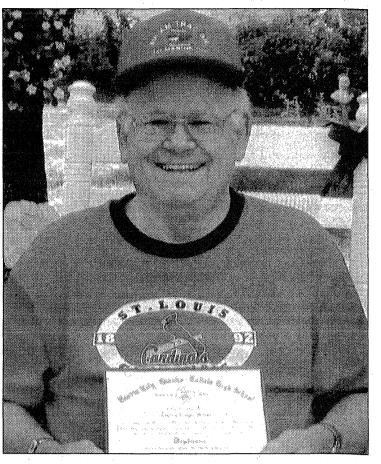
Britton traveled a long road to becoming a high school graduate. Born in 1926 in rural Enfield, Ill., a farming community, Britton had to walk some eight miles to school.

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 drown-

ing during an exercise. Britton was sent overseas, where he drove amphibian tractors onto the islands of Pelileu 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

-Planned Activities



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

Back pain? Sore Neck?

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.

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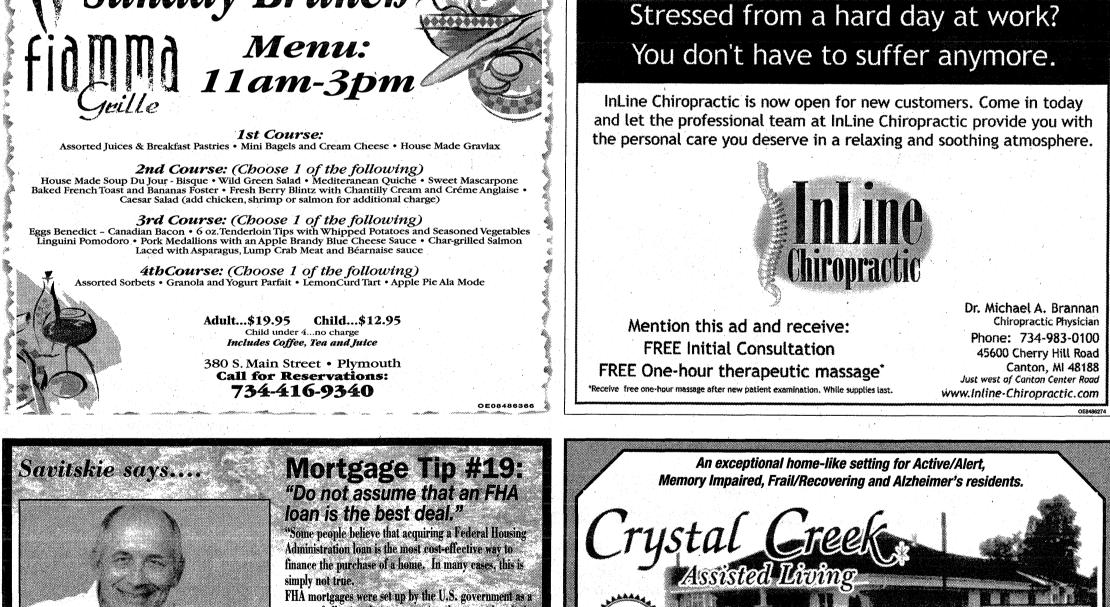
Officials in Illinois told Marjorie they'd get the diploma to her in the spring, but it got delayed until September. Marjorie sprung it on him for his 80th birthday.

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 co try, his faithfulness to God, commitment to family and. lastly, his pursuit of educati

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means of allowing buyers to get into homes with as little as 3% down, instead of the higher percentages required to secure many conventional loans. In today's mortgage market, conventional, non-FHA mortgages can be obtained for as little as zero down, without the costs and paperwork related to FHA loans. In many instances, by

acquiring a first and a second loan simultaneously in order to cover up to 100% of the purchase price, borrowers can avoid Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI). Ordinarily, the first or primary loan equals 80% of the price while the second, often a Home Equity Line of Credit, equals the balance, up to 20% of the purchase price.

The advantage to avoiding FHA loans is that, by doing so, buyers avoid the government red-tape and restrictions that come along with them."

Mark Savitskie knows what he's talking about.



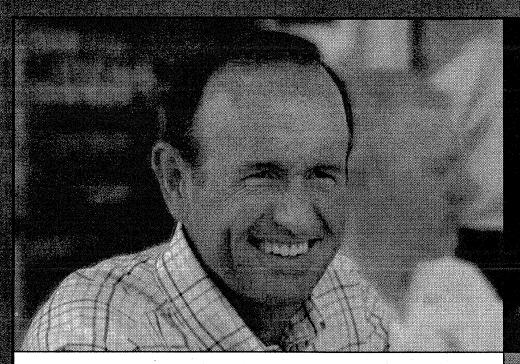
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# Should welfare be a hand up or a hand out?



## The DeVos Plan A Hand Up

Supports a 4-year time limit on welfare

- Opposes unlimited welfare benefits for able-bodied adults.
- ✓ Supports drug testing welfare recipients.

✓ Will get people from welfare to work.



 Vetoed a 4-year time limit. (The Grand Rapids Press, Dec. 29, 2005).

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

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

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:

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



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)



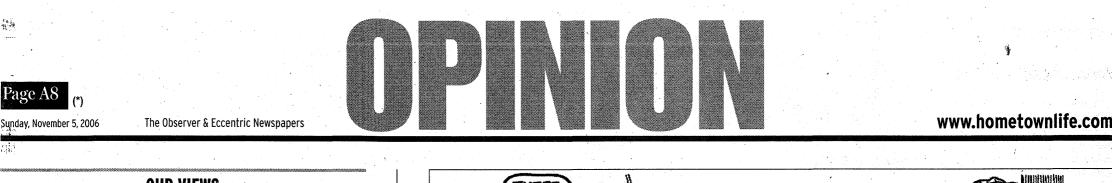
Michigan has 9,294 people that have remained on welfare for over five years. In comparison, Ohio has just 149. Indiana and Illinois have zero. (Federal Health and Human Service reports, House Fiscal Agency 2005)



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** 

## Granholm, 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.

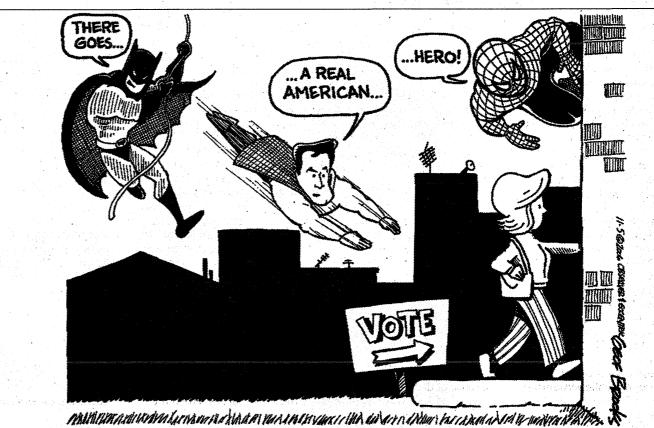
Land successfully consolidated redundant offices; implemented the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, making it easier for everyone to vote and assuring the integrity of their vote; and introduced new technology to every aspect of the state's licensing procedures

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.



## **Recapping Observer endorsements**

**OUR VIEWS** 

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.

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 termlimited 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.

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 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.

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 e-election to a new six-year term.

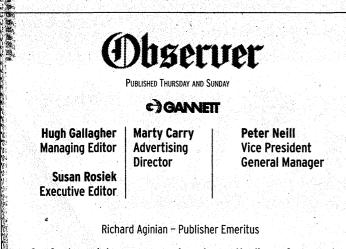
Stabenow, unlike her opponent, is not a one-issue candidate. She has broad experience and has proven she can work in a bipartisan fashion. She has fought hard for Michigan. It's a fight she'll need to continue after re-election on Tuesday. She has made health care - in particular affordable prescription 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 teady critic of the administration's mishandling of the war in Iraq. He has also been a vocal opponent of free trade agreements that den't require reciprocity from our trading partners and have hurt the Michigan economy.



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## **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** 

## **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 Phil Cavanagh is facing a half-hearted challenge from Republican candidate Mark H. Slater.

We believe Philip Cavanagh merits reelection 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

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 used for intended purposes. Although wellintentioned, 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 places 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.

## **Proud of qualifications**

In response to letters to the editor questioning my status as a Certified Public Accountant, I must say I am surprised by the disingenuous nature and deliberate falsehoods they assert. I have been certified since

1978 and have worked for two of the largest CPA firms in the world. I currently hold certificate number 10438. When I left public practice and entered private industry, I changed my status from licensed to registered, to allow me to partake in continuing education more specific and central to private industry, versus that geared to members in public practice.

"Registered" is a status shared by approximately 6,000 Michigan CPA's currently employed in industry, government and education.

MCL 339.723 of the Michigan Occupation Code states each licensed or registered individual holder of a certificate as a certified public accountant shall be known as a certified public accountant. I am currently not engaged in the practice of public accounting, nor have I alleged so in any of my literature.

In fact, I have always stated that in addition to being the Northville Township Supervisor, I am employed as the Vice President of a renewable energy company. Thus I have every right to use the CPA designation to convey qualifications of which I am very proud.

> Mark J. Abbo, CPA Northville

## Abbo is CPA

In response to the Oct. 22 letter from Sally Fedus of Plymouth, I would like to offer the following information. Mark Abbo, CPA, did nothing wrong in utilizing the CPA credential or presenting his experience as a CPA on campaign literature. The Michigan Occupational Code and the Licensing Division of the State of Michigan recognize two different statuses of CPAs in Michigan.

Individuals not engaging in the practice of public accounting, nor holding himself or herself out to the public as engaging in the practice of public accounting, may enter their license into "Registered Only Status." This status allows the individual to continue to use the CPA credential, so long as the individual does not practice public accounting.

For individuals engaging in the practice of public accounting, one must have an active license. This license requires the continued education Ms. Fedus referred to in her letter. Mark Abbo, CPA is not engaged in the practice of public accounting nor do any of his campaign pieces imply that he is. Section 723 (1) of the **Michigan Occupation Code** reads (emphasis added): (MCL 339.723(1) Each licensed or registered individual holder of a certificate as a certified public accountant shall be known as a certified public accountant and a person shall not use that title or the abbreviation "CPA" or any other word, words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using them is a certified public accountant unless the use is specifically approved by the board. I do not know Mark, nor am I involved at all with Mark's campaign; however, I am a CPA and understand the applicable laws and regulations. Mark Abbo, CPA, has every right to use the

CPA credential and share his stops here. As for his allegation that I experience as CPA as a qualification for election to public office. have not been endorsed by a

Bob Wagner, CPA, MST Northville Township

## Lowe exemplary

In the summer after my freshman year at college, I was a student intern at the 35th District Court. There, along with two other student interns, I worked for Judge Ronald W. Lowe. My time spent at the court was an extremely edifying experience, and it has helped to solidify my earlier inclinations toward pursuing a career in the legal profession.

My internship also, however, helped me to get to know Judge Lowe, and I am convinced that he should be re-elected. During my time at Judge Lowe's court, I was able to see how he purported himself both on the bench and in chambers, and at all times, he conducted himself honorably and justly with all the due decorum that a judge ought to have.

Unfortunately, in the last few weeks certain people with less of a sense of decorum have been critical of Judge Lowe. Some of said that he has been "inconsistent," and others have maligned him in different ways. But, to quote Abraham Lincoln, "Truth is generally the best vindication against slander."

The truth of the matter is that Judge Lowe is an exemplary judge who makes his rulings based on the law in front of him. He is not bound by some childish (albeit "consistent") adherence to ideology at the expense of the plain letter of the law. If you call that approach to jurisprudence "inconsistency," we could use a lot more of it in our courts.

But beyond being an exemplary judge, Lowe is also an excellent educator, storyteller, and community leader. No one I know is more devoted to the people of 35th District on whose behalf Lowe has worked tirelessly to cut court expenses. My verdict on this matter is that in all of his endeavors Judge Lowe has been consistent-consistently good, just, and, honorable; and he should be reelected as judge

**Charles R. Drummond IV Plymouth Township** 

## **Responds to Yack**

In the Oct. 29 edition of the Observer, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack publicly explained his reasons for not endorsing my re-election. While Mr. Yack is a friend and certainly entitled to his opinion, I believe it only fair to the voters that I respond. Despite having had dozens of formal and informal meetings with me over the course of the last 12 years of my tenure, this is the first time I have heard Mr. Yack express the concerns he has raised in his letter to the editor. He has never sat in my courtroom, and so I must take his criticisms of my courtroom demeanor as nothing more than speculation. In law, we call his type of statements "hearsay," and do not allow it in the courtroom because it is inherently unreliable. In my 12 years on the bench I have learned that every decision has the potential to distress one side or the other. As the one who must make the final decision, I presume that both sides will not always be content with the decision, but the correct legal decision has to be made. And the buck

## LETTERS

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and significant than that.

To begin with, this is the first time in the history of the 35th District Court that an incumbent has been challenged, and thus, there never has been a tradition in this court of the judges imposing a gag order on their opinions about a fellow judge's race. As an elected official who has served this court and community for 22 years, I am under an obligation as a public servant to inform the people when I believe something is amiss at the court, even though it may be contrary to the good-old-boy network philosophy and concern a fellow judge. To fail to do so would be an injustice to the community.

What is most unusual and telling about this race is the fact that the sitting judge is not endorsed by any police or law enforcement agencies, other than Wayne County Sheriff's Department Local 502, who in fact issued a dual endorsement for both Ron and Jim Plakas. Why has the challenger to a 12year incumbent received the endorsement of the chief judge, the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM), Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, the Michigan Association of Police Organizations, and Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy? It is the people who know the 35th District Court first-hand who have emphatically embraced and endorsed Ron's challenger, Jim Plakas. The clear consensus is that it is time for a change.

Jim Plakas is an exceptional attorney who is decisive, and possesses the fairness, judicial temperament and respect for people and the law that is lacking in Ron. With the best interest of the Plymouth, Northville and Canton communities in mind, I urge people to vote for Jim Plakas for judge of the 35th District Court on Nov. 7.

John MacDonald Chief Judge, 35th District Court

Northville

## Don't vote from fear

It would appear that the Republican strategy for Bruce Patterson's State Senate race is to wait until close to the election and start spreading lies about his opponent, Mark Slavens. This might work, but it is still wrong and an insult to the vot-

ers that should not go unchallenged.

The recent mailing by the Republican Party makes outrageous claims about Mark supporting a 25-percent increase in property taxes for schools. Not only is that a lie, it shows an astonishing ignorance of school finance in Michigan.

Mark has been a tireless advocate for equity in school funding but he has never called for a tax increase. Our current system for financing schools does not use property taxes but relies on state legislative action. Districts in this area have watched neighboring districts get substantially more per-pupil funding approved by the legislature year after year while we face the same costs and compete for the same personnel with far less money.

This situation is patently unfair and inequitable. Even **Republican Representative Phil** LaJoy has joined Mark and others in trying to address this gross inequity. The problem can be solved without a tax increase. All that is required is leadership from our state officials.

On this issue, and others, Senator Patterson has ignored the needs of his district. His lack of leadership and concern have been a major impediment to progress. Rather than owning up to his responsibility, Republicans find it easier to lie and distract voters with false fears of tax increases.

Don't be duped by the lies of Patterson's cronies. Vote for Mark Slavens.

