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Thaddeus McCotter (R) (i) ... 2,662 STATE HOUSE 20TH DISTRICT Marc Corriveau (D) (i) ... ... 3,019

Jerry Vorva (R) ... ... ... 2,037 **STATE PROPOSALS** 

A legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical

A proposal to amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan ☑ Yes... ... ... ... ... 3,230

35TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE Joe Barone .. ... ... ... 2,218 ☑ Jim Plakas . ... ... ... 2,152

**COUNTY COMMISSION** Susan Clark (D). ... ... ... 2,393

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☑ Yes... ... ... ... ... 9,500 35TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE Joe Barone ... ... ... ... ... ... 7,146
☑ Jim Plakas . ... ... ... ... 6,655

**COUNTY COMMISSION** Susan Clark (D). ... ... ... ... 6,564

☑ Laura Cox′(R) (i)... ... ... 9,001 SUPERVISOR Mike Watts (D) . ... ... ... 4,947 ☑ Richard Reaume (R) (i) ... ... 9,783 Don Schnettler (I) .. ... ... ... 1,374

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# Township voters opt for status quo

## Incumbents: 'Residents like what we're doing'

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

While campaigning for a second term as Plymouth Township supervisor, Richard Reaume touted the township's success at drawing business to town and focusing on "lifestyle" issues such as soccer fields and the like. With Reaume and Treasurer

Ron Edwards winning easy victories in Tuesday's general election — and with three other incumbent trustees returning to the board — residents probably can expect more of the same.

"I think the public likes what's going on," Reaume said Tuesday. They like the low taxes, they like the direction we're going."

Reaume (61 percent) doubled up on Democrat Mike Watts in Tuesday's election, with independent candidate Don Schnettler, in his second bid for the office, finishing third.

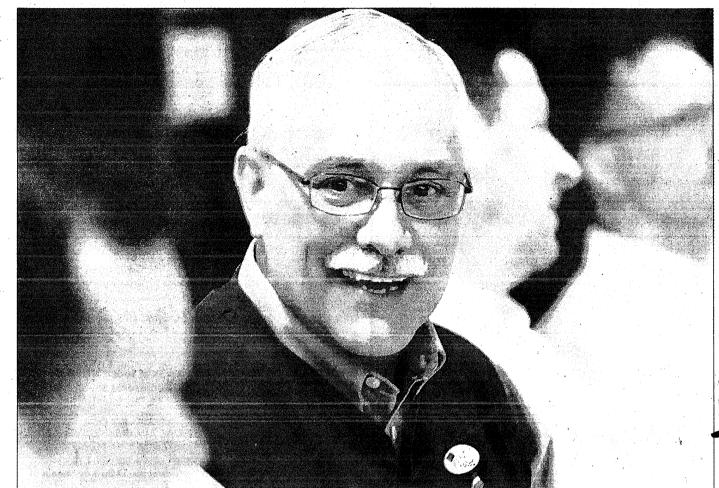
Edwards, meanwhile, won by an even larger margin, claiming 76 percent of the vote to defeat independent challenger Richard Sharland. It's nearly a reversal of the margin the first time Edwards ran for office in Plymouth Township, a 1992 race for supervisor he lost to Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, 81 percent to 19.

This time, Edwards earned his fourth term as treasurer, a feat he attributed to residents' desire to maintain the status quo.

"It comes down to people wanting qualified candidates, I think that shows up in the numbers," Edwards said. "I think it shows people think we're doing a great job. It's not easy in these times, but we're moving the township forward, and I think people recognize that."

Township resident Sheryl Brown said her ballot was

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Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume celebrates with supporters at Papa Romano's on election night.

# Newest judge hopes to hit bench running

The next 60 days for attorney Jim

Plakas will be busy as he prepares to succeed retiring Judge John MacDonald on the 35th District Court bench Jan. 2 following his victory over Joe Barone (unofficially 34,954-31,802) Tuesday.

BY TONY BRUSCATO

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

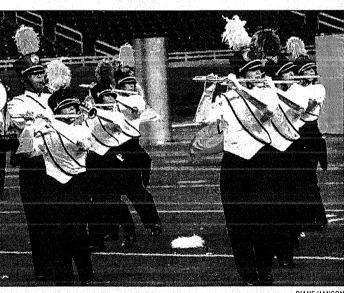
"The next two months will be very

important," said Plakas, who, earned a six-year term. "I'm going to meet with (35th District Court judges Ron) Lowe, MacDonald and (Mike) Gerou next week. I'll also be going to various other courts and observing judges from behind the bench and

absorbing every little thing I can. "I've lived in district court and had First-time voter Sarah Pursell wasn't sure going in whether she'd vote for



# 14-year state reign ends for marching band



Lauren Carnevale (front left), followed by Bruno Yoshioka, Rebecca Paul and Alyssa Myers, along with Kristen Riggs (front right), followed by Julia Beckett and Kaitlyn Tracy concentrate on music and marching during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's State Finals performance.

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

There is no doubt the 170member Plymouth Canton **Educational Park Marching** Band has put in many hours of practice and hard work on this year's colorful, dynamic, and musically delightful competition program, "Kaleidoscope," earning them a number of first-place trophies at local invitationals.

But a 15th straight Flight I championship trophy was not in the cards Saturday.

Instead, the hometown marchers captured the Flight I third-place trophy at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals at Ford Field, ending their 14year reign as Flight I State Champions.

"We work hard all season, but especially these past couple of weeks, even these past couple of days," said Salem junior Kayla Ragland, one of the three drum majors. "We've been cleaning and fine-tuning. It's been really challenging, and the band rose to the challenge."

Part of the challenge has been overcoming a bit of a late start when former Band Director Marc Whitlock stepped down for family reasons and new Band Director Martin Montoya took up the reigns.

The band has been steadily improving since the competition season began in September, but their score of 84.25 was behind the 89.25 posted by Flight I winner West Bloomfield.

"I really like this show," said Plymouth senior Kelcie Liubakka, who plays the trumpet. "But I think we've been stronger."

Jenifer Leseth, color guard director and assistant marching band director, hopes to rectify that.

"They did a great job. They went out there and did what they had to do," she said. "The improvement has been constant, but we have a lot more to do. We're looking toward the end goal which is Nationals, and we have two weeks to go. We'll get there."

The hometown marchers will compete at the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis Nov. 13-15.

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# Second Stage sheds light with Miller play

It's Salem, Mass., in 1692, and perched on the edge of a continent is a community dedicated to the service of God.

A gang of teenage girls, stifled by the crushing piety of their elders, dance naked in the woods. One girl, Abigail Williams - her innocence lost to John Proctor, a married farmer - drinks a charm to kill his wife.

The girls are discovered and suddenly the Devil is loose in Salem. Spurred on by their terrified accusations, the entire village is consumed by cries of witchcraft.

One by one, the blameless victims of mass hysteria are torn from their homes until Abigail's vengeance is turned on John Proctor's wife.

Canton High School's Second Stage Players are tackling the story in their presentation of The Crucible, described as "a riveting, relentlessly suspenseful drama of



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Meg Larson plays the role of Mercy Lewis when the Second Stage Players tackle Arthur Miller's The

individual conscience set against a community consumed by hysteria,"

The performances are set for 8 p.m. Nov. 6-8 and Nov. 14-15 (with a 2 p.m. matinee Nov. 15) at the Canton Little Theatre in Canton High School. It's reserved seating only, and all tickets are \$10. Organizers warn the play is inappropriate for elementary and middle school students due to the sophisticated plot and characters, and its dramatic inten-

The ensemble cast includes **Timothy Thompson** (John Proctor); Chelsey Coleman (Elizabeth Proctor);

Francesco DiNicola (Rev. Hale); Tiffany Braboy (Abigail Williams); Ryan Bardusch (Rev. Parris); Andrew Buckshaw (Deputy Gov. Danforth); and Rachel Palgut

(Mary Warren).

Director Shannon McNutt said those lead roles are juicy, but it's the performance of the entire ensemble that makes The Crucible a great show.

"This has been an amazing group of kids to work with." McNutt said. "It is a true ensemble show and it is always such a thrill to watch them grow with their characters. The process is always my favorite part of a show."

McNutt said the play, written by Pulitzer Prize-winner Arthur Miller, "puts truth on trial as the actions of a group of girls fuel a lethal climate of fear and intolerance."

"Arthur Miller was such a social moralist, and for these kids to take what they learned in the classroom and ... research, as they begin to develop their characters, it is so exciting to see them discover," McNutt said. "That is what is so magical about the theatre. It can transform lives in both subtle and powerful ways.'

## Eagle Scout spruces up church garden

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

New Eagle Scout Trevor Collins of Plymouth Township didn't like the look of the entrance to his church. Northville Christian Assembly.

"Every time I passed by the front entrance, I would see this area," said Collins, 17, a senior at Plymouth Salem High School. For his Eagle project, he wanted to "fix it up, clean it up and make it look a lot nicer."

"It took us about a day or so to clean it all up," Collins said, noting planning took additional time, about 80 hours for Collins and nine other Scouts from his troop.

"I'm very proud about it because it is a lifelong thing I've been working on. It's definitely a great thing for me to have," he said of his Eagle accomplishment.

Collins, from Troop P6, is a member of one of the original Boy Scout troops and the only one still in existence when troops were numbered P2, P3 and such. His troop is more than 50 years old and its charter organization is the Plymouth Lions Club.



passed his Éagle Scout Board of Review Sept. 26. He completed his Eagle project at his family's

church, Northville Christian Assembly, in May 2007. The troop helped turn the unsightly rock garden into a flower garden by the entrance.

He is the son of Cheryl and Greg Collins of Plymouth Township and brother of Chris, 23.

"Collins is a member of the National Honor Society. He takes Tae Kwon Do in Northville and should be a black belt some time next summer. Last year was the first year he was in Millennium Broadway (a musical variety show) and Jekyll & Hyde at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which he enjoyed.

Collins plan to attend Michigan State University, starting first at Schoolcraft College. He's interested in performing arts.

"I'm hoping to" pursue that professionally, he said. "We'll see how that'll work out for me."



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# China trade mission will feature Plymouth flavor

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's fourth China trade mission will have a

Plymouth Township flavor to it. Kurt Heise, a township resident who serves as director of the county's Department of Environment, is among more than two dozen people who will leave Friday to visit four cities in seven days before returning home Nov. 16.

With one-fifth of the world's population, China is looking for solutions to address its growing energy, air quality and water pollution problems.

"As part of the overall trade mission I'll spend most of my time with six individuals who are either representing environmental companies or who are environmental consultants from southeast Michigan," said Heise, 42. "The businesses we're taking to China are mostly interested in water

quality and sewer issues. "The Chinese are sensitive to



to clean up their environment if they want to expand tourism," he said. "In order for them to have happy, productive

workers they'll need clean water and proper sewerage services. That's what they'll be looking for from us ... we have best management practices and ideas to share."

Last year, Ficano and Heise signed environmental cooperation agreements with four Chinese cities. They expect to sign similar agreements with two additional cities during the upcoming trade mission.

"Wayne County can be a leader in providing jobs and economic opportunity for Michigan businesses in China," said Ficano, "The Chinese have a multi-billion dollar need for environmental and energy knowledge, and our local businesses are recognized leaders in this field. It's my goal to bring these groups

together so we can create jobs here in Michigan.

"Wayne County is the only government in Michigan that is opening doors for environmental businesses in China," Ficano added. "I'm confident we will create more opportunities this year and bring even more environmental and energy-related businesses to China in the future."

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## No charges in primary sign caper

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The stepson of one of the candidates who ran in the August primary for 35th District Court judge will not be charged with stealing signs of one of her competitors.

Twenty-one-year-old Ryan Xuereb of Northville Township admitted to stealing and destroying a campaign lawn sign belonging to Jim Plakas on July 5.

Xuereb is the stepson

of Martha Snow, who ran against Plakas and four other candidates in the August primary to fill the judge seat being vacated by John MacDonald Jan. 1.

Plymouth police investigated the incident and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office issued a warrant. However, Plakas has decided not to pursue charges against Xuereb.

The prosecutor returned a two-count warrant for malicious destruction of property and larceny," said Plymouth Police Chief

Wayne Carroll. "We contacted the complainant, Plakas, and he didn't come in to sign the warrant.

"The matter is closed, technically by process of the complainant refuses to prosecute," he said. "We notified the defendant and the case is closed."

Snow lost in the primary to Plakas and Joe Barone. Today's election will determine who succeeds MacDonald.

