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# Prelim to be delayed for murder suspects

### **BY BRAD KADRICH** STAFF WRITER

Murder suspects Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township and Alexander Letkemann of Westland will be in Judge Michael Gerou's courtroom for their preliminary hearing at 35th District Court in Plymouth Monday.

But they aren't expected to be there for very long.

Orlewicz, a Canton High School senior, and Letkemann, a former Livonia Churchill High School stu-

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dent who got his diploma through the adult education program, will waive their right to have the hearing within 14 days, as mandated by law, the Observer has learned.

The hearing, designed to determine whether enough evidence exists to suggest Orlewicz, 17, and Letkemann, 18, will be rescheduled for later this month, perhaps Nov. 30.

The two are charged with killing 26-year-old Daniel Sorenson of River Rouge, cutting off his head, burning

his hands and feet to forestall identification and dumping the body in a Northville Township field. Police say the murder took place Nov. 7, the body was discovered the next morning and Sorensen's head was recovered two days later in Hines Park in Dearborn Heights.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller wouldn't comment on the delay in the preliminary hearing, citing the gag order imposed Thursday by Gerou. Neither Joseph Niskar, the lawyer for Orlewicz, nor Raymond Cassar, the

attorney for Letkemann, returned a call seeking comment.

They wouldn't have commented, anyway, because lawyers on both sides Thursday worked out an agreement barring attorneys, law enforcement officials and subpoenaed witnesses from talking to the media about the case.

Orlewicz's attorneys filed an emergency motion with the court following a press conference conducted Monday by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, at which she labeled the murder "a thrill kill" and used words

like "bone-chilling" and "horrific."

Niskar wouldn't comment on why he brought the motion, but in the motion he said Worthy "should have known her statements would have a 'substantial likelihood' of being widely publicized and, as a result, 'materially prejudicing' the potential jury" in a potential trial.

While asserting in a response to the motion that her office never violated the Modern Rules of Professional Responsibility, Worthy

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# Warm temps keep leaves from falling

### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

With recent temperatures above normal for this time of year, Mother Nature has been delaying the inevitable - the dropping of leaves from the trees.

However, Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said Municip Services Department crews, which already have been out in the neighborhoods clearing leaves, will continue until they are all removed ... and, hopefully, complete the task before snow falls. "There's just a ton of leaves out there and we're already behind." Sincock said. "Normally, by this time, we have already been working regular and overtime shifts for two or three weeks. And, up to this week, we haven't worked any overtime." Sincock said crews generally schedule a couple of pickups in each neighborhood, with at least a couple of additional pickups before winter. However, because the leaves have been slow to fall, it's likely crews will be in each neighborhood several additional times to collect leaves. 'We'll probably hit each neighborhood about eight times," Sincock said. "We've been through each neighborhood a couple of times already, but there hasn't been much to pick up. "Hopefully we'll be able to get it all cleaned up before winter sets in," he added.



# School board moves toward 18election shift 07

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education appears poised to change the annual May school board elections before the end of the year in order to save at least a portion of the \$100,000 it currently costs the district to conduct an election.

Many of the scenarios that could save the istrict money could be affected by the state Legislature, which currently outlaws August school board elections, but will allow them under at least one proposed bill. Holding elections in even-year Novembers would cost the district nothing. But, municipal clerks throughout Michigan are lobbying against that option because of the number of issues already on November ballots. And, some of the savings would occur if Schoolcraft College also moves its elections to correspond with Plymouth-Canton, sharing the cost evenly, as well as determining if voters should go to the polls every year, or every other year.

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The kids at Allen Elementary are treated to a performance by a string and wind quartet. Flautist Dennis Carter, violinist Kathy Zuchniewicz, clarinetist Benhammou, and cellist Eugene Zenzen played, talked and answered questions.

# Strings and other things

# Symphony effort bolsters schools' music program

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Third-graders throughout the Plymouth-Canton school district are being treated to the sights and sounds of a woodwind and string quartet this month, as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra began its 10th year of CLASSical Music Outreach, an education program for third- and fourth-graders in Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland districts.

However, the future of next year's program could be in jeopardy as reductions in state funding have forced the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society to launch a \$20,000 fund-raising campaign to partly fund the music education program.

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"Five years ago, we received about \$30,000 from the

state, which we used primarily to subsidize non-revenue programs like classical outreach," said Jennifer Philpot-Munson, Plymouth Canton Symphony Society executive director. "Last year, the state awarded us \$10,500, but cut it to \$6.800.

We're trying to raise \$20,000 from individual donations, and hope to make up the rest from grants and corporate sponsorships," she added. "Because of the state of the economy, the arts are very vulnerable."

Philpot-Munson said the outreach program in the **Plymouth-Canton school** disrict, which serves about

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Kathy Zuchniewicz demonstrates playing the violin using a techinique called pizzicato, using a finger to pluck the strings rather than using the bow.

All of the options were presented by the board's subcommittee at Tuesday's board meeting.

"You've painted a very abstract picture," said Trustee Tom Wysocki after hearing the subcommittee's presentation. "I'm in favor of having more elections. As a society we pride ourselves on having the right to vote and use our vote to effect change.'

Vice President Barry Simescu said he likes the possibility of holding elections every August.

"Right now, we can't do that, but we're hearing we might be able to do that if we wait foursix weeks," Simescu said. "It seems, to me, a little chaotic to make good decisions. We're frustrated with the changing landscape every day."

Municipal clerks, according to the subcommittee report, say there's a low percentage of voters at the end of the November ballot, plus a problem of spoiled ballots.

"Our issues could be overshadowed," said Trustee Steven Sneideman. "What personally concerns me is partisan elections, where political parties can use the larger turnout and throw money at it ... essentially buying elections."

President Judy Mardigian suggested the Board of Education wait on a decision to see if the Legislature comes up with a solution before the first of the year.

'We can make a change this year if we want to save money, and I would be in favor of saving money in some fashion on our elections," Mardigian said. "Just having said that, we need to bide our time between now and December to see if anything shakes out in the Legislature."

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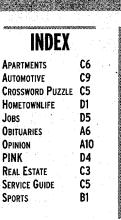


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### LOCAL NEWS

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# Plymouth set to welcome Santa back Lions join 'Shop

#### BY BRAD KADRICH **STAFF WRITER**

The Plymouth community gets its annual chance to welcome Santa back to town when the Jolly Ol' Elf arrives Friday evening.

But this year, people who gather in Kellogg Park (the sing-along starts at 5:45 p.m., with Santa set to arrive at 6) will also get a chance to help needy families across the area with a canned good drive the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring in conjunction with Santa's arrival.

Chamber officials are encouraging those who turn out to greet Santa to bring with them non-perishable foods to be donated to the Plymouth Salvation Army.

"The Salvation Army does such good work, and the need seems to be so great this year," said Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth chamber. "We've always known the giving spirit of the people in this community. This is a chance for them to show it again."

The crowd will again take part in a Christmas carol sing-along leading up to Santa's arrival. But they'll



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Santa loves to have the children involved when he comes to Plymouth, as Nora Berg and her grandpa, Bill Pratt, found out last year when Nora threw the switch to light Plymouth's holiday tree.

also be treated to a winter concert, sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown **Development Authority**, featuring Michael King and Karen Newman. Santa's arrival also signals the beginning of his visita-

tions with children from the local community. He will visit with children Friday evening following his arrival, inviting them into his house along Main Street just outside Kellogg Park.

That starts his weekend

schedule. Santa will visit with children weekends through Sunday, Dec. 23. Santa will be in his house 5-8 p.m. Fridays, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

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# Local' challenge

The Plymouth Rotary Clubs were the big winners in September in the "Shop Local" challenge they issued to the Plymouth Kiwanis Club a few months ago, and then the Kiwanians pulled into the lead at the end of October.

Now, both civic groups face a new challenge - from the Plymouth Lions Club.

The Lions joined the fray this week, going so far as to pay the cost of having flyers and promotional material repackaged to include their logo and information.

Their participation was welcomed.

"We are happy to welcome. the Plymouth Lions to our challenge," Colonial Kiwanis President Chris Lynn said.

The idea came about when the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club laid down the gauntlet and issued a "shop local" challenge to the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth to "keep our dollars in Plymouth."

The civic clubs are encouraging their members, families and friends to shop in the Plymouth community to help local business thrive in an economy that is forcing some to move or close.

"We are always out there asking restaurants and businesses to give us gift certificates have our projects," said Beth Stewart, president of A.M. Rotary. "We thought it would be a really nice thing for us to let them know we want to give back by keeping our business in town to support those that support us."

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth jumped on board right away.

"It's a wonderful way to be responsible for our community, by supporting the local businesses that might go away if we forget to shop here," Kiwanian Jennifer Philpot-Munson said. Kiwanians, Rotarians

and, now, Lions in Plymouth who shop at the more than 100 Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce restaurants, retail and service businesses participating in the challenge, can tell merchants which side of the ledger they want their purchases credited through Dec. 31. The prize at the end is bragging rights for the top service club.

**Chamber Executive Director** Fran Toney said the challenge is a "win-win" for everyone.

"I congratulate these community service organizations for their commitment to the Plymouth Community", Toney said. "They already contribute so much to Plymouth's quality



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### LOCAL NEWS

# Turning tragedy to triumph – former victim uses ordeal to help others

#### **BY TIFFANY L. PARKS** STAFF WRITER

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The sharp edge of the knife sliced her arm, her hand and then it pierced her eve

Her throat was next. Rhonda Knight knew her life was coming to an end but then, in the midst of holding her arms up to her face to protect herself, she froze.

The man she once considered a friend couldn't get the knife to cut her again.

"It had to be God," Knight says while recounting the warm June night that changed her life. "I stopped telling myself that I was going to die and I began to think my way out of the situation."

After sustaining a series of blows to her head, Knight, 47, says she managed to convince her attacker, Charles Blue Jr., to drop his plans of killing the both of them by promising never to leave him again.

Blue, who had lured the former West Bloomfield woman to his township apartment under false pretenses, seemed to accept Knight's false declarations of love and proceeded to force her to have sex.

"There I was, face swollen from where he had punched me over and over and I was bleeding and he wanted to have his way with me," she says. "I felt so repulsed that I wanted to throw up."

When Blue, 38, casually mentioned that Knight, whom he had stabbed in the left eye, needed a bandage, the mother of five wanted to balk at the paltry suggestion.

"I was thinking 'how does he think a Band-Aid will help?' But instead I used that as a way to get out," she said. "We agreed that I would go to the hospital and say that I was attacked by a stranger."

### INITIAL REACTION

Knight, whose near brush with death made headlines



after she went to the police. says she was initially horrified to see a recount of the June 11 attack in the media, albeit minus her identity.

This was something so private and his name was printed, his picture, everything," she said. "People knew it was me. I started getting calls from my friends - my whole life was out there. I didn't feel safe in the world. I thought I was going crazy.

Knight, who wipes away tears while talking about the aftermath of the attack, says she had to think long and hard about going public with her story.

"He seemed like a nice guy, he was clean cut and friendly," Knight says of her first encounter with Blue nearly two years ago. "We became friends."

Months later, the two began dating, but the love affair fizzled when Knight discovered that Blue had relapsed into heavy drug usage.

"He told me in the beginning that he was a recovering addict and I appreciated his honesty," Knight said. "When he starting using again, I ended the dating but we kept our friendship."

As months passed, Knight says holding onto the friendship began to take its toll on her and she told Blue she didn't want to speak to him anymore

"I told him that I wasn't trying to be mean but that we had two different outlooks on life," she said. "He even had his mom call me and I told her the same thing I told him."

Knight ended the friendship on June 3. A week later, she says Blue called and told her he wanted to prove that he was clean by taking an at-home drug test in front of her.

Knight says she hesitated but agreed to visit Blue.

"I had worked late that night and had forgot all about going over there until I was less than a mile away from my home," she said. "But because I like to be a woman of my word, I turned around and drove to his apartment.'

She got to Blue's apartment

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER at about 12:30 a.m. and then

drove him to the store to get the drug test. Soon after they returned to his apartment, Blue attacked Knight and

began punching her. "One second, I was talking and the next, he was punching me. I fell on the floor and was in shock because he had never hit me before," she said,

adding that he then said they would both be leaving the apartment in body bags.

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After an hourlong ordeal, in which Knight said Blue told her he was angry that she had forgotten about him and moved on with her life, Knight was free to walk out of his apartment.

"I told him that I knew he loved me and that I would never leave him again but he had to promise not to hit me again," she said, adding she then drove straight to the Canton Police Department.

Blue, who was later arrested and charged in the attack, pleaded guilty in September to charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and assault with intent to murder. He was sentenced to serve 15-25 years in prison.

Knight attended all of Blue's court appearances and said he would mouth "I'm sorry" to her.

"I thought he deserved more time," she said. "He destroyed everything I knew, he deflated me."

### **HELPING OTHERS**

Saying that she's been unable to resume her career of running a mortgage company, Knight has dealt with her emotions by creating

a nonprofit organization, Uplifting Hearts, Minds & Souls.

"I feel like this is my purpose on this Earth," she said, adding that she's gained strength by telling her story at events and on a syndicated radio program. "I've had so many people help me or come forth with their story. When people began leaving their comments on the (organization's) Web site, I cried because I know this really does make a difference."

Knight's friend, Monica Ross of Detroit, has written a theme song for the organization and she backs her friend's vision.

"I saw how this affected her life and mine," Ross said. "Right after this happened,

she was not the same person." Knight's goals for the nonprofit include purchasing or building a shelter for up to 100 women.

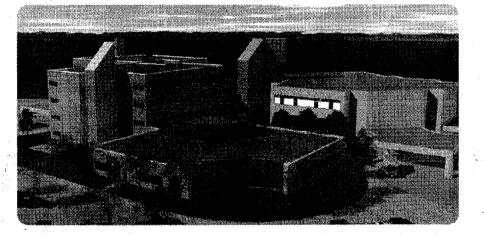
'We all hear about violence against women and say 'that's a sad story' and that's all we see it as," she said. "If we can have an animal shelter, but not a women's shelter, in every community we need to look at our values. We see so much tragedy and I'm taking some of it and turning it around for good."

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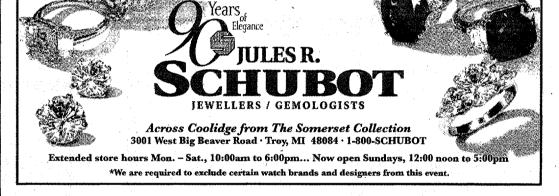
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### PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

### Santa Saturdays

Santa Claus is coming to the Plymouth Historical Museum every Saturday from Nov. 17-Dec. 22.

The Museum reopened Saturday with a new exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story." The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1980s movie, A Christmas Story, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Throughout the Museum's Main Street, there are vignettes of scenes from the movie and from the original story that the movie is based on-Plymouth Historical Museum style. Red Ryder BB guns were sold by Daisy Manufacturing Company of Plymouth.

The Museum's exhibit seeks to recapture the nostalgic spirit by displaying period toys, clothing, and other artifacts. Visitors familiar with the movie will get a chuckle from the vignettes showing the Parker's living room, complete with "FRA-GEE-LEE" lamp; Flick getting his tongue stuck on a metal pole; the windows at Higbee's Department Store; and other memorable moments.

The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, as well as Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Santa has also agreed to be available from 9 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, during the museum's annual open house, craft show and bake sale.

### Webkinz raffle

Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Foundation is sponsoring a Webkinz Raffle, with the drawing set for 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

More than 30 Webkinz will be raffled off, with proceeds to benefit Rotary projects and Tanger School. Tickets are \$1 each or seven tickets for \$5. Winners need not be present to win.

Tickets and Webkinz are available at Gabriala's, 322 S. Main, Plymouth and from Plymouth A.M. Rotarians. For more information, contact club president Beth Stewart, see the Rotary Web site at www.plymouthrotaryam.org/, Gabriala's Web site at www. gabrialas.com/ or the Webkinz site at www.webkinz.com/

### Rotary Youth Exchange

Students with an interest in traveling might want to attend a meeting being conducted Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

It's an informational meeting on how to become a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Joseff LaRiche, who just got back from South Africa will be giving a presentation on his experience; an exchange student from Thailand (Sprite), who's a student at Northville High School will also be on hand.

There are also opportunities for students not interested in travel. Your family could become a host family and have a student from another country stay with you for about three months. Former and present Host families will attend the meeting to answer questions.

Anyone thinking about being an Exchange Student or possibly a Host family should plan on attending the meeting. For more information call

Scott LaRiche at 248-421-3576

### Benefit concert

The Chancel Choirs of Divine Child High School in Dearborn will perform a benefit concert in the main chapel at St. John's in Plymouth Township 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, for the Capuchin and Mannas Meal Soup Kitchens of Detroit.

This will be a full Madrigal concert by 35 members of the choirs in full madrigal attire. The evening will feature a student violinist performing in the lobby before the concert, Elizabethan readings accompanied by mandolin, and a wide variety of Madrigal and Christmas vocal selections.

The price of admission includes a 'sparkling' afterglow (sparkling cider and juice with pastries). Admission is a minimum donation of \$15.00.

The choir has grown from nine members to 65 in the last 4 years. Last year's Show choir had 18 performances outside of school, performing at the Ren Cen, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Fox, the Dearborn Country Club and Fairlane Town Center. The choir was invited to sing a pre-show for the Nutcracker and will be singing Dec. 7.



### They love the 80s

Former long-time Plymouth resident Betty Richter recently celebrated her 88th birthday, The Plymouth native, born in 1919, lived in four different Plymouth homes, including one on S. Main she occupied for 40 years. She was married to Robert Richter for 53 years before his death in December 1997. Betty has three children - Jill Vernal of Plymouth, Daniel Richter of St. Helen and Nan Joy (Dan) Tribble of Whitmore Lake. She has been a member in Rebekah Lodge, the Northville VFW Women's Auxiliary and the American Legion. Betty, who now lives in St. Helen, has a brother, John, who turned 82 in March, and a sister Jane (Max) Lare, who celebrated her 80th birthday in July.

St. John is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 414-1111.

### Jewelry fest

Native West of Plymouth presents its 18th-annual Holiday Jewelry Festival Friday-Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

The festival will feature a selection of Native American jewelry from the southwest, all made in the U.S.

Shop owners are encouraging shoppers early for the best selection. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. For more information e-mail nativewest@sbcglobal.net or call (734) 455-8838.

### Candy Cane sale

The Plymouth Lions Club conducts its annual Candy Cane fund-raiser Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23-24.

Lions Club members will be manning major intersections around the community from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each of those days and collecting donations from passing motorists. They will be easily identifiable by their bright yellow jackets and aprons with the purple Lions Club Logo. According to 2007 Candy Cane Chairpersons Sharon Jordan-Crowley and Russ Maxwell, this year's drive will be more important than usual, because of the current economic conditions in Michigan and the inability of residents to donate as they ordinarily would. "If a lot of people just give

a small amount, we can still meet our objective of assisting needs within the Plymouth Community", they said. Last year, the Plymouth

Lions distributed over \$52,000 to organizations and residents in the area.

If you have additional questions or would like to assist the Plymouth Lions Club in this year's fund-raising effort, contact Lions Sharon Jordan-Crowley or Russ Maxwell, c/o Plymouth Lions Club, P.O. Box 701159, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-0960.

### New museum exhibit

There's always something new on Main Street — the Plymouth Historical Museum's Main Street, that is.

When the museum reopens Nov. 17, a new exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story," will be showcased. The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1980s movie, A Christmas Story, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Throughout our Main Street there will be vignettes of scenes from the facts. Visitors familiar with the movie will get a chuckle from the vignettes showing the Parker's living room, complete with "FRA-GEE-LAY" lamp; Flick getting his tongue stuck on a metal pole; the window at Higbee's Department Store; and other memorable moments.

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### Potters Guild

The Village Potters Guild sponsors its holiday sale in its newly remodeled studio, 340 N. Main, Suite G-11.

The sale takes place 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

For more information, visit the guild's Web site at www. villagepottersguild.org

### Penn classics

Movie-goers with a yearning for holiday classics get their chances at the Penn Theatre.

The Penn will show several holiday movies next month, starting with It's A Wonderful Life" at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6.

The rest of the schedule: Bells of St. Mary's, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.; and The Bishop's Wife, Dec. 26, 1 and 7 p.m. and Dec. 27, 7 p.m..