> **Judy Mardigian** Plymouth

## **Vote for DeVos**

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We don't need a theoretical science degree educated, people such as lawyers, asking where is the money? Michigan and the United States are the greatest in the world. We need people in office to work with the people.

Vote for Dick DeVos for governor of Michigan. Dick DeVos is a forthcoming president of the U.S.

**Mitchell Bozinowski Plymouth Township** 

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## **Experience matters**

As a long-standing trial lawyer who, among other things, serves as the prosecuting attorney for the City of Ing attorney for the City of Plymouth, I have a fond appreciation for the outstanding judges of the 35th District Court. Indeed, the court has a long history of fine judges, including former judges Dunbar Davis and James Garber, as well as the current judges, John MacDonald, Ron Lowe and Mike Gerou.

I believe one of the reasons these fine judges are as good as they are today is because each of them started under the helpful eye of an experienced judge. Quite literally, Judge Garber had Judge Dunbar Davis to rely on, Judge MacDonald had Judge Garber to rely on, Judges Lowe and Gerou each had MacDonald to help them find their way in the courthouse.

Unfortunately for the communities, Judge MacDonald will not be able to run for reelection when his term expires in two years. At that point, we will have a new judge in the 35th District Court. One thing I think is important for voters to not overlook is that if Judge Ron Lowe does not win re-election this November, then upon Judge MacDonald's retirement, the 35th District Court would have three first-term judges.

Again, as a practicing attorney who is in the 35th District Court at least once per week, I believe it is not in any of the communities' best interests that they allow this to happen, and instead encourage the voters to support Judge Lowe so that whomever takes over for Judge MacDonald in two years has the advantage of having an experienced third-term judge to help guide them on their way.

It is my belief that experience. does count and that this court needs more than all first-term judges.

**Cameron Miller** 

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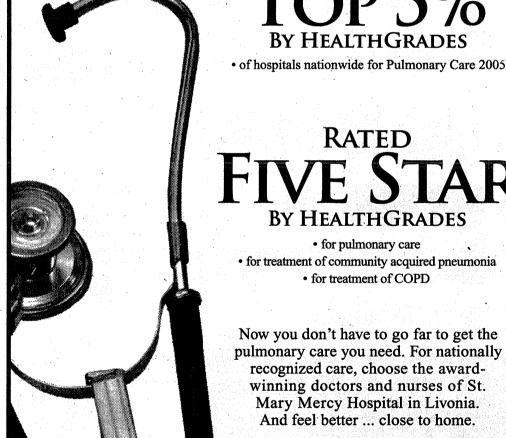
I declined and applied the law to my political detriment. I can live with myself not being a judge; however, I cannot live with myself being a Judge but choosing the politically beneficial option while ignoring the law I am sworn to uphold.

As a sitting incumbent Judge, I don't like to be unfairly maligned for properly performing my judicial responsibilities. I trust that the voters will support impartial justice. Please vote Tuesday.

> **Ron Lowe** 35th District Court Judge

## What's best for district

When I came out publicly with my endorsement of Jim Plakas for judge of the 35th District Court, I was surprised at the way it was stated in your newspaper that it was something I should not have done, and that I somehow broke tradition. I was also surprised at how Judge Lowe twisted it to be just a case of clashing personalities. It is actually much more serious



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## 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 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 then 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 wellmeaning 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-downyour-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

## **Supports Corriveau**

The 20th State Representative District seat is an open seat. Honesty, Integrity, Dedication, and Commitment! These are the

attributes I seek in a candidate for whom I want to vote. Having met and spoken with Marc Corriveau, I have decided he has the four qualities that a candidate should possess to get my vote.

When I met Marc Corriveau, I was impressed with him as a person. Marc is a caring, creditable and competent candidate. He emulates everything that we should value in today's society. He is a respectful and considerate person, and a good family man.

The Corriveau family has a history in the community, having chosen to live and work here. His father and brother live in the area, as well as his own young family. He has made the personal and professional commitment to invest in our district.

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

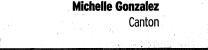
## **Vote for Plakas**

We cheat ourselves if we do not give careful thought and consideration to the people we appoint that are actively involved in the Plymouth, Canton, and Northville communities.

A concerned voter needs to dig beneath the newspaper banter and understand why a candidate like Jim Plakas would be endorsed by John E. MacDonald, chief judge of 35th District Court, Tom Yack, Canton Township supervisor, Kym L. Worthy, Wayne County prosecutor, and the Police Officers Association of Michigan, respectively.

The people supporting the Plakas campaign are successful professionals, constantly working and making legal decisions everyday, while striving to improve our court system and our cities. They are supporting Jim Plakas to serve as a 35th District Court judge and express their confidence in his ability to do so.

Vote for Jim Plakas.



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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 marshall arts training. "I was able to rush him. We fought for about five minutes and I was able to pull the gun away from him."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

not do background checks on their staff."

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

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

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

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

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

## **Has YOUR** plumber:

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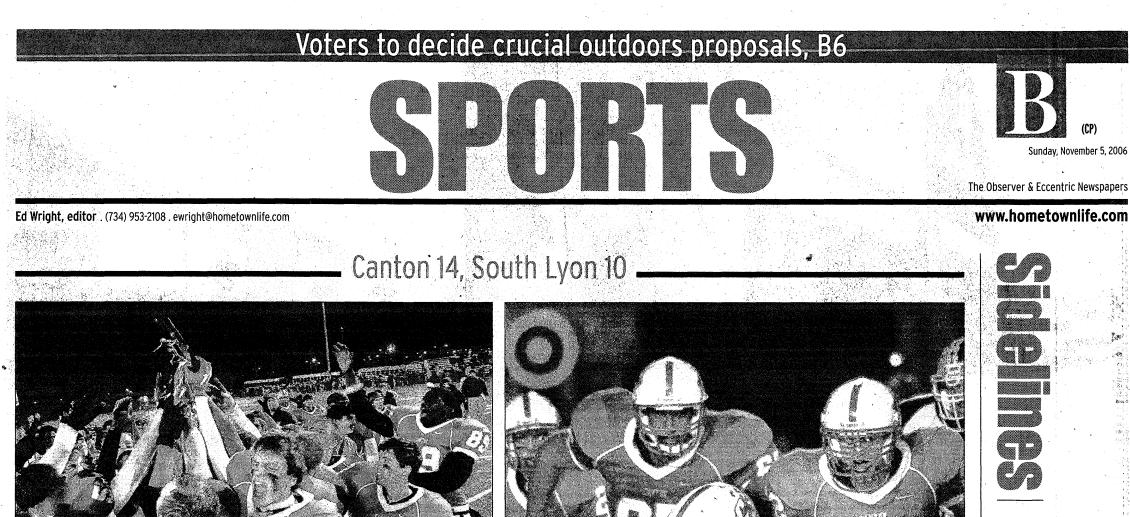
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How sweet it is for Canton football players as they hold up the District championship trophy they earned by upending South Lyon, 14-10, Friday night.



## 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 Lvon facing a 2nd-and-10 on the Canton

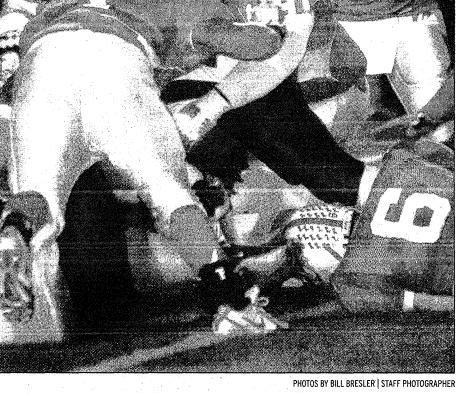
## THE HIGH FIVE

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;



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.



**SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE** 

When: Wednesday, 7 p.m.;

Who: Canton (17-2) vs. Salem (17-2);

Where: Livonia Churchill gymnasium;

championship game;

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What: Western Lakes Activities Association tournament

History: Salem defeated Canton, 36-34, on Sept. 14. It

er a 14-game winning streak. Salem has also won 14/

straight; it's last loss was Sept. 19 at Plymouth.

was the Chiefs' most-recent setback since putting togeth-

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

## 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 tact Casey Randolph at randolc@pccs.k12.mi.us or (734) 582-6885; or Ray Price at trowel000@sbcglobal.net or (734) 454-5440. Practice will start on Monday, Nov. 27. Practices will be held weekly on Mondays, **Tuesdays and** Wednesdays.

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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■ 2. Paye hits Nick Moores for 32yard 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.

Nick Moores carries South Lyon's James Holbrook III for a couple yards during a thirdquarter carry Friday night.

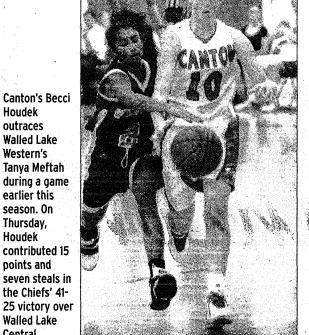
## Pom clinic

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 pons 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 halftime of a Plymouth basketball game. For more information, call (734) 459-6460.



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## 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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## **Rock cagers advance** to WLAA hoops final

### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The top-seeded divisional winners that dominated play in the Western Lakes Activities Association all season will square off for the girls basketball championship.

Lakes Division champion Salem improved to 17-2 overall with a 38-30 victory Tuesday night at home over Livonia Franklin in the WLAA semifinals.

The Rocks will play neighbor and rival Canton, also 17-2, the Western Division champion, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Livonia Churchill

Canton held up its end of the bargain Tuesday at home with a 41-25 victory against Walled Lake Central.

Back on Sept. 14, Salem beat Canton in a crossover, 36-34. And since then, not much has changed, only this time there's more at stake.

"We had a great game with them early in the season, and we should have a great game with them late," Salem coach Fred Thomann said.

Salem, however, needed to earn its way into the final against the Patriots, a team which upset the top seeded Rocks in last year's opening round of the playoffs.

The Rocks jumped out to an 8-0 lead and never led the Patriots get closer than five the rest of the way.

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of her game-high 16 points during the surge.

"We had a great start, offensively got it going," Thomann said. "It was 8-0 and that's where the game finished."

Franklin, which dropped to 13-5 overall, hung around enough to make it interesting, pulling to within five, 33-28, with 1:25 to play after Brittany Taylor split a pair of free throws.

The Patriots then fouled Salem point-guard Alaya Mitchell with 1:03 left. She missed her first try, but Langham was there to scoop up the rebound and score, giving Salem a 35-28 cushion with 57.6 seconds to go.

"Tayler's been our difference-maker, she's played great the last four-to-five weeks," Thomann said. "She's been getting 14-to-20 points every night. That rebound putback was huge.

Senior forward Theresa Coppiellie contributed nine points for the victorious Rocks before fouling out with 1:37 to play. Senior forward Lauren Kurtz had just four points, but pulled down 11 rebounds.

Franklin senior center Robyn Whalen scored a teamhigh 10 points and pulled down six rebounds, while sophomore forward Brittany Taylor came off the bench to add eight points and seven rebounds. Twin sister Briauna Taylor finished with six points and nine rebounds.



**PREP HOOPS** 

Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann will lead the Rocks into the WLAA conference tournament final Wednesday night against cross-campus rival Canton. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m. at Livonia Churchill High School.

"With Coppiellie and Kurtz, that's tons of experience," Thomann said. "I thought they both did a nice job on the Taylor sisters (Brittany and Briauna). And I thought Chelsea Davis did a great job on Robyn (Whalen), who got 10 points, but they were 10 tough-earned points. "And 'Mitch' (Alaya) Mitchell was doing her thing. I thinks it's a toss-up with her and Becci Houdek (of Canton) for the best point-guard in the area. They're really one and 1-

Franklin shot miserably from the floor - 9-of-49 (18.3 percent) - compared with Salem's 17-of-40 (42.5 percent). The Patriots made 12of-21 foul shots (57.1 percent), while the Rocks were 3-of-6 (50 percent).

"We were slow defensively to start, but once we settled down I thought we did pretty well," Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen said. "But offensively we never got into anything to get us on a roll. "We used to getting that quick rebound and getting out on the break, but they (Salem) did a nice job taking that away. We were not patient enough with ball reversal to get easier shots with a pass inside and let something develop. Instead we were forcing it."

BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem had 13 total turnovers to Franklin's 12.

"Franklin has a nice team and they're hard to guard," Thomann said. "I thought their guard handled our pressure. We just played straight up and had to dig down with their guards."

"Lauren Delapaz did a great job on Burkhardt, even though she was giving up some size and strength. And I thought Houdek did an outstanding job on Costello." Houdek opened the game with a pair of long triples to spark the Chiefs' flame. She also helped douse any aspirations Central had of moving on to the final by swiping seven Viking passes.

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# Montague leads JG past 'Cats

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Kiaya Montague scored 13 points Thursday night as host Westland John Glenn earned a 54-51 girls basketball victory over Plymouth. The Rockets, who improved to 10-9 overall, will play in

the fifth place game in the Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs Tuesday at home against Northville.

Plymouth, which falls to 7-12, will face Walled Lake Northern, Tuesday at home, for seventh place in the WLAA.

Shantinique Baker and Brittany Brown each added 10 points for the Rockets, who led 17-10 after one quarter.

Junior Joye Clenney chipped in eight off the bench hitting a pair of triples. **Freshman Stacey** Klonowski led Plymouth with 15 points, while Megan Davis and Shaakira Haywood contributed 10 each.

Glenn was 14-of-23 from the foul line (60.8 percent), while Plymouth was 19-of-24 (79.1 percent).

CHURCHILL 38, STEVENSON 26: In the rubber match between WLAA-Lakes Division teams Thursday, host Livonia Churchill (6-12) downed Livonia Stevenson (5-14) behind 12 points and seven rebounds from Hilary Antal.

Stephanie Bradshaw chipped in with nine points and six rebounds for the Chargers, who outscored Stevenson 12-3 in the final quarter. Churchill was 11-of-19 from the foul line, including 6-of-10 in the fourth period.

Freshman Tasi Newton paced Stevenson with 11 points.

The Spartans were 8-of-12 from the free throw line.

W.L. WESTERN 59, WAYNE 34: In a WLAA consolation round game Thursday, host Walled Lake Western (11-8) broke open a close game in the final five minutes to beat Wayne Memorial (1-18).

Tanya Mestaf and Nicole Turbiak each scored 12 points for the victorious Warriors, who outscored Wavne 19-5 in the final period.

The Zebras, who trailed by only six in the fourth, got a game-high 15 points from junior Trenia Barbee. Natasha Owens contributed seven.

Wayne's downfall was free throw shooting, hitting just 8-of-28 (28.5

with 15 points followed by Ja'nee Morton's 12 and Baylee Hollowell's 10.

Senior forward Brittany Burkhardt led Central with 8.

"I'm very excited that we get to play Salem again because they beat us a couple of weeks ago," said Morton, who didn't leave the court until the game was firmly in Canton's control with just over two minutes to play. "Plus they're our rival and you always want to beat your

## "We're going to have to play very good defense because they're a very good team. Everybody is going to have to

A, equally effective."

rival.

ep up for us to win." Canton's offense started to step up big-time against the Vikings three minutes into the second quarter when a Houdek-to-Morton fastbreak ignited a quarter-closing 8-2 run that gave the hosts a 20-11 cushion. The Chiefs then pushed their advantage to 2613 early in the third and never looked back.