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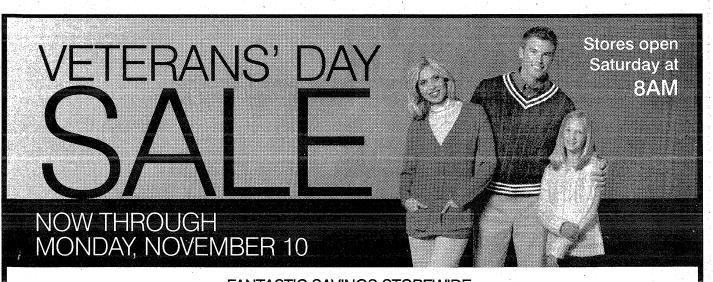
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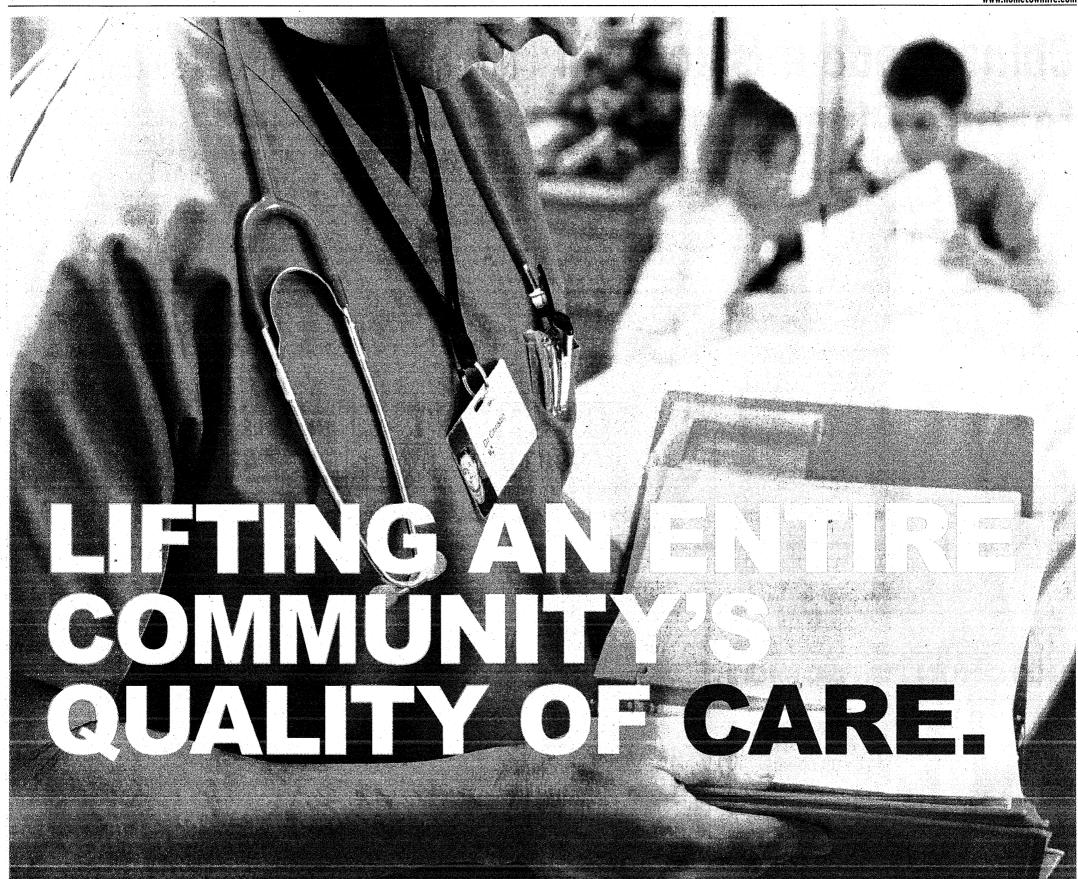
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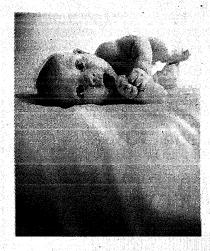
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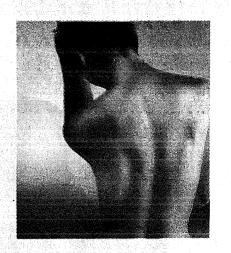
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# Historic night celebrated by local Democrats Wojtowicz, other

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The party was festive, the mood nothing short of euphoric Tuesday night.

When Barack Obama's face loomed large on the big screens televising CNN and WDIV at Burton Manor in Livonia with a win in Virginia, the local Democrats cheered.

Moments later, the room erupted when the networks named Obama as the projected winner. High-fives, hugs and Obama chants filled the room.

Standing and watching the results, Derrick Thornton, a black voter from Canton, stood by himself near a table, soaking in the moment of history, seeing the first black man elected president of the United States.

"I want to cry and I'm trying to hold back the tears," Thornton said. "It's a very different feeling. It's the first time we're seeing a black man get to that level."

"(Obama's election) tells me that people in this country are accepting people as who they are."

It wasn't lost on the Thornton, the loud cheers coming from the mostly white audience for a black president, either.

"We're so familiar with each other, rooting for that person to get to that position," Thornton said. Thornton thought Obama

won because "he capitalized on the issues that the small person has.' "He spoke to our inner-

most feelings," Thornton

Not only was history made, the pendulum of power now was swinging back to the Democrats.

Kevin Kelley, onetime Redford Township supervisor and currently Wayne County director of senior services, watched results with his wife. Connie Marie Kelley, who was running for



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Tanya Miller-Swift of Farmington Hills is overwhelmed with emotion as she calls her mother to give her the news of Barack Obama's victory. Linda Nimpson of Canton applauds the historic moment.



Sunday and David Sudek, of Livonia, react to CNN's projection of an Obama win.

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"In my 50 years, it is the biggest night I can remem-

ber as a Democrat," Kelley said. "I thought Michigan would be solid, but states like Indiana and Louisiana

would be close. When you see those numbers in the election, I think it bodes well for the Democrats for the next 10 or 12 years,"

Kelley thought Bush's foreign policy "overreached" which led to Republican John McCain's and other Republican losses Tuesday.

"I can't believe we sunk that far," Kelley said. "I hope we learn a lesson from them and govern from the middle so we can progress from the middle.'

House Speaker Andy Dillon, who was celebrating his re-election and defeat of a recall against him that evening, called Obama's election "a historic day," comparing it to when man landed on the

"It crosses a bridge," Dillon said. "It's a day we'll all remember."

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# incumbents sweep county offices

Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz won easy re-election Tuesday in the only competitive race for Wayne County administrative offices.

Sheriff Warren Evans, Clerk Cathy Garrett and Prosecutor Kym Worthy were returned to office after facing nominal opposition. Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood faced no opposition in the general election Tuesday. The winning incumbents are all Democrats.

Wojtowicz, 79, a Democrat from Hamtramck defeated former Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy, a Republican of Plymouth, after surviving a strong challenge from **County Commissioner** Phil Cavanagh of Redford and others in the August Democratic primary.

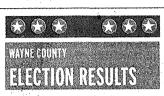
Wojtowicz has been Wayne County treasurer since 1976.

During the campaign, Dunleavy said he didn't expect to win in the heavily **Democratic Wayne County** but that he wanted to raise questions about the accounting and contracting practices of the treasurer's office and about the handling of foreclosed properties.

"I don't think we got a lot of those issues out there," he said Wednesday. "I do intend to make sure the issues to got out. These are complicated issues and we need to find a way to break them down so folks can understand them.

He said that his proposals for handling foreclosed properties helped him win the endorsements of The Observer and the two Detroit

"Maybe Ray will adopt some of these ideas," he said.



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#### **WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF**

#### **WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER**

Brendan Dunleavy (R) . ... ... 177,919 Raymond Wojtowicz (D) (i)... 522,180

#### **WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER** OF DEEDS

Bernard Youngblood (D) (i).. 580,760

#### **WAYNE COUNTY CLERK**

☑ Cathy Garrett (D) (i).. ... ... 537,447 Lannell Buffington (R) ... ... 153,447

#### **WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

☑ Kym Worthy (D) (I) ... ... ... 611,493

## **3RD CIRCUIT COURT**

Richard Cunningham ... ... 142.247 ☑ Daniel Hathaway .. ... ... 209,108 Susan Hubbard.. ... ... ... 173,017 ☑ Connie Marie Kelley... ... 177,881 ☑ Lynne Pearce .. ... ... 202,239

Last week, Dunleavy filed a formal complaint with the Secretary of State's office accusing Wojtowicz of purchasing radio ads, signs and other campaign materials with county funds he controls as treasurer.

The complaint also accuses Wojtowicz of violating Michigan's campaign finance act by failing to disclose spending of more than \$150,000 to mail campaign literature.

Dunleavy said he will be focused full time on his financial consulting busi-

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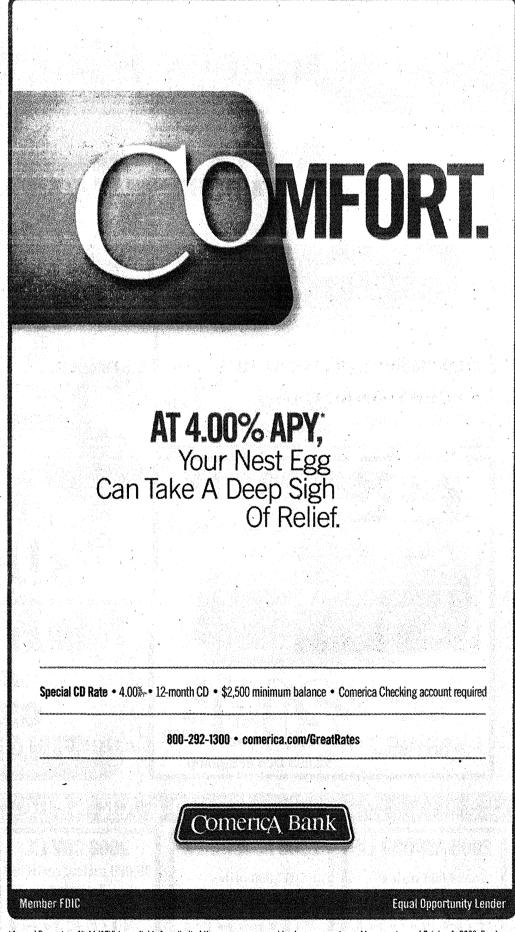
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#### Purple Gang auction

No bullets will be flying while author Paul Kavieff speaks about the notorious Purple Gang at the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual dinner and auction, Saturday,

The talk will be part of the museum's annual dinner and auction and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Kavieff is the author of both The Purple Gang: Organized Crime in Detroit 1910-1945 and Detroit's Infamous Purple Gang.

There will be a silent auction and raffle, with items available for viewing when the doors open at 5:30 p.m. Auction and raffle items include a Red Ryder/Little Beaver 2-gun commemorative gun set, an autographed photo of Detroit Tiger's shortstop Edgar Rentaria, a History Buff package from The Henry Ford, luggage, wine, antiques, jewelry, gift certificates from local merchants and restaurants, and gift baskets.

Tickets are \$50 per person and are being sold at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, as well

as at Wiltse's Community Pharmacy, 330 S. Main Street, and Michigan Made & More, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail. You can also purchase tickets from the museum's Web site at http://www.plymouthhistory. org/Events.html. Tickets will not be available at the door,

For more information, call (734) 455-8940 during museum hours, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays 1-4 p.m. Contemporary dress from the 1920s-30s is encouraged, but not required.

#### Veterans' breakfast

The American Legion 112 Post and Beasley-Zalesny Auxiliary host a breakfast event to honor area veterans and thank them for their service to the country 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 121, at the IOOF Hall, 344 Elizabeth (on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail).

There's no charge, but donations will be accepted from non-veterans. Following breakfast, the annual Veterans Day service takes place at Veterans

Memorial Park in Plymouth. For more information, call (734)459-7324.

#### Music From the Heartland

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## **Honoring flags**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, along with Boy Scouts of America Troop 1535, had an American Flag retirement ceremony. The Veterans Groups purchased 220 American made 3x5 flags to be exchanged for old flags that needed to be retired. The scouts assisted in the swapping of the flags and put on the program for the retirement complete with a rifle salute and taps. The event retired almost 500 flags. The 50-person audience (50) participated by each person adding a stripe or field to the fire. There are still flags to exchange, and the veterans are still accepting donations to their 'Cell Phones for Soldiers' program. Contact Gary Kubik at the Post or call (734) 459-6700.

November 8. This concert features Detroit native David Syme performing Evard Grieg's exciting Piano Concerto in A Minor.

Also featured on the concert is the beautiful and haunting, New World Symphony No. 9 by Antonin Dvorak.

A World Premier is also on tap as the Plymouth Symphony premiers "Tempus Fugut" - a piece by Michigan composer, James Aikman. This piece was originally written for Concert Band and the composer has rescored the piece for orchestra.

Tickets for the concert are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. Order tickets online at www.plymouthsymphony.org or by calling 734 451-2112.

#### Step and dance show

The African-American Students Association at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is sponsoring their Autumn Step and Dance Show at 7 p.m., on Saturday Nov. 8 at the Salem High School gym. Step and dance teams from Wayne and Oakland counties will perform.

Trophies and monetary awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Tickets are on sale at the Salem, Canton, and Plymouth high school cafeterias during lunch. Tickets will be sold for \$7 at the door.

#### Truth about oil

The Plymouth District Library will host an informative program on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., "Oil 101: What every American should know about the lifeblood of modern society.'

The program will be presented by local geologist and author, Charles Ferguson Barker. Barker will share background information on oil, how it is formed, where it is found and why the price varies. Barker was recognized as a Michigan Notable Author in 2006 for his book, "Under Michigan: The Story of Michigan's Rocks and Fossils", which is a part of the Library's collection.

Registration is requested for this free program; contact the Library at 734-453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

#### Memory loss

On Friday, Nov. 7, the Plymouth Community Council on Aging will Host "Memory Loss," a presentation presented by Four Chaplains, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

#### Toastmasters' open house

MotorCity SpeakEasy, a Plymouth-based Toastmaster's group, hosts an open house 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 17, at the Plymouth Library, lower level, 223 S. Main St.

Adults over 18 are welcome to attend and learn about public speaking at this free event. The guest speaker will be Curt Gottlieb, humorous speech winner in the Area 33 contest. Attendees can take part in a mini speech session - by answering an impromptu question in front of the audi-

MotorCity SpeakEasy has been a chartered club of Toastmaster's for more than 50 years and welcomes new members. The regular group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth, 48170.

For more information about the club or the open house, please call Kim at (734) 542-

#### **Turkey Trot for troops**

Independence Village of Plymouth, partnering with Desert Angels, Inc., is looking for volunteers to help "stuff" a Miracle Turkey Box that will trot over to troops serving overseas.

Because we give thanks to our military for all our freedoms, please help us show that we care.

The stuffing takes place 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Independence Village of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Road in Plymouth Township. Items needed include nonperishable food items such as

stove-top dressing, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, cans of turkey gravy, and cans of turkey/ chicken meat, cookies, and

paper plates/napkins. Involve the kids by having them make turkey decorations and cards. Write letters of thanks to enclose in the boxes. And as always cash donations are needed for postage.

Each box will cost \$10.95 to mail. Donations are taxdeductible and Desert Angels, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

For more information, call (734) 453-2600.