All seats are \$3. The Penn is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

Also, hand-painted Penn Theatre Christmas ornaments are now on sale for \$25. Available while supplies last at the Penn Theatre as well as Michigan Made & More.

For more information, call (734) 453-0870.

### Benefit concert

WSDP 88.1-FM sponsors a Thanksgiving Eve Concert Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

The concert will feature the Plymouth-Canton area's best bands, including Monument Monument, Forever in A Day, The Dry Leaf Project, and Brion Riborn.

The bands are donating

fund-raise for nations caught in humanitarian crises. Two of their main focuses are the Sudan and Northern Uganda.

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Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7, and available at the door. More information is available at www.881TheEscape.com.

### Council on aging

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts "Medicare Part D Open Enrollment" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Plymouth Library in the Waldorf Room. The Senior Alliance will sponsor this seminar for people who want to join, switch or drop their Medicare Part D.

There will be counselors on hand to work with individuals on a one-on-one basis.

This will also be a good time to identify individuals who may qualify for the Extra Help Program. Make sure to bring a list of all prescription drugs that you are presently taking; this will allow the consolers to make sure you are receiving the best prescription program.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up.

The Plymouth Council on Aging hosts the third part of its series of health screenings, all sponsored by Heartland Rehabilitation, Monday, Dec. 3. This series will be Massage Therapy. Seniors often need a special touch! Especially good for those who experience tightness, pain or limited movement in the shoulders, back, arms or neck. While fully clothed the massage will help to increase circulation, reduce stress and remove toxins from the body.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up.

### **Civil War round-table**

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts Rand Bitter of Canton 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15.

Bitter's presentation will be the subject of his book "Minty and His Cavalry - A History of the Saber Brigade and its Commander". Robert H.G. Minty Served with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th MIchigan Cavalry regiments before being appointed to command a brigade which fought in many engagements ending their service by caputring Jefferson Davis at the end of the war. The meeting will be held at

the Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The public is invited, admission is free. For more information call (734) 451-7998.

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Donors wishing to help can donate clean, gently used or new coats, hats, mittens and boots. Blankets will also be accepted.

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# It's Christmas time in Wayne County, Lightfest opens

It was Lights On Thursday for Wayne County's annual Lightfest on Hines Drive.

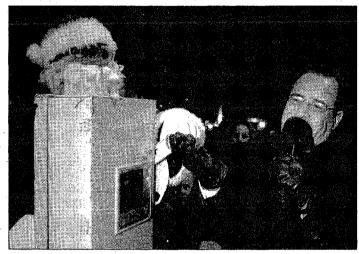
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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Santa Claus were on hand for the official opening of the county's elaborate fourmile fantasy of lights. Dancers, refreshments and fireworks were all part of the festivities.

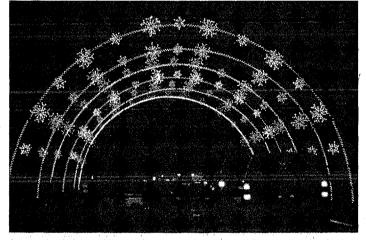
Lightfest continues every evening through Jan. 1. A portion of Hines Drive is closed to regular traffic to allow for viewing the holiday lighting. The program costs \$5 per car. Cars enter Hines Drive at Merriman between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren in Westland.

A Family Holiday Tree Lighting will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on Hines Drive near Ann Arbor Trail.

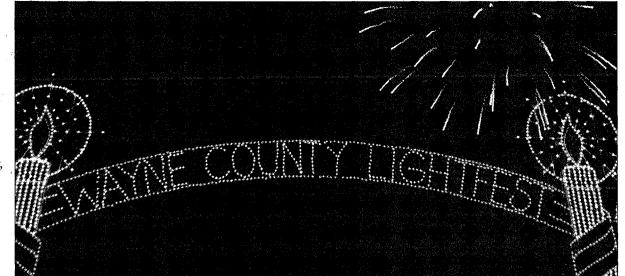
The Friends of Nankin Mills and Wayne County Parks are sponsoring the old-fashioned celebration at historic Nankin Mills. The first portion of the program features seasonal crafts you can make and take home to decorate your tree. Unique seasonal games, such as "fruitcake bowling," "pin the nose on Rudolph" and "reindeer antler wreath toss" are also featured. Cost of the craft program is \$4 per participant. The second part of the program includes a short outdoor community Tree Lighting and Sing-along with an indoor visit from St. Nick, sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills. Refreshments provided. This is the 20th year the Friends have held this event. There is no cost for the tree lighting and Santa Claus.



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano joins Santa Claus in flipping the switch to turn on the lights during the opening ceremonies for the Wayne County Lightfest Thursday night.



Cars make their way through the lights after the opening ceremonies for the Wayne County Lightfest Thursday night.



Fireworks explode over the lights during the opening ceremonies for the Wayne County **Lightfest Thursday** night.

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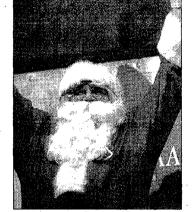
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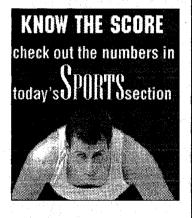
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Santa Claus greets the crowd as he enters the stage to help turn on the lights during the opening ceremonies.





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### LOCAL NEWS

# Not a forgotten child

Allison's grandparents grapple with grief in wake of her death

### **BY TIFFANY L. PARKS** STAFF WRITER

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The weekend her 2-year-old niece died, Rebecca Worden stood at the second-story balcony of her township home and tried to make sense of the tragedy.

"My house is built similar to (Carol Poole's) house and as I stood there, I thought there was no way Allison could have died like Carol said. There's no way," Worden said. "It doesn't make sense. I called my mom and told her Allison had been killed."

Allison Newman, a pretty, friendly brown-eyed girl, died Sept. 22, 2006 from injuries sustained in the home of Carol Poole, one half of the Canton couple that had been granted custody of the little girl.

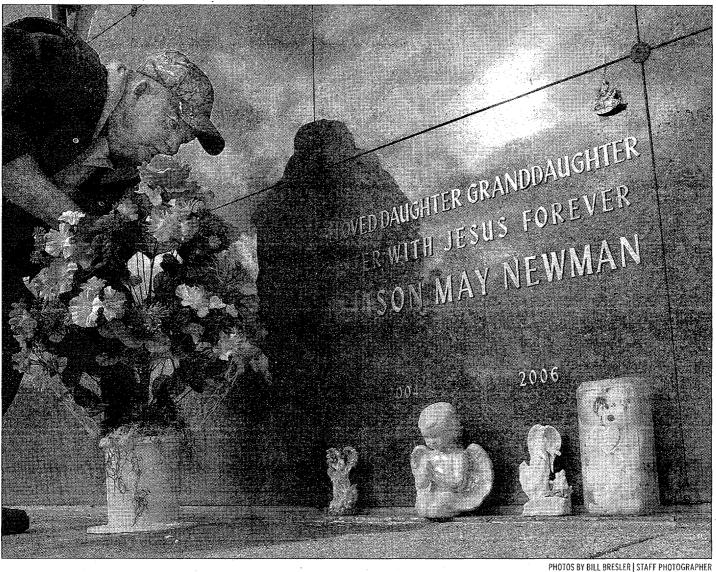
As Worden, along with her parents, Ken and Debbie Newman of Westland, stood outside the child's tomb Thursday afternoon, the pain of her death appeared to be as fresh as the day they learned of her fate.

"The first thing I think about in the morning is Allison and the last thing I think about at night is Allison," says Ken of his paternal granddaughter. "She was not a forgotten child lost in the foster care system. I have proof we were about to get her out of that house."

Allison, who is buried at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland, was the second daughter born to Anne Hirsch and Kenneth Newman. The young couple had a rocky relationship that was peppered with their joint drug use.

Allison was placed in the foster care system when she was around six months old and eventually ended up with Alan and Carol Poole.

"We were fooled because



Ken Newman tends to decorations at his granddaughter's mausoleum. "Allison Newman was NOT a forgotten child." he said.

she was going to be in Canton and in a nice house," Worden said. "But when we saw Carol on Sept. 9 we knew something was wrong. The things she said didn't make sense. We had starting making plans to get her back but who knew the clock was ticking that fast?"

While Ken sweeps the area in front of Allison's mausoleum, Debbie reaches into her purse and pulls out photographs that show a smiling, happy toddler. As her hand shakes from the cold, November wind, Debbie stares at the pictures.

"She was beautiful," she says softly.

Kenneth, who is expected to be released from a state prison in Jackson in December, is just as heartbroken as his family, if not more, over Allison's death, according to the Newmans.

"He loved that child so much,"

Worden said, while Debbie chimed in, "He's a really good person with a really bad drug problem."

Kenneth plans to attend Poole's trial, which is scheduled to begin Jan. 7. Debbie and Ken have attended all of her pre-trial hearings.

Poole, 42, has been charged with felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter. According to police, the township woman offered multiple explanations for Allison's injuries, which included a skull fracture.

The last story she offered was that the child got hurt when she flew over a second-floor balcony during a game of "whirlybird." "I don't believe that for one

second," Debbie said. "The only reason that was the last story is because they stopped asking." Rebecca said she believes



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Allison's grandmother, Debbie Newman, holds a photo of Allison taken a few weeks before her death.

Allison's abdomen would've been injured if she fell from the balcony.

"I believe she hit her," she said. "If she didn't want to (be a foster mother) anymore, she could have called us. She could have called anybody."

The Newmans say they have no doubts of Poole's guilt.

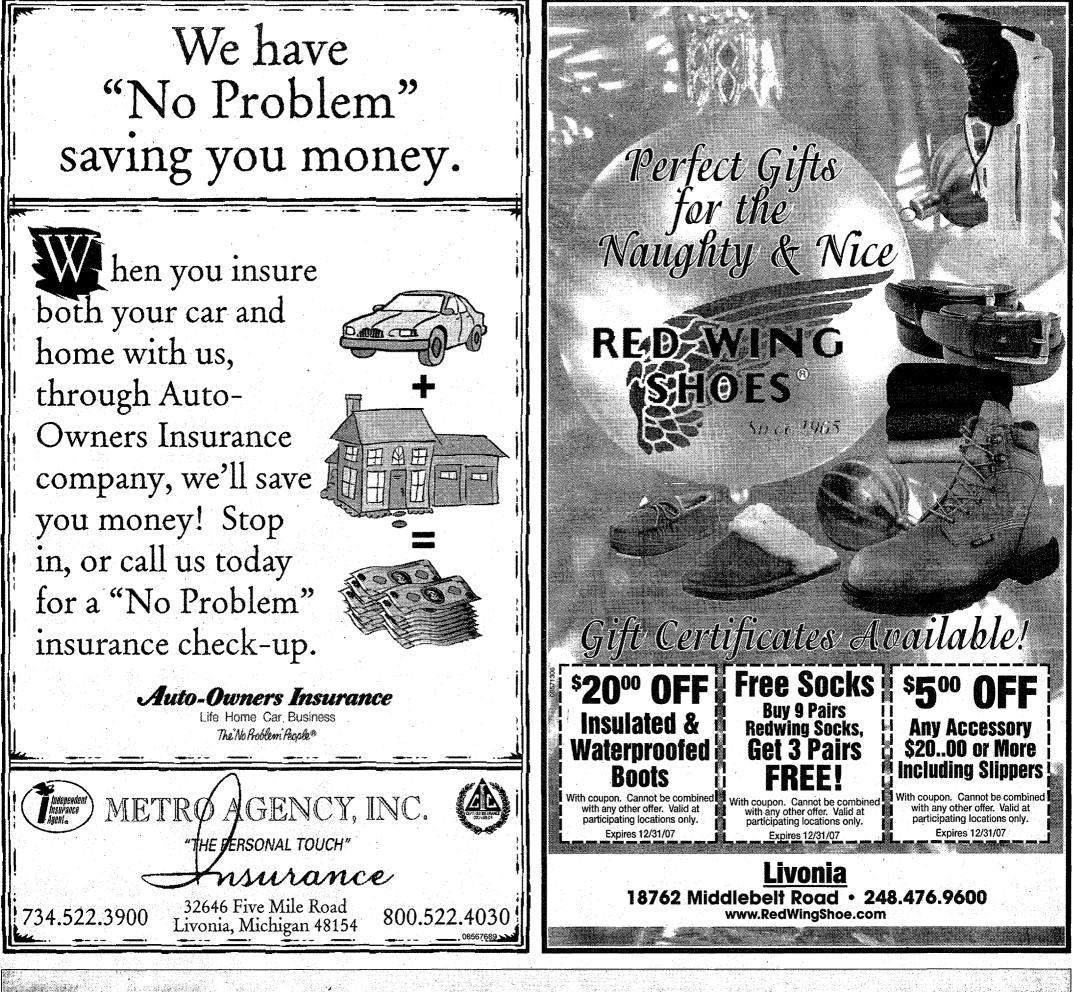
"We heard a copy of the 911 call and she sounds as calm as if she was ordering a pizza," Debbie said, adding that Poole called their home the day Allison died wanting to give them photographs of the child.

"T'll never forget it, she said, 'T'm sorry for your loss' and she emphasized the 'your," Ken said.

The Pooles did not attend Allison's funeral.

Poole has maintained her innocence saying that the child's injuries were an accident. A judge denied a motion by her attorney in October to suppress her police statements.

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5,000 students, costs about \$48,000 annually. She said about \$11,000 of that amount is raised by school PTOs to help fund the education program.

Jane Libbing, the PCSS education coordinator, said thirdgraders learn about the woodwinds and strings in the fall, and experience the sounds of a brass and percussion quartet in the spring. The fourthgrade program prepares students for the symphonic concert experience, culminating with a trip to Salem High School for a Plymouth Symphony performance.

"We have a music education program not just for people who are going to be professional musicians, but more importantly for people who aren't going to be professional musicians, to enrich their lives," Libbing said. "Music education is a vital component of early childhood education, and we hope it will help children develop an interest in learning to play an instrument."

After listening to the musicians play and talk about the violin, cello, flute and clarinet in the gym at Allen Elementary in Plymouth Township, 8-year-old Abby Rhoades of Plymouth was hooked.

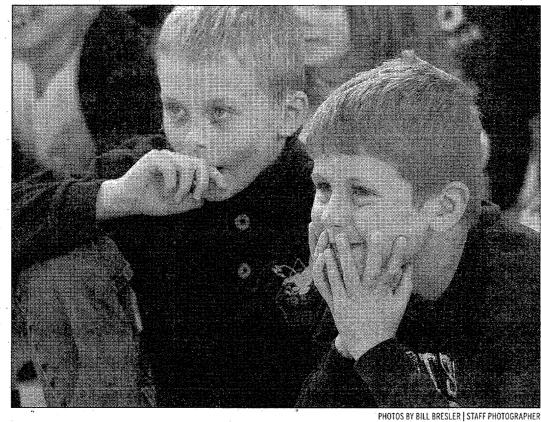
"I liked seeing how they played the violin because I really would like to play the violin when I get older," Abby said.

"I thought it was cool listening to the music, and seeing how fast their fingers move and how the keys went," added Hannah Schultz, 8, of Plymouth.

Dennis Carter, 34, the principle flute for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, said it was a similar program when he was younger that inspired him to eventually play classical music.

"I think it's inspiring for them to see us, and allows them to see the instrument and what it sounds like, rather than from just a recording," said Carter, in his fourth year with the Plymouth Symphony.

Plymouth-Canton school officials not only use the sessions for students to learn



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Third-graders Kyle Amick and Drew Osika listen to the quartet.

Dennis Carter, principal flautist for Orchestra Canton, plays music from "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokófiev.

about music, but also how music weaves into the science curriculum. Kathy Zuchniewicz, who has played the violin for the past 10 years with the Plymouth Symphony and majored in microbiology in college, agreed.

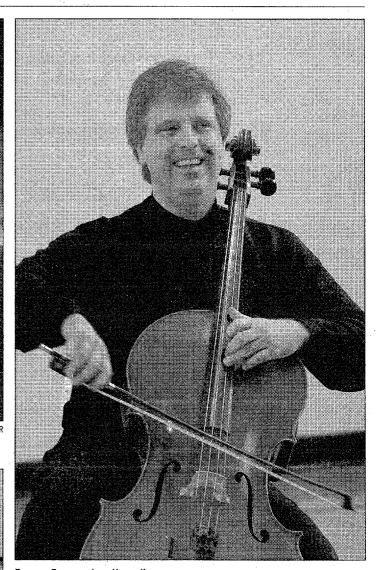
"It's been proven that music enhances the connections with math and science," said Zuchniewicz, who likes the opportunities to visit with students, up close and personal.



The kids at Allen Elementary School learned about classical music and musical instruments.

"I love the kids' responses, they're like sponges. If it hadn't been for music in the schools, I would not be doing what I do now." Tim Schoenherr, Plymouth-Canton Schools K-12 visual and performing arts curriculum coordinator, said the Plymouth Symphony program



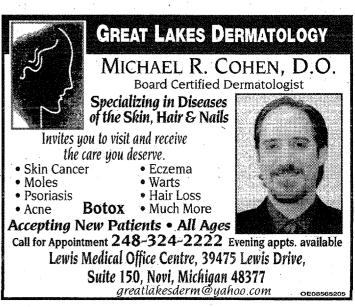


### Eugene Zenzen plays the cello.

is invaluable for students. "You can talk about an instrument, show a picture of it and play a recording, but to see them up close and in person and being able to ask questions of someone whose livelihood is playing them is far more powerful on the kids," Schoenherr said. "It would have a serious impact on our curriculum."

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society is a nonprofit organization. For information on the fund-raising effort call (734) 451-2112, or visit the Web site at plymouthsymphony.org.

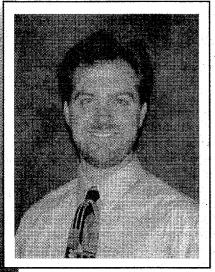
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# Holiday Stresses Can Increase Health Risks

The International Chiropractors Association (ICA) has issued helpful holiday hints and recommendations to ward off health problems over the holidays. Overeating was of particular interest as it related to physical stress placed on the spine. According to the release, "A bulging stomach can put pressure on your body support systems, including your spine and spinal nerves. Every extra pound in the abdominal region could put 10 pounds more stress on the lower back. This stress can last a short time, such as just after eating a heavy meal or lifting a package improperly. It may also become chronic, as heavy eating during the holidays may lead to weight gain, and carrying extra pounds can put added strain on the supporting structures of the spine and nervous system."

The release also notes that additional weight can force the pelvis and torso to shift and cause changes in spinal balance, leading to spinal misalignments (known as subluxations) and malfunction in the entire body. The ICA has prepared several helpful tips to follow. They are:

• When lifting packages, firewood, or your frozen holiday turkey and other heavy items, lift with your legs, not your back. When lifting, hold objects close to your body; rather than flexing forward, maintain a slight arch in your lower back and bend at the knees before standing up with the object. That way, the lifting is done primarily with the strong muscles of the legs supporting the load.

• When traveling by car or plane, place a pillow or folded towel behind the small of the back to help maintain the arch in your lower back and support the rest of the body properly. This relieves the discs and joint structures of the spine from unnecessary pressure.

• In addition to fastening your seat belt for car trips, adjust the head rest to align with your head, at least up to ear level. This is important to support and protect the head and neck in the unfortunate event of a sudden stop.

• Get enough rest. Many health problems that occur with the holidays are simply due to fatigue. By simply getting adequate rest, you can help prevent structural strain, emotional and cognitive imbalance, and general health problems.

Don't wait until you are hurting to see your doctor of chiropractic. Chiropractic adjustments can keep you going at your peak and help you get extra enjoyment from the holiday season."

The most important things over the holidays are family and good health. Chiropractic has been doing its part for over 100 years to help ensure the good health of families. We do this by working to keep the nervous system free of interference from subluxations. If your nervous system functions free from interference, your entire body works better. Basically, this means that your holidays are much better without subluxations. So keep well adjusted over the holidays.