"I thought our defense and rebounding were outstanding all night," said Samulski, who is seeking his second WLAA tournament title in as many years as the Chiefs' head coach. "Going into the game, we wanted to limit the touches Burkhardt and (Kelly) Costello got because they're Central's two best players. We didn't want either of them to have a career night.

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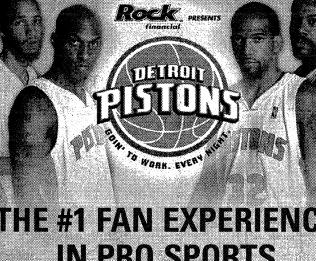


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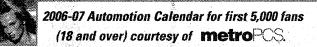
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Western was 10-of-16 from the line (62.5 percent).

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 40, LIGGETT** 17: In a Metro Conference consolation game Thursday, host Lutheran High Westland (10-7) beat Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (5-13) for the second time this sea-

son. er ster 1 k. Sophomore center Becca Refenes led the victorious Warriors, who led 22-5 at halftime, with 10 points, Kayla Gieschen added seven.

Lutheran Westland hit a blistering 17-of-31 from the floor (54.8 percent) against Liggett's zone. Monique Squires paced the

Knights with nine points. **CLARENCEVILLE 38, HARPER WOODS** 35: Trailing by three at the half (18-15) on Thursday, host Livonia Clarenceville (8-11) charged back to beat the Pioneers (3-12) behind 19 points, five steals and five rebounds from junior guard Amanda Moody.

We pressed and played with more intensity, which led to some fast-break points," Clarenceville coach Julie Patterson said of an 18-10 run sparked by Moody's nine points. "We kind of got off to a slow start. The first time we played them we shot 42 percent. It was our best game of the year."

Ashley Hall scored eight points and Chenay Kemp grabbed 11 rebounds for the Trojans.

Charite Steward led Harper Woods with 10 points.

The Pioneers were 9-of-19 from the foul line (47.3 percent), while Clarenceville was 10-of-17 (58.8 percent).

HURON VALLEY 58, AGAPE 27: Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference-Red Division champion Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (10-7, 7-1) rolled an easy win Thursday night over host Canton Agape Christian.

The Hawks led 26-17 at halftime before pulling away in the third quarter with a 19-4 run against the Wolverines (3-5 MIAC-Red).

Nine of 10 Huron Valley players scored as junior forwards Katie Kipfmiller and Lauren Adlof led the way with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Adlof also pulled down eight rebounds, while Hannah Kubik had six steals.

Senior forward Brianna Chrenko paced Agape with 12 points.



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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 17yard 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.

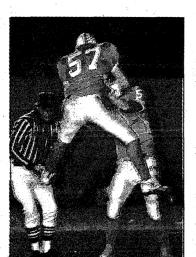
"We tell them a lot that they don't have to be perfect — they just have to make a couple more plays than the other team come playoff time. When they know they don't have to be perfect on every play, it takes the edge off and they don't play scared or tight. Luckily tonight, we made

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 extrasignificant 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 delayof-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 timeconsuming, 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.

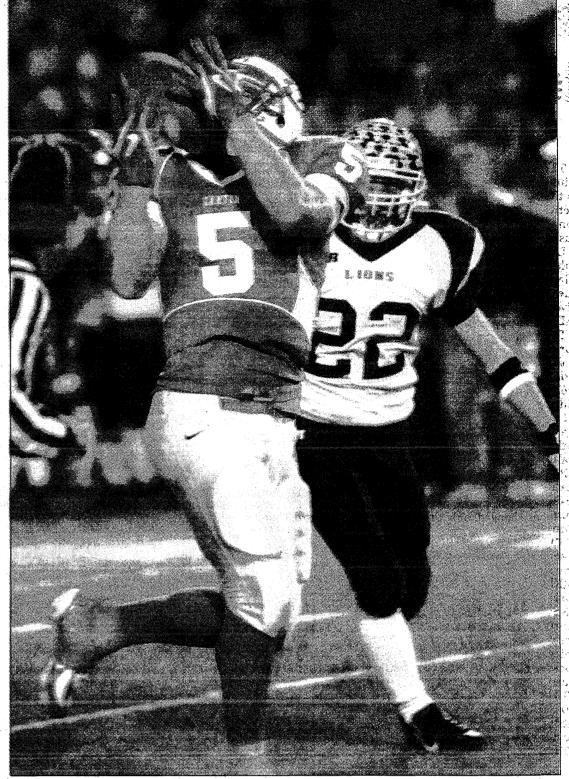
McGee churned out 81 yards for the Lions. Rochowiak finished with 47 on 15 rushes.

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 might. Looking on is South Lyon's James Hornbrook III.





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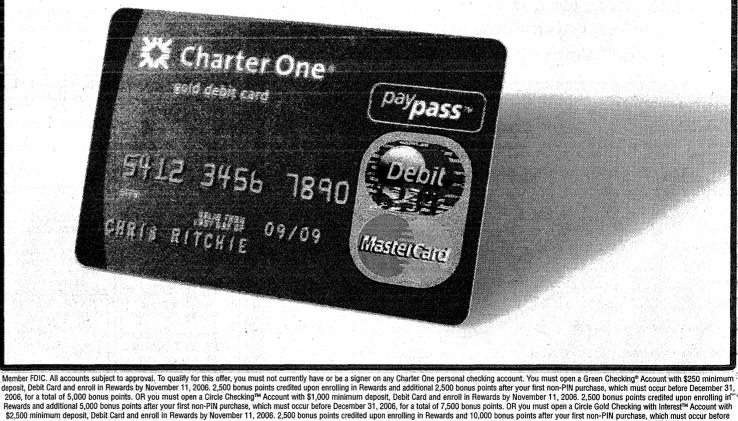


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For more information, contact coach Jay Helm at (313) 590-3548.

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 nonresidents.

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



## 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 rk.

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."

## 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.

## **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 Hearns (Livonia Stevenson), who is competing for MU's men's cross country team the same day.

After Hearns' 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

## 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. 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." "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."

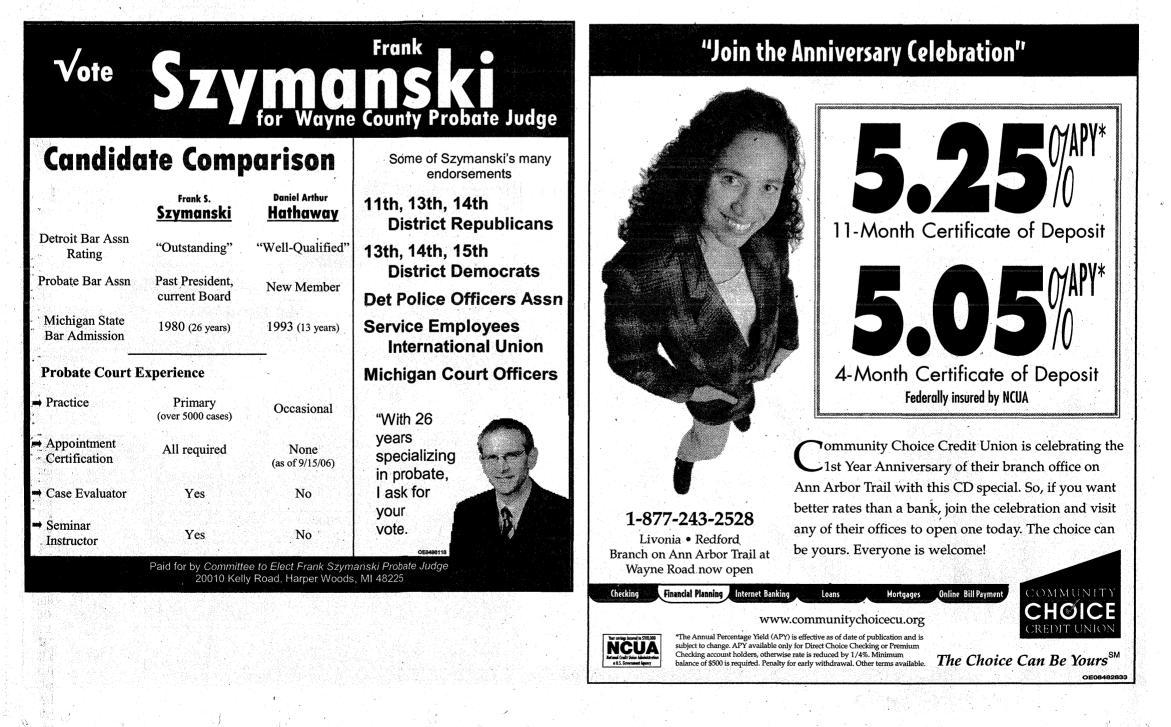
## **DOLING OUT MINUTES**

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 standConference 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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## **LOCAL SPORTS**

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## Voters to decide outdoors proposals

tate 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 con-



terms of importance, the two pretty much parallel each other. **PROPOSAL 1** 

Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

my hunting and fishing licenses . each year, most of the money collected by the state goes into a restricted fund, which is ear-

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marked 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 antidove 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 longstanding 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 it's ridiculous claims of target 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 vet 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.



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## **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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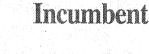


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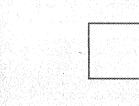
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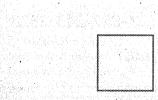


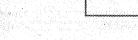


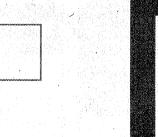




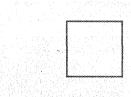
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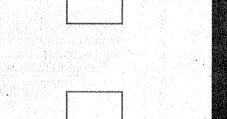


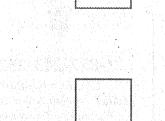


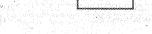


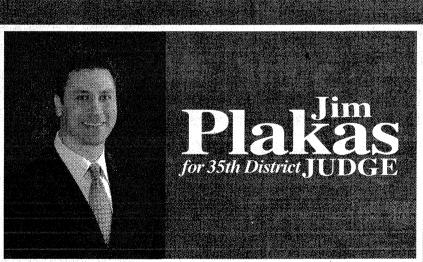












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## What good comes

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from jealousy? t'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:



How many times have you found yourself at work, unable to focus on the task at hand because your workmate just

Bobbie Jones

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 heartache.

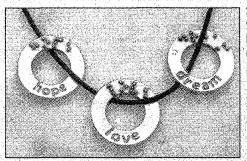
I once heard it said we Americans work more hours, spend more money and try our hardest to top our neighbors more than any other society in the world.

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 sell or 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 onsume their life. The one thing I noticed 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.





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.

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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.

## Christmas presents keep on giving

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.

## Get help selling charity cards from Observer

Is your nonprofit organization or charity selling holiday greeting cards to raise funds? On Nov. 26, the Observer Newspapers' Sunday HometownLife.com section will spotlight an entire page of holiday greeting cards in full color.

Send your cards with information about how to purchase them and who the charity serves to Hugh Gallagher, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

The deadline for entry is Nov. 10.

### 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."

## **AID FOR REGION**

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

PLEASE SEE ALTERNATIVE, C3

## 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 capella 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 at14 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@sbcglobal.net.

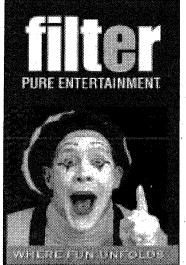
Keleman and Whitmore founded the ensemble in 1992.



PLEASE SEE ENSEMBLE, C2 The Vocal Arts Ensemble performs Renaissance music in period costumes.

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2. "The Collectors," David Baldacci

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## **NON-FICTION**

1. "The Innocent Man," John Grisham

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2. "The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama

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

1. "Great Big Guinea Pig," Susan Roth

2. "Small Beauties," Elvira Woodruff

3. "Anna's Prince," Krista Ruepp

4. "Tugga-Tugga Tugboat," Kevin Lewis 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."

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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.

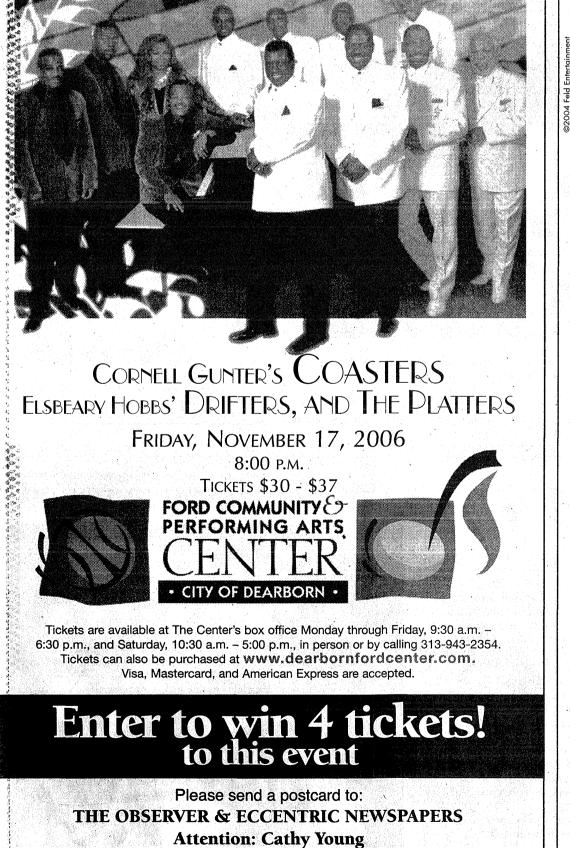
"I went to a rehearsal for the Vocal Arts Ensemble and I was very impressed," said Taz. "They asked me to sing a song. Afterwards they said welcome. Since then I'm so happy. I like the group-like family. They're good musicians. They sing very old music so I was familiar and like it very much. The costumes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

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## Wanderlust captured on film

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**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-andtell 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's 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.

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## 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, 18inch 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."

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## **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.

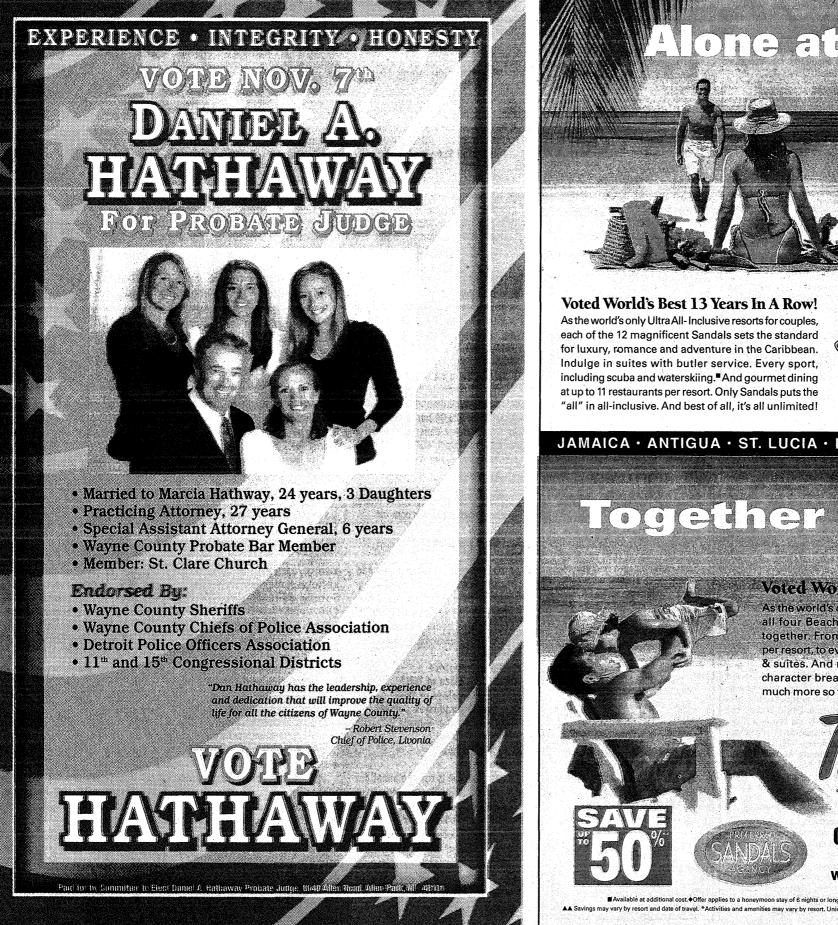
"We have presenters in school almost every day of the school year," said Caitlyn Henderson, spokeswoman for MINDS based in Southfield. "We see about 25,000 students a year. We start out with information on the brain and how it works. We give descriptions of each mental illness and what the symptoms are.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

Hope Lutheran Church is at 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 553-7170 for information.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Cornelissen-Geisler**

Skip and Mary Ann Freeman of Northville and Curt Geisler of Southfield announce the engagement of their son, Cullen Patrick Geisler, to Kellee Joy Cornelissen, daughter of Perry and Kathy Cornelissen of Holland, Mich.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, Western Michigan University and Wayne State University Law School. He currently maintains his own law offices, the Law Offices of Cullen P. Geisler, in Novi.