#### Shopping extravaganza

Plymouth First United Methodist Church hosts its seventh annual Shopping Extravaganza 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. The church is located at 45201 North Territorial in Plymouth.

The extravaganza will feature many vendors/crafters, as well as lunch, a bake sale, prizes and a silent auction.

For information on being a vendor, contact Peggy Dalton at (734) 459-9691.

#### Musical festival

The combined adult choirs of Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23.

More than 100 voices will join in celebrating Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by brass, handbells and organ, as well as audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns. Participating choirs include First United Methodist, directed by Marcia Van Oyen; Our Lady of Good Counsel, directed by Matthew Samelak: First Presbyterian, directed by Jerry Smith and St. John's Episcopal, with director Scott Elsholz. Handbell ringers from each church will be led by Sue Scott of First Presbyterian.

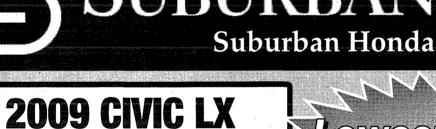
Admission is free; an offering will be received to benefit First Step of Plymouth and the Salvation Army. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road, a mile east of Beck Road, and offers ample parking and barrier-free entrance. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information (734) 453-5280.



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# McCotter will face a changed, more Democratic Washington

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

When Thaddeus McCotter goes to Washington in January for the opening of the 111th Congress, he will face a dramatically changed political environment.

The Livonia Republican won re-



McCotter

election to represent Michigan's 11th congressional District in the House of Representatives Tuesday, but his party took a hit. By early Wednesday morning, Democrats were expected to

add to their majority in the House by at least 18 seats. In the Senate, Democrats were expected to add to their majority by at least five seats, bringing them to 56 seats, with four seats still too close to call.

In addition, Democrat Sen.
Barack Obama of Illinois won a
convincing victory in the presidential election over Republican Sen.
John McCain of Arizona and will
be setting the agenda for the next
Congress.

Two of McCotter's fellow Republicans in the Michigan

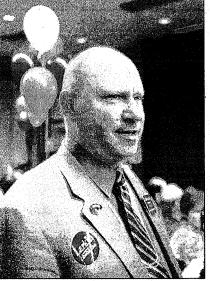
#### **UNOFFICIAL VOTE TOTALS**

- Thaddeus McCotter-R (i)172,282
- Joseph Larkin-D 147,530
- John Tatar-L 5.756
- Erik Shelley-G 4,829

House delegation were among the defeated. Democrat Mark Schauer defeated Republican incumbent Tim Walberg in the 7th District and Democrat Gary Peters defeated longtime Republican Congressman Joe Knollenberg.

In the Michigan Senate race, longtime Democratic Sen. Carl Levin easily defeated state Rep. Jack Hoogendyk with more than 60 percent of the vote.

McCotter had a relatively easy time defeating Democrat Joseph Larkin, a political newcomer.
McCotter won by more than 20,000 votes in the Oakland County section of his district, but according to unofficial vote totals early Wednesday morning he was only ahead of Larkin by about 3,000 votes in Wayne County. Also on the ballot were Green Party candidate Erik Shelley and Libertarian John Tatar.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joseph Larkin at the Democratic Party gathering at Burton Manor in Livonia.

"The fundamental goal if reelected is to serve your constituents whether it's a President Bush, a President McCain or President Obama, you look at the interests of the district and if some things are good, you vote for them and if some things are bad, you oppose them," McCotter said Tuesday.

Larkin offered his congratula-

tions to McCotter.

"He was the incumbent and had name recognition and money. If I had had the monetary support that Mr. (Gary) Peters had, I might have won," Larkin said.

Larkin said he was excited by the election of Sen. Barack Obama.

"I look forward to his presidency. He is for many of the things I ran for," Larkin said. "Investment in energy and alternative energy, ending the war in Iraq and bringing the savings back from that so we can use them to rebuild our economy."

McCotter held his victory party at Laurel Manor in Livonia. He and his brother, Dennis, entertained the attendees with some hard-charging rock and roll as background music for what would turn out to be the disappointing news for Republicans being broadcast on a big screen by the Fox News Channel.

McCotter is taking a wait and see attitude on what kind of cooperation there will be between the Democratic majority and Republicans.

"It's going to depend on the size of the majority they bring in," he said after completing his musical set. "The House is obviously different from the Senate. The will of the majority is designed to prevail there, so we have less relevance. The rights of the minority in the Senate are more powerful, so it depends on what number we get of Republicans and I think the Senate will determine the starting point."

On Wednesday morning,
Democrats were short of the 60
votes needed to quash to filibuster.
McCotter said that might determine whether Democrats will feel a need to work with Republicans.

He said he didn't want to prejudge the Democratic leadership in the House, though he has been critical of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in the past.

"We need to see the size of what happened, there could be a mandate here, a mandate from the people to do certain things and they'll be justified in doing them whether they work with us will be up to them," he said.

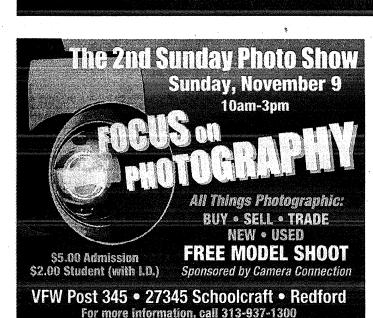
He said the atmosphere will also depend on the new president.

"It depends on Sen. Obama, he's talked about being more of a uniter and I hope he is," McCotter said

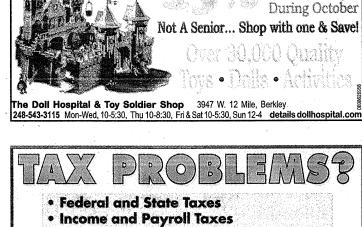
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#### **OUR VIEWS**

## **Voters real winners** in a clean campaign

As voters across the country clamored for change (and made history), local voters appeared not to have coveted it quite as badly.

While the national tally indicated a virulent desire to move away from the last eight years, ballots cast in the Plymouth area seemed to show a satisfaction with the sta-

In every race where they could do so, local voters re-elected incumbents: In Plymouth Township (supervisor Richard Reaume and treasurer Ron Edwards), the 20th District State House (Democrat Marc Corriveau) and on the Wayne County Commission (Republican Laura Cox).

Even in the non-partisan race for 35th District Court Judge, where change was inevitable because sitting Judge John MacDonald is retiring, voters elected the guy MacDonald backed (Jim Plakas).

What does all that mean? Who knows. Perhaps it means Plymouth Township voters are satisfied with the lowest tax rate in the county and sidewalks that connect most of the township. Or maybe they just aren't ready for the idea of a part-time township administration.

Perhaps it means his constituents recognize Corriveau was between a rock and a hard place when he voted to support the tax hikes the legislature used to try to fix the budget last year, or that he had constituents' best interests at heart when he helped broker a solution to the annexation

Whatever it means, surely voters benefitted from what was, largely, a clean campaign, one that stuck to issues and ideas, and left character attacks and mud-slinging to the national guys.

That comes as a little bit of a surprise after the Republican primary last year, when the party slimed one of its own candidates just to get a more party-friendly candidate elected.

This year's campaign wasn't totally pristine, but it was interesting to see the candidates depending on the strong pitches they were making for their ideas, rather than smear tactics of which, quite frankly, voters have grown tired.

So, to the victors go the spoils — two- or four-year terms - and to the vanquished, decisions on whether to run again next time. But the real winners, when the campaigns run as cleanly as these unfolded, are the ones about whom elections are supposed to be about in the first place.

The people.

## Don't aid the emerald ash borer by moving firewood

Since it first appeared in southeast Michigan in 2002, the emerald ash borer has spread across the state at an alarming

More than just a pest, this exotic bug from China has devastated our state's ash trees. It is estimated that the metallic green insect has damaged or killed more than 25 million ash trees in Michigan and at least five other states, with southeast Michigan being the epicenter of the infestation and the

Most of us in metro Detroit have seen the damage firsthand. Many neighborhood streets once lined with stately ash trees now stand bare. Parks and golf courses have also been hit hard. In fact, there aren't many ash trees left in the original six-county quarantine area of southeast Michigan. It is clear, based on how quickly it has spread, that the

emerald ash borer is pretty adept at moving on its own. Unfortunately, it has been aided by careless or ignorant people who have transported dead ash materials, usually in the form of firewood, to other parts of the state (and nation).

Just last week, state agricultural officials confirmed an isolated emerald ash borer infestation in the Upper Peninsula's Schoolcraft County. Schoolcraft is now the fourth county in the UP to have confirmed cases of the destructive pest. State officials believe all the cases are a result of transported firewood.

Because of its rapid spread, the state has continuously expanded its quarantine area, which makes it illegal to transport any hardwood firewood or other hardwood materials out of the area. The Level I quarantine area includes 21 contiguous counties of southeast Michigan. The Level II quarantine area, which includes the remainder of the Lower Peninsula, means people can only move hardwood materials into the Level I quarantine area.

Individuals or businesses found violating the quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years.

With the firearms deer hunting season right around the corner, downstaters will be traveling north to their hunting camps. Many might be tempted to take their firewood with them. If you're thinking about it, don't do it. The millions of ash trees in northern Michigan are at risk, and state officials are doing everything they can to stop the spread of this destructive insect, including cracking down on those who violate the quarantine.

Don't move firewood. Buy firewood when you reach your destination and burn it all on site. There are no more



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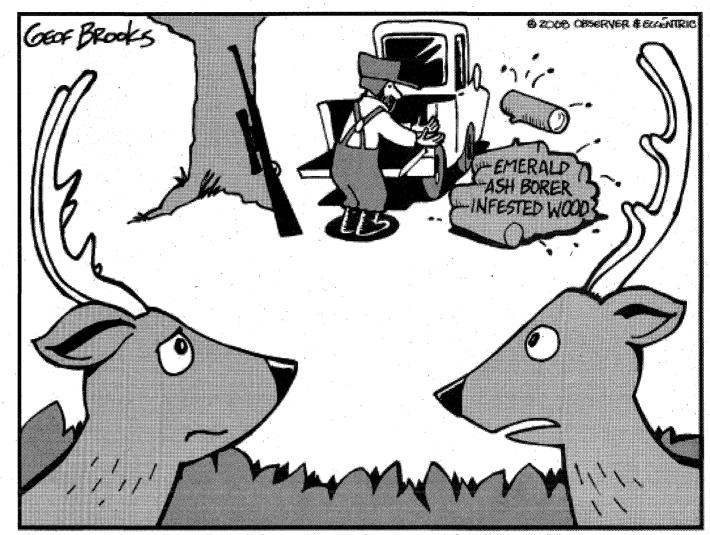
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"His rifle used to scare me, but now it's his firewood!"

## Healing journey continues after 14 years

n a summer day in 2007, my father and I sat in the lantern-lit shop of Solomon Wickey. When I first met this pioneering Amish healer and master herbalist about 13 years ago, he was 57 years old. His bright blue eyes, framed by a head of thick blond-



Craig Oster

ish, silvery hair and beard, beamed the gifts of peace and faith as he told me that I could beat the fatal odds of my diagnosis with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

I had believed that overcoming this death sentence was possible before meeting Solomon, but his systematic approach and his

level of trust in the process of healing would comfort me greatly for many

Ordinarily, I felt a sense of peace and ALS for about a third of my life. excited anticipation in this rustic setting: hand-sewn laundry hanging on the WRESTLING WITH DEATH clothesline to dry in the summer air, the family buggy sitting in the barn, horses grazing over the land and folks in the waiting room sharing remarkable healing stories involving Solomon.

For nearly 160 consecutive months, my father and many caring friends have endured to help me make this trek to Indiana. The first eight years involved fatiguing two-day trips because his farm at the time was located just north of the Kentucky border. On this particular visit, I was saddened because of the absence of Solomon's jovial and hopeful voice. He had been too ill to work for four of the five previous months.

#### TWO DETERMINED SOULS

In the month before this one. Solomon had attempted to work, but seemed to require every ounce of his will to move his body and to use his mind fully. I felt great compassion for the man I had always known to be vibrant, and I knew that I understood him in an important way: I, too, have repeatedly shown up in my life with that level of fatigue because I feel driven to use what I do have to make a meaningful contribution.

Purpose, determination and persistence have been crucial to my fight and survival. Solomon embodied these same characteristics. In his absence, I kept remembering Solomon's sustaining words of loyalty that were etched into my soul at a time when I was growing weary in my fight: "I do not give up. As long as I am alive, I will work on helping you heal."

At the beginning of 2007, just before Solomon became so ill, he told me that I was beginning to gain muscle and that I should continue to do so. Remarkably, this happened for the next six months, after having previously lost more than 42 pounds.

I was thrilled to be getting stronger every week in the rehab gym. My medical doctor and everyone else in my life were celebrating the visible muscle mass filling in on my body. It seemed I had turned the corner and was finally going to realize my hopeful vision of healing, after having lived with the ravages of

#### **BENEFIT FOR CRAIG**

- What: Spaghetti dinner for former Plymouth resident Craig Oster
- When: 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9
- Where: Livonia American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh
- Why: Oster was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease); the benefit allows Oster to receive necessary in-home care and continue his
- health and healing program. ■ How to help: Donations at the door; or mail a check payable to Craig Oster Trust, c/o Bonnie Oster, 1431 S. Sheldon, Apt. 3, Plymouth, MI 48170; with a secure transaction on the Internet: http://www.myspace. com/craigoster

However, as fall neared, my gains were not continuing and Solomon remained hospitalized. By the end of the year, Mrs. Wickey was considering closing down the shop. I wondered if I would ever see him again. It was dawning on me that I had, yet again, further losses; for example, dialing the phone with my weak curled finger sometimes took 10 minutes of intense concentration, and using my hands to brush my teeth adequately was no longer possible.