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### Saint Francis

Anne Roosevelt of Plymouth graduated from Saint Francis Unniversity with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

### Lawrence Tech

Six Plymouth students were graduated from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

They included Christopher Fancer, master's of engineering management; Scott Fisher, bachelor's in civil engineering; Ayed Haddad, master's of engineering management; Paul Kuhn, master's in automotive engineering; Raymond Norton, master's in operations management; and Travis Sharp, bachelor's in mechanical engineering.

### Earlham College

Jesse Varga, an Earlham College senior and son of

### ON CAMPUS

Barbara Van Pelt and David Varga of Plymouth, is studying in Tanzania this semester.

East Africa is culturally and ecologically diverse, and offers students the opportunity to study ecology and human culture in a variety of geographic contexts.

Students will gain insight into how cultural systems in various Tanzanian cities such as Arusha and Zanzibar shape local perspectives on the environment and on social and population issues.

Earlham is a liberal arts college in Richmond, Ind. Engaging students with a changing world, Earlham is dedicated to the development of effective ways to integrate international perspectives in education. The College offers 40 majors in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences. More than 75 percent of Earlham's graduates pursue postgraduate study; many will go on to earn doctoral degrees. Earlham is a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III school.

### Madonna University

Nine Plymouth residents were named to the spring/ summer term Dean's List at Madonna University, while one Plymouth student earned a degree.

Jason Singleton of Plymouth earned a degree in criminal jutice, with his Homeland Security certificate.

Named to the Dean's list in recognition of superior academic achievement were Julie Abunab; Whitney Allmond; Valerie Fischer; Cristie Golson; Lisa Jacobi; Stefanie Mastic; Cynthia Richter; Jason Singleton; and Elizabeth Wallace.



Wayne County Sheriff's Special Response Team officers Lewis Yokom of Canton and Lee Smith of Redford prepare to make entry on a suspected drug house. Smith is shown here throwing a distractionary device called a flash bang inside to disorient the suspects before the rest of the team enters the house.

# 'Secret Ops' follows Wayne **County deputies into danger**

#### BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

It's dangerous out there.

When rapper Proof was shot dead last year, Detroit's late night club scene became even more dangerous.

Wayne County Sheriff's Department's Special Response Team joined Detroit's SRT on several raids of illegal after-hours clubs in search of drugs and guns. Right behind them was a film crew for Court TV's Secret Ops, a nail tough police reality show in which the Sheriff's SRT is playing a star role.

Last week's show followed the team as it made the club raids. Future Sunday night episodes will take viewers into drug dens, after-hours clubs and in hot pursuit of parole violators.

For the sheriff's deputies, the filming has been a positive reinforcement of what they do.

"It was great," said Sgt. John Godre of Plymouth, an 11-year veteran of the force. "It was a different experience, one I've never had before. It was more laid-back than I expected. It was pretty easy and painless.'

Cpl. Lewis "Falcon" Yokom of Canton, an 18year veteran, said the film crew seemed pretty experienced with filming military and police operations.

"It was cumbersome," he said. "They had a lot of gear and equipment. We're not used to that extra baggage. We're used to running fast and having a lot of mobility. They were with us for quite a long time to do the series. It's amazing the amount of footage they shot."

### **ASKED TO PARTICIPATE**

mpany 44 Blue approached The production c e Sheriff's Department about participating in e series, that also features other departments.



Cpl. James Panackia lines up behind one of his fellow SRT officers as the Court TV film crew looks on.

called on by the Secret Service to help protect presidential candidates.

### **DANGEROUS SITUATIONS**

But officers all have other assignments. For Yokom, a Marine veteran, one of his regular jobs was warrant fugitive apprehension. In a program scheduled for Nov. 25, the crew follows Yokom as he pursues a woman parole violator.

This worked out well," he said. "We picked up leads on the west side, followed from the west side to central Detroit, did some date checking and picked up more information."

Yokom and a partner finally tracked their prey on the east side.

Yokom's "Falcon" nickname is one of many used in the program for the officers. They include Rick "Sherlock" Holme, James "Boom" Panackia, Charles "Mother" Hall and Scott "Teflon" Gatti.

"Nicknames are acquired from the team ased on job responsibilities or per

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Sheriff Warren Evans said he didn't particurly see it as a way to promote the department much as an opportunity for his deputies to ow their stuff.

There is a certain pride in what they do. her departments have been getting on and stand as tall as they do," he said.

Stuart Zwagil, a vice president with 44 Blue, id Wayne County had been part of an earr show the company did and Court TV was pressed.

They asked us to go back and talk to them out doing something more than just an hour ow," he said. "It's really an incredible force what they are doing to keep the community e."

Zwagil said the concept of Secret Ops was to ow the danger and hard work that goes into eping the city safe.

"We are following these guys as they go about eir jobs," he said. "We are capturing all the drama that happens and showing how hard it is."

The SRT is a part-time unit within the Sheriff's Department. The City of Detroit has a full-time SRT unit. The Wayne County SRT is called on for raids, hostage situations and crowd control at big events like the Super Bowl and the baseball All-Star game. They are also

Yokom said. "I've been Falcon for 10-12 years."

Godre said the film crew was never intrusive.

"It was really like a normal workday," he said. "You didn't see them because they were behind

you filming."

Sometimes situations got dangerous.

"There was one incident where we had to make entry through a window and we had to throw flash bangs into a dope house," Godre said. "And there is danger at after-hours clubs because you never know how many people will be there?

Zwagil said he has an "A-list crew" who have experience handling volatile situations and always wear protective gear.

"Safety is always first," he said.

Yokom and Godre agree the program has a positive message.

"It builds some sympathy and empathy for what we do," Yokom said. "It's not easy doing what we do. It builds bridges between law enforcement and the community."

Godre said it's important for the community to know that SRT is out there.

"It's refreshing to show that we go out and make a difference, but it's sobering to think there is no shortage of drug houses," he said.

The programs are scheduled Sunday nights through November. Check your local cable schedule for times.

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### Digestive Health Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, & Irritable Bowel Syndrome – PART II

Two weeks ago I mentioned that your body is a self-healing and self regulating organism; it is designed toe heal itself and regulate its own internal functions. In the case of Crohn's disease, for an

example, cells in the intestine, die and are not necessarily replaced by new healthy cells. This is why the intestine eventually deteriorates and ulcerates. This can be life threatening.

One must also remember that your nervous system runs your whole body and all its functions; your immune system, your heart, your healing ability, etc., even your digestive system. All these function under direct orders from your nervous system. It therefore stands to reason, that if there is an interference with the normal function of your nervous system, your body will not work the way it should. A number of studies have actually shown that this is exactly the case with Crohn's Ulcerative Colitis, and IBS; that these onditions are neurologically based. This means that the nervous system is no longer able to control the normal function if the intestinal area.

As a Chiropractor, I am mainly concerned with reestablishing the normal function of the nervous system so that the body is able to heal itself. It's that simple. People affected by these conditions, have responded very well with chiropractic care. (And you thought chiropractic is just for back pain I bet)

As well as seeing a chiropractor, which I feel is crucial, there are a number of things you can do for your child or yourself on your own;

1. A hot water bottle placed on the stomach area will relieve much of the abdominal cramping.

2. Charcoal tablets will help absorb excess gas if your child is bloated. Do not use for a prolonged time though, as they also absorb most of the nutrients from the digestive tract.

3. Slippery elm will often relax the intestinal muscles and reduce cramping.

4. Multi-vitamin and mineral complex that contains cooper, manganese selenium and potassium is very important because Crohn's etc., are characterized by malabsorption.

5. Vitamin E is essential in the repair of epithelial tissue of the intestinal tract and acts as an antioxidant.

6. Vitamin A, approximately 50,000 IU per day unless you are pregnant. You may take in capsule form, but I suggest raw carrots put through a juicer. The carrots should be peeled as the skin contains most of the chemicals and pesticides that can irritate your intestine.

7. Calcium and magnesium, at least 2,000mg daily 8. Vitamin C, in high doses combined with

bioflavonoid is essential as it minimizes inflammation. 9. Garlic, is know for preventing free radicals from attacking the intestinal lining.

10. Vitamin B12 and Folio acid,

11. N-acetygucosamine (NAG), protects intestinal lining from enzymes that could damage it. Drinking lots of fluids, herbal teas, cabbage juice, papaya seeds, avoiding stress, chocolate (boo), alcohol, Coke and Pepsi, are all essential.

The above will help you and your child deal with these conditions a little easier, but the number one / recommendation I could make is to call us; we can help! For more information please feel very welcome to call me personally at 248-615-1533 or www.ASFwellness.com

- Dr. Gregory Kramer

### **COUNTY NEWS**

# Tax strategies for those who want to give to charity

Dear Rick: In your column last week you mentioned something about an expiring tax law that allows someone to donate their required minimum distribution. I think it's a great idea and I'm going to do it. My question to you is does it make a difference if I donate investments that I have a gain in or investments that I have a loss in?

In a traditional IRA, it does not make a difference because you do not have a cost basis. So it does not make a difference

- from a tax standpoint - what securities you donate. In addition, it makes no difference to the charity either. Typically, when a charity receives a security, it can liquidate the security without tax consequences.

The tax law that allows people over 701/2 to make



distribution expires this year. If you're **Rick Bloom** over 701/2 and charitable in

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nature, this is an excellent tax strategy to consider.

For individuals who donate on a year-by-year basis if you can, using your IRA does provide a great opportunity. However, if you are not eligible to donate through your IRA then a couple of tax strategies can save you money in making charitable contributions. For those who are charitable

in nature, a good strategy is

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to gift appreciated securities. Securities that have a gain can be gifted to a charity and you can deduct the fair market value on your tax return. In addition, you do not have to pay the capital gains associated with those securities.

By donating appreciated securities, you avoid the capital gains tax on the gain and still can deduct as a charitable contribution the fair market value of the securities.

On the other hand, you do not want to donate securities you have a loss on. In those cases, a better strategy would be to sell the investment, recognize the loss for tax purposes then donate the cash proceeds. By doing it this way, you get the best of both worlds - you can write off your charitable contributions and deduct the loss on the sale. Before you donate

appreciated securities or cash to a charity, make sure that you check the charity out to assure it is legitimate and worth your hard-earned money.

Dear Rick: I was at one of your library talks, and you were talking about having a sell discipline. I bought a mutual fund three years ago and it has been severely underperforming. I told my broker I wanted to sell the fund. He told me I would have a 2 percent penalty to sell the investment. Can they charge me a penalty to sell and if so, what should I do?

Unfortunately, they can charge you a penalty to liquidate your investment. Penalties are common in the financial world. What is even more unfortunate is that most penalties are virtually undisclosed.

Share Class Mutual Fund. If you sell the investment prior to holding it for at least five years, there is a penalty. Typically, the penalty reduces itself so after that period there are no penalties.

I am not a fan of B-Share Mutual Funds and I generally recommend investors avoid them. In addition to the penalty, most B-Share Class Mutual Funds also have much higher management fees on a year-by-year basis. On the whole, they are not very investor-friendly.

Should you sell the investment or stay with it? If the fund has been underperforming other mutual have also stated that fees do matter and it is one way for investors to immediately get higher rates of return on their money and that is for everyone to be sensitive about fees. I recognize many professionals in the financial world will tell you that fees are how they earn their living. They will tell you that they're entitled to fees because they are providing professional services. I don't have a problem with that concept, however, the problem that I have is when fees are not readily disclosed.

The great majority of people that buy commissioned investments do not understand fees and costs because companies do what they can to hide fees from investors. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. You can hear him live on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. on WDTK

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# District quells rumors in wake of murder

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan sent a letter to high school parents Thursday in an effort to quell rumors and ease concerns after 17-year-old Jean Pierre Orlewicz, a Canton High School senior, was arrested for the murder of a River Rouge man last weekend.

"We want to assure you that we are working in close cooperation with the local police and we are doing everything in our power to ensure the normal, safe environment you are used to at the Park," read the onepage letter. "Because of the nature of the crime, the details may be very disturbing to our students. The

district's top priority is to make sure all students have the support they need. Counselors, social workers and psychologists are available at each of the high school guidance counseling offices to talk with them."

Parents waiting to pick up students outside Salem High School didn't seem too concerned about safety at the Park.

"It certainly wasn't good news, a bit scary, but I've always felt safe here, the security is good," said Loren Parker of Plymouth Township, who has a ninth-grader at P-CEP

"All things being equal, with the number of students and activity here, it's pretty calm most of the time," said Mike Shaver of Canton Township, the parent of a senior high school

student.

While police have not publicly identified a third possible suspect in the murder case, Ryan's letter indicates it's not a Plymouth-Canton Educational Park student.

While there are many rumors circulating about details of the crime, you should know that there is no indication from the police that any other students from our district were involved." read the letter. "Please also explain how seriously school officials take any threat of violence; even if the threat is considered a joke, there are still consequences."

In fact, Ryan said two students have been put on administrative suspension because of content on their MySpace Web sites.

"They had nothing whatsoever to do with this crime," emphasized Ryan. "There were no threats, but just the general content of the Web site ... we felt had potential to be threatening. To be readmitted, they'll have to fulfill a few requirements, including verification by a health professional these kids aren't a threat to us, our students or to themselves."

Ryan said after the Orlewicz arrest, students at the Park notified officials about content on a handful Web sites. Five students were questioned, and after discussions with legal counsel two were suspended.

"People may say we're over-reacting," said Ryan. "With what has happened this week, how can we overreact? How can you be too safe?"

Seventeen-year-old Amy Provost, a Canton High School senior from Canton Township, said the talk of Orlewicz's arrest has been the main topic of discussion all week.

There are 6,000 people here, and there are a lot of rumors spreading around," Provost said. "But, I feel pretty safe here."

Natalie Schultz, 17, of Canton said it's been a strange week, but isn't overly concerned about her safety at the Park.

"It's been kind of hard handling it ... it's weird to know someone you went to school with could do something like that," said Schultz. "I don't think kids have anything to worry about. I think what happened, happened, and it can happen anywhere."

# SUSPECTS

agreed to the gag order "so long as all parties, lawyers, agents and/or employees of the lawyers in this case are so bound."

But not everyone was happy about the order. Although all parties eventually agreed to it during a lengthy meeting with Gerou before Thursday's hearing, Raymond Cassar, the lawyer for Letkemann, said prior to the hearing he didn't want the order.

'I'm not in favor of a gag order," Cassar said. "If it goes into place, it will scare people away and we won't get as much information as we've been getting through the media. Right now, so many people are coming forward because of what they've seen or read."

While he signed the gag order, Gerou did say he would continue to release all public documents to the media.

■ In other developments: Copies of search warrants executed in this case reveal the kind of evidence police from several jurisdictions collected as the investigation rolled on.

The highest number of items seized came from the Beacon Hill Drive home of Orlewicz in Plymouth Township in a search conducted Nov. 9. Police seized, among other

items, two knives, a machete, various clothing, a cell phone, a sample of a gasoline/oil mixture, a .38-caliber cartridge found in a jewelry box, a gun and computer equipment.

Police also retrieved a box of .38-caliber ammunition from the Canton Township garage where police say the killing took place.

Police also seized a pair of shoes they say were worn by Letkemann, and they searched a pickup truck belonging to Sorensen, searching for clues to the murder, including blood, guns, bullets, knives, fingerprints, body fluids and other evidence.

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# A trot, then dinner: 5K has options for Thanksgiving

### **BY TIFFANY L. PARKS** STAFF WRITER

Before residents stuff themselves silly Thursday afternoon, Canton Leisure Services has extended an invitation for its fifth annual Turkey Trot for A Cause Thanksgiving morning.

The 5K run or walk, which was created as a benefit to the Epilepsy Foundation, will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Club.

"This is a family-oriented, healthy, fun way to kick off Thanksgiving," said Leisure Services recreation coordinator Ann-Marie Carravallah. "For anyone thinking about it, I say try it out. You may be surprised at how running can take hold."

The course will snake through the golf course, Heritage Park and a nearby

### **TURKEY TROT FOR A CAUSE**

Time: 8:30 a.m. to noon Date: Thursday, Nov. 22 Place: Pheasant Run Golf Club Cost: \$20 for adults in advance, \$22 the day of \$10 for children 12 and under

The township's annual Turkey Trot for A Cause is a 5K run or walk and serves as a benefit for the Epilepsy Foundation. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

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'This is a local way to try out a 5K," Carravallah said. "It's not intimidating and it's more about fun than being hugely competitive."

The event will feature a separate walk or run for children. Last year's walk had a "couple hundred" participants, said Carravallah, adding that she expects about the same turn out this year.

"We've had people call from Maryland and upstate New York," she said. "They have family members in the area and want to participate. This is something that people can do with family that comes into town."

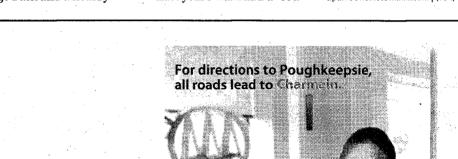
Participants can register at Summit on the Park for \$20. The cost includes a T-shirt and refreshments. Registration for children age 12 and under is \$10.

Those that wait until the day of to register will be charged

Carravallah said donations will also be accepted.

"We are promoting a healthy community and family traditions," she said.

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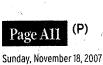
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# You could end up on other side, too

Which side of the line are you on?

These days in southeast Michigan, more and more people are crossing the line from making ends meet to the other side. Sometimes it's their fault, often it isn't. But does that matter?

With companies downsizing and jobs disappearing, our state is stuck with the nation's highest unemployment rate. If our state's home foreclosure

rate isn't the nation's highest, it's close to it. Add to that the spike in the cost of fuel - for home heating and gasoline for our vehicles - and many of us are just a few paychecks away from disaster.

Many are already there. A story that ran in many of our Observer & Eccentric

Newspapers in September told of a woman standing in a Salvation Army office line seeking help in paying her utility bill. The family fell behind after her mother had a heart attack, she said, and she figured she could end up

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With companies downsizing and

on the streets in a couple of months. That would be November. The woman told our reporter that when she was young and had money she used to help folks out with donations all the time. "God says kindness done from the heart will never go unanswered," she said.

Those of us who still have jobs and can make the bills might be tempted more than ever to protect what they have and scrimp on giving to help those less fortunate. But that isn't the answer; there are other places to save money.

With more and more people on the other side of that line, there's a greater need than ever to pitch something into those red kettles, write a check to the local Goodfellows, drop a toy into a Toys for Tots collection box or find a way to help your favorite service agency dedicated to those in need.

This is the time of year that many service agencies draw their biggest collections, but they must stretch through the rest of the year. It's time to be thankful about being on the good side of that line and time to remember those who aren't. It could be us one day.







"For my family. That's the standard answer, isn't it?"

> – Todd Lewinski, 37 **Royal Oak**

"I'm thankful for my health, my kids' health and we still have a house."

> - Sue Bergman, 51 👘 Westland

for."



**COMMUNITY CORNER** 

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?



- Lissa Chism, 32

Ann Arbor



"I'm thankful I live in a wonderful country and have the freedoms we have. I feel very blessed."

> – Vickie Coleman, 47 **Plymouth Township**

### LETTERS

And last, but certainly not least, I would like to say thank you to the Observer for the published article announcing the

Again - a big thank you to every veteran!

**Jeannette Burman** 

president, American Legion Auxiliary Beasley-Zalesny Post 112

### Bleak holiday

To whomever hit my parked blue Honda Civic on or about Thursday, Nov. 8, to Friday, Nov. 9:

I'm not sure exactly when or where this incident occurred (I live in Plymouth and work in Ann Arbor), but because you did not leave your name and phone number, I am faced with a bleak holiday season, financially speaking.

I am currently working two jobs, which I have done for most of the years since my husband left when my children were ages 12 months and 3. I'm certain that it was unintentional and that you want to do the right thing.

Please listen to your heart, and call my AAA agent, John Finch, at (734) 844-5076, to provide your insurance informa-

tion so that I won't have to pay my deductible and rent a car.

Thank you and God bless.

**Nancy Hart** Plymouth

### Thank you, Plymouth

On behalf of the Plymouth Historical Society and Plymouth Historical Museum staff, a big warm thank you to the citizens of the Plymouth community and its local shop owners and businesses for making our annual Society Dinner on Nov. 3 such a great success.

The event sold out and the silent auction and raffle was a huge success due to the many generous donations from Plymouth area shop owners and businesses. Individual thank you letters have been sent to these donors, but it is also necessary to thank them publicly. The list of donors is long (50-plus) so we have listed them on our Web site: www.plymouthhistory.