As space permits, the Observer &

charge, announcements of class

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Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft,

date of the reunion, one contact

person, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

A 50th Reunion is being planned for

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of West Ottawa High School in Holland, Western Michigan University and the Booker Institute of Cosmetology. Kellee is currently employed by the Mane Connection Hair Salon in Farmington.

A 2008 wedding is planned.

Oct. 5th. Cost is \$95 per person,

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All other classes welcome. Contact

A 50-year reunion is being planned

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Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken

mates, contact Angie (Conz)

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Judy Hull Rakowski at (734) 459-

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## Heidenescher-Cauchi

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or Kathy Shoebridge @

Garden City High School

Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please

contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-

5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni

for a 20-year reunion. Need to find

(name, address, phone, email, etc.).

current information on alumni

Class of 1969

Class of 1987

Contact

(734) 367-0898.

Class of 1996

Jim Heidenescher of Ann Arbor and Pam Perlaki of Whitmore Lake announce the engagement of their daughter Holly Noel Heidenescher of Garden City to Brian Scott Cauchi of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Pioneer High School and is employed as a nurse's assistant and attending college full time.

The prospective groom is the son of Kenneth and Linda Cauchi of Westland. He is a graduate of Franklin High School and employed by BASF.



An April 27 wedding is planned at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton followed by a reception at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

## **Trohers mark 50h anniversary** Steve and Roberta (Dragush) Troher of Livonia are celebrat-

ing their 50th anniversary. The couple was married Nov. 10, 1956, at Christ the King

Church in Kansas City, Kansas. The Trohers have four children: Michael (Lori), Thomas (Athena). Mark and Julie. They have four grandchildren: Stephen, Michelle, Nicholas and Vincent.

They have resided in Livonia for 38 years.

Steve is retired from Ford Motor Co. Roberta has devoted

## Haacks married 60 years Edwin and Margaret

(Becker) Haack of Livonia celebrated their 60th anniversary Oct. 19.

The Haacks were married Oct. 19, 1946, at Duns Scotus Church, St. Michael's Shrine in Southfield.

They have four children: Judith (Wesley) Sims of Garden City, Suzanne (William) Schaffer of Livonia, David Haack of Livonia and Linda (James) Syrylo of Tarpen grandchildren and five great-

Holcroft & Excello for 18 years. Margaret was a housewife.

## Giczewski 50th Anniversary

Norbert and Sylvia Giczewski of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married Nov. 10, 1956, at St. Francis D'Assisi Church in Detroit.

The couple has three children, Norbert Giczewski, Jr. of Livonia, Michael (Barbara) Giczewski of Allen Park; and Jo (Ron) Marisi of College Grove, TN.

They have three grandchildren (Andrea, James and Bryan).

They enjoy golfing, bowling and volunteering at St. Colette's Church. Norbert also serves as Grand Night of the Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus



her time as a caregiver to many

children and seniors.

They enjoy classic car shows, church functions, Florida vacations, outings with family and friends, cruises, bowling, baseball and ceramics.

Their anniversary was celebrated by a dinner at Outback and a trip to Petoskey.

The couple have lived in their Livonia home for 50 years.



Council No. 5492. Norbert is retired from General Motors' Cadillac division.

They will celebrate their anniversary with a family gathering on Nov. 12.

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age 89, November 2, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Eileen. Loving to the Plymouth community from Scotland in 1984. Member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. father of David (Sandra) and Diane (Bart) Hanson. Dearest grandfather of Ann, John, Lora, Eric, Lisa, Jeffrey, Scott, and Leah. Dear great-grandfather of Dylan and Cecilia. Survived by

## JAMES GARDNER STEBBINS

formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, died on Monday, October 23rd in Bremerton, Washington. He was 67 years old. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Anna of Port Orchard, Washington, Berger, Anna of Port Orchard, Washington, and his daughters, Cindy

**Epiphany Grade School** N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, A 40-year reunion is in the planning e-mail gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net. stages for the summer of 2006. **Grosse Pointe North** Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 Class of 1991 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com. **Livonia Churchill** Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 24, at the Wintergarden

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stages for 2007. For more information. contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail:

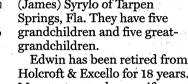
Livonia Stevenson

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

## dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets, go online to www.pcep1996.myevent.com.

Class of 1976 A 30-year class reunion, Saturday,

Nov. 25, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West at Laurel Park.



Tavern in Livonia. For information, call Brian Zawislak at (734)751-7736 or e-mail

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969 A reunion is in the pre-planning

GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.ne t or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at Kayninilu@aol.com.

Class of 1976

Class of 1996

## **Redford Thurston**

Ten-year class reunion. Friday, Nov.

24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet

A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 A 30-year reunion is planned for

**Plymouth Canton and Plymouth** 

Salem

al service will be held Friday, November 10, 2006, at 11:00am , at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

SHEILA HELEN CLINTON

Age 79, of Plymouth, passed away October 30, 2006. Mrs. Clinton moved

Survived by her step children David,

Susan, and John Clinton. Preceded in

## SCOTTIE FLORA

Age 82, of Plymouth, passed away on Age 82, of Flymouth, passed away of November 3, 2006. Beloved wife of the late James Malcolm. Devoted mother of George (Edye), Katherine Flora, Jamie (Laura), Stephanie Mitchell, Tracy (Ray) Scutari, Kimberly (Robert) DeMattia, Cynthia Flora, Lowing grandmother of 16 and Flora. Loving grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of two. A memoriservice will be held Monday November 6, 2006 at 11:30am at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth. Memorials may be made in Scottie's memory to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, MI 48154.

## **RICHARD A. MOORE**

Long-time Plymouth resident, Richard A. Moore, passed on October 28, 2006 at the age of 77. Born July 16, 1929 in Newton, New Jersey, he was the son of Clarence and Lulu Moore, and brother of Helen Pocklington Hopkins. who have passed on before him. Dick is survived by his five nieces and nephews, David (Sue) Pocklington of Grand Rapids, Nancy (Larry) Pocklington Gerould of Petoskey, Susan Pocklington of Empire, Susar (Dan) Fox of Fraser and John Hopkins of Estes Park, CO. Dick graduated from Plymouth High School, attended Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University, and served in the United States Air Force in Korea. Dick lived in Plymouth for 74 years and spent his career working in materials management for Plymouth Stamping Company that was co-founded by his father. He was an active member of First Church of Christ, Scientist. Plymouth and served in many capacities including first reader, board member and head of buildings and grounds. For several years he served on the boards of Japhet School in Madison Heights, Fox River Country Day School in Elgin, IL and Asher Student Foundation. Recently he received the Richard A. Moore award, established in his name, as recognition of over 40 years of dedication and service to Asher Student Foundation. He was a strong supporter of youth, community arts and Christian Science organizations. Dick will be remembered for his gentle spirit, kindness, humor and gen-erosity. He loved to travel, garden and enjoy his hobby of model trains. The family will hold a private memorial gathering in Plymouth. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Salvation Army, or First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth.

Monday, 10 a.m. until Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. John Neuman Catholic Church, (Warren, W. of Sheldon) Visitation Sunday 4-9pm at Neely Turowski Funeral Home, 45100 Warren (W. of Sheldon). Interment at Ft. Custer National Cemetery,



## **EFFIE LEE PARKER** (SMITH) (BROOKS)

of Lockney, Age 96, of Lockney Thursday, November TX died 2006 at Lockney Care and Rehabilitation Center. She was born on June 21, 1910 in White Rock, TX to the late J.A. Brooks and Leola Haney Brooks. moved to the Almond Community in Floyd County in 1920 where she completed high school. She married Charlie Smith in July 1933 in Olton, TX. They moved to Lockney in 1938 after living in several places in the region. Charlie preceded her in death in February of 1957. They had three children: Alfred J (AI), Clara Lee, and Charles H. Smith. Effie married Raymond Parker in July of 1958 He preceded her in death in August of 1984. She was active in the First United Methodist Church and a local Women's Club, "The Pollyannas" She and Raymond enjoyed traveling with friends and were in the procerv business. Effie was a homemaker, a fanatical game player and reader. She was the Floyd County Pioneer Woman of the Year in 2005. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Charles H. Smith; two brothers, Fred and James Brooks; one sis ter, Ruby Foster. Survivors include one son, Alfred J (Al) Smith and wife Patricia Smith of Amarillo, TX; one daughter, Clara Lee Smith and her Dick of Birmingham, MI; a daughterin-law, Ann Smith of Staton, TX: one sister, Hazel Stevens and husband Roy of Littlefield, TX; nine grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild and a host of friends especially the Sammy Silva Family, Sammie, San Juan, Jonathan and Josh of Lockney, TX. The famiwill greet friends at the funeral home on Monday, November 6, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at the Floydada Cemetery in Floydada, TX with Reverend Brian Adams, offi-ciating. Following the graveside service, a memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 7, Lockney, TX 79241 or to a favorite children's home.

Monroe (Douglas) of Bloomfield Hills and Kimberly McGlynn (Daniel) of Birmingham, and his stepson, Patrick Van Hull of Fort Collins, Colorado. Jim enjoyed his four grandchildren, and was the wonderful "Big Bampa" to Sam, Emily and Sean McGlynn and the beloved Grandpa to Will Monroe. Jim graduated from the University of Michigan in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He received his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan in 1963. A private memorial will be held Decem-ber 1st. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Jim's memory to the Humane Society of Huron Valley at 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.



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Registration/cocktails 6-7 p.m., food-entertainment 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket cost is \$55, plus cash bar. Contact Cheryl Caskey at (313) 592-0345.

## **Redford Union High School**

Class of 1986 A 20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. For more information, go to www.ruhighclassof86.com or call (734)787-9954. **Roseville High School** Class of 1956

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

### St. Damian Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Montana's in Westland. Contact Kathy Mimnaugh Story at alandkathys@yahoo.com or by phone at (734) 483-9201. All School Reunion - 11/25/06

All former students, teachers, religious ed students and CYO athletes. tickets are \$25.00 per person includes dinner, dancing, dj, cash bar. (21 and over). 4:30 p.m. alumni Mass, 7 p.m. dinner-dance, Nov. 25. Please contact stdamianalumni@aol.com or call the parish at 734-421-6130 or the alumni page at www.stdamian.com for

more info. Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313)220-4769 or tntfaison@aol.com

St. Mary of Redford High School class of 1956 Grade School class of 1952 Looking for graduates. Contact

### (734) 525-5888 or e-mail: kheenan@glis.net. **Utica High School**

Class of 1981

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

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## Herricks celebrate 35th anniversary

Jim and Donna Herrick of Livonia celebrated their 35th anniversary on a cruise to Hawaii. This was the first cruise for both of them.

Jim retired from Ford Motor Co. after working there for 37 years. He was in the design and engineering department. Donna was licensed cosmetologist/instructor. She was also a certified preschool teacher working for 30 years with young children. Both grew up in Detroit.

Jim battled stomach cancer, surgery and rehab before taking the cruise.

They had the support of their seven children and nine grandchildren. On the cruise aboard the Pride of America they learned that Aloha means hello and goodbye and Mahalo means thankvou.

## BIRTH

## Gabriel Jav Henderson

Gabriel Jay Henderson was born Oct. 4, 2006 to Brandon and Michelle Henderson of Canton. Gabriel has an older brother, Tyler.

The grandparents are Jay and Cheryl Henderson of Livonia and Kathy and Jerry Becklehamer of Westland.

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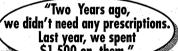
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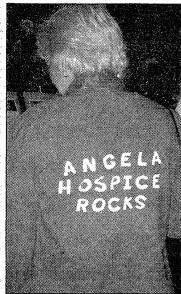


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## Angela Hospice fifties party a hit



Angela Hospice nurse Laurie Comps of Livonia showed off her team spirit with a personalized jacket.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF **ENVIRONMENTAL** QUALITY **PO Box 30204** Lansing, MI 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental

Quality will hold a public bearing at the Canton hearing at the Canton Township Hall, Freedom Room, 1150 Canton Center Road Canton, Michigan on Wednesday, South. 48188 November 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 06-82-0149-P under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Canton Charter Township, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. The applicant proposes to construct a 42 inch sanitary relief sewer paralleling the existing 36 inch sanitary sewer, to reduce sanitary sewer overflows. A gravel access path will be constructed. and later upgraded to a recreational trail. A total of approximately 436.4 cubic yards of material will be removed from, and approximately 574.5 cubic yards of fill will be placed in the 100-year floodplain of the Lower Rouge River, for construction of the path. An for additional 138.1 cubic yards of material will be excavated from the floodplain as compensating cut. The proposed sewer line will cross under wetlands in seven locations, with a total impact area of approximately 5,900 square feet (0.14 acres), using the open cut method. The trench will be approximately 15 to 20 feet wide at the top, 4 feet wide at the bottom, and approximately 16 feet deep. The sewer line will cross under the river in four locations. using the directional bore method. The project is located in T2S, R8E, Section 26, Township, Wayne Canton County, Michigan. The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS, or may be reviewed in the Land Water Management and Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Warren, Michigan Court. 48092-2793, by calling 586-753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record. The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts. The Michigan Department of Environmental quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application. MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WENDY FITZNER PERMIT CONSOLIDATION UNIT LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION 517-373-9244

Angela Hospice's Light Up a Life Benefit held Oct. 21, was a blast from the past - from the 1950s to be exact. The event took place at the Rock Financial Showplace Diamond Center in Novi, where guests enjoyed dining, dancing, and more, all with fifties flair.

Steve King and the Dittilies performed and kept the dance floor packed and poodle skirts swinging. When the band took a break it was time for the hula hoop contest. Winners Marilyn Godfrey of Northville, Tess Vincent of Ann Arbor, and Marin Sarnacki of Northville each took home a jar of 1950's style candies and a restaurant gift certificate. Bill Marlow of Carleton won the prize for "Best Dressed" with his "science guy" outfit.