I must confess that even though I usually focus my mind on what healing is possible, when faced with snail's-pace losses that keep accumulating over time, an anxiety can grasp my mind and body. When I wrestled with this menacing and nebulous force, pinned it down and removed its mask, I saw my own terrified face gazing into the specter of physical death. Thus, faith and a spiritual understanding of death had not vet permeated every level of my mind.

Feeling frustrated, I found myself making the demoralizing judgment that I am a slow spiritual learner, given the opportunity that ALS has provided for me to face death for so many years.

#### PRAYER, REFLECTION AND GRATITUDE

I prayed for self-compassion, and for a fuller realization of who I am beyond my body. I prayed for the faith to know that God would not make my healing dependent upon one person. I prayed for the trust that I would be guided to all of the help I would need to heal. I focused my mind inwardly more than ever on knowing God directly. At the same time, the thought of los-

ing Solomon was deeply saddening, and pensively reflected upon how much I had gained from our time together. I had worked hard and implemented every one of Solomon's recommendations for more than 12 years, in addition to much that I had discovered on my own and initiated into my healing program. Solomon had played a key role in helping me realize amazing physical improvements more than once. Even though the physical improvements did not continue, memory of them did

endure and nurture hope.

#### **FACING DEATH (AGAIN)**

I felt surprised and delighted when I came to discover in early 2008 that Solomon was back to work. Seeing him again was a joyful homecoming mixed with some sorrow I felt as I observed the apparent toll that Solomon's illness had taken on him. However, when I was with him the following month, I was awestruck by the increase in vitality before me. When 70-year-old Solomon touched me, I felt the unique surges of energy that my body so well remembered. Medical doctors, who had finally diagnosed him with congestive heart failure, were amazed at his heart, which they now evaluated as normal and healthy. Solomon's triumph sent waves of hope and inspiration flowing through me regarding my own healing.

This was followed by my having pneumonia once again. As I labored for each breath with respiratory muscles weakened by ALS, I was aware that most people with ALS have their life terminated through respiratory failure. Emotionally, I faced my own possible death in the deepest way yet. Loved ones stayed with me during these nights, which would have been terrifying to spend alone.

#### THANKFUL FOR MY LIFE

The last year-and-a-half has been full of soul searching, discovery and growth. What has happened has given me the opportunity to reach deeper into the core of myself, and to devote my mind more to God in the face of fear. My ability to persevere through the last year has only been possible because of the caring help of many people, including the touching and generous support given at the last fund-raiser. This has helped me pay for home assistants and other health-related care for about one

I am excited to use all of my healing journey experiences to make a positive impact. I will never give up!

Former Plymouth resident Craig Oster was diagnosed with ALS 14 years ago. He can be reached at (517) 575-0151 or ostercra@msu.edu.

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## QUOTABLE

"With all the homeland security issues and our attempts at keeping our schools safe we'll be closed. It's not to say voters pose a threat, but there are people who take that opportunity."

- Plymouth-Canton Schools Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs, on why district officials decided to close schools Tuesday for the election (several polling locations are at district schools)

## Democrats making inroads in Plymouth-area politics

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The Plymouth community has long been considered a Republican stronghold.

Democrat Marc Corriveau of Northville put a slight dent in Republican armor two years ago, wresting the 20th District seat in the state House of Representatives from years of Republican control. Tuesday, he handily defeated Republican Jerry Vorva for a second term.

And on Tuesday, another shift may have been signaled when Democrat Barack Obama, elected the country's 44th president by a wide margin, lost in the Plymouths by just 152 votes.

Obama actually carried the City of Plymouth, 3,013 votes to 2,277. But McCain carried Plymouth Township by nearly 900 votes.

Asked why McCain struggled in Plymouth, voters echoed national reaction: They associate McCain with

President George Bush and want change, and they were dissatisfied with McCain's choice of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate.

Karen Szubeszak voted for Obama, though she said she would have considered a better vice president.

"I think McCain is too old, and I'd like to see something different," said Szubeszak, who voted for Obama. "I'm not sure (Obama) is going to be able to do all the things he wants to do. (But) I didn't like (McCain's) choice of Palin, of all the qualified women he could have chosen."

Voting in her first presidential election, 18-year-old Sarah Pursell said she was having a hard time deciding to whom her first-ever vote for president would go, though she admitted she'd probably end up voting for McCain.

"I don't really like either one of them," said Pursell, the daughter of Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell, who owns Main Street Car Wash. "I don't

agree with McCain on abortion because I'm pro-choice. Obama, I think he's cool but the whole thing about charging taxes to businesses would affect us big time. I want to help out our business best I can, so I think McCain would be good with that."

The shift isn't as obvious in other races:

■ U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, a Republican from Livonia, was widely favored in the city and township, as was longtime Democrat U.S. Sen

■ Republican Laura Cox easily held onto her 10th District seat on the Wayne County Commission, besting Plymouth resident Susan

■ Republican incumbents Richard Reaume (supervisor) and Ron Edwards (treasurer) won easy re-election, despite the fact Obama came within 2 percentage points of McCain in Plymouth Township.

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## Corriveau: 'Back to work' in state House

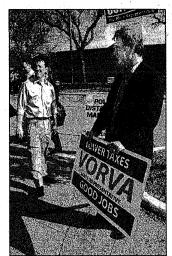
BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Just like two years ago, state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, won't have time to bask in the limelight of Tuesday's election-night victory.

Corriveau is back to work now in Lansing, representing the 20th House District after a solid (30,393-20,662) win over Republican Jerry Vorva of Plymouth. But, said Corriveau, who earned his second term, this time it's a little different.

"When I won two years ago they said I was lucky, gave me 24 hours to feel good with no chance to be re-elected," said Corriveau. "When we look at the numbers, I'm pretty confident this time we earned the right to get back based on the work we've done.'

Corriveau said his main focus during his next two years in the House will be somewhat similar to his goal



At the Plymouth Cultural Center, incumbent State Rep. Marc Corriveau (left) and challenger Jerry Vorva work the voters arriving to vote.

during his first two years in office.

"I want to reach across the (political) aisle and find solutions that are best for my district," said Corriveau.

"That's what people are demanding now, they don't want the bickering anymore. I want to work as hard as I can to give people who gave me another shot to be proud of their decision. That's my focus."

Vorva said with no money to spend, his job was to make sure Corriveau focused on the 20th House race and didn't use any of his war chest to help Democratic candidates in other districts.

"We ran a good ground game, a lot of door-to-door, and made Corriveau and the Democratic Party spend a lot of money," said Vorva. "We could only afford to send one mailing to half the absentee voters in the city of Plymouth.

The big voter turnout and (John) McCain pulling out of the state didn't help, either," he said. "The leadership in the Republican Party is lacking."

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my training from the other side of the bench," he added. "I'll be watching from a different perspective, but at the same time thinking internally, 'What would I do?'

While he'll be gaining tips from his soon-to-be colleagues, Plakas already knows what

kind of judge he'll work to be. "I enjoy judges who engage with attorneys and challenge them, in a respectful way, to convince them your view is the right view," Plakas said. "It's their time to be there that day and I want to hear what they have to say, because when the day ends and a decision is

made, it's over." Plakas said all his emotions spilled while watching the vote totals from the five communities 35th District Court serves while at the Inn at St. John's.

"I saw my wife and we embraced, and I was looking at the screen with the numbers, Plakas said. "She was crying into my shoulders and when the final Canton numbers came up, I whispered, 'We won.'

"I admit I was crying, and every person I hugged was crying," he added. "This has been over two years in the making for us, and it's been a lot of stress and disruptive to our law practice, my family and friends."

Plakas said next to getting married and experiencing the birth of his children, the win was "an amazing emotional experience."

"It's now just hitting me and I'm trying to savor every minute because I know I won't have a feeling like this again," Plakas said. "I've never experienced a challenge like this, waking up

every single day with your feet hitting the floor in competition against quality people. It's a painful thing to live through, amazingly stressful, but — for us — at the end of the day, well

worth it." While there has been talk of animosities between Plakas and Lowe because Plakas ran against the incumbent Lowe two years ago, Plakas downplayed it.

"(Lowe) showed up at my party, which meant a lot to me. That was extending the olive branch," Plakas said. "I expressed to him that I now know how he felt two years ago, that it's miserable being the hunted. We shook hands and embraced, and he and I knew we would be fine and everyone in the these communities will be proud of this court."

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"nearly all" Democratic, but she split the ticket to vote for two Republicans, including Edwards (the other was U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter).

"I liked what I heard (from Edwards) and from people I talked to about him," said Brown, whose reason for supporting McCotter was simpler: "I knew his mother."

Reaume said the fact the presidential race was so close Republican John McCain narrowly edged Barack Obama 51-49 percent - in a traditionally Republican area made Tuesday's margins of victory look even better.

"I was nervous, considering the presidential vote was so close, and I was glad as an incumbent Republican I was able to get such a win," Reaume said.

The rest of the candidates for the township board — Clerk Joe Bridgman and trust-



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Jessica Dorado is a Plymouth resident and self-described liberal who voted for Obama.

ees Kay Arnold, Steve Mann, Bob Doroshewitz and Michael Kelly — were unopposed in the general election after winning in the August primary. Arnold (fifth term), Mann (second

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that do have a Medicare D Plan should spend some time to make sure that, moving forward, they're in the right plan.

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change, prescriptions may be different and Medicare D Plans are also changing. In fact, some plans are lowering premiums. Just because a plan worked this year does not mean it's going to be the right plan for next year. Also, don't forget that in many situations it makes sense for spouses to have different plans. In doing research, husbands and wives should each look at their situation independently.

In deciding whether to retain current coverage, it is important to know there are no penalties to switching plans. As long as you do it during the open enrollment period (Nov. 15-Dec. 31), there is no cost. In addition, there is no gap in coverage or double coverage.

The new plan begins Jan. 1, 2009, while the old plan ends Dec. 31.

Although the drug plan has been a success and has saved seniors a substantial amount of money, to fully benefit from the program you must be proactive. It would be nice if there were only a few different options available to make selecting easy.

Considering the complexity of health care, it would be nearly impossible to only have a few options and at the same time deliver the savings and benefits to seniors.

Whether assisting someone or doing it on your own, it's important to base your decision upon your individual situation. Consider the drugs you

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dosage, frequency and whether a generic equivalent is avail-

The Internet is an excellent place to do research. The first place that you should go is the Medicare Web site (www.medicare.gov). This Web site has good information and allows you to compare different plans. It is also easy to use and navi-

I recognize that many seniors are not computer savvy, but that does not mean that you can't take advantage of the government's Web site. Ask a grandchild who ultimately knows more about computers than you and I and don't forget about the public libraries. Public libraries do an excellent job of helping people navigate and learn the Internet. For those individuals who prefer to talk to an individual, call (800) MEDICARE or (800) 633-4227.

You can make changes to your prescription drug plan only once a year, so make sure you get the plan that best suits your situation. Begin your research as soon as possible, take your time, ask questions and, most importantly, save money.

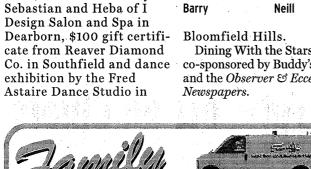
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2008 MR SOCCE

# At the top of his game

## Cope earns state's most distinguished individual soccer award

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Members of the Salem student cheering section routinely chanted "Mis-ter Soccer! Mis-ter Soc-cer!" when Rock senior defender Kevin Cope handled the ball during late-season matches.

It turns out they knew what they were chanting about.

On the heels of a sensational senior season in which he led the Rocks to a 22-1-4 record and a several-week stint as the state's No. 1-ranked team, Cope was voted "Mr. Soccer" Sunday afternoon following a vote by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association's executive board.

He is the first Rock to win the award since Tom Baker was likewise honored following the 1992 season.

Cope and Baker are the only two PCEP players to win the award.

Cope was the heart of a Salem defensive unit that yielded just 12 goals in 27 games - and never more than one in any contest - before the team suffered a seasonending 1-0 overtime loss to Saline in a Division 1 Regional final Oct. 25.

The four-year varsity letter winner has accepted an athletic scholarship from Michigan State University.

'Kevin is the best player to play at

Salem over the past 10 years and he's arguably the best ever," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He's one of the most competitive players I've ever coached and his combination of size and skill gave him the ability to change a game by himself.

"He's the kind of player who makes everyone around him better."

Throughout his prep career, Cope would move from the back line to the top of the Rocks' offense when Salem needed a lategame spark.

His incredible leaping ability made him the target of countless corner kicks, a good percentage of which he either deposited into the back of the net or made the goalie work hard to knock away.

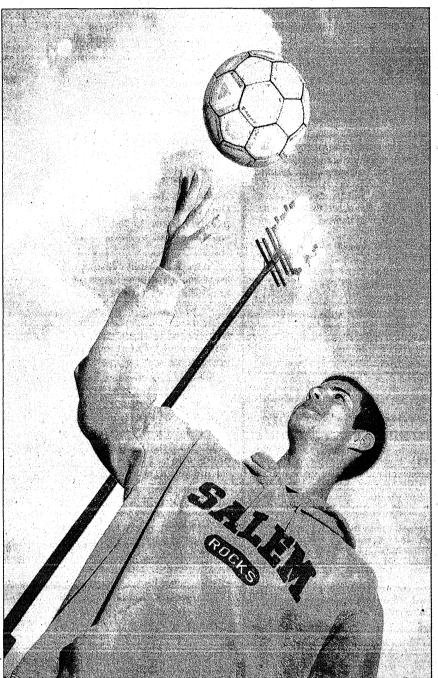
In a tight game earlier this year against cross-campus rival Canton, he drilled home a scintillating goal with an acrobatic, high-rising effort that inspired awe in the game's spectators.

A born leader, Cope often fired up his teammates during times of adversity and calmed them down when tempers flared.

When we were down at the half or not playing well, Kevin would step up and talk to the team, get everybody going," McCarthy said.