Kudos again to the Plymouth community and businesses for their generous support

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**Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens** director, Plymouth Historical Museum

# American Legion thanks

Saturday morning, Nov. 10, we served a breakfast of pancakes and sausage to more than 70 people. Many veterans and their families enjoyed a meal and lots of

conversation and reminiscing. This was our way of saying thank

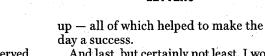
you to the men and women who went to war to make safe the rights we enjoy today. So often we take for granted all of the privileges we have, and we often feel that we are entitled to those privileges.

I ask everyone to please, when you see a veteran of any war, stop them and say thank you to him or her. The smile you receive from that veteran (and quite possibly a stray tear) will give you one of the very best days you will ever have

Thanks to Bob Evans of Canton (Ford Road) for its donation of sausages, pancake mix and many other needed items. Its participation was very helpful to us.

This is the third year that we have sponsored this breakfast. I would like to say thanks to all the members of our post and auxiliary and friends and family who showed up early Saturday morning to cook and serve and then to clean

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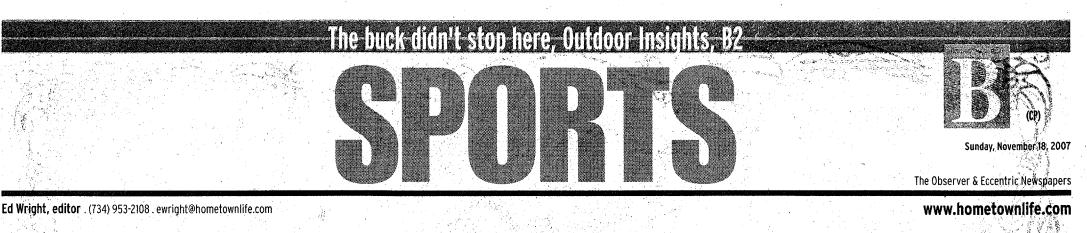
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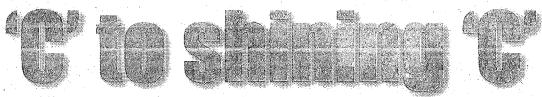






PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Ryan Lash advances the puck up the ice during the first period of Friday night's 7-2 victory over Detroit Country Day. Lash finished with two goals and two assists in the season opener for both teams.



### Canton icers sparkle in 7-2 win over Country Day

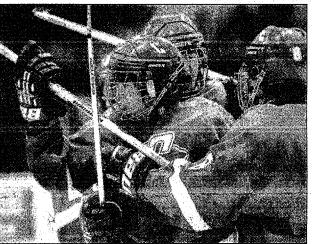
BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The large white "C" printed on the front of the Canton hockey team's jerseys could have stood for "Complete" Friday night during its 7-2 thumping of visiting Detroit Country Day. As in complete performance and

complete domination.

With the exception of a brief fiveminute lapse in the middle of the second period when the Yellowjackets scored their only two goals, Canton owned the Arctic Edge ice surface — from "C" to shining "C."

The sterling performance could be the first tangible result of some serious off-season sweat equity put in by the Chiefs.



Canton's Nick Tomilenko is congratulated by teammates after scoring the season's first goal Friday night against Detroit Country Day. The

# Neuvirth haunts old teammates

The Windsor Spitfires built a 3-0 into the second period and withstood a third-period rally to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 5-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at Compuware Arena.

A sellout crowd of 3,797 saw the game on Scouts' Weekend at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth had a six-game winning streak snapped and is now 12-7-1-0 on the season, good for third place in the OHL's West Division. Windsor remains in first place in the OHL West at 15-5-1-3.

First star Mickey Renaud led the Windsor attack with a pair of goals and now has 11 of the season. Eric Wellwood (3), Adam Henrique (9) and Brad Snetsinger (14, fifth against Plymouth in four games) added single goals for the Spitfires. Joe McCann (5), Andrew Fournier (team-leading 18th) and Tyler J. Brown (first OHL goal) all scored for Plymouth.

Plymouth outshot Windsor, 35-34. Former Whalers goaltender Michal Neuvirth — acquired by Windsor last Tuesday from Plymouth — recorded his second straight win in goal for Windsor in stopping 31-of-34 Plymouth shots. Jeremy Smith took the loss for the Whalers in stopping 29-of-33 shots, with the final Windsor goal by Renaud on the empty net with 1:07 left.

Trailing 4-1 after forty minutes, Plymouth started a comeback on Fournier's goal from the lower rim of the right circle at 6:23. Brown scored his first OHL goal on a scramble in front of the Windsor goal with 3:31 remaining in regulation, but Renaud iced the game with his empty netter at 18:53.

The Whalers complete a busy weekend by playing in London this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the John Labatt Centre.



### Houdek shines

Former Canton basketball star Becci Houdek is already making her presence felt at Ferris State University, where she's a freshman.

In an exhibition game against Central Michigan University on Nov. 1, Houdek started at point guard and netted nine points, six assists and three rebounds in 31 minutes in the Bulldogs' 83-61 trouncing of the Chippewas. Houdek was a

Houdek was a three-time All-Observer selection during her illustrious career at Canton.

### Attention hunters

With deer-hunting season upon us, Plymouth-Canton Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright would like to hear some captivating stories from hunters for a feature story he is working on.

Hunters can call Wright at (734)

Please see ICERS, B3 Chiefs won, 7-2.

# **Opening day** New indoor baseball facility ready for first pitch

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

In most cases, today's 40degree forecast would put a damper on a baseball-related Opening Day.

But the nippy weather couldn't be finer for the proprietors of Precision Baseball, the area's newest indoor baseball/ softball training facility that is hosting an open house this afternoon in Canton.

The temperature will be a mid-spring-like 70-something inside the spacious former warehouse that Bill Flohr, Tom DiPonio and Jay Alexander have converted into an indoor hitting, fielding and pitching haven for local players who don't want to lose the diamond edge they developed during the recently completed outdoor season.

With several thousand square feet of artificial turf-covered room, 20-foot ceilings and three "Iron Mike" pitching

### INSIDE 'PRECISION BASEBALL'

What: Spacious indoor baseball/softball training facility; Where: 7835 Market St. in Canton (quarter-mile west of Haggerty, halfmile north of Warren); Who: The business is run by Bill Flohr, an assistant baseball coach at Northville High School; Jay Alexander, the head coach at Wayne State University; and Tom DiPonio, who oversees three Dearborn Heights Knights travel baseball teams; When: The facility is open seven days a week;

**Open house**: The public is invited to check it out today from 2-6 p.m.

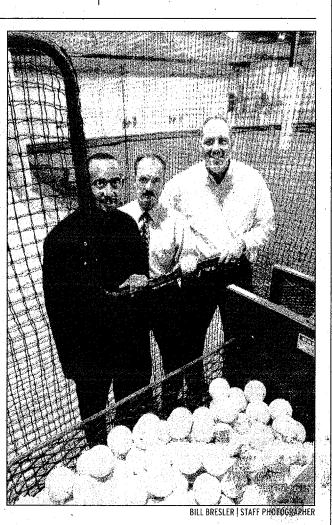
machines, the business located at 7835 Market St. in Canton should serve as a field of dreams for passionate baseball players and their coaches.

"Canton is a perfect spot for a facility like this," said Flohr, a Canton resident and assistant varsity baseball coach at Northville High School. "This area is a hotbed for baseball. Baseball and softball players won't have to drive way out to Wixom and other places for a place to train indoors any more. We're just a short drive from Plymouth, Westland and Livonia, so this is an ideal location."

Flohr, Alexander (the head baseball coach at Wayne State University) and DiPonio (an administrator with the Dearborn Heights Knights travel baseball association) are not strangers when it comes to running an indoor baseball/softball facility. For the past three years they've combined forces and expertise in coordinating a similar business that was based at the Franklin Athletic Center in Southfield.

"We expect there will be a high demand for a place like

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Pictured (from left) are Jay Alexander, Tom DiPonio and Bill Flohr. the proprietors of Precision Baseball, a new indoor training facility located in Canton. 953-2108 or e-mail him at ewright@ hometownlife.com to report humorous or unique anecdotes about their experiences this fall. You can also e-mail photos with descriptions to the above-listed

e-mail address. Please include your telephone number in the e-mail.

### Turkey Trot

The Canton Leisure Services annual 'Turkey Trot For a Cause" will be held Nov. 22 ar 8:30 a.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. The fee is \$20 and anyone 4 years old and older is welcomed to participate.

The traditional 5K walk/run winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Conrse. All proceeds are donated to the Epilepsy Foundation. A custom T-shirt is included in the entry fee. For more informa-

tion on these events, call (734) 483-5600.



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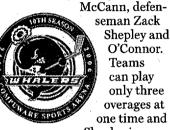
# **Whalers** trade **O'Connor**

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**Plymouth Whalers** President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci announced Thursday the trade of 20-year-old right wing Sean O'Connor to the London Knights in exchange for a fifth-round draft choice in 2009.

**Ontario Hockey League** teams have until tomorrow to cut down to four 1987 birthdays on their respective rosters. The Whalers started the season with five overages (or 1987 birthdays) on the roster – defenseman Wes Cunningham, center Andrew Fournier, right wing Joe



can play only three overages at one time and Shepley is cur-

rently hurt. OHL teams have to cut to three overages by Jan. 10, 2008.

Plymouth acquired O'Connor last season on Jan. 9 at the Final OHL Trading Deadline from Erie for defenseman Frank Grzeszczak. O'Connor helped the Whalers win the OHL Championship, scoring nine goals with 17 assists in 28 regular-season games. He also scored seven goals and eight assists in 25 playoff games for Plymouth.

O'Connor underwent shoulder surgery last summer and made his season debut this season for Plymouth on Oct. 11 in Barrie. In eight games this season, O'Connor had two assists for the Whalers.

On Tuesday, the Whalers acquired 17-year-old Import defenseman Michal Jordan, goaltender Matt Hackett, Barrie's second-round selection in the 2008 OHL Draft and a third-round selection in 2009 from the Windsor Spitfires in exchange for goaltender Michal Neuvirth, defenseman Tom Kane and Plymouth's fourth-round selection in 2009.



Pictured above are the Plymouth Saberettes varsity squad. Pictured (top row from left) are Jill Brennan, Lindsay Potter, Lauren Rakovitz, Jaclyn Heck, Tiffany Braboy, Brittany Turner, Erica Caudillo, Jeanette Perkovich, (third row from left) Chrissy Stone, Becca Garzaniti, Mandy Schroeder, Jamie Houdek, Ashley Chiado, Brielle Zuzo, Alyssa Kay, (second row from left) Emily Gurczynski, Stephanie Jones, Allison Santori, Lauren Jeong, Alyse Ruark, Jillian Covault, coach Megann Custer, (bottom row from left) coach Chervll Custer, Kaseigh Zebari, Danielle Kinsella, Jennifer Turner and Sara Rudolph. Not pictured is Amanda Baydoun.



Pictured above are the junior varsity Saberettes. Pictured (top row from left) are Chelsea Schroeder, Andrea Kelch, Kendall Torp, Holly Runyan, Kirstie Liakos, Megan Birdwell, Kimberlin Butler, (third row from left) Alexa Miller, Anjelica Janevski, Megan Laporte, (second row from left) Laura Krahel, Emmy Willis, Nicolette Lineberry, Tiffany Granowicz, Katie Shelton, Maddy Kinsella, (bottom row from left) Christina Winkler, Hayley Wakefield, Nichole French, coach Kristen Dutton, coach Amanda Baldwin and Kiki Kazi.

# Saberettes first and foremost at Mid-American competition

On Nov. 4, the Plymouth Saberettes varsity and junior varsity squads placed first at the Mid-American Pom Pon High-Kick competition. The junior-varsity Saberettes, who were coached by Amanda Baldwin presenting a routine themed

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and Kristen Dutton, performed a kick routine with a "Beetlejuice" theme. The varsity pommers, coached by Cheryll and Megann Custer, tied for first with Livonia Franklin after

around "Alvin and the Chipmunks. "It was a pleasure to see all the hard work pay off," said Cheryll Custer. The Plymouth Saberette program has been in exis-

tence for six years.

# The buck didn't stop here

oonlight glistened off the gurgling water of a tiny creek as the hunter stood motionless, weighing his options: wade upstream to a treeblind along the edge of the water; or continue on as planned to a stand in the

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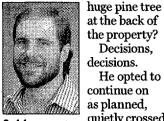
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Outdoor Insights

### **Bill Parker**

began slowly and methodically scanning the nearby undergrowth for the slightest movement, indicating a deer was present.

A resident buck had opened three scrapes - all within shooting range – around the stand in the past couple of days. Several fresh rubs nearby left no doubt as to the buck's mindset. He was revved up and ready to take on all challengers in his quest to impress the girls.

Five-hundred yards to the east, a mature buck, crazed with lust and searching diligently for a hot doe, paraded across the side of an oak ridge. Head held high and proud, he scentchecked the scrapeline he'd laid in recent days. It was an arduous job tending his areas, but he was driven by instinct and nature.

Daylight was peaking over the eastern horizon as the buck freshened the last scrape. He tucked his massive antlers along his back, ducked his head and slithered nearly unnoticed through a 10-acre stand of dogwood.

He worked the wind with his ultrasensitive nose as he crept towards the towering pine at the south end of what the locals call the "Crooked Tree Swamp."

The buck was out of his element. By daybreak he was usually bedded in the pines, or further back in the dense cover of the swamp. He'd listen, hidden from sight and off the beaten path, as the hunters wandered in and out of the woods.

By mid-day, when all was quiet again, he'd move back towards the oaks, stopping to bed down in the cover of the dogwood thicket until darkness fell. But this morning the internal desire was too strong. The buck's instincts told him to continue searching for the estrus doe he was sure to find. At the far edge of the dogwood, the buck paused and

scanned the clearing ahead. Assured crossing was safe, he swiftly trotted across the wilting ferns and slumping goldenrod, then ducked into the pines on the other side.

With a brisk breeze in his face, the buck made his way towards another group of scrapes he'd recently dug up along the back side of the pines.

Nose working overtime, he checked the breeze for the slightest scent of a doe, but was startled by what he smelled.

As the hunter turned to his right he caught a slight movement through the boughs of the pines. Forty yards away he zeroed in with his binocular on the motion of hooved legs and the distinctive white shine of antlers. And they were headed his way.

The hunter knocked an arrow and turned toward the deer, putting himself in position to shoot. "Thirty-five yards, 30, then 28." He slowly drew his bow as the distance closed between the two.

Three more steps and the buck would be broadside at 18 yards, standing in the middle of a shooting lane. Two steps later, he stopped abruptly in his tracks.

What was that smell? The buck had encountered it before and his memory immediately sensed danger.

"One more step, just one more," begged the hunter. He could clearly see the eight points now glistening in the morning light, and the sight caused his heart to race. He took a deep breath to calm himself and concentrated on the shot he was about to take.

The loud, abrasive snort from the buck startled the hunter as he watched the buck dash off the way he had come from. Instincts to procreating took a backseat to the instinct to survive. The does, for now, could wait.

The hunter released his draw, took another deep breath and smiled.

What a thrill," he thought. The buck won this time, but it had been a successful hunt in the eye of the hunter.

The rut is on.

The best deer hunting of the season is at hand. Bow season ran through Nov. 14 and firearms deer season

opened Nov. 15. If you're a deer hunter, it's time

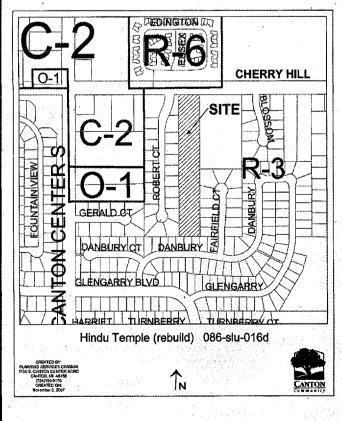
to be out in the woods.

Jordan and Hackett reported to Plymouth Thursday.

> 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, December 3, 2007 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:

HINDU TEMPLE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.3 FOR PARCEL NO. 086 99 0008 000 (44955 CHERRY HILL). Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Canton Center 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 29, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Anglers and hunters 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.

### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007** 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2007 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1447, (Tabled from 11/1/2007) located at 9065 Oakview Rd., Plymouth Twp. The applicant is requesting two variances: first, he is proposing a detached garage with a roof height of fourteen (14) feet. The required maximum measured height is twelve (12) feet. With the proposed variance, the applicant is requesting a variance of two (2) feet in accessory structure height. Secondly, he is requesting a variance in accessory structure square footage. He is proposing a garage 27' x 28' equaling 756 square feet; the ordinance states a maximum square footage of 650 square feet or maximum lot coverage of 7%, whichever is greater. The applicant is requesting a variance of one hundred six (106) square feet in accessory structure size.
- Application 1448, located at 46016 Green Valley, Plymouth Twp: The applicant is proposing a 10x16 foot sunroom off the back of the home; the ordinance states a 50 foot rear yard setback in a R-1-S zoning district. With the proposed addition the rear yard setback would be reduced to 46.55 feet. The applicant is requesting a variance of three and .45 (3.45) feet in rear yard setback allowance.
- Application 1449, located at 15000 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Twp: The applicant is requesting three variances: first, he is proposing directional signs that are (3) square feet in size whereas the ordinance allows (2) square feet in size per sign, the applicant is requesting a variance of one (1) square foot per sign. Secondly, he is requesting a variance in limits to ingress/egress signage. The ordinance allows (1) directional sign per ingress/ egress drive. The applicant is requesting a variance of (1)additional directional sign for a total of (3) directional signs for (2) ingress legress drives. Lastly, he is proposing the (3) directional signs to be (5) foot in height whereas the ordinance allows the maximum height to be (4) foot. The applicant is requesting a variance of (1) foot per sign in height.
- Application 1450, located at 11453 Waverly, Plymouth Twp: The applicant is proposing a six (6) foot high fence along the rear lot line. The required maximum height is four (4) feet. With the proposed variance, the applicant is requesting a variance of two (2) feet in fence height.
- Application 1451, located at 9267 Mayflower, Plymouth Twp: The applicant is proposing a 16x20 foot addition off the back of the home; the ordinance states a 50 foot rear yard setback in a R-1 zoning district. With the proposed addition the rear yard setback would be reduced to 45.73 feet. The applicant is requesting a variance of four and .25 (4.25) feet in rear yard setback allowance.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room. For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department at 734-354-3210.

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

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for the Remodeling of Tanger Center. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; (248)-427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103:Selective Demolition 106:Masonry / 107:Steel / 108:Carpentry/General Trades 109:Roofing / 113: Hollow Metal/Wood Doors/Finish Hardware / 114:Aluminum Windows/Entrances/Glass & Glazing & 115:Metal Studs, Drywall IFS / 116:Hard Tile / 117:Acoustical Treatments / 118:Carpet & VCT Flooring / 120:Painting / 128:Pre-Manufactured Casework / 130:Window Treatments / 140:Plumbing / 142:HVAC / 143:Electrical / 160:Pre-Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only).

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Main Office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2007 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> **Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools** STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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"We had an outstanding office conditioning program that started two weeks after last year's banquet," said Canton coach Dan Abraham, whose team edged the Yellowjackets 2-1 in the teams' lone meeting last season. "The nucleus of the guys showed up consistently two to three times a week during the off-season, lifting weights, running on the track — everything they could to get better. We know we're going to have to outcondition teams and it paid off tonight."

Canton's complete victory came just 48 hours after a less-than-stellar exhibition performance on Wednesday. "We were coming off a

scrimmage on Wednesday in which things didn't work out too well for us," said Abraham. "We just didn't play our brand of hockey — we started running, we started chasing and we played as individuals in the exhibition game.

"So we talked about it and we did everything in practice on Thursday to prepare to play as a team. Tonight we ran our system really well. We fore-checked in the neutral zone and really created a lot of opportunities for ourselves."