Raffles and a silent auction rounded out the evening, along with a soda fountain and "Stroll back to the fifties" nostalgic display.

"We're glad that our guests had such a good time at this event,"

said Alice Barringer,

Development Manager at Angela Hospice. "We really appreciate all of our donors and community friends who are so loyal in supporting the mission of Angela Hospice."

The event raised \$90,000 which will benefit the hospice's programs for terminally ill patients, including home and inpatient hospice care, pediatric and prenatal hospice, and supportive services for patient's families. As a non-profit, 20-percent of the organization's budget comes from charitable contributions.

Angela Hospice will soon follow up its Light Up a Life fundraiser with its annual Tree of Life, held at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The Tree of Life will open at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, with a ceremony featuring the Angela Hospice choir.

For more information on Angela Hospice's services or events, call 734-464-7810, or visit www.angelahospice.org.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT **IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD** 



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Guests at the benefit all received a favor: scarves for the women, and fuzzy dice for the men. Volunteers Sarah Wolodkiewicz of Plymouth, Carolyn DiComo of Northville, Mary Okray of Ortonville, and Mary Ann Perkins of Sterling Heights found hula hoops were a handy way to display the favors.

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Three generations took a walk down memory lane. Katie Cotant of Northville attended the Light Up a Life Benefit with daughter Sue and granddaughter Mary Kate Vincent of Farmington Hills.

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

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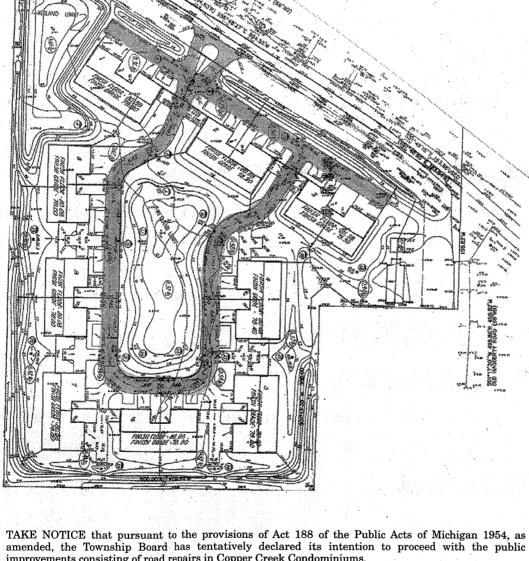
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Date: October 27, 2006

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improvements consisting of road repairs in Copper Creek Condominiums.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$400,000. The estimated cost per property owner is \$800 per year over a 10 year period.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 2006, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof.

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Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk Charter Township of Canton

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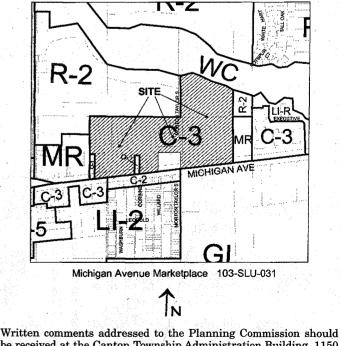
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

MICHIGAN AVENUE MARKET PLACE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A SHOPPING CENTER OVER 200,000 SQUARE FEET AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B FOR PARCEL NOS. 103 99 0001 003, 133 99 0001 001, 133 99 0001 002, 133 99 0001 003, 133 99 0001 004 (3650 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0002 000 (3700 MORTON TAYLOR S.), 133 99 0004 000 (43600 MICHIGAN AVE.), 133 99 0006 000, 133 99 0007 000, 133 99 0008 000 (43780 MICHIGAN AVE.), 133 99 0009 000 (43800 MICHIGAN AVE.), AND 138 99 0004 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east and west of Morton Taylor Roads.



be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 16, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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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.

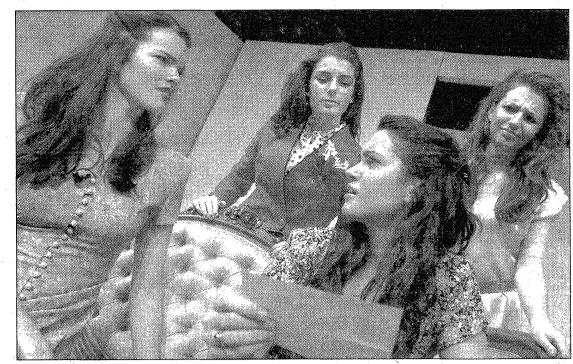
The play features a cast of 33 boys and girls and technical crews of more than 40 students, according to director Kathy Sill. Male cast members include boys from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Catholic Central High School.

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

Lusch of Redford Township; Kay Hamiliton, 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.



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(CP)

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 threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.





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SWM, 44, N/S, seeks attractive female, 29-

40, with a sound mind,, body, and spirit. Only

forthcoming individuals are to reply.

MUSCULAR ATHLETIC

SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, in shape,

college grad, enjoys working, reading, travel, dancing, sports. Seeking outgoing SF, with similar interests, for friendship and more.

SWEET GUY

Good-looking SWM, 52, 6'1", 197lbs, college

graduate, financially secure, homeowner.

bodybuilder, seeks petite SWF, 35-50, sexy,

attractive, to enjoy dining out, movies, for serious relationship, maybe marriage.

FANTASY OR REALITY?

SBM, 50, 5'8", medium-build, N/S, fun-loving

personality, likes dancing, jazz/blues, quality time, traveling. Seeking passionate and sexy

SF 20-50. slim-to-medium build, race open

kids ok, for sharing time and romance.

TRY ME

SWM, 29, 5'8", 140lbs, brown/brown, down-

to-earth, good-looking, loving, affectionate enjoys shooting pool, hanging with friends. Looking for SF who enjoys the same. **1**32334

**GREAT GUY** 

Male, 52, 6'1", 220lbs, athletic build, hand-some, with sense of humor and own busi-

ness, intelligent, N/S, enjoys good commu-nication and honesty. Seeking attractive,

slim JF, 30-50, inner beauty, good commu-nication, intelligent, nice personality, for rela-tionship. 2264893

**OLDER WOMAN DESIRED** 

SWM, 47, 6'2", 200lbs, muscular, athletic,

brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities,

seeks friendly SF, age/location open.

LIFE IS FUN

SBM, 44, 5' 7", average build, N/S, likes movies, seeks WF, N/S, fun-loving, for friend-

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure,

seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor,

who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 7269646

SHARE GOOD TIMES

SBM, 27, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build,

brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowl-

ing, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF. 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. 27980453

AMERICAN MADE WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/

blue, athletic, honest, good sense of humor,

seeks compatible woman, with same inter-

**NEW RELATIONSHIP** 

SBM, 6'3", 42, enjoys writing, entertain-ment, dining out, dancing. Seeking SF, slim to medium build, tall, with similar interests for

THAT SPECIAL ONE SBM, 44, N/S, likes movies, parks, the arts, seeks special SF, 27-40, N/S, slim to medi-um build, great sense of humor, college edu-

cated, for friendship, and more. 2132888

ests, age open. 2131277

ship, possible romance. 2137822

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-Down to earth, attractive SBF, 36, N/S, 5'7' professional, enjoys movies, dining out, shopping, traveling, seeks WM, 35-55, N/S, for friendship first, possibly more. **2**123659 70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. 27976914 I LISTEN WITH MY HEART PETITE & SEXY... Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for

**2639272** 

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2531308

SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. 2912553 FRIENDS FIRST

SEEKING SOMETHING NEW

SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. 2933970

## ONE GOOD WOMAN

BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM, 38-55, to do and share things together. Must like pets. **2947175** 

### WHERE ARE YOU?

Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. 20950732

### LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people, Seek ing outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. 2962910

SINGLE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN SWPF, 45, 5'9", average build, educated, Capricom, N/S, loves golf, reading, garden-ing, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, 38-55, N/S, similar interests, for LTR. **19**83176 GORGEOUS

SWF, 39, 5', attractive, average build, dark/blue, Pisces, N/S, outgoing, fun-loving, seeks WM, 35-53, N/S, for LTR. 2112039 TAKE A CHANCE

SWF, 37, likes motorcycles, movies, Star Wars, seeks WM, 34-35, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, and more. 2114057 LOOKING FOR ME?

Hard-working, affectionate SAF, 47, 5'1", 95lbs, very clean, N/S, N/D, loving and fun, seeks independent, responsible, respectful, secure man, 45-50, to share the special times in life. 2113534

## WORTH YOUR TIME

SF, 66, pretty eyes, warm smile, charismatic, loves R&B, soul/jazz. Looking for a kind man to share the special moments in life. T132238

## **FUN-LOVING**

SBF, 22, N/S, likes shopping, going out, qual-ity time, seeks BM, 21-26, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. 2132713

### SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. 2134425

### IN SEARCH OF

Optimistic, healthy WIWF, 68, sense of humor, healthy, honest, N/S, great listener, loves to travel. Seeking special man, healthy N/S, N/D, with a sense of humor. 2765933 LOOKING FOR YOU

SF, 33, 5'4", 140lbs, mother, caramel com-plexion, brown eyes, enjoys music, chilling w/friends, home-cooking. Looking for an intelligent, down-to-earth, honest, childfriendly man to share talks, good times and maybe more. 2134568

### AWAITING YOUR CALL

Caring, considerate WIWF, 55, blonde/blue, wears glasses, enjoys reading, music, movies, travel, museums, animals, quiet evenings home. Seeking animal-friendly, good-hearted , affectionate guy to share special times. 27137067

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

HERE I AM Confident, fun mature, respectful SBM, 32,

friendship, possible LTR. 2132042



DON'T PASS ME BY SWPM, 43, 6', 220lbs, blue eyes, N/S, N/D, D/D-free, educated, enjoys nature, con-certs, movies, walks, more. Seeking SF, 25-45, for friendship and possible LTR. Race open. 2130128

## GET AT ME

SBM, 19, 5' 7", smoker, athletic, brown complexion, seeks woman, 18-24, for friendship, and more. 27133171

## TAKE A CHANCE

SWM, 34, smoker, likes playing pool, darts, music, concerts, seeks WF, 20-37, with similar interests. 2133195 LET'S TALK

SBM, 34, N/S, brown eyes, muscular build, seeks BF, 25-50, for good conversation, and more. 2133482

## INTERESTED?

SWM, 22, 5' 11", smoker, athletic, likes din-ing out, seeks WF, 21-25, adventurous, good SOH, who is down for anything. **2**133925 WORTH IT

SM, 63, blond, 6', 200lbs, fit, active, fun, enjoys keeping active, the gym, sports, cars, boats, horses, pets. Seeking good-humored, fit, energetic, attractive lady w/spontaneous streak, who enjoys the same. **2**135531

HARD MAN TO FIND Fit, affectionate SM, 5'10", 180lbs. Seeking attractive female, 35-55. Enjoys outdoor activities, movies, cooking, camping. Looking for same qualities, and interests, for LTR. 2972650

## THE LONG RUN

Male, 31, smoker, 6' 3", 200lbs, clean-cut hazel eyes, seeks smart, intelligent SWF, 21-28, HWP, for friendship, and more. 2138369 SOUND LIKE YOU?

SBM, 25, 5'8', 190lbs, dark complexion, long hair, no kids, looking for fun, energetic lady affectionate and real, who knows how to have fun in life. 2122364

LET'S TALK Laid-back SWM, 52, smoker, brown/brown, likes riding Harley's, the country, seeks open, honest WF, 35-54, for possible LTR. 20124193

### JOIN ME?

Honest, secure SWM, 73, 5'9", 200lbs, N/S, homeowner, enjoys karaoke, oldies music, dancing, keeping active, meeting new peo-ple. ISO sociable, sweet, sincere lady to share the special moments in life. 2982461 TAKE A CHANCE

Attractive SWPM, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a Attractive SWPIN, 56, sensitive, easygoing, a good listener, good-humored and fun, enjoys travel, sports, music, good food. Seeking romance with shapely, like-minded SBF, someone to share/explore life with. 2761586

## THIS IS THE ONE

SBM, 33, 5'9", black/brown, no kids, never married, looking for a nice straight-up, down-to-earth female, not about games, to share the good times with. **2**130099 INTERESTED?

Easygoing, fun SBM, 29, smoker, 6', 185lbs, well-built, likes working, out, seeks woman, 21-40, for friendship, and more. **2**131326 CUT TO THE CHASE

SBCM, 51, 6'3", 250lbs, N/S, enjoys plays, concerts, country drives. ISO SWF, for friendship and much, much more. Age open **2121414** 

A NICE GUY SM, 24, black/blue, 5'7", 120lbs, looking for a nice, non-judgmental SF, loving and fun, to share the good times in life. Friendship first, possibly more later on. 21227134 SERIOUS

SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. 2118483

LONELY & READY SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. 27860305 LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single male 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. 2869189



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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

WHY WAIT?

Down-to-earth, fun-loving SBF, 38, mom,

brown complexion, medium-length hair,

5'4", full-figured, great personality, D/D-

free, likes dancing, cooking, relaxing at home watching movies etc. Seeking com-

patible man to share some fun. 2130211

IS IT YOU?

Bright SBF, 18, full-figured, confident, inde-

friends. ISO nice, honest respectful guy intelligent, motivated, goal-oriented who

likes having fun, sports, good talk. Friendship first. 27135256

ALL OF ME

SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman, 300+

pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO loving, happy, commit-

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-

73 who is kind-hearted articulate who

enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies

loving relationship. 2956929

dining out. 2812098

ent-minded man to share a happy, lasting,

pendent.

enjoys cooking, shopping,

### MADE TO ORDER SWF. 52. attractive. Pisces, N/S, nice, educated, secure, fun, enjoys sporting events, movies, camping, travel, theater, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, possible romance. 2993487

FORMER MODEL SWF. 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. 2600106

LOOKING FOR YOU Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5' 6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. 2124235

### WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Se king a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. 2982305

WANTED:KIND-HEARTED WOMAN SWF, 38, full-figured 5'8", seeks SWF, 25-50, who loves animals, parks, books, movies and music, someone kind-hearted, good-humored and outgoing, for a real friendship first. 2136379

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Sexy SBF, 49, N/S, likes church, going out, parks, movies, concerts, seeks man, 45-65, for quiet times, and more. 2138528 MAYBE US?

SF, 42, blonde/blue, leggy, loves all types of music, dancing, movies, nature road trips, dining and simple fun. ISO easygoing, loving guy to share talks, good times, friendship and more. 2132593 FIND ME

Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5' 3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. 2113901

### LOOKING FOR ME?

Energetic SBPF. 52, N/S, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, N/S, to share these. Let's talk 2135617

COULD IT BE YOU? SWF, 45, looks younger, blonde/blue, 117lbs, employed, independent, secure, loves animals, kids, N/S, social drinker, enjoys listening to music, just having fun. Seeking open-minded, honest, dependable man into the same. 2130599

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Easygoing SWF, 57, CNA, N/S. N/D. eniovs talks, togetherness, day trips, soft rock. ISO loving Christian man, N/S, N/D, w/children share talks, dates, simple times, then who knows? 2126925

romance. 2890004

SOULMATE SEARCH Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. **2**589875

### COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. 2121526

IS IT YOU?