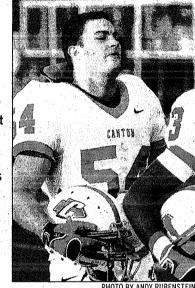
Cope found out about the honor Sunday night while driving home with his parents

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Canton Justin Sneddon brings a level of intensity to the Chiefs that coach Tim Baechler has rarely seen in his 20-year coaching career.



# Sneddon's intensity rubs off on Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

John Madden would love

Justin Sneddon. Sneddon, a two-way

standout on Canton's surging football team, plays with the kind of (POW!) relentless (BAM!) tough-minded intensity (BOOM!) that the Hall of Fame announcer has raved about in the broadcast booth the past three decades.

"In the 20 years I've coached high school football, Justin is one of the toughest individuals I've ever coached," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "He's one of my favorites players of all time. He just loves the game. He loves practice. He has a great attitude. He pumps me up every day." Sneddon has so

impressed opposing coach-

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DISTRICT GRIDIRON SHOWDOWN

WHAT: Division 1 District football final: **WHO:** Canton (9-1) vs. Saline (7-3); WHEN: Friday, 7 p.m.;

WHERE: PCEP Varsity Stadium; **HOW THEY GOT HERE:** Canton defeated Plymouth, 35-28; Saline outlasted Ann Arbor Pioneer, 37-36. **GAME-TIME FORECAST: Showers.** 

temperature in mid-40s; **CANTON COACH TIM BAECHLER** ON HORNETS: "They run a spread

offense and have been establishing the run to go along with a very good passing game the past couple of weeks. They have a very good quarterback and receiver, and their running back is impressive."

WHAT'S AT STAKE: Winner advances to next Friday's Regional against winner of Livonia Stevenson-Novi Catholic Central

PREDICTION: Canton 42, Saline 31

## **ALL SET? YOU BET!**

## PCEP's trio of setters are among the area's finest

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

If you look at volleyball teams as cars, then the setters are the engines.

And the three that operate at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park could be classified as high-performance machines.

Blessed with athleticism, poise, a soft touch, supreme decisionmaking skills and the ability to turn potential disasters into kills, Salem's Jansan Falcusan, Canton's Kacy Moran and

Plymouth's Katie Salo can set with anyone around.

While they may not draw the gym-shaking cheers that the hitters generate, those who know the game the best realize that it's impossible to under-estimate the value of the masters of the assist.

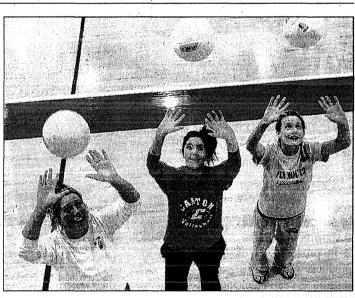
"We, at the Park, are very fortunate to have three stellar setters," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "Each of them has an immense love and passion for the game, and each of them inspires their teammates to excel as well."

Smooth as silk

Unlike most freshmen athletes who play varsity sports, there was little if any period of adjustment for Falcusan. Like her older sister Jordan, who also set for the Rocks, she excelled from Day 1 and has since ascended into the ranks of the best in the state.

"Coming in as a coach for the first time and having a freshman setter who is one of the best is something a coach dreams of." said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "She is the glue that holds this whole team together and she has

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The three PCEP volleyball teams are stocked with ultra-talented setters. Pictured (from left) are Jansan Falcusan (Salem), Kacy Moran (Canton) and Katie Salo (Plymouth).

#### JV Steelers fall

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity football team dropped a 33-12 decision to Ypsilanti Sunday in the second round of the Western Suburban Junior Football League playoffs.

The Steelers finished the 2008 campaign with a 6-4 record.

Matthew McKov scored the Steelers' first touchdown on a long run while Trenton Shelby scored the second on a bulldozing run. Shelby also hauled in a long pass from Gregory Williams, who also completed passes to Thomas Nelson III and Joshua Morris.

Defensively, the Steelers were paced by defensive lineman Vincent Crespi.

#### Velocity Baseball open house

The Velocity Sports Performance Baseball Academy will be holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. The indoor, climate-controlled baseball facility is located inside the Arctic Edge Ice Arena at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The open house will feature an opportunity for people to meet members of the Velocity coaching staff, which includes Bruce Fields, who is currently the minor league hitting coordinator for the Cleveland Indians, and Ken Howell, the bullpen and pitching coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The facility is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To schedule a lesson, call (734) 485-2561 or visit www.velocitysp. com/canton.

#### Saberettes clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a kids clinic from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Plymouth High

School cafeteria. For more information, call Lisa Krahel at (734) 397-3005.



# Local harriers fare well at D1 state meet

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's cross country elite represented the three local high schools in grand fashion at Saturday's Division 1 State Championships held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Plymouth, the lone PCEP team to qualify for the prestigious event, placed 12th with

and fees are past due.

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333 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer Elmar Engholm, who placed took the title with 82 points followed by Saginaw Heritage (145) and Bay City Western

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"I thought we'd finish somewhere between ninth and 12th, so I was happy with our performance," said first-year Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz.

The Wildcats were led by

19th in the team event with a time of 15:48.8. Also scoring for Plymouth were Warren Buzzard (70th in 16:34.0), Matt Neumann (77th in 16:37.0), Derek Lax (82nd in 16:42.0) and Joe Porcari (85th in 16:42.5).

Both of Canton's senior statequalifiers placed in the top 100. Duncan Spitz was 48th in 16:14.4 while Kyle Clinton crossed 99th in 16:34.3. Freshman Chief Miles Felton was the fifth ninth-grader to cross the line, placing 150th in 16:54.8.

Salem's lone representative, Matt Devey, was 59th in 16:20.0.

Canton's Bianca Kubicki, who is only a sophomore, was the PCEP's top female finisher, placing 36th in 18:54.2. She was the eighth sophomore to finish.

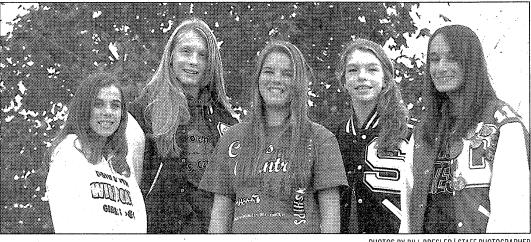
Plymouth's Molly Slavens and Nicole Traitses placed 61st and 151st, respectively. Slavens, who was making her second straight trip to the state meet, was clocked in 19:19.7 while Traitses registered a time of 20:19.0.

Salem was well-represented by Jordyn Moore (73rd in 19:25.9) and Victoria Tripp (75th in 19:27.1).

Traverse City Central captured the girls D1 title with 129 points. Grand Haven (148) was second and East Kentwood (189) was third.



**Eleven PCEP boys** cross country runners participated in Saturday's **Division 1 State** Championships at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. Pictured are (front row from left) Matt Neumann (Plymouth), Stephan Balaze (Plymouth), Kyle Clinton (Canton), (standing from left) Joe Porcari (Plymouth), Warren Buzzard (Plymouth), Elmar Engholm (Plymouth), Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth), Derek Lax (Plymouth), Matt Devey (Salem), Duncan Spitz (Canton) and Miles Felton (Canton).



Five PCEP runners participated in Saturday's Division 1 Girls State Championships in Brooklyn. Pictured (from left) are Nicole Traitses (Plymouth), Jordyn Moore (Salem), Molly Slavens (Plymouth), Victoria Tripp (Salem) and Bianca

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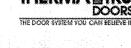
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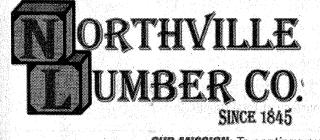




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from an official visit to MSU.

"I was shocked when Eddie (McCarthy) called me and told me," Cope said. "I knew people were talking about me possibly winning the award, but I thought when we got knocked out of the playoffs in the Regional finals, it would hurt my chances.

"If I could only win one of the two, I'd definitely have rather won a state title than Mr. Soccer, but since we didn't win the state title, I'm glad I won this. It's a

great honor."

Soccer came naturally to a young Cope, whose above-average speed gave opposing teams fits.

When I was a little kid, I used to be faster than most of the other kids, so I'd score a lot of goals," said Cope. "Since I was successful at soccer, it was fun, so I continued to play, and that's why I am where I am today.'

Cope dished off a well-deserved assist to his parents, Doug and Cindy.

"I definitely wouldn't be the soccer player I am now without their help," he said. "They put a lot of time and money into making sure I was getting the right training.'

While in East Lansing this past weekend, Cope watched his future teammates knock off Northwestern — which was ranked No. 4 in the country -1-0 to claim their first ever regular-season Big 10 championship.

"Ultimately, my goal is to play professional soccer after I graduate from Michigan State," Cope said. "But the reason I chose a university like Michigan State is because if soccer doesn't work out, I'll have a degree from a great school."

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## **PCA thumps Troy**

The Plymouth Christian Eagles advanced to the inaugural Christian Football League of Michigan's championship game by thumping the Trov Defenders, 31-0, Saturday.

The Eagles' scored four touchdowns, two by Jordan Allen and one each by Jordan Early-Pitts and Douglas Malcolm. Matt Sauter tacked on a two-point conversion run while Spencer Wiard contributed two point-after-touch-

down kicks and a 30-yard field goal.

Eric Jipping led an inspired Eagle defensive attack with four sacks. Other defensive standouts for the winners were Richard Truhn (three sacks), Wiard (interception), Tim Pugh (interception), Andrew Weaver (fumble recovery), Zach Hare and Sauter.

The Eagles will take on the Muskegon Shoreline Breakers in Saturday's title game.

## Lafata optimistic about **Ocelots**

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Judging by the enthusiasm in Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata's voice, you'd think the Ocelots were returning four starters from last year's 28-4 squad, not losing four starters.

The fact that Schoolcraft has just one starter coming back from the 2007-08 MCCAA Eastern Conference championship squad — and the fact that Lafata is enthused — tells you all you need to know about the quality of the replacements who have been assembled to carry on the program's trâdition of excellence.

"We lost nine players from last year's team, including four starters, but I'm excited about this group," the veteran coach said. "We can go two-deep at every position.

"This is also a hard-working group — both on and off the court. They're definitely taking care of business.'

Three of the departed Ocelots — Heidi Warczinsky (Central Michigan University), Antoinette Brown (Tulsa) and Ladwan Jones (Eastern Michigan University) — have moved on to Division 1 schools Brittany Ivey (Virginia State) — is currently competing at the Division 2 level.

Schoolcraft's up-tempo attack will be engineered this season by 5-foot point guard Brittany Collins, a transfer from Saginaw Valley State University.

"Brittany is extremely quick with great leadership ability," said Lafata.

Collins will be joined in the starting backcourt by Salem graduate Tayler Langham, a 5-9 sophomore.

'Tayler is a tremendous athletic talent," said Lafata. "She's a slasher/driver type of offensive player who can get to the basket. She's a flyer, too, on the fast-break.

Anchoring the frontcourt for Lafata's hoopers will be center Shannon Collins, a 6-0 sophomore out of Detroit McKenzie.

"She can play the post and move outside and shoot equally well," said Lafata.

Collins will be flanked by starting forwards Sheray Brown, a 5-8 power forward who is the squad's lone returning starter, and 5-10 freshman Antania Shepherd, who will man the small forward posi-

"Sheray led the team in rebounding last year and she brings a lot of leadership to our team," said Lafata. "Antania is solid at both ends of the court and she can really shoot the three.

Filling out the Ocelots deep and talented roster are Amber Avery, a freshman forward from Southfield Lathrup; April Goins, a graduate of Detroit Pershing; Angela Burrell, a sharp-shooting guard who prepped at Detroit Northwestern; Shanika Morman, who will serve as the back-up point guard; and Jasmine Brown, who excels from beyond the arc.

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es this season that he was voted the Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division's Offensive Player of the Year. And he's -KABOOM!- a

"I was at a meeting with a bunch of other coaches to pick an All-Metro team (Monday night) and I started to talk about Justin," Baechler said. "The Carleton Airport coach, who we scrimmaged before the season started, says, 'Is that No. 54? He's a nasty

son-of-a-gun." When it comes to complimentary coaching terms, it doesn't get any better than "nasty."

#### Sweat equity

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The 5-foot-9, 207-pound bundle of energy compensates for his modest size with an anything-butmodest desire to get stronger.

With a 350-pound bench press on his resume, Sneddon is among the strongest players around.

"I work my butt off in the weight room," he said, when asked for the key to his gridiron success. "And I'm pretty intense out there. You can't get too intense, you know what I mean?"

With Friday night's Division 1 playoff game against Plymouth knotted at 28-all, less than six minutes to play and Canton 80 yards from the end zone, eight

plays of the subsequent 11-play scoring drive went left — the side of the line Sneddon and senior tight end Todd Turfe patrol.

"That felt good," Sneddon said. "It meant a lot that the coaches thought that much of Todd and I, the two seniors."

#### Two-way threat

After getting inserted into the Chiefs' starting defense as an inside linebacker prior to its Week 8 game against Novi, Sneddon became just one of two players - the other being Dakota Dark Bird — who starts both ways for

"It gets a little rough sometimes," Sneddon said, referring to the minimal rest he gets on Friday

nights. "But that's where our offseason conditioning helps.

"The other night I asked Justin how he was feeling," Baechler said. "He said, I was a little tired the first half, but I felt better the second half. He can play both ways because he never misses a workout."

#### **Smooth transition**

Sneddon transferred to Canton from Dearborn Edsel Ford following the first semester of his sophomore year. The personable student-athlete fit in immediately and was voted one of the team's captains during the off-season.

"I love being a captain," he said. "My job is to keep everybody upbeat in the huddle and to keep



everybody together.