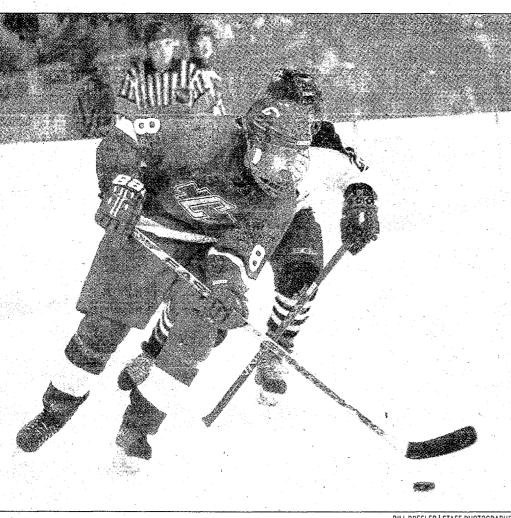
The game's one-sidedness was reflected in the shots on goal: Canton outshot Country Day, 43-17 overall and 34-9 over the final 30 minutes.

The most productive Chiefs were first-year junior Nick Tomilenko and Ryan Lash, both of whom tallied two goals and a pair of assists each.

It was the slick-skating Tomilenko's net-finder (from Lash and Donny Barlow) just six minutes into the contest that ignited the red-andwhite onslaught.

Four minutes after Tomilenko lit the lamp, junior forward Jordan Emery followed suit after receiving a nifty feed from Alex Berlin.

The first period ended with the Chiefs in charge, 2-0, thanks to senior goalie Kevan Swanberg, who snuffed out a flurry of Yellowjacket shots in



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Ryan Lash pushes the puck up the ice during the first period of Friday night's 7-2 triumph over Detroit Country Day.

the closing 10 seconds of the period.

"I was really happy with the way Kevan played tonight," said Abraham. "A couple of times when there were loose pucks out front, he smothered them. He smothered everything tonight and he made the saves he had to."

The Chiefs doubled their advantage in the first 1:29 of the second period thanks to goals from Lash and junior Anthony Bonnett.

Lash was assisted by Kory Sosnowski and Tomilenko while senior Joel Majszak picked up a helper on Bonnett's goal.

Country Day reduced its deficit to 4-2 with a pair of mid-second period powerplay goals off the sticks of Kevin Sandu and Brian Fielder.

Canton regained the momentum a short time later on Clark Albers goal from Berlin and Barlow with 4:54



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### remaining in the second period.

The Chiefs denied Country Day of any chance of a rally when Tomilenko (from Lash and Jason Avedesian) and Lash (from Sosnowski and Tomilenko) scored to seal the deal.

"We picked up some new kids who can really do some damage," Abraham said, assessing his new-look team. "And all the returning kids have gotten better since last year.

"Our expectations are high this year, but our goals are realistic. The kids know that if they get outworked by any team on our schedule, we will lose."

If the Chiefs continue to play like they did Friday night, the "C" on their jersey may stand for something else come March — championship.

ewright@hometownlife.com (734) 953-2108 Although Compuware Arena is the home of the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, Compuware Youth Hockey, Detroit-Novi Catholic Central hockey and other high school programs, the arena is ready to host another important component of the hockey community.

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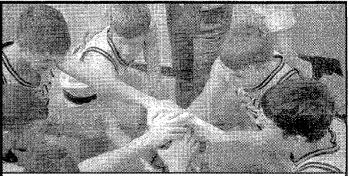
Compuware adult hockey

Compuware Arena — with association with I d's Hockey — is offering a Winter Adult Hockey League, running on Friday evenings at 8:40 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. The league starts Dec. 7 and runs 10 games through April 4.

Adults 18-and-o<sup>1</sup> er are invited to participate i 11 e program.

The cost for the ogram is \$2,200 per team, 1 us insurance.Teams receive ice, referees, score-keepers and jerseys.

For more information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 453-6400; or visit the Web site at www.compuwarearena.com.



### **BASKETBALL LEAGUES**

Youth, Adult, & Coed Leagues Winter Session: December, January, & February Youth Free Agent Fee: \$95/player or Team Fee: \$850 Adult Free Agent Fee: \$85/player or Team Fee: \$750 Youth team fees include practices, 10 games, + playoffs.

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### LOCAL SPORTS

# Madonna kickers derailed at National Tournament

Madonna University's men's soccer team lost 2-1 to Embry Riddle (Fla.) in Wednesday's opening round of the NAIA National Tournament at Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas.

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The 14th-seed Crusaders, who made history by way of their first-ever trip to the nationals, trailed 1-0 early in the game when Eagles midfielder Phil Middleton took advantage of some defensive miscommunication near the Madonna goal and buried a shot behind MU senior goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons.

Madonna did draw even just before halftime when senior defender Darrel Quinn scored. He chipped in the rebound of a Keith Sied (Livonia Stevenson) shot that had hit the post.

But the 19th-seed Eagles regained their lead early in the second half, on a shot by senior defender Hugh Davey.

The Crusaders, who finished 14-3-3, had several chances to again tie the match, but could not solve senior goalkeeper Ian Levine.

Embry Riddle improved to 9-6-

3 with the triumph. Two other opening round matches also ended 2-1, with No. 13 Maine-Fort Kent edging No. 20 Northwestern (Iowa) and No. 18 Mid-Continent (Ky.) nipping No. 15 Judson (Ill.). The fourth opening game went to the tournament host, 17th-seed Mid-America Nazarene, 2-0 over No. 16 Covenant (Ga.).

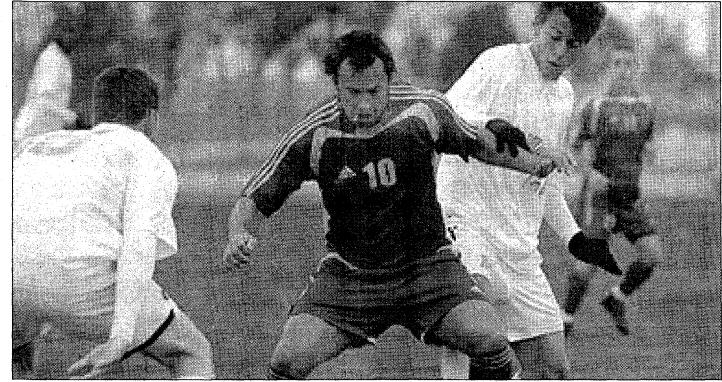
### Lady Ocelots ousted

It was two-and-out for the third-seeded Schoolcraft College women's soccer team in the NJCAA Division I Nationals hosted by Darton (Ga.) College.

In Thursday's opening round, No. 6-seed Iowa Western CC (21-1-1) scored a goal in each half to down the Lady Ocelots, 2-0. In Friday's consolation round, No. 2 seed Polk CC (Fla.) built a

3-1 halftime lead and held on for a 3-2 triumph. Polk (16-5) was upset a day earlier in the opening round by Laramie County CC (Wyom.), 3-0.

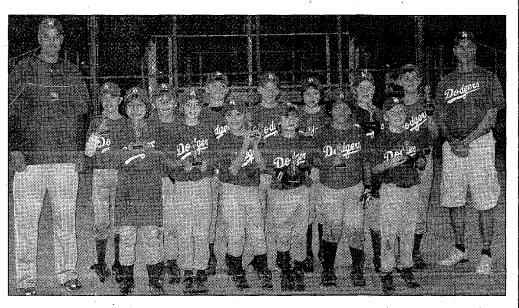
Schoolcraft ends its season with a 15-3 overall record under firstyear coach Deepak Shivraman.



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Madonna University midfielders Keith Sied (No. 15) and Emilio Giorgi (No. 21) converge on Embry-Riddle forward Sam Litchfield during Wednesday's NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship first-round match at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas. The Crusaders, in their first-ever trip to the nationals, suffered a 2-1 setback.



### **Dodgers** reign

The Canton Dodgers recently won the 10U Fall GCYBSA Championship, defeating the Cubs, 9-0, in the title game. The team finished 15-1. Pictured (front row from left) are Ryan Watson, Nathan Albin, Alex Zoltowski, Matt Brooks, Mitchell King, Lucas Albrecht, (back row from left) coach Pat Watson, Ty Robinson, Colin Savage, Colin Staub, Jakob Lenders, Kyle Bauer, Adam Cousineau, Tyler Brooks and coach Rob Brooks.

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this," Flohr said, noting that several area local teams have already reserved blocks of time at the new establishment. "Our niche is going to be that we're team-oriented. This will be a place teams can use for practices. We'll also offer individual hitting, pitching and catching lessons, but it's perfect for entire teams because it's big enough for them to take infield, catch some fly balls and stuff like that.

"Originally, we offered one-hour blocks of time for teams, but so far every team that has registered has requested at least a two-hour block."

Flohr predicted the stream of customers shouldn't tail off too much -- if at all -once the weather improves next spring.

"We've talked to people in Arizona and Florida who own similar facilities and they told us that even though the weather's nice, there are always people who want to use their facilities to hit off the machines or receive individual instruction," Flohr said. "It will probably be more individual-type

stuff in the summer because, obviously, the teams will be able to practice outdoors. We'll just pump in some air conditioning and keep going.

"I've already talked to Coralee Ott (one of the coordinators of the Greater Canton Junior Baseball & Softball Association) about possibly hosting some T-ball leagues beginning in May because there is such a shortage of fields in Canton and Plymouth.

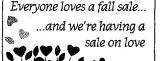
Along with Flohr, DiPonio and Alexander, Precision Baseball's staff includes Devin Brisky-Kelley, a former softball player at the University of Detroit Mercy; and Ryan Kelley, an assistant baseball coach at Wayne State and former pitcher at the University of Michigan.

Precision Baseball will be open seven days a week. Hours Monday through Friday will be 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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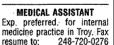
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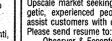


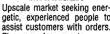






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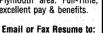
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**ALL-AREA BOYS TENNIS** 





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### String music: All-Area netters prove worth **FIRST-TEAM SINGLES**

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON, SR., SALEM: The senior was Western Lakes Activities Association champion and regional runner-up. He finished his glorious career as a Rock with an 80-11 overall record, including an 18-2 mark this season.

"Lawrence is the best overall player we've had at Salem in the past 12 years," said Salem coach Bill Nelson. "The best player before him was Xinning Li, who is now an orthopedic doctor. I'd love to see Xinning and Lawrence play. It would be a great match."

GINO MCCATHNEY, SR., LIV. STEVENSON: The senior captured the Division 1 regional at Flat Rock-Woodhaven and also reached the WLAA semifinals at No. 1 singles.

McCathney finished 19-6 overall. "Gino is a solid, all-court player," Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd said. "He's powerful player, aggressive, with a blistering forehand. He's been really good for four years."

ANÍKET PATIL, SOPH., LÍV. CHURCHILL: The sophomore posted an impressive 18-3 season record including championships at the Division 1 regional and WLAA tournaments at No. 2 singles.

Patil, who recently moved with his family to suburban Chicago, also captured the Adrian Invitational.

"Aniket's unique because he can change the pace, he plays a thinking man's game," Churchill coach Dave Farmer said. "His pace is rare at the high school level. He's always willing to maneuver his opponents around."

AKSHAY MOORTHY, FR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The ninth-grader posted a 16-2 record en route to the Western Lakes title at No. 3 singles.

"Akshay's a solid baseliner with tremendous spin on the ball,"

Farmer said. "He uses good depth and picks up on his opponent's weaknesses and works them.'

DAVE BENSON, JR., SALEM: The junior excelled at No. 4 singles for the Rocks, racking up a 19-3 record. The highlight of his season came in the WLAA conference tournament when he avenged an earlier loss to Northville's No. 4 player.

"Dave is a really steady player," said Nelson. "He really frustrates his opponents because he's so consistent and patient. He's been our No. 4 singles player the past couple of years, but he should move up next year."

MIKE DAROUIE, SR., CANTON: The senior followed up a strong spring with an even better fall as he was the Chiefs' most-successful player. He advanced all the way to the No. 2 singles championship match in the WLAA Conference tournament in October. "Mike is an excellent player," said

Canton coach Barb Lehmann. "He had a great senior season for us." BRETT FOSTER, FR., SALEM: Only a

ninth-grader, Foster went 19-3 and advanced deep into the WLAA conference tournament.

"Brett has great court presence," said Nelson. "He always seems to know where to be and he anticipates well, especially for a freshman. He was undefeated going into the Canton match late in the season."

CHRIS MARTIN, JR., LIV. STEVENSON: The junior played both No. 2 and 3 singles en route to an 18-8 overall record.

Martin was the regional champion at No. 3 singles and captured the Adrian Invitational at No. 2. He was also a WLAA semifinalist. "Chris showed great poise and concentration." Ladd said.

"He had some nice wins including a win over (Churchill's) Aniket Patil

in a dual meet."

ERIK KOCH, JR., LIV. STEVENSON: The junior was the regional champion at No. 4 singles and posted a season record of 16-6.

Koch was the only Spartan to win a match at the Division 1 state finals. He was also at gold medalist at No. 3 singles at the Adrian

Invitational. "Erik is a steady player with great anticipation." Ladd said. "He has

excellent feet, mental toughness and is a tough competitor with great consistency NICK PAYNE, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL; the

senior was named the Chargers' MVP along with receiving the Sportsmanship Award. He finished with a 14-4 overall

record and took the No. 1 singles crown at the Adrian Invitational. Payne is a four-year letter winner

and three-time Scholar-Athlete. "Nick worked extremely hard on

up easily."

his serve and used it consistently over the last few years," Farmer said. "He's one tough guy who doesn't give SECOND-TEAM DOUBLES duel meets were a loss to Northville

BROCK FOSTER, JR., AND EDUARDO DIAZ, SR., SALEM: The Rocks' No. 1 doubles team meshed from Day 1 as they rolled to an 18-2 record. Foster, a freshman, should move into the singles ranks next season while Diaz, a senior exchange student from Mexico, enjoyed incredible success during his only year of American high school tennis.

"Brock is a grinder - he really guts out every point. If he has to hit 50 ball to win a rally, that's what he'll do. Eduardo didn't hit the ball real hard, but he played very smart. He and Brock formed one of our best no. 1 doubles teams in four or five years.

#### TYLER JELENIEWSKI, SR., AND JAKE BURNSTEIN, JR., SALEM: The Rocks' No. 2 doubles team excelled throughout

the fall, losing just two matches. 'Tyler is a very quick player and Jake was our No. 3 singles player early in the season until we moved him back to doubles. They came together and had a great season.' MIKE GRECO, SR., AND PAT MCHUGH, SR., LIV.

STEVENSON: The senior duo combined for an 18-7 record at No. 1 doubles. They reached the regional finals won, captured the Adrian Invitational and took third at Novi. "They were always moving to the net, a smart, steady team that played poised under pressure," Ladd said. "They moved together for placement rather than power. They were

unflappable, gracious and great sports." COACH OF THE YEAR

BILL NELSON, SALEM: The 20-year coaching mentor led the Rocks to first place in the WLAA Lakes Division and third place at the WLAA conference tournament. The team's lone blemishes in conference

and a draw with Canton. "We had very good senior leadership this year along with four freshmen who came in and added some punch," said Nelson, a social studies teacher at West Middle School in Plymouth. "The highlight for me this season was watching the team come together and jell the way it did. A lot of times, teams will have good singles play, but their doubles will struggle, and vice versa, but that wasn't the case for us this year. Everybody was consistently good.

"We're really going to miss Lawrence (Washington) and Tyler (Jeleniewski) next year. They provided us with great leadership."



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Churchill's Aniket Patil was the Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 regional champion at No. 2 singles.

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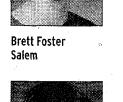
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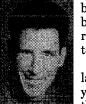
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# Virtual colonoscopy promising

Mark from Troy e-mails and says his doctor told him he needed to get a colonoscopy and he heard something about a virtual colonoscopy. Is there such a thing? Mark, there is something

called a virtual colonoscopy



Peter's **Principles** 

growths as the traditional test. In a traditional colonoscopy a long, thin tube is inserted through the large intestine and is often done under sedation and can be uncomfortable. The virtual colonoscopy uses a CT scan to take X-rays of the colon. It is said to be faster and more comfortable.

Colonoscopies are recommended for everyone over age 50. Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death.

### Maria from Belleville e-mails. She suffered a mini-stroke and wonders how she can prevent having another stroke in the future.

Maria, two major studies discovered treating patients quickly for mini-strokes could dramatically cut their risk of a major stroke.

Researchers studied nearly 100,000 people for vascular disease. They found those patients treated within 24 hours of having a mini-str cut their chances of having a more serious stroke in the next few months by 80 percent! Experts are now pushing health care providers to change the way they treat strokes to respond to victims more quickly. Nearly 15,000,000 people across the world have a stroke every year.

Tamara Lark is going to enjoy pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving and Christmas cookies. Even though relatives usually look to her for guidance when it comes to food, the registered dietitian goes right ahead and eats the goodies baked

only once a year. The holidays are not the time to think about losing pounds, but maintaining weight. Balancing calorie and fat-laden foods with fruits and vegetables can be the key to avoiding those extra pounds.

Lark gives a presentation on planning for healthy holidays Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Marian Professional Building at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Along with providing recipes and tips, she'll talk about coping with holiday stress.

"If you're not allowing yourself to enjoy things you look forward to all year, you're setting yourself up. It's more important to practice portion control. I always say eat in moderation," said Lark, who works in the community outreach and bariatric surgery programs at the hospital. "Dietary downfalls are because celebrations are food focused. Realize you're not going to lose weight during holidays, but work to maintain your weight. Enjoy the holiday foods and make good dietary choices during the week. Look over menus and make healthy choices. The more prepared you are the more likely to attempt healthier things.'

Suzanne Burns plans to taste a little bit of everything when she eats Thanksgiving dinner with her parents at a restaurant. Whenever she's in an uncontrolled situation, the 51-year-old registered dietitian samples each food. If she likes the sweet potatoes she won't eat the white potatoes, only half of the stuffing, and puts her gravy on the side. When it comes to dessert she's always torn between pumpkin and apple pie. Burns orders one and shares the other with someone else.

At this time of year Burns tells her diabetic patients to think small when it omes to goodies. Take a thin slice of pi so if someone offers another type of dessert you won't have to deny yourself.

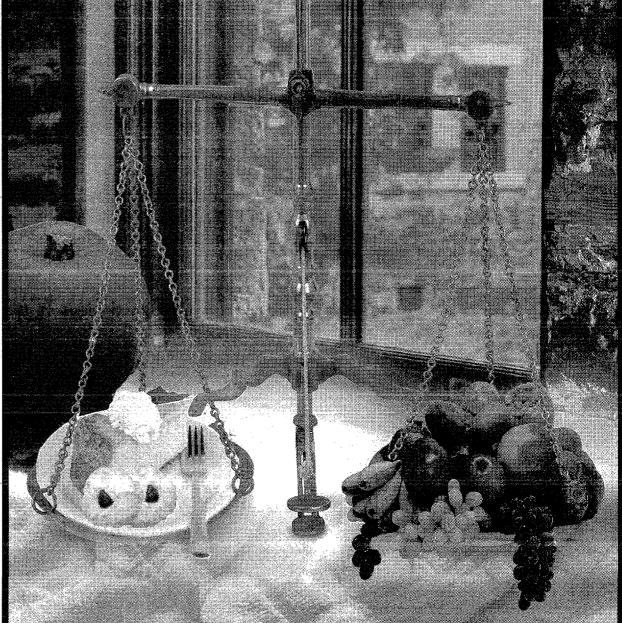


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Plan ahead to maintain weight during the holidays

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



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people is you don't have to eat it all in one day," said Burns, a diabetes instructor at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. "Especially when it comes to holiday situations, what can I get you to eat or drink is one of the first things out of the hostess's mouth. I tell my sister-in-law, please don't make me eat. During holidays you're doing multiple visits in a day. You don't want to be insulting, but you also have a responsibility and obligation to yourself. There's nothing saying you can't pick up a plate and have a few bites and set it down and nobody's going to know."

Like Lark, Silvia Veri won't deny herself the Italian sausage stuffing on

"One of the things I like to impress on her parents' table. During the rest of the year the registered dietitian keeps not only herself but patients on track as supervisor of the Beaumont Weight Control Center in Royal Oak.

"I come from an Italian family. At Christmas we tend to have fish the night before Christmas. For the feast of seven fishes we have seven different types of fish. Each culture has their own traditional foods that they only have once a year so enjoy it," said Veri of Troy. "If you don't enjoy it then you end up overcompensating for it the day after Thanksgiving and through till Christmas."