SBF, smoker, likes basketball, movies, seeks spontaneous, adventurous HF, 20-30, with a fiesty little attitude. 2130804 REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youth-, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad. N/S. with youthful passion for life erious replies only. 20652360

FABOLOUS FIT FUN Petite, 50s, young at heart, female, looking for one good guy, with SOH. Enjoys biking,

water, working out, and life. 2970277 LET'S ENJOY LIFE Female, 51, 138lbs, seeks independent, respectful male, 45-52, D/D free, who likes

outdoors, walks, movies, for LTR. 2987475 LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, con-

certs, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. 2973365

POSSIBLE LTR SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. 2993381

**GREAT CATCH** Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs, brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. 2111193

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. **3592074** 

MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE? SWF, 56, 5', HWP, easygoing, depend-able, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. 2112612

SEEKING A LADY? SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. 2118410

SOMEONE SPECIAL Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. 2891247

FAMILY-ORIENTED Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes read-ing, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. 2123905

dark complexion, handsome, independent neat, seeking mature, loving SF, 32-35, to share good times and more. 2136424

WHY NOT CALL? SWM. 42. 6'4". 225lbs, not about games, elf-employed, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting, bowling, walks and more. Seeking spontaneous, outdoorsy SF to share the good times in life. **1**35980

CALL ME SOMETIME sional WIWM, 53, 5'10", bald, familyoriented, N/S, enjoys kids, classic cars, outdoors, walks, music, dancing, animals, good food, travel, more. Seeking SF, 40-50, to share these. 2137501

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 2992943.

WORTH A CALL SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hardworking, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. 2956910

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, eniovs the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 2114846 SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 2692418

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. 2855207

### TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. 23912726

### NICE GUY

SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' rep-SWM, 66, 5'6", 1000s, manufacture enjoys resentative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. 2708126

### ECONOMICALLY VIABLE

SWPM, 54, 5'11", 170lbs, trim, Aquarius, N/S, likes music, art, golf, landscapes, archi-tecture seeks WPF, 44-60, attractive, fit, active, financially secure, intelligent, possible LTR. 27984220

### LONELY ANN ARBOR MAN

Considerate, intelligent SBM, 51, tall, slim, dark complexion. Capricorn, looking for a sweet, loving woman respectful, faithful and ambitious, to share friendship, good times, possible romance and LTR. Race open. **3122608** 

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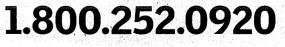
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. 2777324

## HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Affectionate DWM, 64, brown hair, N/S, D/Dfree, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friend-ship, dates, possible LTR. **2**920969



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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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presents speakers on child and family

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Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth,

Canton and Westland offers a variety

of activities for stay-at-home moms

and their children. For more details,

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-

meets the third Monday of each

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August. A group with ancestors who

Members participate in community

work involving veterans' hospitals,

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the

month at the Knights of Columbus

Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft

420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

further information.

(734) 459-7478.

Mothers & More

Plymouth

schools and community service. Call

(734) 420-2775 for further information.

Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734)\*

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the

1.0.0.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans

that served during any of the wars are-

eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for

Meets every second Monday of each

month from September through June.

Persons interested in joining may con-

tact club president Linda Coughlin at

Looking for energetic new members to

participate in community service proj-

Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at

the Plymouth Salvation Army Building

on Main Street. The third Thursday is a

(734) 981-7259 for further information.

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers

& More meets twice a month in

more63@onebox.com.

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## **AROUND TOWN**

### **Olivet scholarship**

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

## **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. The clinic will include a complete breast exam by a registered nurse with instruction on self-examination, and mammogram, if indicated by physical findings or American Cancer Society standards. The mammograms will be discounted (\$75, includes exam and mammogram) or free to those meeting criteria. Appointment availability is limited and registration is required; call (734) 655-1159 to schedule an appointment. 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, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn. The evening begins at 6:30 with a Vespers service concelebrated by priests from COCC member churches and sung by the COCC's Inter-Orthodox Choir. Following the service, the choir will sing a concert of Orthodox liturgical and para-liturgical music for the Nativity season and selected Eastern and Western European Advent and Christmas carols. The story of St. Nicholas and gifts for children will follow the concert. Refreshments will be served. The evening is free of charge and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected. For further information, contact Victoria Kopistiansky, director of the Inter-Orthodox Choir and chair of the COCC Music Committee, at (313) 366-0677 or

KopistianskyVickie@sbcglobal.net. **Saline Area Players** 

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. General admission tickets are available by calling (734) 439-8613, via the Web site at www.salineareaplaylers.com or at the

Saline Community Education Office. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students through high school and seniors aged 65 and older.

Christmas bazaar/luncheon 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. The event features handmade arts and crafts, "elegant junque," homemade preserves, candies, baked goods and more. There will be a raffle of two gourmet food baskets, a sterling silver brooch by Eastern Michigan University professor Larry Newhouse, a wooden plant stand, a framed pair of watercolor miniatures and a stone mosaic birdhouse. Coffee and tea are served in the morning and lunch (\$12) is avail-

## able 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Genealogical Society**

The November meeting of the Livingston County Genealogical Society has been cancelled due to work at the LDS Church. The next meeting takes place Dec. 7 at the First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

### 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, 915 Brady, in west Dearborn (just north of Michigan Avenue). Heirloom gifts including hand-painted porcelain jewelry, tea services, thimbles, Christmas ornaments and more, painted by members, will be on sale. Admission is \$1. For information, call (734) 721-5030.

## 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 who is wondering how they'll get through the holiday season. The free seminar takes place at the Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. The seminar is open to the public and will provide practical tools for caring for ourselves while grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information or to register, call bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen, (734) 973-1145, or toll-free (888) 973-1145.

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### **Shopping Spree**

In time for the holidays! The Garden City Community Coalition is holding a an evening of one-stop shopping with more than 20 home-party businesses. The Home Party Shopping Spree will be held from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Roma Banquets, 32550 Cherry Hill, Garden City.Purchase from a selection of jewelry, beauty products, baskets, scrapbook and card making supplies, children's activities, crystal ware, cooking and kitchen supplies, home décor and more. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes a raffle ticket, food and beverages. Proceeds benefit the Garden City Community Coalition. **Sommelier Dinner** 

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 15th-annual Sommelier Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 7, at The Earle in downtown Ann Arbor. Sponsored by JP Morgan Chase, the event features local community leaders who act as wine stewards to benefit the Art Center's community outreach programs. The event traditionally sells out with nearly 300 guests attending each year. The 18 sommeliers participating in this year's event include Richard Biffle, Foster's Wine Estates; Newcombe Clark, Bluestone Realty; Greg Cook, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, "The Ride"; Charles Crone, Comerica; Clay Johnson, Technical Engineering Consultants, Inc.; Kristin Jonna, Vinology; Jim Jong, Key Bank; Barbara Kave, Dykema Gossett PLLC: Jason Minock, Toll Brothers Inc.; Karim Motawi, Motawi Tileworks; together with local community members including James Cook, Deb & Max Hutton, Jane Lumm, Ray Noellert, Hina Papo, Steve Slack and Natalie Surovell. The sommeliers will donate an evening of their time and expertise to pour wine while The Earle staff prepare and serve a three-course gourmet meal. A pre/post party will be held at the Art Center from 5-9 p.m., which will include sparkling wine, a private viewing of the Annual All Media Exhibition and a discount at the Gallery Shop for attendees. The Earle is located at 121 W. Washington in downtown Ann Arbor. For more information on ticket prices or to reserve a table at the 6 p.m. or 8:15 p.m. seating, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101. **Crafters** needed

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

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co-host the 19th

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

The Ann Arbor Art Center hosts its 84th-annual All Media Exhibition through Nov. 11. This highly anticipated exhibition will be located in both the Exhibition Gallery, as well as Gallerv2. located on the Art Center's second floor. For more information, contact Jessica Guzmán at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110, explore www.annarborartcenter.org or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor. **Hospice training** Heartland Hospice is looking for car-

ing and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145. Literacy Council tutors

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

## Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

## Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in

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

## CLUBS

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

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

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 **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. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861

## Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped

## **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.

Rotary A.M. Plymouth Newcomers

(734) 451-1840 or

## robertplusianet@aol.com Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

### 734-354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

**PLYMOUTH TWP. POLICE DEPT.** 

Notice is hereby given that on 11/10/2006, at 10:00 a.m., at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

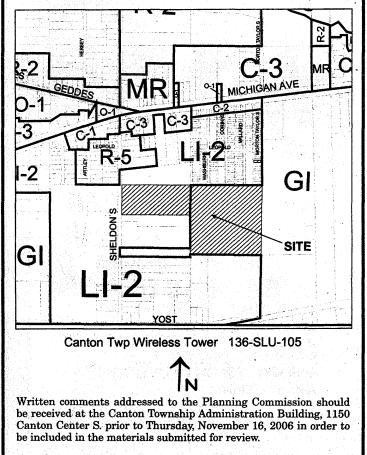
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## PLANNING COMMISSION **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**CANTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATIONS TOWER SPECIAL LAND USE** - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A COMMUNICATION TOWER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.14 FOR PARCEL NO. 136 99 0018 702 (4748 SHELDON S.). Property is located south of Michigan and east of Sheldon Avenue.



Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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### copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerks Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

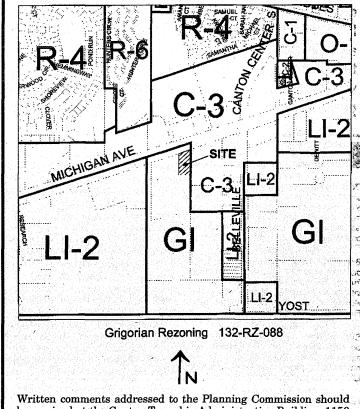
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GRIGORIAN REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 132 99 0002 002 (45851 MICHIGAN AVE.) FROM GI GENERAL INDUSTRIAL TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville? Road.



be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 16, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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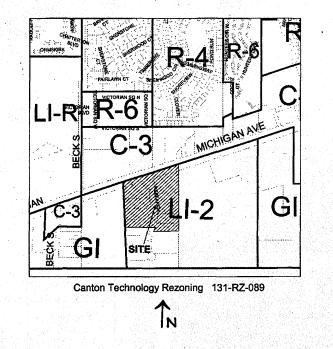


PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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CANTON TECHNOLOGY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 131 01 0001 000, 131 01 0002 000, 131 01 0003 000, 131 01 0004 000, 131 01 0015 000 AND 131 01 0023 000 FROM LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO LI-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL.

Property is located south of Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 16, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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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

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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. Mancinci received a Gerig Lester Courage Award.

### Cure® in 2004.

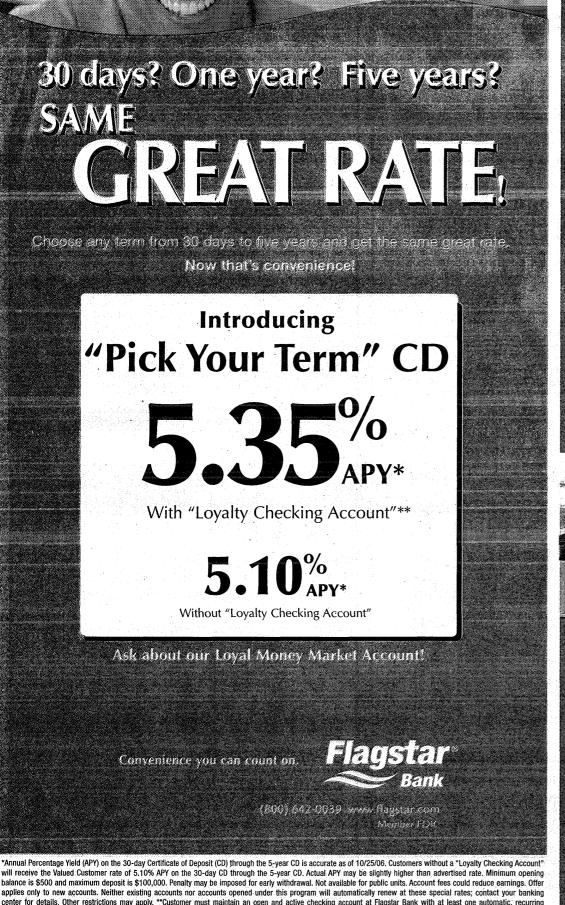
WDVD 96.3 FM received the Media Award for communicating important messages about breast cancer. The radio station was honored for work hosting the WDVD-Gordon Chevrolet Call-2-Care Radiothon, now in its third year. Over the last two years, the event has raised more than \$40,000 for the Karmanos Cancer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

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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## **PROGRESS CONTINUES**

Flaherty said an enormous amount of progress has been made in the battle against breast cancer through a mix of excellent basic and clinical research.

"The true heroes in the breast cancer battle are those women with breast cancer who have contributed to that advancement."

Valerie L. Fred of Rockwood received the individual Community Service Award for her work with the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®. An operations support specialist for Oncology Patient Services at the Karmanos Cancer Institute, she has been involved with the Race for nearly 15 years. She is a volunteer member of the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure<sup>®</sup> Planning Committee and has been acting as a Race Operations co-chair since 1993.

## **STEPPING FORWARD**

■ National City received the organization Community Service Award for its work in encouraging a corporate culture of volunteerism. The bank has proven its commitment to bringing awareness to breast cancer by promoting its pink ribbon Diamond Card, which has raised \$1.7 million nationwide in support of breast cancer research, making strides in the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day and sponsoring the Komen

Detroit Race for the Cure®. Cassann N. Blake, M.D., of Detroit received the

**Compassionate Caregiver** Award for her skill and compassion in treating breast cancer patients. Blake is a breast surgeon at the Karmanos Cancer Institute, and joined the health care organization in 2003.

Kaye H. Cunningham, B.S.W., program manager for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit and three-time breast cancer survivor, and Joanne Mancini, R.N., a nurse at the Gershenson Radiation Oncology Center at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. both received the Geri Lester Courage Award.

The honor, which is given to an individual whose battle with breast cancer has been an inspiration to family, friends and the community, is named after Geri Lester, a founding organizer of the Heroes of Breast Cancer Awards and a leader of the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure<sup>®</sup> since its inception in 1992. Lester lost her 20-year battle with breast cancer in May 2003 but her inspiration to fight on is embodied in the award. Both Cunningham of Novi and Mancini of Canton Township are active members of the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure<sup>®</sup> - for six and 10 years, respectively - and active in breast cancer education and awareness. Based in midtown Detroit, the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is one of 39 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States. The center cares for nearly 6,700 new patients annually on a budget of \$216 million, conducting more than 700 cancerspecific scientific investigation programs and clinical trials.

## The link between breast cancer and osteoporosis No link of

Powerful chemotherapy drugs and estrogen-blocking hormone treatments are highly effective in treating breast cancer, but in the process they may be putting women at risk of another disease: osteoporosis.

Women with breast cancer may face a greater risk of developing osteoporosis. The two conditions both affect post-menopausal women, making age and gender strong risk factors. Researchers are finding that some drugs used to treat breast cancer may have an effect on bone mineral density as well, potentially increasing the risk of bone loss in these women.

"Osteoporosis is a common problem. Women with breast cancer may be particularly at risk. This is because certain treatments for breast cancer may promote bone loss. These women should pay attention to nutrition and exercise and should consult with their physician," said Dr. Catherine Van Poznak, a breast oncologist at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Van Poznak and others are conducting research into how best to manage breast cancer and maintain bone health. One trial at U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center explores the effects chemotherapy has on bone mineral density in postmenopausal women. The researchers hope to identify which women are at increased risk for losing bone mass and which women would benefit from drugs designed to stop bone loss.