"One of my favorites things I get to do is before our home games I'll get everybody together and shout, 'Whose house is this!' Then the team shouts, 'Our house!' That

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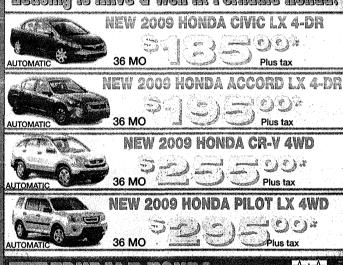
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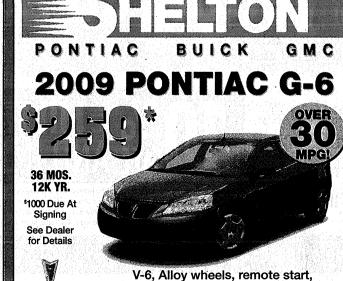


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#### Head games

The setter is the thinkingperson's position on a volleyball court. They must call plays, analyze the opponents' positioning and elevate teammates' confidence levels when the need arises — all responsibilities that Falcusan relishes.

"Probably the toughest part for me is having to know the other team's offense and defense," she said. "In between plays, I have to know exactly what they're doing on the other

side of the net and then set up our offense accordingly. And I only have about five or 10 sec-

Falcusan, who has earned an athletic scholarship to the University of New Hampshire, said it's not difficult for someone new to the sport to pick out the setter on the court.

"Every second ball is ours, so we're the ones running around all over the place trying to get to the pass," she said. "I enjoy everything about the position. I like being a leader and being connected to all the other positions on the court."

#### Assist specialist

Moran has had a spectacular career with the Chiefs since getting promoted to the varsity early on in her sophomore year.

The senior has formed a strong on-the-court chemistry with junior hitter Jordan Falcusan that make the duo one of the most respected in the

"Kacy has been a huge part of this team and a huge part of our success the past couple of years," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "She's a very smart player who makes great deci-

"I definitely don't want to lose her next year. It will be a hit to the team when you lose the player who has touched just about every second ball for our offense the past two years. Kacy and Jordan have developed an amazing connection, too."

Salo, the only junior of the threesome, made a sudden impact on the Wildcats' program when she was called up to the varsity her freshman season after an older player became ill.

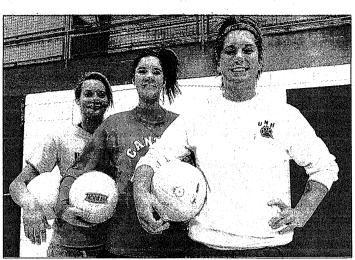
She made such a positive impression on McCausland that she's been on the varsity roster ever since.

"Katie Salo immediately became an asset to our program when she came in as a freshman," said McCausland. "She is very knowledgeable about the game, and she takes great pride in working hard in the off-season.

"She is competitive by nature and I am fortunate to be able to count on her as our floor general."

Salo enjoys the pressure that is inherent with the role of set-

"I like being involved in every play, knowing that I'm going to be touching every second ball and helping to decide what is going to happen with the point," she said. "If there's a bad pass, we had to make the best of it and adjust."



Pictured (from left) are PCEP setters Katie Salo (Plymouth), Kacy Moran (Canton) and Jansan Falcusan (Salem).

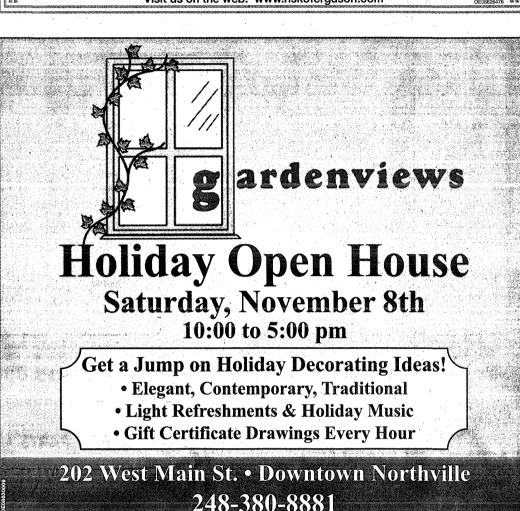
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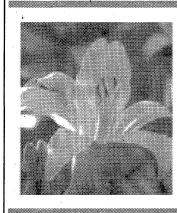
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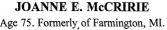
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November 1, 2008. Age 82. Beloved husband of 57 years to Nancy Huff Allen. Preceded in death by son Robert (1965). Survived by his children, Kathy (Dennis) Klohs and David Allen both of Minneapolis, MN, grand-daughters Caroline Klohs and Christine Allen, sister Ruby (William) Magee of Lansing, MI, and brother Ret Col Charles (Mitzi) Allen, Columbus, GA. Born in Lansing, MI in 1926, he was educated at Western Michigan University and Notre Dame University in the Navy V-12 program, was commissioned an officer, and served on a destroyer in the Pacific Fleet. He later graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Michigan. Throughout his professional life, Maury exhibited a concern for architectural excellence in the fullest sense. He designed many prominent structures which received local, regional and national recognition. In addition, his design interests led him into positions of teacher, juror, public speaker and counselor to state government. His career started as draftsperson/designer for Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates and for a decade as an Associate of Eero Saarinen. He was a Principal of TMP Associates for 31 years, retiring from his Board position in 1993. Maury was honored with advancement to the College of Fellows of the AIA in 1983 for his outstanding contributions in design and service to the profession. In 1995 the AIA, Detroit Chapter, honored Maury with its most prestigious award, the Chapter's Gold Medal. Memorial service at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 Saturday, November 8th at 2:00 pm. Reception at the church following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St.



KRISTEN J. ROSS (nee Kamen)

Age 36, October 31, 2008. Beloved wife of Gunnar R. Ross. Dear mother to Charlotte and Vivienne. Beloved daughter to Don and Elaine Kamen. Loving sister to Michael and Lyndsey. Graduate of University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She walked faithfully with Christ and rests perfectly with Him now. Service will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Monday November 10th at 11 am. Visitation at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Saturday, November 8th from 2-6 pm and Sunday November 9th from 1-8 pm. Share a memory of Kristen at www.rggrharris.com.



**NORMA JEAN ABBOTT** 

November 1, 2008. Age 81. Of Novi formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late George "Pete" Abbott Jr. Dear mother of Jim (Leslie), Patti (Joe), Bill (Karen) and Dave (Cathy) Grandmother of Chris, Megan Michael and Emma. Daughter of the late Hattie Hollister. Also survived by many extended family members and life long friends. She summered in Elk Rapids where she enjoyed gardening and being with family. She also enjoyed painting and antiquing. She was a former member of the Village Women's Club. Funeral service Thursday 11 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd. Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Elk Rapids Garden Club, P.O. Box 534, Elk Rapids, MI 49629. A.J Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at

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Here's what's on the group's calendar: ■ Saturday, Nov. 15: The group's monthly breakfast meeting is at 9:30 a.m., at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, (south side) in Garden City.

For details, call Kathy at (734)

Bethany West, a group

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and educational assistance

to divorced and separated

Christians, plans several get-

togethers through December.

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■ Saturday, Nov. 29: Bethany Together Dance, which is limited to the first 450 paid admissions, will run from 8 p.m.-midnight, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, in Redford. Admission is \$12. For more information call Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-

■ Saturday, Dec. 13: The monthly dance runs from 8 p.m.-midnight at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, in Redford. Participants can take a dance lesson. Admission is \$10 and refreshments are included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information at (734) 261-5716.

■ Sunday, Dec. 14: Join Bethany Suburban West for its annual Advent Mass, at 9 a.m., at the Felician Sister House Chapel on the Madonna College campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. Use the Newburg entrance. Breakfast will follow service. For details call Kathy at (734) 513-9479.

■ Saturday, Dec. 20: Monthly breakfast meeting

at 9:30 a.m., at Leon's, 0149 Ford Road, in Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call Kathy at (734) 513-9479.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 31: Join Bethany Suburban West as members ring in the New Year at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago Road at Inkster Road, in Redford. Two hundred advance tickets at \$35 each are available before Dec. 15. The first 100 tickets sold before Dec. 1 will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize. The evening will include a catered dinner at 9 p.m., with refreshments and party favors. The party runs from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Music by Dick Gerathy. For tickets or more information call Elsie at (313) 563-1142, Chris at (313) 561-9721 or Judy of Bethany South at (313) 389-4730.

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

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

#### NOVEMBER

Scrapbook fund-raiser

All day scrapbook event, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, is a fund-raiser for Tiny Tots Preschool located in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Full day registration is \$35 which includes a 6-foot or 8-foot table, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner. Half day options and scrap booking class also available. Call the school at (734) 464-0211 ext. 208 for information.

#### **Red Cross blood drive**

2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Libeau at (734) 455-5393 to make an appointment or just drop in.

#### Church fair

Christmas shop boutique, home made candy, attic treasures, hand made goods, book store 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 13-14, at First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square at Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. For details, call (734) 729

### St. Andrew's Day

Sunday, Nov. 16, begins with 10 a.m. worship service followed by dinner/entertainment downstairs in Calvin Hall, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Advance tickets \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-11, free for age 3 and under; At the door \$12 adults, \$6 for children. For reservations, call (313) 534-7730.

#### All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes. scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffetstyle at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

#### **Evenings of Evangelization**

With Rev. Alex Kratz, 7 p.m., Friday Nov. 21, and Dec. 12, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard. south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

#### Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month (Nov. 22, Dec. 27), at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org. Thanksgiving Day dinner

#### Don't be alone for the holiday. Come to

Our Lady of Loretto Family Center 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at Six Mile and Beech Daly. For reservations, call (313) 534-9000 on or before Monday, Nov. 24. Special needs class

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munity to partner with it this holiday season. Opportunities range from adopting a family or child to bell ringing, Christmas in-take assistance, and many others. Sign up by calling volunteer coordinator Sandy Kollinger at (734) 722-3660 or online at www.ringbell.org and choosing Wayne/Westland. The Salvation Army

is at 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan

#### Avenue and Palmer. **Grief workshop**

Presented by Karen Jinnett from New Hope Center for Grief Support, began 7-8:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27, for eight consecutive weeks at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

#### Global gifts

10 a.m.-3p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 17, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, at Bates, north of Manle and a block west of Old Woodward. The Fair Trade resource offers foods such as rice, chocolates, coffee, and soup mixes that promote economic justice around the globe. Also offering textiles, ieweiry and handmade artisan crafts from around the world. (248) 644-0550.

#### Prayer hour

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church holds an hour of prayer and inspiration at 7:30 p.m., every Thursday with Rev. Merlin Pratt, at the church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton. Call Pat Beggs at (734) 453-3287 for more information.

#### Caregiver's support group St. John's Support Group for the

Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

#### **UPCOMING**

## Music at St. John's

A Festival of Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, with the parish's music groups; Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2009, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, 2009, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon. Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

#### ONGOING

#### **ENDOW**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women", the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available. locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www. endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. \*

### Choral rehearsals

Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wachet auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield

All singers who can read music are welcome.

Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age 30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184.

#### New worship schedule

Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

#### Bible study

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To regis-

#### ter, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200. Time change

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returned to its fall-spring worship schedule. Services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit

#### www.livonfaith.org. Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www. gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-

#### 6019 Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

#### Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730. **Eucharistic adoration**

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly. program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

#### Worship schedule 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m.

Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland, Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m. Sunday worship

#### The early service for the Anglican

Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www. hischurch.us.

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## Big Fun Party at Ford Field helps boys in foster care

Forget the ball gowns and tuxedos. Christ Child Society wants party goers to have big, casual fun in blue jeans during its 33rd annual holiday gathering on Friday, Nov. 21, at Ford Field in Detroit. "We're throwing the biggest party we've ever thrown. We're like the little charity that could," said Maureen Carey, a long-time volunteer.

This is a wear-your-cutest jeans party and dance all night. We have 'green' solutions for decorations and no one has to waste money on a fancy dress they will

only wear once."

The Big Fun Party will be held for the first time in The Ford Field Atrium, with entertainment by Larry Lee's "Back in the Day" band. Party goers that have worn dressy attire to the organization's previous parties, can relax in casual garb as they dance the night away. The event also includes dinner and a live auction featuring four tickets to the Final 12 American Idol show; walk-on parts for four movies filmed in Detroit and a trip to Sonoma with private winery

Proceeds from the Big Fun Party benefit boys, age 5-15, who suffer from severe developmental, emotional and behavioral problems.

Christ Child Society of Detroit. founded 90 years ago as a local chapter of the national organization, has cared for abused and neglected children since 1948 at Christ Child House, located in Detroit. Boys from throughout the tri-county area live at the house, an intensive residential

State of Michigan, after being removed from abusive homes.

"Christ Child House is the last house on the block for these boys," Carey noted. "Sometimes I force myself to listen to the stories of what they've endured -Ifigure if they can live it, I can at least listen to it. But listening is

hard. The stories are brutal and the pain that surrounds everyone involved is enough to bring you to your knees."

She pointed out that 12 of the approximately 30 boys at the house were adopted last year, fulfilling the Christ Child House philosophy that "It's never too

late to have a happy childhood." Individual tickets for the Big Fun Party are \$150 and sponsor-

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## SC women top Alpena, 82-57

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team opened its 2008-09 schedule Saturday by rocking host Alpena Community College,

The Ocelots, who are ranked No. 10 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II poll, never trailed after racing to an 18-4 lead after 10 minutes.

Schoolcraft led 45-26 at the half and held off a mini-rally by Alpena, which closed to within 61-46 with 8:04 left in the game.

Schoolcraft swished 26 free throws - the second-highest total in school history.

Sheray Brown paced the winners with 18 points on 7-of-12

shooting from the floor. Brown also led the Ocelots with nine rebounds. Antania Shepherd (12 points), Shanika Morman (11) and Angela Burrell (10) also scored in double-digits for SC.

Kimmi Breaugh led Alpena with 17 points. Mary Calhoun added 15.

The Ocelots, who received six steals from Brittany Collins, shot 37.7 percent from the field (27of-71) and 68.7 percent from the stripe (26-of-36).