Calories usually begin to mount long before everyone sits down for Thanksgiving dinner. People snack on nuts and candy so by dinner time they might not even be hungry but eat anyway. Veri suggests keeping healthy foods around to fill up - a fruit or vegetable trav and water, diet pop, tea, or any drink that's sugar- or calorie-free.

Veri plans to eat Thanksgiving dinner at her parents, but when cooking she shares leftovers with everyone walking out the door.

"When you're going to a party it's similar to eating out. Don't go overly hungry. Have something small before going to the party like cheese and crackers," said Veri.

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### **PLANNING HEALTHY** HOLIDAY MEALS

What: A presentation by registered dietitian Tamara Lark on eating healthy for the holidays When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 Where: in Classroom 10 on the fourth floor of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Professional Building, enter south entrance of the hospital off of Levan in Livonia Details: Pre-registration required, Call (734) 655-8950

# Physician urges caution when it comes to holiday foods

Dr. Chad Mayer cautions holiday cooks and hosts to be cautious this Thanksgiving when preparing and serving food. Cross contamination or transferring ingredients from one food to another food occurs easily while preparing and serving holiday meals. This puts a food allergic person at higher risk for an allergic reaction.

A food allergy is an immune system response to a food that the body mistakenly believes is harmful, according to Mayer, a St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Allergy and Immunology specialist and Director of the Comprehensive

Food Allergy Clinic. The body then creates a chemical, histamine, to protect itself. Histamine can trigger many allergic symptoms that can affect the respiratory system, gastrointestinal tract, skin or cardiovascular system. In some cases, this may be confused with food intolerance (i.e. lactose intolerance) or food poisoning.

Among the reactions to an offending food item are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, hives, wheezing, tongue and throat swelling, drop in blood pressure, and death. While a mild allergic reaction such as hives may be treated with an antihistamine, a more signifi-

cant reaction requires physician-prescribed epinephrine. Significant reactions are those with more than one symptom, with or without respiratory symptoms. With any significant allergic reaction, 9-1-1 should be called whether epinephrine was administered or not.

Mayer says that the most common childhood food allergies are milk, eggs, soy, wheat, peanuts and tree nuts. Adults are likely to have reactions from fish or shellfish as well as peanuts and tree nuts.

Mayer calls the buffet style of serving foods on Thanksgiving "a dangerous setting to be in when people have food allergies." He adds that serving spoons often go from one dish to another, causing cross contamination - spreading the allergy-causing agents to the non-allergy-causing foods.

About 6 to 8-percent of children and 4-percent of adults have food allergies. According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, food allergies account for about 30,000 emergency room visits and 200 deaths each year.

To determine if a patient has a food allergy, doctors perform a Skin Prick Test. A tiny drop of the extract of

the purified, allergy-causing agent is scratched into the skin's surface, with little or no pain to the patient. The site is monitored for redness and swelling. A positive Skin Prick Test indicates the possible association between the food being tested and the patient's reaction to the food. Mayer notes, in general only about 50 percent of patients who test positive will have symptoms from ingesting that food. A positive test only suggests sensitivity to the food. The test will be confirmed by the patient's history with a particular food and the confirmation of an allergy.

### NOVEMBER

### Organic vs. non-organic

6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, Dr. William Carl, D.C., at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth road, Livonia. For reservations or information, call (734) 425-8588. Flu shot clinics

### University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is offering flu clinics throughout the area in November and December. Flu shots \$33, pneumonia shots \$84. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, Blue Care Network, CareChoices, Health Alliance Plan, M-Care, Medicare Part B and Priority Health, all cover entire cost of flu

shot. Clinics open to public, most limited to age 12 and older. For a weekly listing, call 888-547-7295 or visit www.umvn.org. Clinics include 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, Busch's, 15185 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth; Saturday, Dec. 1, Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia and Saturday, Dec. 15, Busch's, 24445 Drake Rd., Farmington Hills. **Thyroid presentation** 

7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, Dr. William Carl, D.C., at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington roads, Livonia. For reservations or information, call (734) 425-8588. **Divorce support group** Getting through the holidays

For more information, call (734) 462-4443. Gastric bypass seminar Learn about Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and

Sleeve Gastrectomy at MBI's upcoming Educational Seminars 6:30 p.m.

- Marjorie Lang, an attorney and

counselor with the University of

Detroit Mercy School of Law, dis-

cusses the intense emotions trig-

gered by divorce during holidays

and other special occasions and

offer helpful coping skills 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Women's

Resource Center, Room 225 of the

McDowell Center at Schoolcraft

College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Speakers are Tallal Zeni, MD, medical director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Paula Magid, program director and post-op patient. Call-(734) 655-2693, or Toll free (877) Why-Weight, to register for free seminars.

Joint replacement seminars To educate community about joint replacement options Thursday, Nov. 29, and Jan. 24, at the Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge. To register or for information, call (734) 655-2400.

### Sharing & Caring

Partial breast irradiation presentation by Dr. Pamela Benitez, breast surgeon at Beaumont Hospitals 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in the firstfloor classroom at the Beaumont Royal Oak Cancer Center. For more information, call (248) 551-8585. Sharing & caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends.

### Flu shot clinics

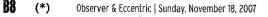
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Livonia Urgent Care, 37595 Seven Mile, Livonia, (734) 542-6100, and Western Wayne Urgent Care, 2050 Haggerty, Suite 140, Canton,

(734) 259-0500. The cost is \$25, but it is covered for those with Medicare. Flu shots

### Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan are providing flu shots (\$25) and pneumonia shots (\$40) at Oakland and Wayne County locations. Medicare, HAP, Priority Health, Blue Care Network, cash or check payable to VNAHSS accepted. For weekly listings of locations, call (800) 296-8660 or visit www.vna. org. Homebound service also available. \$40 service fee applies that is not covered by insurance. Must have

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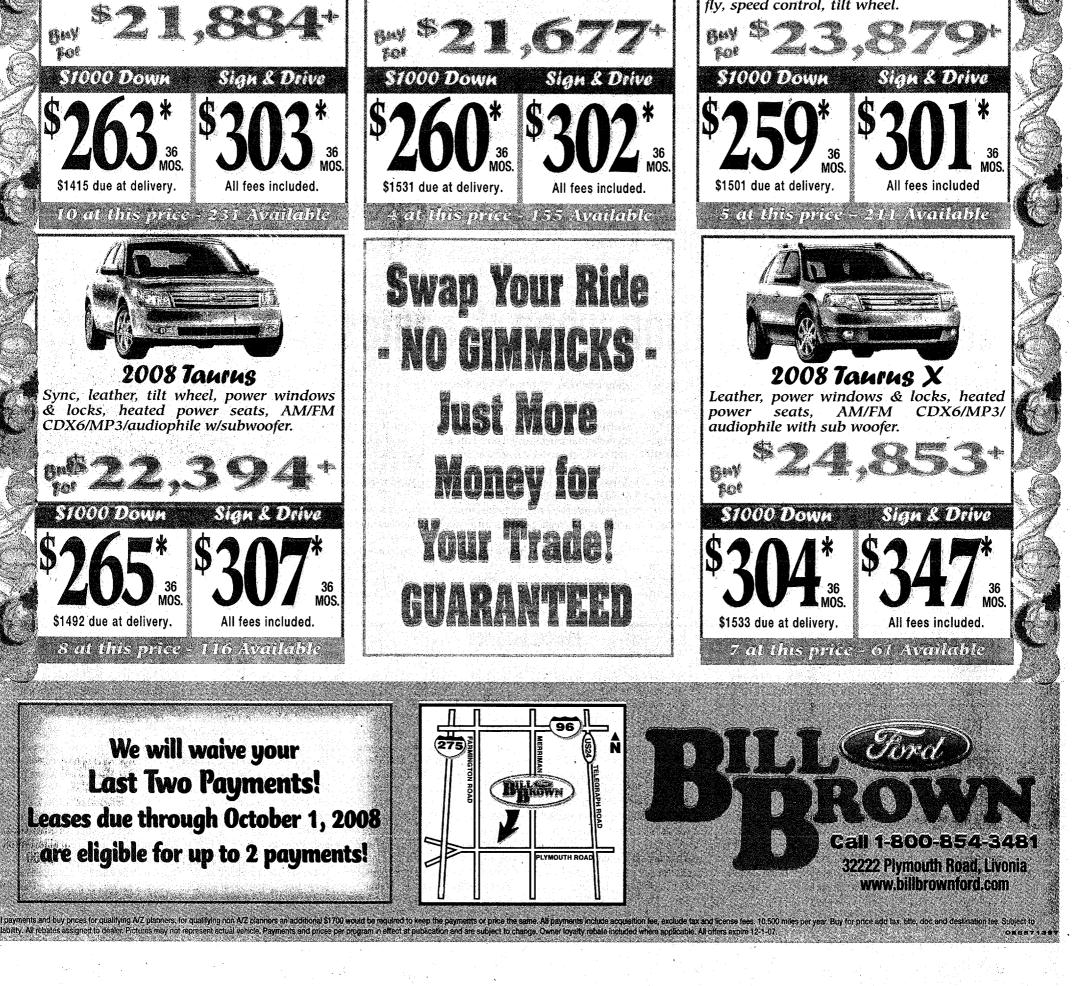
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# Welcome the stranger at Thanksgiving

hen the Pilgrims arrived on the shores of what has come to be called the North American continent they met some strange people. The inhabitants of these shores, earlier generations of Native Americans, saw people for the first time that they had never seen before. As the story goes it seems that the two groups of "strangers"

> to each other were able to sit down and break bread together. Indeed,

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it is suggested that without the help of the Native Americans the Pilgrims would have perished. If you think



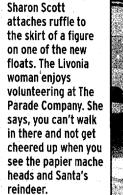
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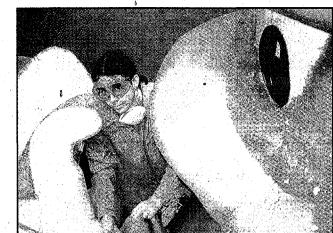
there are those mental health theorists and practitioners who might say that they are running away from the stranger within themselves. What do I mean by this? I mean that each of us has parts of ourselves that we are either not aware of or that we know something about and we do not like. For instance, how could it be that we might think angry or vengeful thoughts, when in fact we do.

A particular level of stress could lead us to one time or infrequent physical behavior, completely unbecoming of who we believe we are and how we were raised. "No, I don't abuse alcohol," says a client, only for that client to report that they are addicted to a hard drug, an over-the-counter drug, the Internet, or work. The stranger within ourselves is so subtle that we often ourselves don't recognize its presence. Others may sooner meet the stranger in us than we might. But they only see us from the outside; we see ourselves from the inside. But who knows the real us? Well, in fact we both do; we just have different perspectives.

The stranger in ourselves grows and develops often because that charac-







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**Robby Scott** of Livonia works on the giant gobbler in the Turkey Trot float.

# Volunteers love a parade

**BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN** STAFF WRITER

haron Scott loves the parade so much she's sewn 150 fleece hats as part of a fund-raiser for the organization that puts it on every year. Scott, her husband, Keith, and son, Robby, regularly volunteer to paint and fix floats at The Parade Company in Detroit. In early November, the Livonia mother of three attached a ruffle to a skirt for a figure on one of the new floats while Keith and Robby worked on the baseball cap of the giant bird on the Turkey Trot float. Robby is a senior at Churchill High School. The Scotts' daughters, Courtney, 20, and Danielle, 22, volunteered for years before going away to college.

On Thursday, Nov. 22, they'll all head down to Woodward Avenue for America's Thanksgiving Parade. In addition to selling fleece hats for \$10 to support the parade, volunteers will collect hats from parade goers along the route and pile them in the Circus Train. The donations will be given to C.O.T.S., Lighthouse of Oakland County and Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac to keep needy children and adults warm this winter. So don't forget to bring an extra hat to the parade.



### AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE

What: The Parade Company presents the 81st celebration with more than 75 units including floats, balloons, marching bands, speciality acts, and the **Distinguished Clown** Corps When: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22 Where: The parade steps onto Woodward Avenue at Mack and ends at Congress, Turkey Trot precedes parade on Thanksgiving morning Grandstand tickets: \$22 for general seating, \$45 V.I.P. Call (313) 923-7402 Related events: Hob Nobble Gobble blacktie fund-raiser 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, at Michigan State Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$200 children, \$350



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teristic of our personality has not been appreciated or welcomed into our total experience of life. When we are a child and throw a tantrum how easy it is for the parents, particularly under the stress of the moment, to make a quick sharp remark, while not intended, causing us to feel bad about this expression of feelings, differently from finding the time and forum to both set limits that the behavior is not acceptable, but also does not call the child a bad or shameful person for expressing feelings that way, especially if it is age-appropriate.

Or consider the adult who looks for ways to take advantage of others' mistakes to move himself/herself ahead in the workplace. What's a little competition they say? But, how desperate is that person deep inside for love and affection? Hard to believe this is true, you wonder? Well, it is; the human being is deeply complicated, very sensitive, often full of more mystery than he/she might realize.

So, perhaps, stories of welcoming which come down to us from the First Thanksgiving experience are a metaphor for the awareness of the strangers in our lives, both within and without, and the gifts they give us to increase the fullness of our lives as we come to meet. know, and understand them. Happy Thanksgiving!

Dr. Paul Melrose is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached at www.paulmelrose.com or through (248) 474-4701. The staff of the Samaritan Counseling Center can be reached at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com or through (248) 474-4701.

"The parade is a family tradition," said Sharon Scott. "My dad took me as a kid." Keith used to run in the

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Bob Sasin of Plymouth is one of the Distinguished Clowns in this year's American Thanksgiving Parade.

\$1,000 SuperStars. Call (313) 432-7831 Holidays on Parade: Magical afternoons at The Parade Company, 9500 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 24-25. Admission \$5, children age 2 and under free.

adults, \$500 patrons, and



John and Beth Sentman gather with kids Jessica, Joe, Becky, Anna, John Jr., Alex, Michael, Philip, Philomena, Vincent, Virginia, Edmund, William, Ryan, Robert, Timothy, and grandchildren Mahdi, Joey, Sophia, and Abe. The only family member missing from the photo is son Richard.



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**BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN** 

STAFF WRITER

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# 17 CHILDREN

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queen. She brags about buying a second stove, a 1979 self-cleaning Kenmore for \$79, because it's not easy to cook for her large family on one stove.

The first episode of the Sentmans' story airs again at 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, and 1 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, on the TLC/Discovery Channel. The series premiered on Oct. 15 with the Passing the Torch installment where John and Beth turn over planning for the annual July 4 celebration to the children.

"Tm very happy. I feel privileged to be a mother of 17," said Beth Sentman, 50. "For meals I don't know who will be home so I cook a lot. In the kitchen we have a trestle table. That gives me more work space on the benches. Cooking for 19 people you have to use as much horizontal space as possible. Meal times can be chaos, but it's a fun chaos."

Beth doesn't mind the turmoil although it does get a little crowded in the dining room when everyone is assembled for Thanksgiving dinner. She grew up in a family with nine children.

"Thanksgiving is a lot of fun," said Beth. "We bring another table in the dining room. All the older children have a fit if we don't all sit in the same room."

### FAMILY TIES

Vince, a student at Redford Union High School, enjoys every minute spent with his family. Some of the children attend the Redford Union schools, others St. Joseph in Wayne where the family regularly goes to Mass. It was the parish priest who originally recommended the Sentmans for the series after receiving a phone call from The Learning Channel.

"It's a little crazy, a little fun. You don't need friends because they're all here," said Vince. "It's great." You never have to be worried about being bored."

Jessica agrees the last 30 years have been a lot of fun. She is the oldest child of Beth and John.

"There are always good times and bad," said Jessica of Canton. "It's a roller coaster. Being the oldest you try to set high standards."

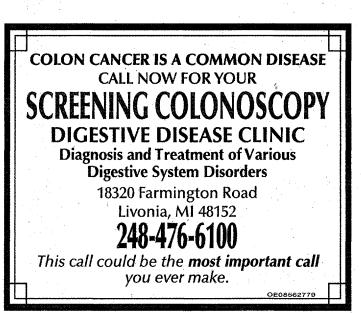
Philomena likes having eight younger and eight older brothers and sisters. She calls herself the middle child. "It's like being in the middle of

a tornado. I've had life lessons I haven't had to learn the hard way," said Philomena, 19.

One downside John Jr. says is that your clothes are not always your own.

"Everything is community property," added Jessica. The tears well up in John

Sentman's eyes as he takes in this moment with his family. He says, it's been a magical summer. Even though the family is close, it was not easy getting them all together for the month of filming. John especially enjoyed renewing their marriage vows 31 years after their wedding. A flower shopping expedition took the family to Westborn Market in Livonia. Later shoots took the family to Costco, and Petland and



the Michigan Humane Society in Westland.

"I married Beth because she was beautiful and effervescent," said John. "We were 19 and 21 when we married. You fall in love and then start learning about each other and accepting the differences."

"It takes patience and perseverance," said Beth.

#### **MONEY MATTERS**

John is a loan officer so Beth had to stretch every dollat. It's a little easier now that several of the older children have moved out. They haven't gone far though. All but Jessica still live on the same street.

"You have to be willing to live smart with the money," said Beth. "Groceries are always an issue. At one point our bill was \$2,000 a month or better. We have a big garden and can. We economize by buying a half a steer, and have a freezer just for bread. We go once a month to Aunt Millie's in Ypsi."

Just because the family is thrifty doesn't mean the meals aren't nutritious, said John. Processed foods and soda pop never make it into the house.

"When I'm shopping, I'm on a mission. I have so much time allotted. I generally go with a list and try to synchronize my shopping to save gas," said Beth.

"We've been doing it for so long," added John. "For fruits and vegetables, it's Randazzo's in Westland. We made the decision 10 years ago not to make food choices based on price but nutrient density."

Beth says she shops the outer aisles of the grocery store where the "real food" is stocked. To save money, the family also roasts their coffee beans in a popcorn popper and makes their own laundry soap.

At first the Sentmans worried about how the producers would portray them and their frugal ways.

"We're very private people," said Beth. "We generally don't tell anyone how many children we have."

"I'm happy we did this," said John. "When I looked and saw all 17 children, and thought we'll have two professionally made DVDs of our family."

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# PARADE

Turkey Trot before the parade until he found out how much fun it was to drive a float. Sharon has enjoyed sewing for years and made her kids clothes and Halloween costumes when they were younger. She even made the wedding gown she wore nearly 25 years ago for her marriage to Keith.

"I especially appreciate the time I spend with my family," said Scott. "We've been volunteering at the Parade Company about five years and have stapled grass on float bases. I've sewn clown costumes. On Thanksgiving I'm having 20 people to dinner but first I go to watch the parade. Keith drives the bus with the entertainer on it. I drive down with the rest of my family and watch on the sidelines. I say, 'see that flower. I painted under that.' It's fun. We always have a good time whether it's freezing cold or nice like it was last year.

#### NEW FLOAT

While this is the first year for the Half Pipe float featuring professional skateboarders, Scott says she's especially looking forward to seeing another new float featuring a Michigan vacation theme.

"There's a bunch of animals in a car," said Scott. "People have been working on big suitcases. They're taking a road trip."

The Mid American Pompon All Star Team hits the road for its 21st performance in the parade. Based in the All Star Team's Mid American Pompon and Studio in Farmington Hills, the group includes sophomores, juniors and seniors who are on their dance or pom teams in more than 30 high schools from as far away as Grand Rapids to Livonia, Westland and Garden City. Along with the parade the team has performed at Detroit Pistons and Ignition games as well as Disney World. The studio (www.pompon.com) opened in 2002 to not only offer pompon training but classes in adult fitness, yoga, pilates, and cardio classes.

"The students only come to the studio for rehearsals," said team director Danielle Adam of Redford. "We've already sent a DVD with routine instructions to them. The day before we meet at the Novi Sheraton and practice all day long."

This year 214 of the team's 231 members march in the parade.

"We're looking forward to this big team and hopefully nice weather again," said Adam. "The theme is Hats Off to Detroit and we've tried to incorporate that in our music this year. We're using Detroit music including The Temptations. And we're really excited about the pre-show on Channel 4. This year we're doing an opening number for the national broadcast at 10 a.m. so family members in other parts of the country will be able to watch."