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Breast health clinic

difference Monday, Nov. 6, at Way Elementary School on

support group presents Phil Parker MD, speaking on

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It's not known how chemotherapy works against bone health. It could be that because chemotherapy affects cells that divide quickly, it might alter bone mass. Another class of drugs, called aromatase inhibitors, block the production of estrogen, making them an effective treatment for certain types of breast cancer. While lowering estrogen levels is beneficial in fighting breast cancer that is fueled by hormones, it is harmful to bone health since estrogen helps bones stay strong.

For premenopausal women treated for breast cancer, osteoporosis is also a concern. In addition to the possible effect of chemotherapy on bones, the cancer treatment may induce early menopause, putting this group at a similar risk as older women in menopause.

Osteoporosis is a condition that thins and weakens the bones to the point where they break easily. Some 44 million Americans, primarily women, have osteoporosis. About 214,600 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.

Certain drugs used to treat breast cancer may help prevent osteoporosis. The drug tamoxifen is used to prevent estrogen from fueling cancer cell growth, but because it is not stopping the body's production of estrogen like aromatase inhibitors, tamoxifen has been shown to increase bone density in postmenopausal women. Tamoxifen is used

by women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer as well as women at high risk for the disease. In addition, the drug raloxifene, which is used to treat osteoporosis, was recently found to be effective in preventing breast cancer in women at high risk.

"Bone health is a very important issue, and the foundation to bone health really begins with adequate nutrition, good calcium and vitamin D intake, and appropriate exercise. Women should also consult with their physician to discuss adequate screening and interventions such as medications if indicated on a personal basis," said Van Poznak, assistant professor of internal medicine at U-M Medical School.

How do you prevent osteoporosis? Diet and exercise are crucial. A diet high in calcium and vitamin D promotes good bone health. Daily calcium intake should be 1,000 milligrams for women ages 19 to 50 and 1,200 milligrams for women older than 50. Vitamin D intake should be between 400-800 international units. Exercise is also recommended. The best type is weight-bearing exercise that forces the body to work against gravity. Activities such as walking, running, climbing stairs, or lifting weights are all weight-bearing exercises.

And avoid alcohol and cigarettes. Smoking is one of the risk factors for osteoporosis along with excessive alcohol consumption.

## weather to arthritis



**Betty from** Milford e-mails saying her arthritis acts up when it gets cold and wants to know if there is a link between the weather and her pain.

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Well, Betty, that's the million dollar question! Researchers

have spent years looking for a link between the weather and joint pain. The truth is there's nothing that proves it. Many believe it's just the cold weather blahs that bring on the pain. Another weather tale, that the cold causes colds, is also false! Viruses cause colds. The reason people seem to get more sniffles when the cold weather sets in is because we're inside more, which means we tend to spread more germs and viruses. Your best bet, wash your hands a lot! It's the easiest way to stop the spread of illnesses.

## **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

Speakers Bureau and Dr. William H. Karl. Free workshop

Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Alfred Noble Public Library on Plymouth, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. Seating limited, Call (734) 425-8588.

## Flu shot clinic

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia, 29200 Schoolcraft, Most insurance plans accepted. Flu shot is \$36 for those without insurance. For information, call (313) 916-8322 or visit www.HenryFord.com.

### Liver update

A patient-centered education conference discussing several issues related to liver disease, topics include Hepatitis A and B vaccinations in chronic liver disease and Fatty Liver, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 11, at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. No charge. Reservations encouraged. Call (248) 615-5768 or visit

www.liverfoundation.org/michigan.

### A night to embrace

Annual black-tie dinner and auction fund-raiser 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. For tickets and information, call (248) 837-2019. Proceeds go to the Judson Center, a nonprofit human service agency that improves lives and the future of children, adults with disabilities and families in crisis. For details or to purchase tickets online, visit www.judsoncenter.org or call (248) 549-4339.

### **Cosmetic procedures**

Dr. Bruce Chau talks about the latest surgical and nonsurgical trends in cosmetic procedures 9:30 a.m. (registration and continental breakfast) Saturday, Nov. 11, at Sinai-Grace Hospital, 6071 W. Outer Drive at Schaefer. To pre-register, call (888) DMC-2500.

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blood glucose testing that can give you better control of your diabetes. Event is free but space is limited. Call (800) 420-4476 to RSVP. Receive a complimentary copy of The Calorie King Pocket Calorie & Fat Carbohydrate Counter when you attend this informative event.

## Bridging the holidays

A program designed to help families work through the holidays and special occasions without their loved on, includes a small memorial 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at St. Cletus Catholic Church, 26256 Ryan, Warren.

Winter memorial 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Best Western Hotel, 16999 South Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Come to honor and celebrate the lives of your loved one. All programs are non-denominational. No charge. RSVP requested by Nov. 27, at (800) 770-9859. Refreshments provided.

### Flu shots

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

Administered by Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752, for an appointment. For weekly listings, call VNA Flu-Busters hot line at (800) 296-8660 or visit vna.org. Exercise classes

For men and women with Jeanie Weaver, personal fitness trainer and certified physical education teacher and group exercise instructor, classes continue through December at Metropolitan School Gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. An exercise ther apy class geared for seniors wanting to improve balance, strength, stamina, and bone density 8:45-9:45 a.m

Mike from Westland is concerned about heating up his lunch every day in the microwave and e-mails asking about which products are safe and which ones aren't for the microwave.

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Good question, Mike! You should always look for bowls or dishes that say "microwave 114 176 safe." Stay away from those "one-time use" containers like 'nó margarine tubs, whippedtopping bowls, and take-out 100 boxes. The problem is they're really not made to be in the microwave and could possibly melt or pass harmful chemicals into your food. Another suggestion is you should never put a thin plastic storage bag, brown paper bag, or plastic grocery bag in the microwave. And, never put any sort of aluminum or metal in there either. There are now quite a few microwave-safe plastic wraps, wax paper, cooking bags, and even paper towels available for you to use. It's always good to double check to make sure they say "microwave safe"!

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appointment only, in the Comprehensive Breast Center in the St. Mary Mercy Marian Women's Center in the hospital complex at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, east of Newburgh, Livonia. For additional information, please visit www.stmarymercy.org. Please use the Marian Professional Building entrance off Levan, south entrance of hospital.

Includes a complete breast exam by a Registered Nurse with instruction on self-breast examination, and mammogram, if indicated by physical findings or American Cancer Society standards. The mammograms will be discounted (\$75, includes exam and mammogram), or free to those meeting specific criteria.

The best methods for detecting breast cancer early are regular breast self-exam, physical examinations by heath care provider, and mammography. Early detection is the best protection.

Appointment availability limited, registration required. Call (734) 655-1159 to schedule your appointment or for more information.

## **Fibromyalgia lecture**

Overview, Diagnosis and Treatment with speaker Kimberly Groner, R.N., adult nurse practitioner at Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center at University of Michigan, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. Library phone number is (248) 553-0320. Cost \$3. For information http://hffcf.org.

### Thyroid lecture

Understanding Thyroid Problems and Handling them with a Natural Approach, Sponsored by Doctor's

Opens membership to volunteers from the community and includes singers and helpers. A good singing voice is not required for the choir headquartered at Broe Rehabilitation Services in Farmington Hills. Volunteers not only provide emotional support for choir members but promote community awareness about traumatic brain injury. The choir is led by Len McCulloch, a certified brain injury specialist with board certification in traumatic stress. For more information, call (248) 474-2763, ext. 22.

### The year in medicine

Annual lecture by Dr. Mark Moyad, director of Preventive and Alternative Medicine in the Department of Urology at the University of Michigan on The Year in Medicine 2006 From A to Z: What Worked and What Was Worthless 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in Kellogg Eye Center Auditorium, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor. No charge. The lecture is open to the public. Moyad will discuss prevention and treatment topics including artificial sweeteners; bladder, breast, colon and prostate cancers; calcium and vitamin D; dietary supplements; fish and fish oil; sunscreens, and vaccines. For information or to register, contact Karen Giles at (734) 647-3421, or send e-mail to kargiles@umich.edu.

### **Diabetes lecture**

CCS Medical and Medtronic present, Imagine Life without Daily Injections, an insulin pump information program 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois. Learn more about diabetes management using insulin pump therapy and

Mondays and Thursdays. Core strength and performance class runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and includes jump rope, weights, bands and full body weight training loads to increase strength, dynamic flexibility and core strength. Intensity is intermediate to advanced.

Cost for both sessions is \$6 drop in fee. For information, call (248) 446-9176 or send e-mail to jeanieweaver@charter.net.

## UPCOMING

### Grant applicants wanted

Sinai-Grace Hospital is accepting grant applications until Dec. 1 from community organizations through its Srere Women's Care Fund (SWCF), an endowed grant program associated with the hospital's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The funding is open to all nonprofit organizations for programs servicing healthcare and social welfare needs of women and infants in northwest region. Approximately \$50,000 will be available annually to fund several small one-year grants. Applicants will be expected to give a presentation of their proposal in January 2007. Following presentation and committee review, awardees will be notified after February 2007. Grant applications are available online at www.sinaigrace.org. For additional questions about the application grant or contact Coordinator-SWCF, Department of OB/GYN Sinai-Grace Hospital, 6071 West Outer Drive, Room M541 Detroit, MI, 48235, send e-mail to jstephen@dmc.org, or call (313) 966-3246.

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Mark donation offers healthy boost to JCC

**BY SARA CALLENDER** STAFF WRITER

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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 Florine Mark

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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.

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## Moon-dusters

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### bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members, Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

## **BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

## Monthly dance

8-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 4, St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford. Call Diane K. for information (734)261-5716.

## **Cards, Games and Potluck**

Friday, Nov. 10, St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. For details, contact Michele at (313)996-8644.

## Air Margaritaville

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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.

## SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

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

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.

Senior groups meet weekly for dinner at local restaurants to discuss current events and future activities. For a monthly newsletter, call (313)563-9362 or write to: P.O. Box 5356 TelFord Station, Dearborn, MI 48128.

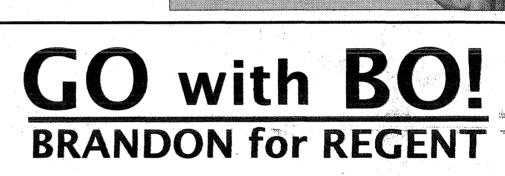
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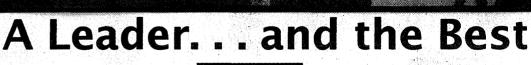
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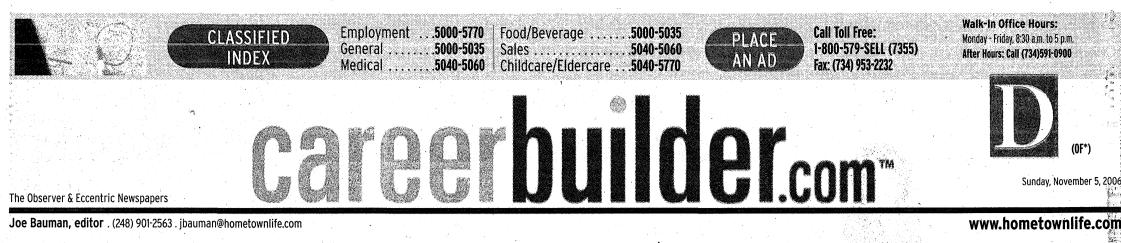


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## Clothing can make the man, and woman, during job interview

### 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.

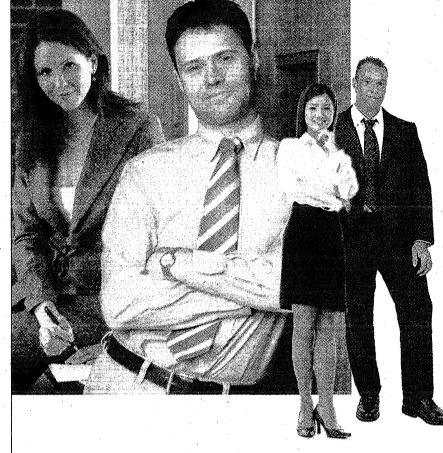
"It's more about taking the time to put it together," she said, and a polished look will go a long way. Clothes should be clean and pressed; grooming counts as well, and hair should be attractively styled, and men's facial hair neat and trimmed.

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

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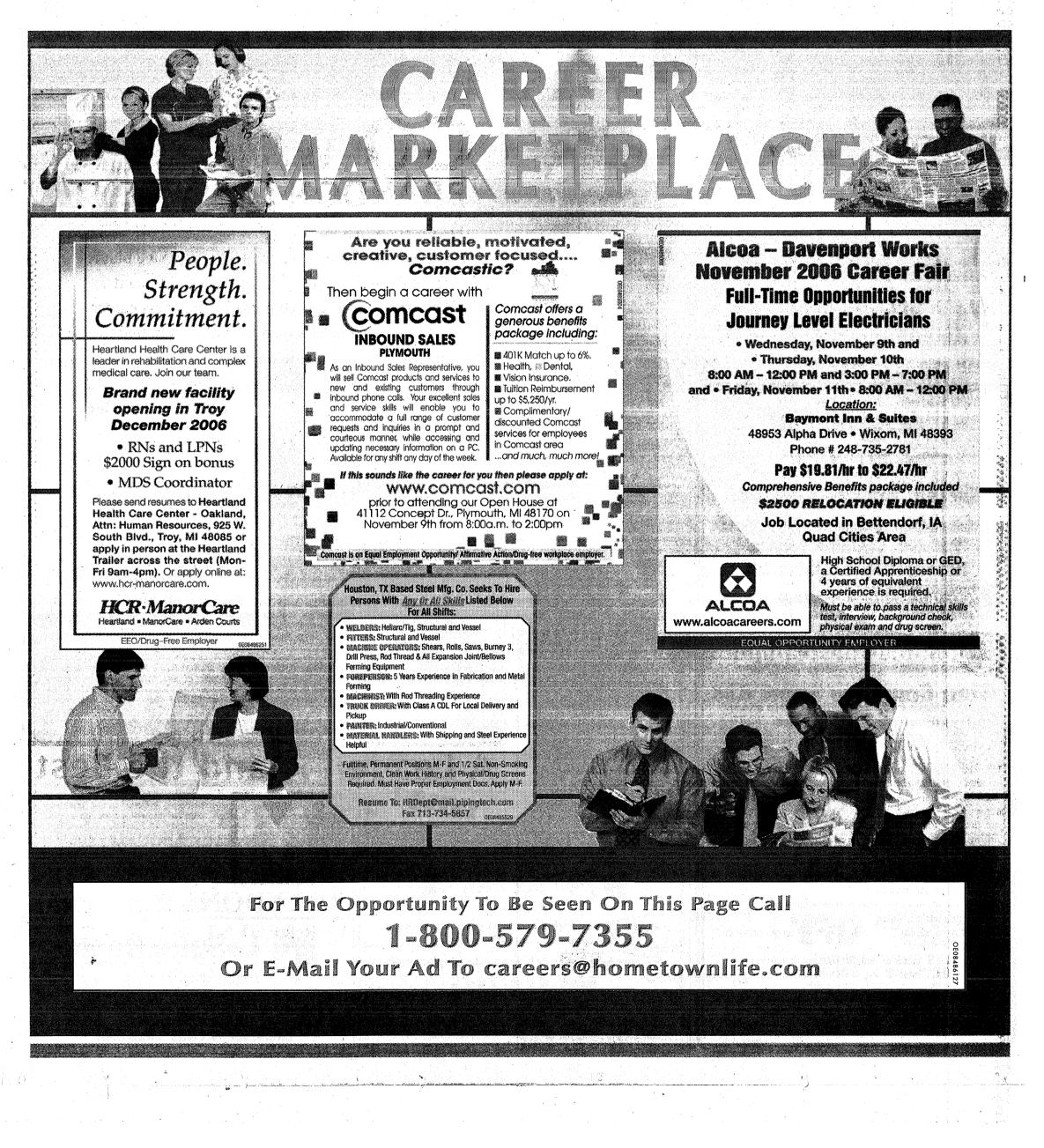
business clothing. Dress for Success Detroit is (inside Career Works) at 1200 E. McNichols, Highland Park, MI 48203. The phone is (313) 957-2277, the fax (313) 867-7050. E-mail is detroit@dressforsuccess.org.