Schoolcraft forced 34 Alpena

#### Crusaders fall at buzzer

ond triple enabled host Taylor

University (Ind.) to escape with a 59-58 women's basketball win over Madonna University in the Tip-Off Classic.

Taylor, 2-0 overall, is ranked No. 16 nationally in NAIA Division II. Kassebaum finished with 13 points, while Allison Reece and Bethany Ballard added 12 and 11,

respectively. The Lady Trojans outrebounded MU, 48-36.

Katie Mount placed MU (0-2) with 17 points, while Tabatha Wydryck added 11.

Adrian College transfer Kim Olech (Plymouth) grabbed a gamehigh 12 rebounds as MU overcame a 29-26 halftime deficit.

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ing session — entitled "The

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#### Free throw contest

**Canton Leisure Services** will be hosting the annual **Elks Free Throw Competition** Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the competition starting

at 9:30 a.m. Kids between the ages of 8 and 13 are eligible to compete.

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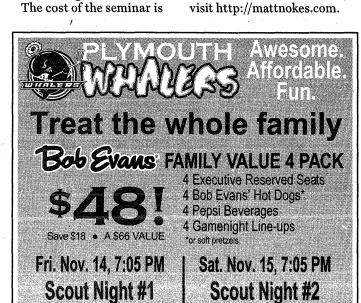
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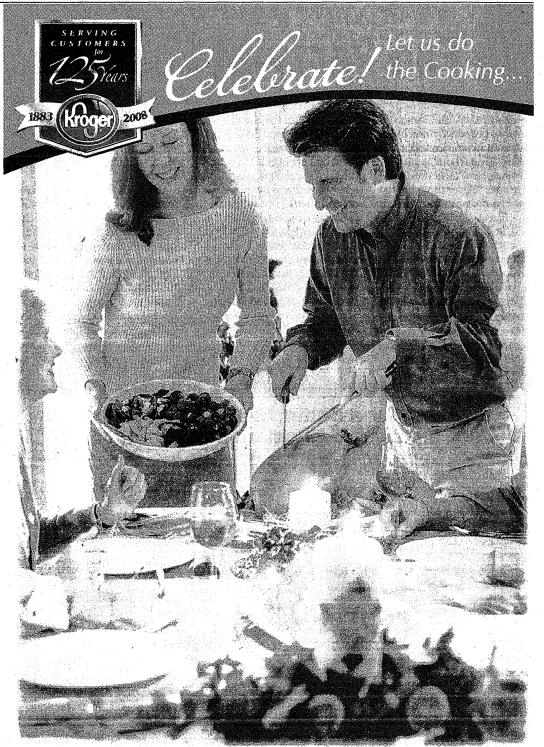


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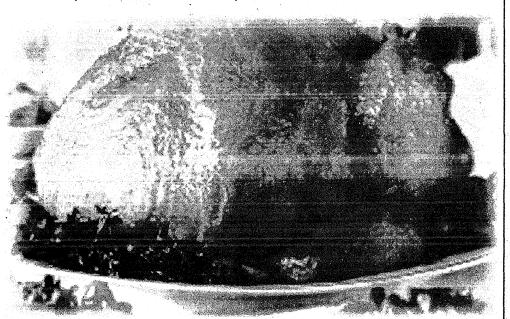
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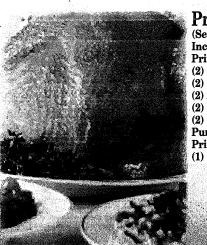
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# BBB has tips for working with home pros

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

If you're a proud homeowner, chances are you like to keep your place looking as good as you can. That often means hiring professional help, and the Better Business Bureau has common-sense advice to see that all goes

"There are a lot of good ones, and there are also a few bad ones," BBB serving eastern Michigan spokesman Tim Burns said of home contractors. The key, according to Clawson resident Burns, is to be an educated consumer.

A common scam in the fall is chimney cleaning. You may get someone at your door or a flier advertising cleaning as low as \$20.

'It sounds like a good deal," Burns said. The problems arise when an "inspection" is done, with the dishonest worker claiming there are fire and carbon monoxide dangers with "repairs" needed immediately.

Burns noted that such repairs can be dangerous on a chimney, such as if a liner is put in incorrectly. He said you should pay about \$75 for a chimney inspection, and \$150 for a cleaning, which will take about an hour.

It's best to pay the industry average, he said, noting the Chimney Safety Institute of America certifies pros and also has an informative video (http:// www.csia.org/sweeping.htm). Burns recommends getting several quotes.

If your fireplace is used a lot for wood burning, it will need more frequent cleaning. "You need to make sure you're safe with that creosote buildup," Burns said.

If soot falls when you open the damper, that's cause for concern, as is creosote buildup over an eighth of an

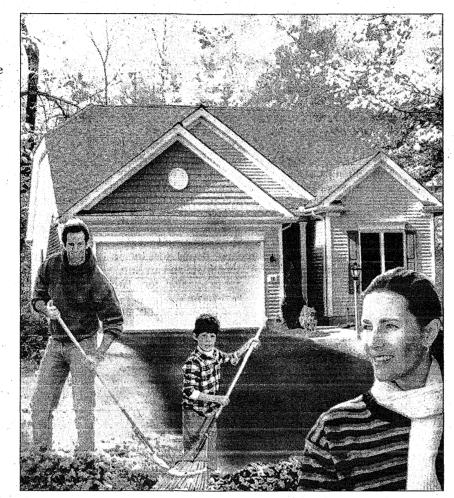
When the worker is checking your fireplace, you can ask to see the camera screen and get explanations. Not getting cooperation is a red flag, according to Burns.

"Make sure you're dealing with a reputable company," he said.

Furnace repairs are also a cause for concern, although most companies are reputable and fair. Burns has found some will falsely cite need for repair or replacement. If the worker says there's a leak and you're in danger, don't panic. Leave the home, and call the utility company, which will come out to check for free.

"Don't make someone pressure you to writing a large check," Burns said. Also, it's good to check the warranty on your furnace. The BBB can

be reached at (248) 644-9100 or by e-mail at info@easternmichiganbbb.



Burns also warns about being told your furnace isn't powerful enough; if it's heating your home you're just fine. Also remember it's important to change filters often, a job you can do

Ducts and vents are part of the furnace and need care, too, he added.

This time of year with roadwork wrapping up, the BBB hears of neighborhoods targeted by people saying "We'll give you a good deal" on driveway asphalting or repair. They claim to have leftover materials, but have nothing to do with the legitimate con-

The BBB has found some take money and don't return, or paint the driveway black. Some even damage driveways.

"They'll just take your money and run," Burns said.

Among home contractors, you need to watch for those who offer a discount for your bringing in other customers. Also watch for materials "left over" from a job, a ploy sometimes used by fly-by-night contractors.

Burns recommends avoiding contractors who don't want to pull permits for work on your home. They may be trying to avoid liability if work isn't

up to code.

"Most of the building codes are for your own safety," he said, adding there can be problems down the road when you go to sell if you haven't had permits. "It's better to be safe than sorry."

The Better Business Bureau has found the following to be indications that a contractor may not be interested in satisfying customers:

- Has materials left over from a previous job: It is not your lucky day when a contractor shows up on your doorstep offering a cut-rate price on a project because they have materials left over from a recent job at your neighbor's house or the house "down the street." This is a common ploy of fly-by-night operators or handymen who are based out-of-state and use their pick-up trucks as their place of business.
- Asks you to get the required building permits: This could be a sign that the contractor is hoping to avoid contact with the local agency that issues such permits. Perhaps he or she is not licensed or registered, as required by your state or locality. A competent contractor will get all the necessary permits before starting
- work on your project. ■ Pressures you for an immediate

decision: A reputable professional will recognize that you need time to consider many factors when deciding which contractor to hire. You will want to check references; look into the contractor's standard of work and his/her professional designations and affiliations; verify insurance; check to see if he/she needs a license (and if so, that it is valid); get written estimates from several firms based on identical project specifications, and, contact the Better Business Bureau to see their reliability report on the company.

■ Asks you to pay for the entire job up-front or demands only cash: Whatever the reason, never pay for the entire project upfront. Payments should be by credit card of check so that your credit card statement or canceled check can provide proof of payment, if needed. Do not pay anything until after the first day of work, and then pay up to one-third. Make additional payments during the project contingent upon completion of a defined amount of work. Do not make the final payment or sign an affidavit of final release until you are satisfied with the work and have proof that the subcontractors and suppliers have been paid.

■ Suggests you borrow from a particular lender: Do not agree to financing through your contractor or someone he/she suggests. Many people have been ripped off when they agreed to use the suggested lender; sign a lot of papers in a rush; and find out later that they had agreed to a home equity loan with a very high rate, points and fees. Secure financing on your own by shopping around and comparing loan

Burns added you should work out in the agreement disposal of leftovers like an old furnace or windows. On larger home construction jobs, protect against a lien on your home. You can put money in an escrow account, or have a release of lien clause in the contract. That protects you if suppliers or subcontractors aren't paid.

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lower than others, but then there is the axiom that you get what you pay for. Since the majority of the board is distraught, you may be best advised to find another lawyer who can service you well even if you have to pay more. Generally, you get what you pay for and she or he who charges least knows best what they are worth!

Q: We just found out that our management company has sent all of its business to the same attorney and they represent over 40 sites. We are somewhat concerned that there may be a special arrangement. What do you think?

A: Ask you attorney whether or not he or she would be in the position to represent your association to sue the management company if there was a problem. Also, ask that attorney whether, in fact, he or she has done any work for the management company or its employees. Perhaps there is an unholy alliance that would preclude your attorney from representing your best interests as it relates to the management company and perhaps others. Perhaps you should interview other management companies and see what the position is about referring attorneys.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 14-18, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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8281 Forrest Dr	\$170.000
7929 Kaiser St	\$150.000
41097 Northwind Dr	\$90,000
435 Springfield Dr	\$339,000
49343 Townsend Ct	\$335,000
1925 Trinity Rd	\$420.000
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31927 Lee Ln	\$153,000
33719 Shiawassee St	\$139,000
Farmington Hills	\$107,000
24890 Arden Park Dr	\$221,000
31240 Country Way	\$114,000
24547 Creekside Dr	\$75,000
21505 Farmington Rd	\$40,000
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of the Detroit Port Authority The program will be Wednesday, Nov. 12, with 11:30 a.m. to noon: registration and networking; noon to 1:30 p.m.: luncheon, presentation and Q&A

It will be at the VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Cost is \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members; \$10 fee added after Nov. 6 Register online at www.crewdetroit. org or contact Megan Cottrell at (888) 866-CREW or crewdetroit@crewnetwork.org

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## **CREW Detroit selects 2009 leaders**

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■ President/National Delegate: Leanne Bowen, senior project manager for Jones Lang LaSalle in Detroit and a resident of Rochester Hills, for a one-year term;

■ President-Elect/ National Delegate and Sponsorship Liaison: Rachele Downs, vice

president at CB Richard Ellis in Southfield and a Commerce Township resident, for a one-year term;

**■** Secretary and Communications Liaison: Janice Purcell, principal at Rossetti in Southfield and a resident of Bloomfield Hills, for a two-vear term;

**■** Treasurer: Susan Shipman, principal at Stout Risius Ross Inc. in Southfield and an Ann Arbor resident, for a twovear term;

■ Director and Impact

Awards Liaison: Donna Hanson, partner at Plante & Moran LLP in Auburn Hills, for a oneyear term;

■ Director and Programs Liaison: Jelane Raycraft, vice president at Grunwell-Cashero Company in Detroit and a Farmington resident, for a two-year term;

■ Director and Membership & Member Services Liaison: Jumana Judeh, president of Judeh & Associates in Dearborn and a

Dearborn Heights resident, for a two-year term;

■ Director and Outreach Liaison: Alicia Buisst, vice president at Key Bank Real Estate Capital in Ann Arbor and a Brighton resident, for a one-year term;

Director and Golf Outing Liaison: Kathleen Hudson-Beitz, associate and director of business development for SmithGroup in Detroit and a resident of Grosse Pointe, for a one-year

> Past President/ Nominating Chair: Gail von Staden, project manager at Gensler in Detroit and a Birmingham resident, for a one-

The board will oversee CREW Detroit's ongoing ment, networking and community involvement activities, including the chapter's 2009 events to introduce female students to commercial real estate career opportunities: CREW Careers, a one-day interactive program for high school girls, and UCREW, a halfday program for college students.