### CLOWNING AROUND

Bob Sasin won't be viewing the parade this year. The Plymouth man will be marching in it as part of the Distinguished Clown Corps, but he'll still keep an eye to the sky. For 26 1/2 years he oversaw the giant balloons. Sasin resigned as the parade's balloon chairman last year, but still volunteers at The Parade Company and the Penn Theatre in Plymouth where he's involved with restoration and fund-raising.

We had balloon schools to bring in new people so they could see what's involved with handling a balloon," said Sasin, who retired 11 years ago from his position as a facility coordinator/supervisor for Ford Motor Co. "Last year the route changed so balloons have to come underneath the People Mover. There are anywhere from 10 to 30 people on a balloon. The ropes have to be in unison so a balloon flies down the parade route. Last year was a perfect year because there were no winds. The balloons flew as high as they could above the buildings. If there's wind we might not fly them as high."

Sasin has learned a lot about the art of flying parade balloons. In the early years weather balloons with helium were placed inside the bigger balloons.

"When I first started balloons were made from parachute materials and had a little motor. The new balloons are sealed tight and have outlets where you blow them up with helium. They're 75 percent helium, the rest air. The balance changes with weather temperature and conditions," said Sasin. "Years ago the parade had two balloons in a commercial for Pepsi's Sierra Mist. I flew to New York and thought that was neat because that's where the Macy's Thanksgiving parade comes from."

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While Sasin is proud of the Detroit parade he's "kind of nervous" about being a clown this year. His wife, Susan, purchased the hoor for him.

'She works for Wayne-Westland school district as a special education teacher and I volunteered as a clown one time for her," said Sasin, "but I'm a clown at heart. I always felt with the parade we forget who we are and all become little kids. I've enjoyed it. It's a tradition and I would like to keep it going. We're always looking for volunteers. I highly recommend it. It will be an event they'll never forget. The thing about the parade no matter what the weather is, it goes on."

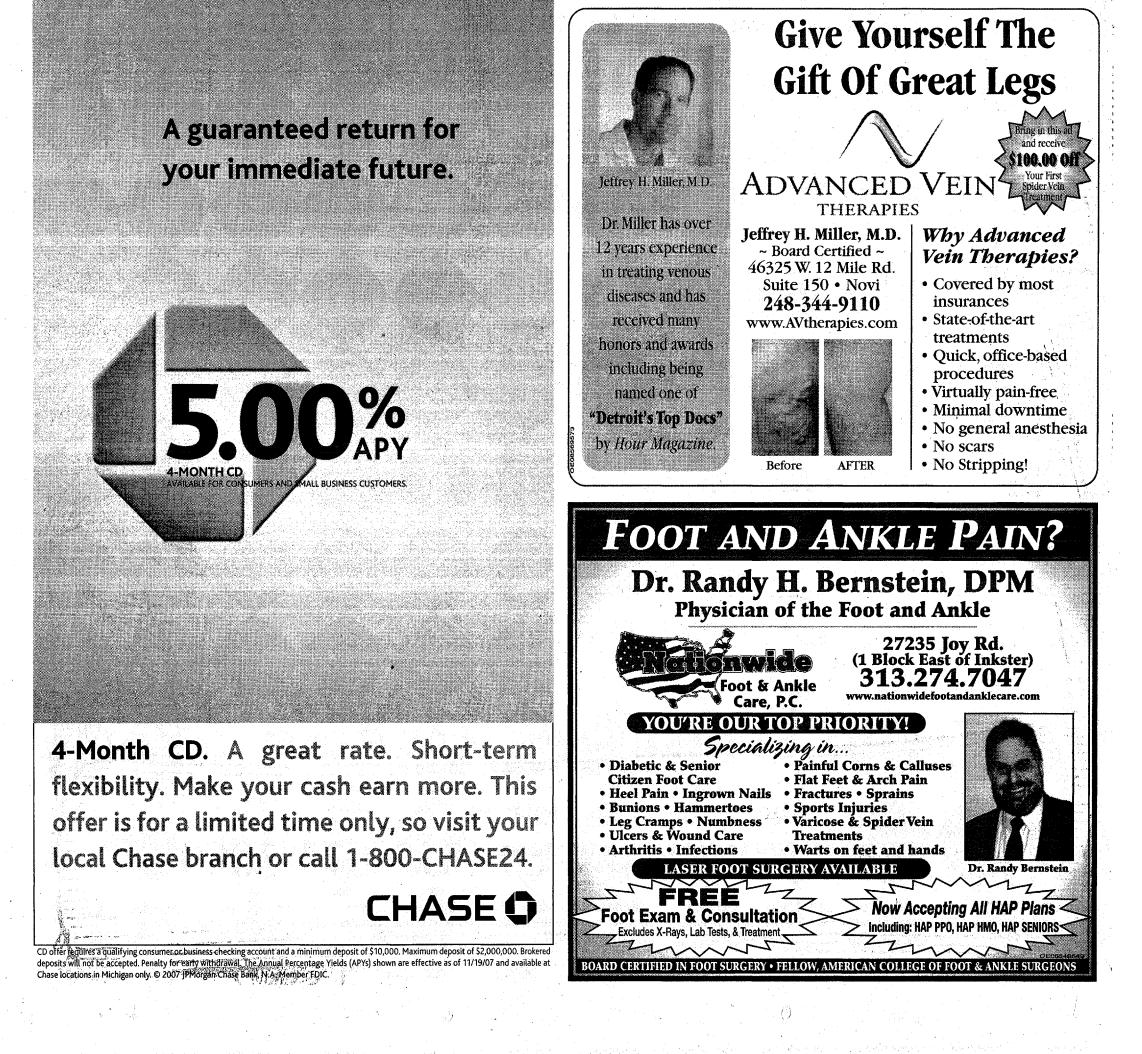
### **RED, WHITE & 'BLUES'**

When other Michigan residents will be keeping one eye on the television and the other on prepping the turkey, 25 Detroit area Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network employees will be marching to the beat of a different drummer.

Michigan Blues employee volunteers will include Marc Keshishian, M.D., of Farmington Hills, Anika Heideman of Livonia, and Bhanupriya Nalla of Westland, who will be "red, white and 'blues' all over" as they and Parade Company handlers dress in matching Uncle Samstyle uniforms. Together they will help guide Uncle Sam, one of America's best-known patriotic icons through downtown Detroit.

In addition to the balloon handlers, "clowning around" with parade crowds as part of the Distinguished Clown Corps will be Greg Anderson, of Farmington Hills, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan vice president of corporate and financial investigations.

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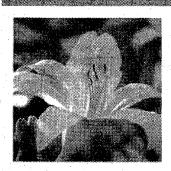
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November 14, 2007, age 83, of Bloomfield Hills. Loving husband of Norma for over 58 years. Father of Jim (Leslie), Patti (Joe), Bill (Karen) and Dave (Cathy). Grandpa of Chris, Megan, Michael and Emma. Also survived by sister Mary (Joe) Savoldi of Traverse City and many extended family members and life-long friends. Preceded in death by parents George and Dorothy Abbott and sister Anne Clark. Pete was a graduate of University of Michigan College of Engineering and a member of the 1943-1944 football team. He was a Manufacturing Representative and owned his own business, G.A. Abbott, Inc. He summered in Elk Rapids, where he enjoyed fishing, reading, being with his family and watching the sunset over Grand Traverse Bay. Pete was known for his love of college and high school sports. He was a life member of both the UM and MSU Alumni Associations and the University of Michigan Victors Club. Family will receive friends Sunday 1-5pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Funeral Monday 11am at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes his memory to the Elk Rapids District Library, PO Box 337, Elk Rapids, MI 49629. View obituary & share memories at:

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Jan. 10, 1954 to Nov. 18, 2006 Paulie, you are forever in my thoughts and prayers. I love you and miss you. Mary

### HARRIETT S. FOX

Of Venice, FL, passed away November 13, 2007. She was 89. She was born January 24, 1918 in Bellevue, OH and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University. She lived for many years in Bloomfield Hills, MI before moving to Venice in 1983. She was very active in the Birmingham Village Players. Survivors include her husband, Ralph M. Fox M.D.; four children: Mary F. Sommer of Savannah, GA, Jane Garcia of Sacramento, CA, Harriett E. Fox of Norcross, GA and Robert S. Fox, M.D. of Neenah, WI; and one sister, Alice Claire of Peachtree City, GA. Farley Funeral Homes and Crematory, Venice Chapel, is handling arrange-ments. To send condolences visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com

### In Memory Of

### In Memoriam Virginia Carr Moselev 1910 - 2007

Virginia C. Moseley, a woman of deep love, engaging humor and boundless joy of life, died on Thursday, November 8th in Dover New Hampshire, supported by her family. Born in Monte Vista, CO to Annette and Charles Carr, Virginia spent her early years in Kansas City, MO where she met and fell in love with John Moseley. Virginia married John, her high school sweetheart, in 1936 and they had two children, John and Charles. She moved to Whittier, California in 1947 and was an active member of the community, serving as president of the Whittier Woman's Club, participating in many civic activities as a member of the P.E.O. and through the local Methodist Church. Virginia and her family moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1963. There, she continued to pursue her interests in civic life and became involved with many local groups and activities, including the American Artists, the Bloomfield Public Library, P.E.O., Questors and other organizations. She moved to Vermont in 1996 and to Dover, NH in 2000, following the death of her husband John. Always a lady, Virginia was generous and kind, a good mother, and mother-in-law, a doting grandmother and an excellent friend. We are going to miss her deeply. Virginia is survived by her son Charles, his wife Martha, her two grandchildren, Damon and Adrien and two great-grandchildren. Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Please go to www.taskerfh.com for more information or to sign the on-line guest book



### MARJORIE PATTERSON PFLUG

Of Birmingham and Good Hart, Michigan; died November 11, 2007. Marjorie, fondly known as Mimi, was born in Pontiac, February 21, 1926. Daughter of Agnes and Clarence Patterson. She is survived by her loving sister Judith Loughrin; devoted wife of the late John A. Pflug; caring mother of Andrew and his wife Julie; daughter Melissa: Bruce and his wife Marcia; adoring grandmother of eight. Marjorie Pflug's memorial will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, In lieu of flower s gifts may be sent to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Pontiac Chapel of Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home. Reflections may be shared with the family at: www.sparksgriffin.com



#### **BARBARA S. SOBEY**

November 10, 2007 Age 78. Loving wife of Albert. Dear mother of James Suzanne Dickinson and Daniel (Ann). Grandmother of Rachel Dickinson and Jace Sobey. Sister of John Boyd, Mary Barnes and the late Phil Boyd. Memorial service Monday 1pm at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorials to the Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Born in Indianapolis and graduated from Butler University. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500 View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



### HILDA SWAYZE

Died on October 21, 2007 at the age of 83. Dear wife of Walter Swayze and loving mother of Walter (Susan), Susan (Gerald), David (Jean) and Terry. Beloved grandmother (Nana) of Reid, Jennifer (Marvin), Joni, Heather, David and Diego. Long time resident of the area and active community volunteer. Cherished sister of Helen, Wilma and William (deceased). Much loved sister-in-law and aunt of the Swayze family. Hilda was an artistic and giving person. She attended Cranbrook School of Art on scholarship following graduation from Dearborn High School. She painted in oils, quilted, crocheted and made cloth dolls. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church for 83 years and was active in the Alter Guild, St. Quilting Club, the Church Women's Margaret's Episcopal Association (ECW), and St. John's Choir. She also fundraised for the church and participated in many mission outreach projects to assist needy families. Mrs. Swayze was known in her neighborhood for helping all the children who needed a mentor. She taught them to cook, bake, sew, knit, crochet, create art projects, and took them to movies and school activities. Mrs. Swayze was a strong supporter

### ANNIVERSARY

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### Walczaks celebrate 50th Bruno and Cecilia Walczak

of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The Walczaks were married Aug. 10, 1957, at St. Cunegunda Church in Detroit. The Rev. Alexander Wilczewski officiated the ceremony.

They have six children, Theresa (Joseph) Genevich of Southfield, Michael (Paula) Walczak of Brighton, Steven (Leslie) Walczak of Novi, and triplets, Carol Parker of Canton, Cheryl (John) Gibbons of Brighton and Cynthia O'Grady of Redford. They have 11 grandchildren, Brett, Steven, David, Christopher, Jake, Megan, Brendan, Kristen, Kayla, Angeline and Jacquelyn.

They have lived in Livonia for 39 years.

They renewed their vows at St. Colette's annual Anniversary Mass officiated by the Rev. Henry Roodbeen. To celebrate the anniversary, a party was hosted by their children at Ernesto's in Plymouth for family and friends.

The couple, along with all their children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren went on a seven-day cruise to Bermuda. Cousin, Sister Victoria Marie Indyk, a Felician nun, joined them.

Bruno, a DIT graduate, retired from Ethyl Corp. as a chemist. Cecilia, a Wayne State graduate, retired from Schoolcraft College as an adjunct professor in the accounting department. Since retirement, Bruno and Cecilia enjoy volunteering at The Henry Ford, doing various jobs the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and the IMAX.

# Time to go nuts for Girl Scouts fall products

### ENGAGEMENTS

Plymouth and Bill and Claudia Fried of Centerville, Ohio, announce the engagement of Dan Pilon and Melissa Fried.

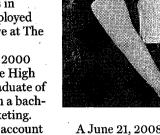
The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in advertising. He is employed as an account executive at The Taubman Co.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Centerville High School and a 2004 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor of science in marketing. She is employed as an account executive at Young & Rubicam Advertising.





Jon and Nancy Pilon of



A June 21, 2008 wedding is planned at Addison Oaks in Rochester, Mich.

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### Kline-Sestito

Donald Kline and Mr. and Mrs. Campione of Novi, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nicole Kline, to Timothy Michael Sestito of Rome, N.Y.

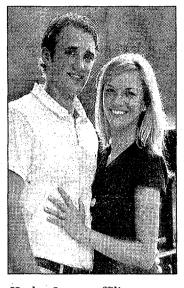
The future bride is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University, with a degree in business. She works as a manager-in-training with Masco, Contractor Services in Greenville, S.C.

The future groom is the son of Peter and Julia Sestito and Gary and Kimberly Builinski of Rome, N.Y. He is a 2002 graduate of Rome Free Academy and is a professional hockey player. He is currently under an NHL contract with the Edmonton Oilers and plays for their American

### Westwood-Metcalfe

William and Sharon Westwood of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry Colleen Westwood, to Dave Metcalfe. The future bride is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Franklin and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by Cayman Chemical Co. in Ann Arbor.

The future groom is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Franklin, a 2001 graduate of Schoolcraft College and a 2004 graduate of Easter Michigan University. He is employed by Doner



Hockey League affiliate, the Springfield Falcons, in Springfield.

The couple plan to marry in July 2008 at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Rome, N.Y.



A May 16, 2008, wedding is planned for Martha Mary Chapel in Dearborn. The couple will honeymoon

### KATRI LAINE

Age 80, Livonia, MI, died November 14, 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



#### **RICHARD MILLER**

Age 54. Died suddenly. Son of the late Richard & Romayne. Beloved father of Erica (Ron) Smith, Michael Amber), Katie (Paul) Jagielski & Bobby. Loving Grandfather of Natalie, Miyah, Michael, Hannah & Maggie Dear brother of Debi Garrett, Patty Stadler, Mary Getschmann, Carol Ducharme and Candy Belanger. Visiting Sunday 3-9 pm, Rosary 7 pm at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btwn 6-7 Mile), 313-531-1888. In State Monday 9:30 am until 10 am Mass St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook (W of Middlebelt, N of 7 Mile). Donations to Grandchildren's Education Trust Appreciated.

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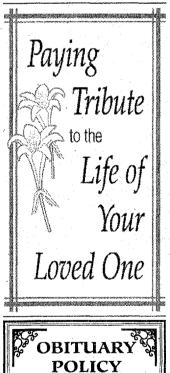
Of Westland, MI. Age 86. Passed away November 14, 2007. George was born November 11, 1921 to Salvatore and Vincenza Pulis in Paula, Malta. On October 27, 1945 George married his sweetheart Theresa Savona in Malta. He is survived by his daugh-ters, Mary Pulis of Westland, Carmen Pulis of Westland, son-in-law, David Harrison of Pinckney, Grandchildren, Melanie White of Pinckney, Shannon Dimitroff of Westland, David Harrison of Pinckney, great grandchildren, Makenzie, Josie, Bryce, and Nicholas. Preceded in death are his loving wife, Theresa, daughter, Margaret Harrison, and son, Vincent Pulis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church with Fr. John Rocus as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested American Heart Association. Envelopes are available at Borek Jennings Funeral home, Hamburg Chapel where the family will gather with friends on Monday, November 19, 2007 from 4 to 8 PM. Please leave a Message of Comfort to George's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at:

www.borekjennings.com

### MILDRED MARY REMY

Age 93, of Snover, formerly of Livonia, died Monday, October 22, 2007 at Sanilac medical Care Facility in Sandusky, Michigan. She was born November 30, 1913 in Northville, Michigan, the daughter of the late Harry and Sara (Smith) Gilbert. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School. She moved here seven years ago from Livonia and was a member of the Snover Heritage United Methodist Church, and the Newburg United Methodist Church. Mildred married Arthur Norman Remy on August 14, 1949 in Livonia, he died on October 2, 1995. She is survived by her son Leonard Remy of Clinton Twp., her daughter Ann Remy of Snover, her stepson Arthur Remy of Plymouth, her stepdaughters Sylvia Bowerman of Plymouth, and Ellen Bickel of Livonia, her sister Helen Narcisco of Connecticut. 12 step grandchildren and several step greatgrandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Lewis and a sister. Alice Cordon. Cremation was at the Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Memorial services will be held Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 2:00 p.m at the Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia. Memorial suggestions to Heritage Uniter Methodist Church, Snover or to the family. Arrangements by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Sandusky. marshfuneral.comcom

of the schools and community. She was actively involved in PTA, Girl Scouts of America, Neighborhood Watch, VFW, and served as local election Chairperson for many years. She also enjoyed traveling and toured Europe with her husband, Walter, after he retired. She most loved babysitting her grandchildren and spending spe-cial time with each. She will be remembered for her love of family and will be greatly missed by all.



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Everybody knows about Girl Scout cookies, but not everyone knows about the Girl Scouts Fall Product Sale Program, which features a variety of items (mostly edible) that make great gifts. The Fall Product Sale Program is a tasteful way for girls to gain and advance skills such as setting goals, making decisions, and serving the public. It's also a great hands-on economic lesson that helps Girl Scout troops earn

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Participating Girls Scouts are now taking orders. Girl Scouts will be staffing booths through Nov. 18 at locations posted on the Web site at www.gsofmd. org.

A minimum of \$1 per item goes to the troop treasuries, and individual Girl Scouts earn incentive gifts or cashew cash to spend on programs or at Council Shops. Additional proceeds benefit Council level endeavors including the Leadership Development Program, scholarships and financial assistance, camp development and maintenance, support for the Equestrian Center and farm animals, membership, and volunteer training. For more information, visit www.gsofmd.org or call (313) 972-GIRL (4475).

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### **Sophie Grace Postler**

Keith and Renee Postler of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie Grace, on April 1, 2007 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She has five siblings, Ashley, 16; Brandon, 13; Alex, 11; Kelsey, 8; and Emily,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

Grandparents are Daniel and Paula Peterson of Livonia and Marion Postler of Redford. Great-grandparents are Marie and Hartley Trygg of Inkster.

### **Caiden Matthew Segal**

Joy Segal and Aaron White of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Caiden Matthew Segal on Oct. 8, 2007.

Caiden was born at Oakwood hospital.

He has two siblings Christopher, 16, and Courtney,

Grandparents are Gordon and Carol Segal of Livonia, Flora Campbell of Highland Township and the late David White.