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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Back to the future - Though reminiscent of the 1900s, these lovely flower boxes are unsurpassed in quality and detail.

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## Create a new home at the old address

Always welcome - A beautifully designed screen/storm

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(NAPS) – Accessorize. It's no longer just a clothing statement. Homeowners looking to personalize their homes are doing it, too.

The good news is that there are a number of ways they can add those personal touches without undergoing a major renovation.

For example, homeowners with a keen eye for traditional values will discover a variety of screen door styles designed to fit door openings from 32 to 36 inches. The screen doors from Vixen Hill are an inch and a half thick and use teak-pegged mortise-and-tenon joints, which are further reinforced with waterproof glue. The door designs incorporate a variety of architectural inserts to match a home's style.

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

Both were created by Vixen Hill and have been inspired by the beauty and history of the company's native Pennsylvania countryside.

ing 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.

Both were created by Vixen Hill and have been inspired by the beauty and history of the company's native Pennsylvania countryside. They're part of a special line of pre-engineered cedarwood products of stirring beauty and sophistication. Homeowners looking for a way to save on insecticides might enjoy a line of bat houses designed to last for decades. These are all pre-engineered and factory assembled using the world's finest western red cedar and copper roofing. They're not only beautiful to look at, but also keep bats from nesting in eaves, barns and roofs, while allowing them to keep the insect population around your home and garden in check.

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

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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 tan 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.

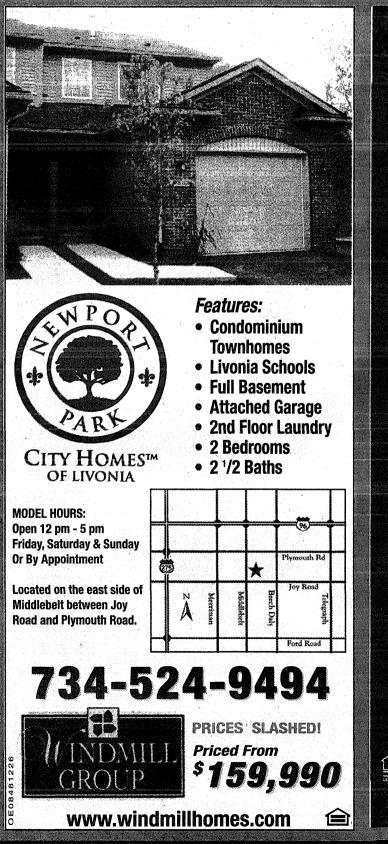
Open houses. It's not always that effective in selling your house, but it gives your house more exposure. Many Realtors do open houses in order to pick up potential buyers.

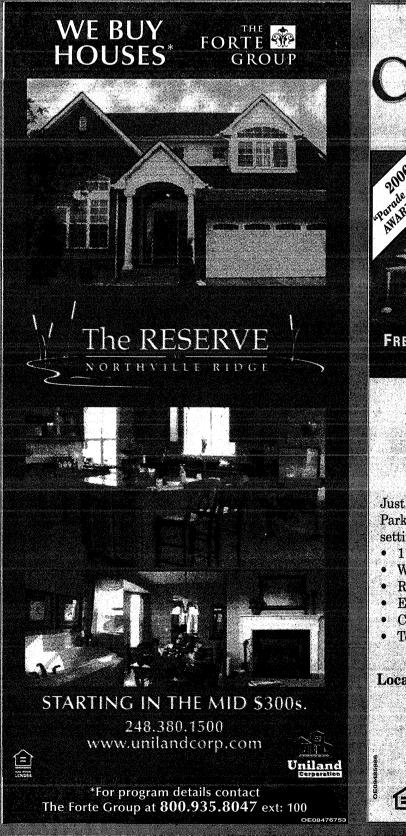
The reason it's not always effective is because buyers usually know very little about the house that they are seeing before they get there. This makes it a lot more hit and miss. Also, nosy neighbors often go into open houses to see what your house is like and to get possible decorating ideas. Still,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

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Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Plymouth office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Another Career Seminar will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Plymouth office. Find out about costs, compensation, training, and prelicense requirements. RSVP: Plymouth: (734) 459-4700.

## 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.

The free seminar is ideal for first-time buyers. Located at

17197 N. Laurel Park Drive, Suite 107 in Livonia. Please call (734) 432-0404. Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

■ Effective Business Management seminar, "A Guide to Condo Conversions," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Anita Blender of Bluerock Management and Jeffrey Kaftan of Kaftan Enterprises will discuss condo conversions and how to know if a property is conducive to converting. Fee includes continental breakfast and is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ 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 Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will cover the entire leasing process. Fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or BIA members, \$99 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

■ 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 basements 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 Remodelor series. Fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members, \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

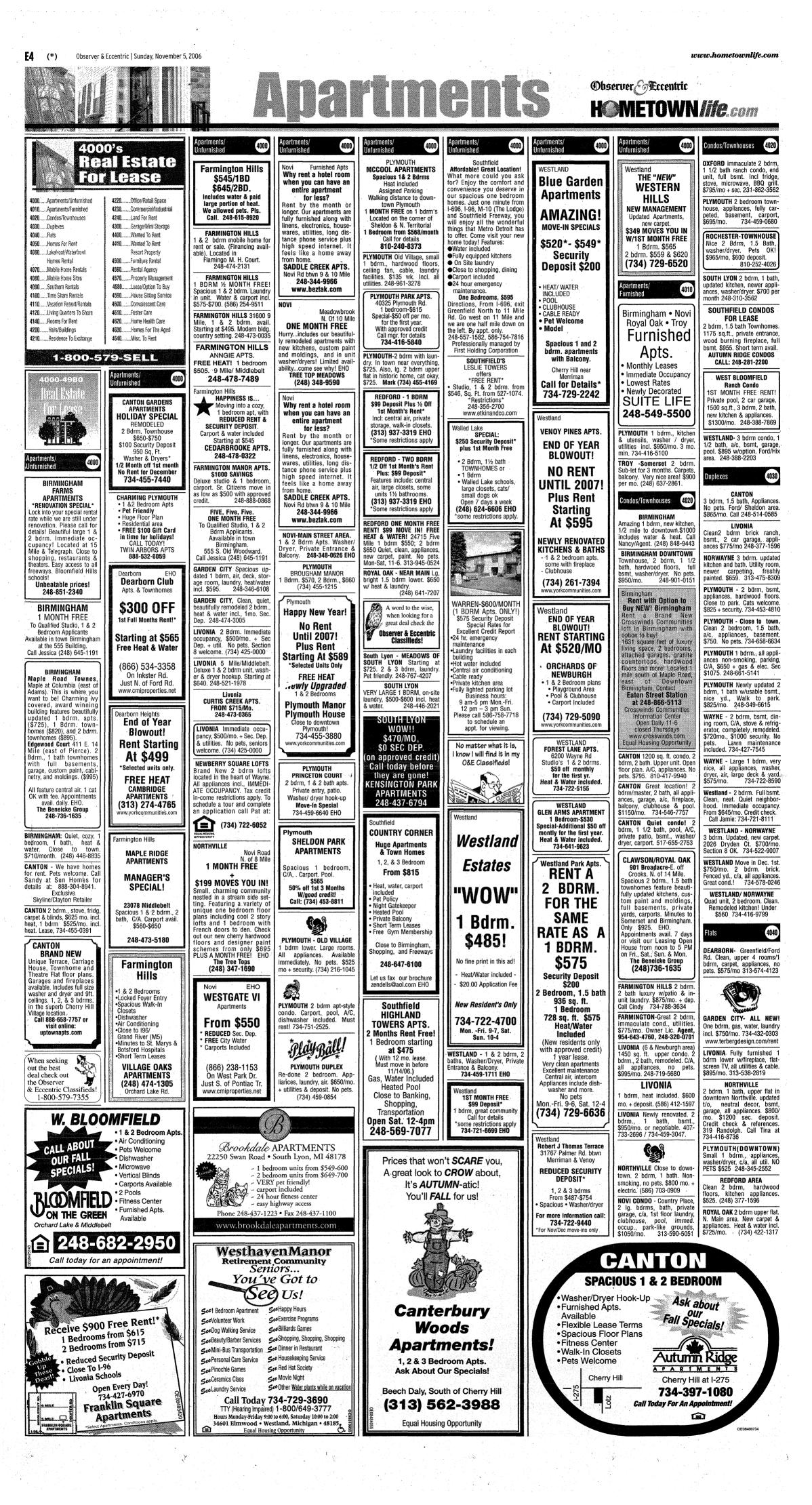


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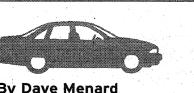
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Luxury SUVs have been around for several years, and have made a lot of money for the companies that make them. Toyota/Lexus, Volvo, Infiniti, Ford, Cadillac, Acura, and BMW, to name a few, have been selling luxury SUVs for a while now. Like the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland, Audi, on the other hand, has been late for a very important date, in that segment. Until now, Audi hasn t had an entry in the luxury SUV group, but is rectifying that with the Q7 4.2 Premium. And, of course, there is a premium price tag to go along with it.

The Q7 is based on the Porsche Cayenne and the VW Touareg. It s a substantial-looking SUV —not as tall as most, but longer (200 inches) and with a large wheelbase (118 inches). It reminds me of a station wagon on steroids, although it is taller than a typical wagon. The front of the Q7 includes a very large grille complete with the four-ring Audio logo, and the rear features a spoiler which houses the third brake light. The headlights flow into the sides of the Q7, and the whole package looks striking from the front, or the sides. Large (up to 20 inches in diameter) tires and dual exhaust really add to the look. Audi s designers have done a really nice job with styling of the Q7; it s one of the sharpest I ve seen.

Inside, the designers still get (mostly) high marks. The design uses inlays of either silver or one of three optional woods —walnut, ash or tamo (a dark Japanese wood). The instrument panel is well-laid out, and includes a tachometer. The power leather seats are comfortable and adjust easily. The seats, both front and rear, can be heated. The Q7 comes in three available seating configurations: a five-, six- or seven-seater. The two rear seats can be folded flat for more cargo room. The center console includes two cupholders —others are placed around the inside of the vehicle.

Automatic four-zone climate control is standard, and includes controls within easy reach of rear seat passengers. The system features 10 sensors to monitor temperatures throughout the compartment. As you d expect with a luxury SUV, you get all of the power items —windows, locks, mirrors —plus a power rear liftgate and remote keyless entry. Cruise control is standard, but you can get Adaptive Cruise Control as an option. This means the Q7 will keep the same distance from the car in front of you no matter how the speed changes. It will, in fact, brake the car to a standstill, if necessary to keep you from hitting the car in front of you.



2007 Audi Q7 4.2 Premium Vehicle class: Sport utility (4WD). Power: V-8 engine. Mileage: 14 city / 19 highway. Where built: Bratislava, Slovakia. Base price: \$59,900. Price as tested: \$65,210.

You can also get a panorama sunroof as an option. This is a three-panel sunroof that stretches across the surface, as opposed to the usually one- or two-piece systems.

The Q7 comes with a smart key system. The system detects the key as you approach the vehicle, allowing you to open the doors without having to actively unlocking them. You can start and turn off the engine via a button mounted next to the gear selector knob, or you can turn the key, if you prefer.

Another nice feature of the Q7 is the side assist system. This lights up an LED on the inside of each side view mirror whenever another vehicle enters your blind spot. If you put on your turn signal to signal a change into the path of that other vehicle, the lights turn red as a warning. Advanced Parking System is a nice feature, too. This features a rear view camera, with the screen featuring markings indicating vehicle direction.

Where the designers struck out, in my opinion, is on one of the features Audi seems to be most proud of -the MMI, or multi-media interface. This features a screen in the center of the dash that includes audio functions, navigation, and climate controls. This is one of the most counter-intuitive designs I have ever seen. Supposedly simple things like changing the radio station take multiple steps, some of which are confusing and perhaps dangerous to attempt while driving. The system incorporates a dial in the center console to control station selection, but even that seems backward. Turing clockwise makes the indicator on the screen move upwards, instead of in the same direction as you re turning. Plus, you have to read the screen to see which of the four auxiliary buttons located on the console control what functions. It s a mess, and, unfortunately, carries throughout the whole Audi line.

Once you get the audio you want, though, it sounds great. The standard audio system on the Q7 Premium is a 14-speaker Bose system that includes a six-disc CD changer, Sirius satellite radio and the navigation system. A Bluetooth telephone system is included as well.

The Q7 Premium is powered by a 4.2-liter, DHOC V-8, rated at 350 horsepower. It s mated to a six-speed automatic transmission with Tiptronic (manual shifting option). It s a nice combination. You get sharp acceleration for an SUV (0-60 in 7.4 seconds) and smooth, quiet shifting. Gas mileage is EPA rated at 14/19.

The ride, as you might expect, is pretty nice, particularly with the optional air adaptive suspension. With this, you can choose from three driving modes —Dynamic, Automatic and Comfort. As you d guess, Comfort gives you more dampening, while Dynamic provides you with more road feel.

Handling is solid and braking is excellent. Audi has outfitted the Q7 Premium with dual-stage front airbags, driver and front passenger side airbags, an inflatable side curtain airbags and an anti-theft system.

The 2007 Audi Q7 Premium starts at just under \$60,000. Add the adaptive air suspension, 20-inch wheels and the side assist feature and you re at about \$64,500. That s a lot of money, but if you re looking in the luxury SUV segment, you re probably not shocked.

Overall, the Q7 is a fine SUV, and should get high marks. Redesigning the MMI system would get it even higher marks from me. It s nice to have you here Audi; thanks for coming to the partý, even it was late.

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

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

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

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more 2006 Pontiac Grand Prixs than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2005 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the preowned 2006 vehicles. The low financing on new 2006's has left the used models unnoticed and 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,

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 these vehicles will all be gone, the real deals.

along with the incentives. In the

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

A Beautiful Buick

the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175horsepower V-6 boasting 20mpg city and 29mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need

The 2001-2006 Buicks were for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

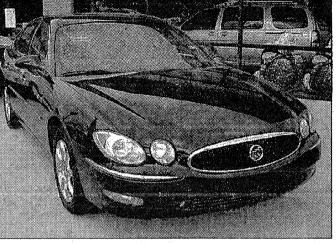
> The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, sixposition tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away. Children aren't forgotten with

the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks. Four-wheel independent sus-

pension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions. Wow.



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the preowned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from

throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of \$24,000 list price new. While they last.

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