Great grandparents are

### Mason Dean Cummings

Jamie Segal and Sean Cummings announce the birth of their son, Mason Dean Cummings, Oct. 6, 2007. Mason was born at Oakwood

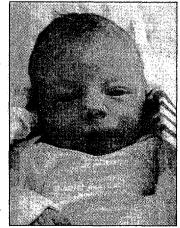
Hospital. Grandparents are Gordon and Carol Segal of Livonia,

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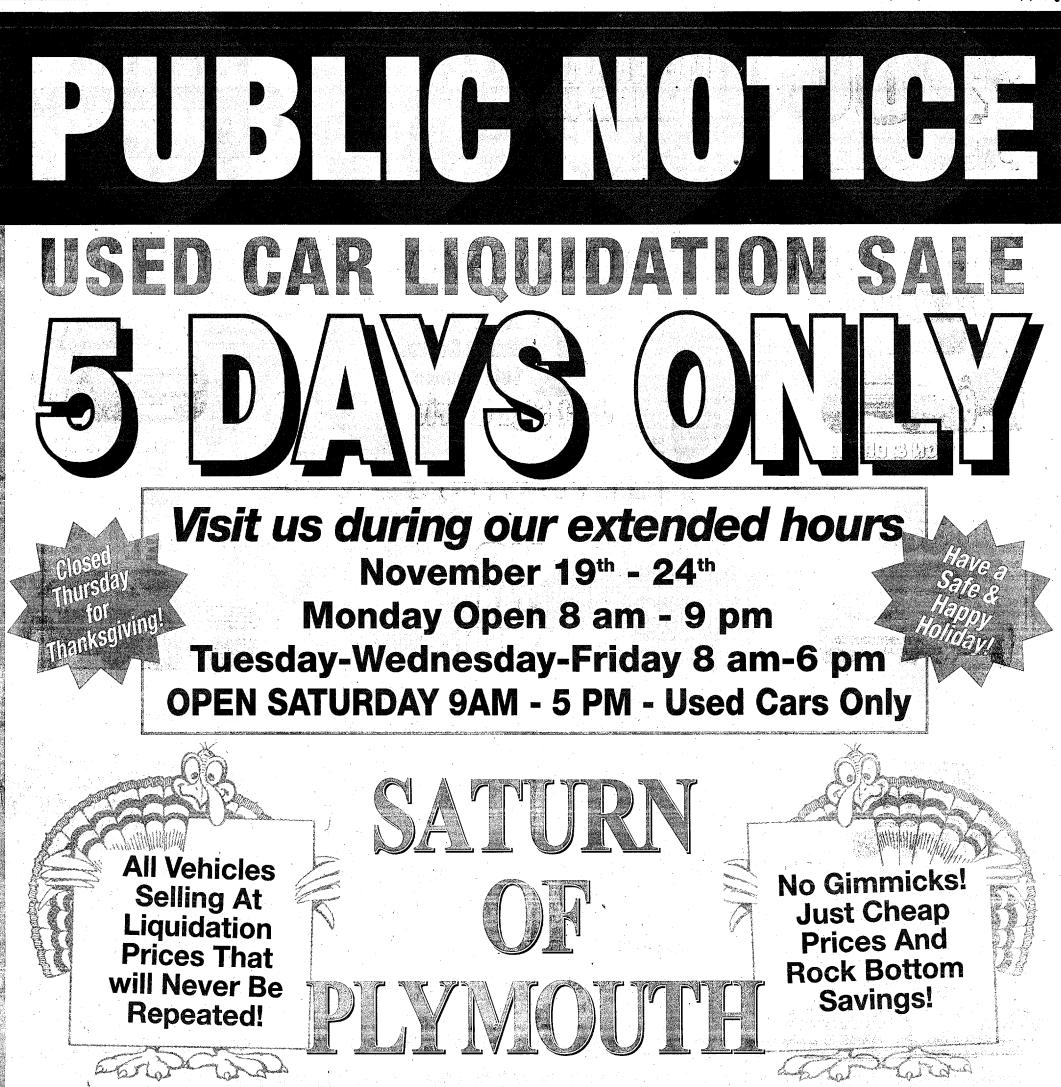
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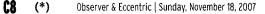
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companies and their vendors. Some of the most heartening news about a workplace in constant flux comes from tales of business relationships splitting up -- amicably.

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Just how frequently do business relationships break up with acrimony? People within the workplace have different opinions about nonadversarial partings. Robert Ebers, president of Knowing Point L.L.C., in Huntington Manor, N.Y., consults on reorganizations. This puts him in contact with companies terminating employees and clients. He guesses that less than one-third of break-ups are amicable.

Nathaniel Scott, president of DNA Business Services L.L.C., in Jacksonville, Fla.,

consults with employees leaving companies by choice to become business owners. He estimates that 70 percent of these partings are positive, because employers are interested in reducing overhead.

Susan Ascher, president and CEO of The Ascher Group Inc., an HR contract staffing firm in Roseland, N.J., believes that the majority of partings are amicable. She says that at the end of assignments, clients tell her company to let the worker know that the assignment has ended, no notice required. When hiring freezes are implemented, partings may be quite abrupt. She says that employees have become smarter about realizing that the sped-up workplace may some day put them in the same company as a person from their past, such as a boss, co-worker, customer or client. MOVING FORWARD

It's essential to know how to move forward together, even as you're parting. Ebers mentions that when both parties internalize the negative impact on their company, they develop "mutual understanding." Then, it's much easier to drop the baggage brought by the disappointment of not being able to continue. It further frees you to develop a productive transition period as you move toward the termination date.

"Business is all about relationships," Scott comments, "and each situation is different. You want to restate what both sides are to accomplish before parting, and live out your end of the deal."He refers to assembling your "credibility kit," the references you may need for the next stage of your work. Ascher says that remaining friendly is essential.

Suzanne Bates, president and CEO of the Boston-based executive coaching firm, Bates Communications Inc., agrees that restating objectives will help both sides "find common ground. Even if you don't agree on how you got to the crisis point, you can probably agree that you want a smooth transition." Meanwhile, she counsels, "Many factors led to this moment. Get rid of guilt. Decision made."She advocates nurturing your own ability to move forward by reminding yourself that the relationship wasn't working out. Also, she states that you must allow the decision to be final, even though you may be tempted to "delay the pain" by giving the relationship another try.

Some individuals or companies may request "a delayed announcement," Ebers observes. "Respect it. Otherwise, subordinates may feel less need to perform to their peak. More importantly, keep the pressure on yourself in your final days. Even in large cities, most industries are very small. Someone who saw you goof off for the last two weeks



Nathaniel Scott speaks with a client about amicable ways to terminate employment with her current company. Based in Jacksonville, Fla., Scott is president of DNA Business Services L.L.C.

of one job may be sitting on the other side of an interview desk for another."

In that regard, Bates emphasizes that both sides must agree to communicate. This tactic will help "leave others with a good taste in their mouth," Ascher says, "doing the right thing, not getting emotional, but handling the situation as just another business transaction conducted fairly and amicably, not a decision made in haste."

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The Marlatt (404-52) has been designed with the modern family in mind. The home looks compact and yet has a second floor that houses the bedrooms, leaving a spacious area on the lower floor for a full family room along with formal living and dining rooms.

The master suite has a vaulted ceiling with a full private bath. Located in front of the shower is a skylight, which allows more natural lighting in this area. There is one sink outside the shower area, along with a private linen closet. The closet is an Lshaped area that provides extra space for clothing and shoes.

Outside the master bedroom is another full bath for use by the other two bedrooms. The bedrooms have wall closets. The ceilings in each of these rooms are vaulted.

At the base of the stairs, you face the pantry, which is a walk-in with ample shelves for food storage. Beyond the wall is the kitchen area overlooking the deck in the back. The size of the kitchen was done to accommodate multiple cooks. It would be a great size for kids to help get dinner or the annual family gatherings.

There is an eating bar along with the formal vaulted dining room. The dining room has large windows on one side and a set of patio doors opening to the deck. The formal living room is connected to the dining room, with two large skylights.

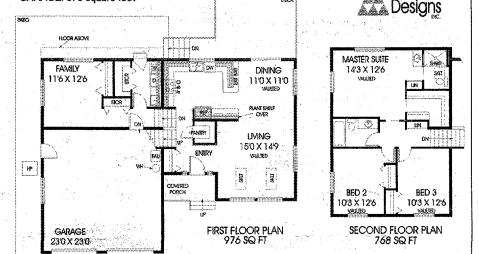
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The family room provides an area for the busy family to go that is not readily visible from the rest of the home. Sometimes it is nice to have a room that can be enjoyed without worrying about how it looks all the time.

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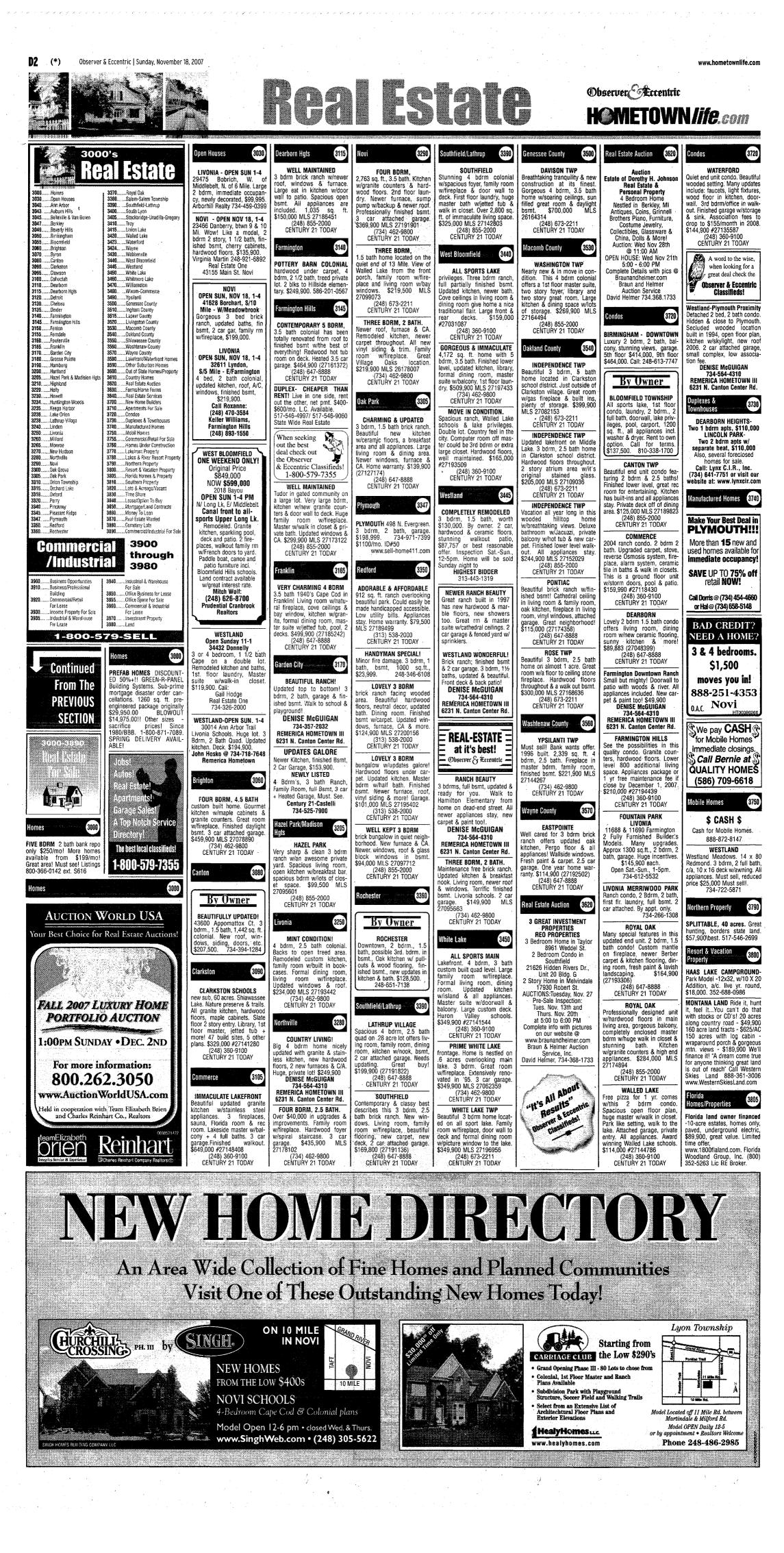
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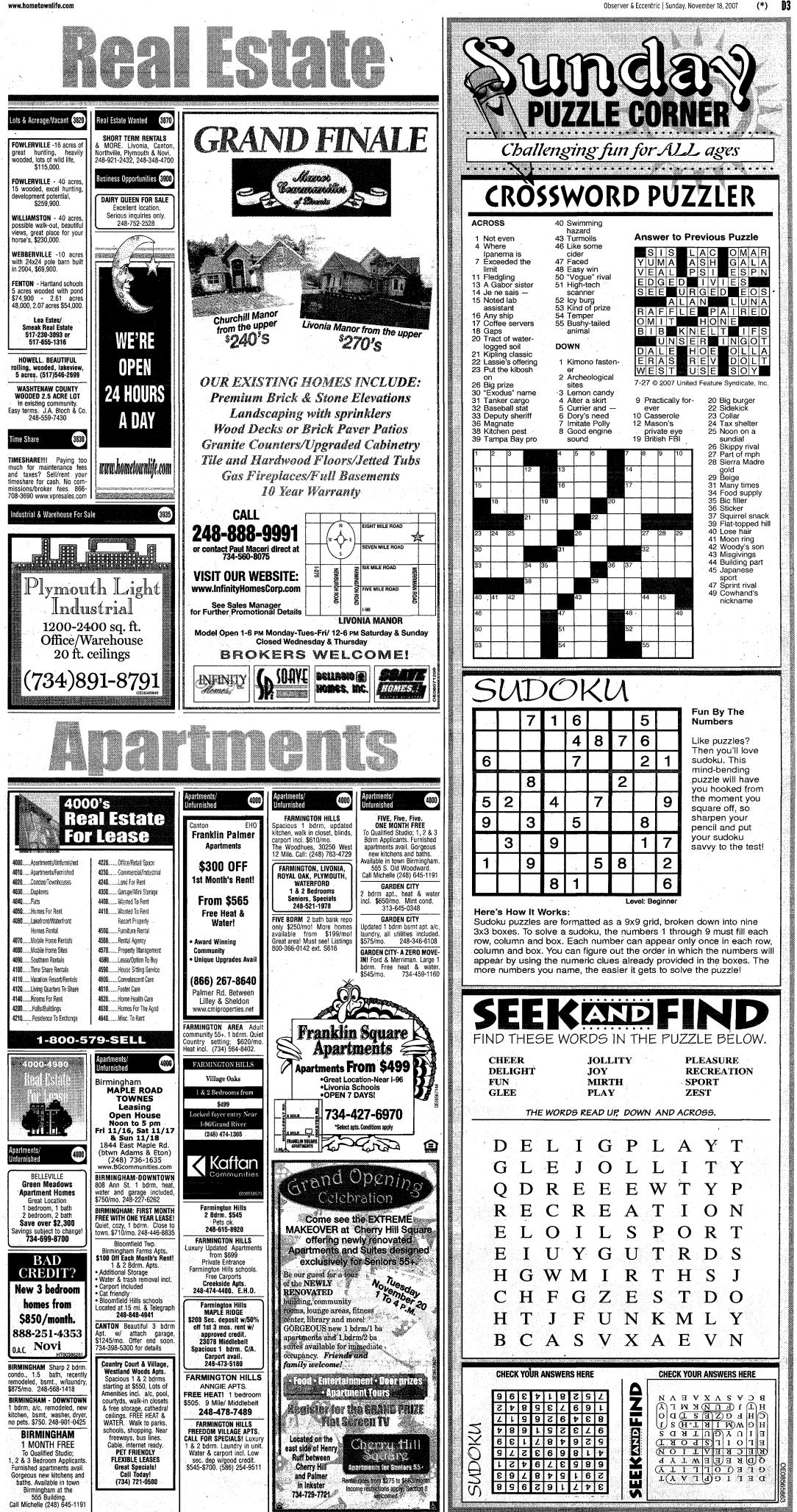
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## **XC90 SUV VOLVO'S BIGGEST AND BEST-SELLING VEHICLE**

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### By Kevin Koloian **Avanti News Features**

Less than four years after its launch, the 2007 Volvo XC90 gets new life with an enhanced design, a new 6cylinder inline engine and advanced safety systems.

When it arrived on the scene as Volvo's first SUV, the XC90 combined all of the safety and comfort for which Volvos were known, only with more room. While there have been few significant outward

changes to the XC90 since its debut, much has changed under its sheet metal.

The exterior design changes on the XC90 include a new grille with more chrome, and bumpers with various configurations of color coding. The tail lamps have been redesigned and the reflectors in the bumper are now encased in chrome trim.

horsepower 5-cylinder engine or 268-horsepower V6. But to keep up with its 4,000 pound-plus weight, a V8 was added to the lineup in 2005.

U.S., accounting for nearly 25 percent of the company's sales here.

The 2007 Volvo XC90 comes in three trims: 3.2, V8

17-inch alloy wheels, cloth upholstery, wood interior trim, an eight-way power driver seat with memory, dualzone automatic climate control and an eight-speaker stereo with a CD player and MP3 player input jack.

with a self-leveling rear suspension, leather upholstery, aluminum interior trim, a power front-passenger seat, an integrated child booster seat in the second row, a separate rear air-conditioner and a sunroof.

The \$49,300-priced V8 Sport adds chrome exterior trim, a firmly tuned suspension, 19-inch wheels, heavily bolstered front seats and a sporty steering wheel.

Besides the aluminum trim, all of the standard V8's features can be added to the 3.2 model by selecting the Premium and Versatility packages. XC90 V8 buyers can get the Touring Package, which provides a wood steering wheel, leather-wrapped gearshift and 18-inch wheels.

You can breathe easy knowing that a pollen filter is included on all XC90s, while selecting the Convenience Package includes the Interior Air Quality System, which



Volvo's XC90 has enough styling, power and safety features to give most premium SUVs a run for their money.

uses a carbon filter to clean up the air coming into the cabin.

Stand-alone options on all models include an upgraded Dolby Pro Logic II sound system, a navigation system and a rear-seat entertainment system with dual screens

As for engines, they correspond to the model name. The 3.2 comes with a 3.2-liter inline 6-cylinder engine rated for 235 horsepower. The XC90 V8 and V8 Sport get a 4.4-liter V8 good for 311 horsepower. Both engines are mated to a 6-speed automatic transmission. The XC90 3.2s come standard with front-wheel drive, with allwheel drive available as an option. All-wheel drive is standard on the V8.

The XC90 V8 is fast. It takes only 7.6 seconds to hit 60 mph. And all models are powerful, with towing capacity rated at 5,000 pounds.

Fuel economy ratings range from 17 miles per gallon in the city and 22 mpg on the highway for a 3.2 while the XC90 V8 gets 15 city and 20 highway.

Safety is provided by side airbags in all three rows designed to protect the heads and bodies of outboard occupants, seatbelt pre-tensioners in all seating positions and anti-whiplash front seats come as standard equipment.

Safety options include bi-xenon headlights that move up to 15 degrees left or right to help you see around turns, and a system that uses mirror-mounted cameras to monitor vehicles entering the XC90's blind spots to warn drivers via indicator lights.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

frontal-impact crash tests, the XC90 earned five stars for protecting the driver and four stars for the front passenger. In side-impact tests, it earned a perfect five stars. The XC90 was also named a "Best Pick" in Insurance Institute for Highway Safety frontal-offset crash testing.

The XC90 seats five people in two rows. An optional third row increases capacity up to seven. However, the third row is strictly for kids as Volvo recommends the third row for occupants 5-foot-3 or shorter.

Cargo capacity comes in at an impressive 93 cubic feet with all rear seats folded flat. The front passenger seats also folds flat for carrying longer items.

Storage compartments are all over the XC90's cabin. The captain's chairs feature pouches in front and twotiered pockets on their backsides and the center console opens 180 degrees. Total cupholder count is 12.

Those looking for a premium SUV that is utilitarian by design and function, the XC90 merits serious consideration.

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2007 Volvo XC90 Vehicle class: SUV. Power: V6 and V8 engines. Mileage: 17 city / 22 highway. Where built: Torslanda, Sweden. Price tested: \$45,200.



It was originally offered with either a 208

The XC90 is been Volvo's top-selling vehicle in the

It is also Volvo's best-selling model worldwide.

and V8 Sport. The \$36,135 priced XC90 3.2 comes with

The V8-powered XC90, which costs \$46,425, comes

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