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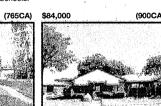
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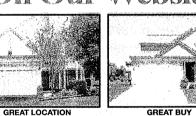
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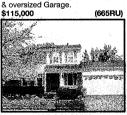


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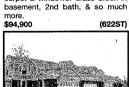
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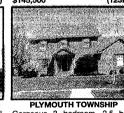
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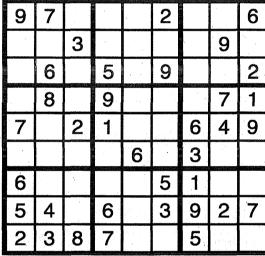
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University College of Law in May 2008, formerly received

an MS degree in Chemistry from Central Michigan

University and a BA degree in Chemistry from Michigan State University. Before gradu-

ating from law school, Ms. Bunker was employed for

many years as a research chemist for several major pharmaceutical companies

pharmaceutical companies including, Parke-Davis, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, and Pfizer. During this time, Ms. Bunker coauthored many scientific papers and became a conventor on numerous patents. In addition, Ms. Bunker has recently been honored by the

recently been honored by the

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which recognizes the Journal article that has made the

greatest contribution to the fields of Patent, Trademark, and Copyright law during the period from July 2006 to June 2007. Ms. Bunker has recently

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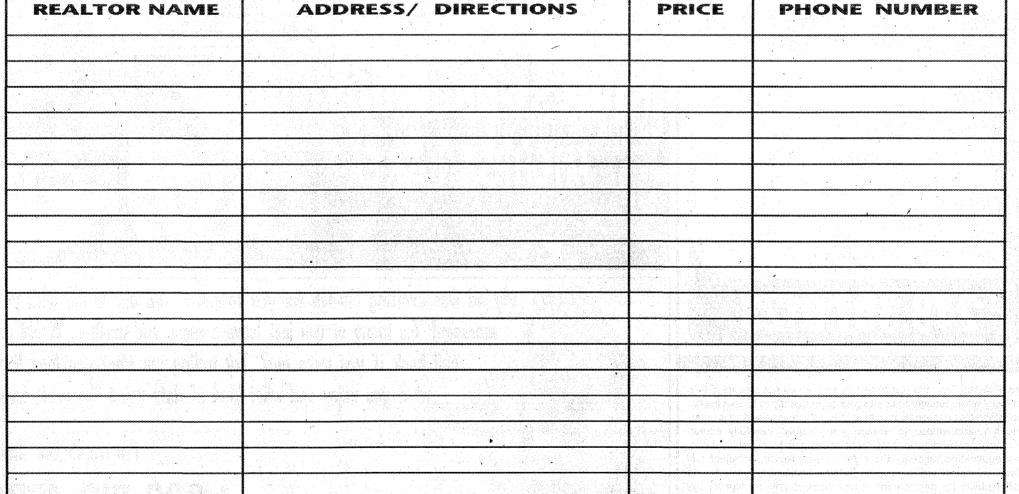
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#### **WOMEN SEEKING MEN**

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS** Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. \$\frac{147056}{2147056}\$

Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. 27292258 WARM SMILE

SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friend-ship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! \$287187 DOWN-TO-EARTH

Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, in-Asian woman, p.Z., 1100s, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/AM, 47-56, N/S, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. 27281229

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR? WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **☎280581** 

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. 2295421

DOWN-TO-EARTH Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. 2279171

SINGLE DAD WELCOME SINGLE DAD WELCOME
PBF. 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. \$\mathbb{T}298002\$

WHY NOT CALL? SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friend-ship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. \$\tilde{\pi}217234

CURVACEOUS CURVACEOUS

SWF, 47, 57" 155lbs, haze eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more.

PETITE AND CUTE SWF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 36-45, who will love me for me. 2294943

THAT SPECIAL ONE SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **17:295026** 

SEEKING STRONG BM Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laidback, gentle, soft. 27295568

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 39-51. **27284368** 

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. 2289947

ARE YOU LONELY? Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. 27891247

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 27962317 CLASSY LADY

LASSY LADY

I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **1982305** HONEY BLONDE SBF seeks down-to-earth SM, 25-65, with mor-

als and values, who knows how to have, fun in life, is family-oriented. 2294929 MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF. 33, 5'4". 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. 1287856

A POLISHED DIAMOND Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet!

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A NEW BEGINNING SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **27289151** COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. \$\pi 230694\$

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very ferminine, attractive, self-employed, Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1"+, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. 17692549

COULD IT BE YOU? SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life

37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. \$\frac{\pi}{271683}\$

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

SWF, 55, 56°, N/S, H/W proportionate, active, fun-loving, likes bike rides, working out, taking walks, autumn. Seeking SW/BM, 45-63, for dating, possible LTR. 2296774 I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, tun, loving, caring. **\$\pi\$568059** COUNTRY GIRL

Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blue, 5'5", H/W-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing, Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call ne. 77:59345

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. 2210247

**ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS** BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. 36-60. \$\textit{T284318}\$

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. 2113901

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 6269, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you?

1271085

LE1'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures.
Seeking SB/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. 2282444 LET'S GET TOGETHER

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. 17292940 CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

WiWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. 27976914 HAVE A GOOD HEART? WF, 33, 5'5", blonde/green, looking for WM, 22-45, who loves Nascar, classic rock and more.

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BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. 1245846 SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS? SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S

SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. 2282618 PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. 22'292913

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 12963760

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals.

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident mate, 46-59, N/S, intelli-

gent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 2113198 ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 69, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. 27630808

CHOCOLATE TREAT
Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. \$\mathbb{Z}\$281197

#### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. 2296097

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests 27200459

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WiWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, funloving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/
outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person.

7265340

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP
Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no
bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. 2287161

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks
honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys
travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. \$269646

HONEST AND SINCERE
DWM, 52, 5'10", 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, biking, boating and some old moves.
Seeking SW/HF, slim to medium build, for dating and LTR. 2256288

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing; motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 2187614

MAXIMUM RETURN ON... wAJMOM HE LURN ON...
your investment. SBM, 5'8", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. ☎293155

GOOD BETTER BEST!
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 27992943

LONELY, GENUINE HEART SBM, 29, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attractive SF, 20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. 2287987

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Cool, humble BiM, looking for a classy lady who is down-to-earth and likes having fun. 20-29. 
☎294314

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS
WM, 6'2", 200lbs, light brown/blue, N/S, cleanshaven, down-to-earth, looking for a female,
25-45, H/W proportionate, N/S, for dating.
\$\pi 296310\$ LET'S TALK
BM looking for BF, 26-54, with good sense of humor, who loves bowling, long walks and more.

TIRED OF GAMES?

Intelligent, attractive guy, 38, 6', slim, seeks woman, 30-40, slim/average build. I like movies, music, sports, concerts, etc. Open to new things you might like. Look forward to your call! 2297179

**FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE** SWM, 44, 57", likes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time together. \$\mathbf{T}297143\$

LET'S MEET

WM, 52, 5'6", brown/hazel, likes sports, fishing, camping and spending time with a special lady, 32-45. If you are interested, please call me. 17298669

Ready to meet great new people?

VERY AFFECTIONATE MALE WM, 36, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/hazel, tan complexion, financially secure, likes movies, concerts, quiet times at home, cooking, more, In ch of honest, down-to-earth, easygoing WF, 25-45, to share time with, \$295800

IT COULD BE ME!

SWM, 35, 6', brown/blue, muscular build, looking for special SF, 18-31, to hang out with and get to

MATURE WOMAN WANTED SBM, 38, 6'1", 2071bs, dark complexion, no kids, N/S, N/Drugs, looking for SBF, 29-40, with same qualities. No dramat 2295452 TAKE A CHANCE

WM, 38, likes cars, all kinds of music, having fun, movies and more. Looking for a woman, 30-59, to have fun with. \$296181 BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious replies only.

LETS GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 17128302 SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever it goes. \$\pi 200890\$

KIND AND COMPASSIONATE married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, seeking kind and caring hard-working lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **2291990** 

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE SWM, 70s, 5'4", N/S, would like to meet a lady, 65-72. I enjoy taking walks, riding bikes, taking trips. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. \$\mathbf{2}\$75970

LET'S TALK!
SWM, 62, 5'7", likes outdoors, Nascar, music.
Looking for SF, 45-66, for friendship first, maybe more. **17295042** 

FIRST AD IN OVER...

11 years! Loyal, sensuous, health-conscious DWM, 64, 6', 215lbs, N/D, N/S, retired, likes rides, dining, nature. Seeking fit, attractive SWF, 39-64. 1295071 JUST ME AND MY DOG WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller-blading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more, Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool per-

sonality and can appreciate an awesome guy. BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE

SWM, N/S, good-looking, trustworthy, enjoys boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive 5F, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. 2205048 WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL
SHF, 46, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing. Seeking SH/AF, late 30s, for possible relationship. 17289039

FIT & FUN-LOVING
Easygoing DWPM, 48, 6', 185lbs, romantic, looking for a woman, 25-50, who can find humor in what life gives us. Open to anything as long as we're laughing. 12288335

YOU NEED ME
SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, stractive, seek attractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! \$291112

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Handsome BM, 39, easygoing, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, having fun, quiet times. Looking for compatible SBF, 27-37, who enjoys life. \$\pi 290798\$

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER
SBM, 42, 6'3", 200lbs+, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, movies, shooting pool. 2291168

SEMI-RETIRED
SBM, 41, 61", 220lbs, N/S, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SWF, 21-50, with similar interests, to settle down with. A GREAT GUY

Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection. ☎176478. NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN?
SWM, nice-looking and friendly seeks interesting female, 35-51, for dating and friendship.
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WM, 50, two children not at home, likes animals, Nascar, the outdoors, working in the yard and more. Seeking WF, 34-55, to spend time with and get to know. 27296503 **NEW TO DETROIT** 

SM in search of that one special woman to bond with. Should be fun, family-oriented, and want a real man in her life! \$\pi 296694\$

Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. 27113835 LET'S CONNECT!

SM, 33, average build, wants to meet a sexy woman, 30-44, who will respect me as much as I will her. 2297013 RETIRED MILITARY

SBM, 56, 5'6", 180lbs, enjoys gardening, reading, world news and events, sports, concerts. Seeking SF, 45-60, with old-school values. 2297076 SEEKING A BEAUTY
SBM, 6', 189lbs, dark complexion, black hair, dark brown eyes, wants to get together with a nice, beautiful young lady, 28-45. 2297357

CALL THIS MAN! Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 1212288

LONELY AND READY
SWM, 65, average build, Italian, Virgo, N/S, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford. 12860305

LIKES TATTOOS
WM, 5'11", 175lbs, hazel eyes, enjoys bowling, darts, going to movies. Looking for an easygoing WF, 20-35, who enjoys the same, for dating and fun together. **T**295670

LOOKING FOR THE "ONE" SWM, 61, 5'9", 170lbs, blond/blue, degreed, veteran, N/S, N/D, Catholic, humorous, spontaneous, like music, outdoors, sports, seeks attractive, easy going SWF 45-65. 27278705

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
SBM, 5'11", 156lbs, slim build, likes to relax
and chill. Would like to meet a woman, 20-56,
who judges beauty from the inside, like I do.
\$\pi\295446\$

STAND BY YOUR MAN
Smart SWM, 50,5'11", 180lbs, employed, ISO
BF, 25-55, for a real relationship. I like cooking, cuddling and more. 2295474

DECENT, GOOD MAN
Faithful, humble, understanding SBM, 56, N/S, with good values and morals, financially independent, looking for love with SF, 50-62, N/S. 7295850

RETIRED

RETIRED
SWM, 65, smoker, wants to meet a SWF, 48-67, prefer heavyset, for friendship first. I love cooking, devoting time to a loving companion. \$\mathbb{T}\$284754 WELL-ROUNDED

WELL-ROUNDED

DWM, retired gentleman of independent means, emotionally/financially secure, honest, eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit woman who loves the outdoors. ☎284895

CALL ME! SBM, 50, 195lbs, 6°1", physically fit, likes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling. Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. **27289335** 

TRUE GENTLEMAN

WM, 75, would like to meet a female, 65-75, N/S, for friendship, companionship and more.

TALL AND ATHLETIC
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, en-joys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. 2531308 SOMEONE SPECIAL

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SBM, 61, 6°1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes,
beautiful smile, affectionate, getting ready to
retire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and
flower gardens, antiques, walks in the park.
Seeking SF, 45-63. 72295048 YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. 27176497

ARE WE COMPATIBLE? Very affectionate, loving SM, enjoys spending time at home dining out and more. Would like to meet a beautiful woman, 18-49, for dating, hopefully more. \$\mathbb{T}258620

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE Sociable SM, 57, 5'7", graying brown/blue, mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, read-

ing, writing action and romance films, quality conversation nd romance. ISO good-hearted creative, WF to share these. 27223744 RETIRED GENTLEMAN
Fun-loving DWM, 5'9". 160lbs, goatee, light
smoker, retired, enjoys camping, movies, travel,
more. Seeking W/HF, 55-63, slim to medium
build, hopefully LTR. Dark hair a plus. \$\pi\columnim{284471}\$

SEEKS SOULMATE SEEKS SOULMATE
SWM seeks brunette, 23-55, who is a little on the shy side, knows how to have fun. 2286860

SWM, 5'10", 190lbs, active retiree looking for Black or Asian female, 50+ for long-term relationship and possibly more. I enjoy travel, sports, casinos, health clubs and I'm social-drinker.

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

AM I YOUR MISTER RIGHT?
SM, 28, 5'8", 165'bs, two tattoos, muscular build, goatee, nice smile, seeks SF, 19-47, for friendship or more. 27287140

HIT ME UP!
SBM, 19, 5'9", athletic build, smoker, no children, looking for a woman, 19-30, race open, for friendship or more. 22287807

RESPECTABLE GUY
SBM, 33, 5'5", N/S, no kids, goatee, looking for that one special woman, 27-43, to settle down with. \$\pi 287821\$ LEAVE ME A MESSAGE
Spontaneous BM likes working out, riding motorcycles, being outdoors and more. Would like to meet a woman with a similar personality. 35-50.

SEEKING SOULMATE
SM, 33, 5'9", loves going out and having fun.
The one love I'm seeking must be down-to-earth,
honest, beautiful woman, 21-30, who is classy.

Friendship first. 2287948 HANDSOME MALE HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. 27984967

LET'S MEET UP LET'S MEET UP SWM, 53, brown/blue, 115lbs, smoker, looking for a nice, young lady, 18-25, to light up my life. \$\pi\cdot 290675\$

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SWM, 32, N/S, interested in meeting a lady, 35-42, for friendship first, maybe more. 2290956

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBM, 22, 6', 175lbs, light smoker, no children, looking for SF, 18-30, for friendship first, possibly more. 2291487 IS THIS LOVE?

SWM, 34, 170lbs, 5'9", into Church of Satan, the macabre, theater, movie critique, music and living. Former, musician seeking woman, 25-40, into the occult and ritual. \$\frac{1292920}{20}\$ GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
BM, 64", 250lbs, very outgoing, likes having
fun. Would like to meet an attractive, outgoing,
intelligent female, 46-64, who wants to enjoy life.

7293433

SEEK LOYAL WOMAN SEEK LOYAL WOMAN
BM, 6'1", 275lbs, enjoys reading, movies, sports,
comedy clubs and more. Would like to meet an
intelligent, down-to-earth, sincere, trustworthy,
patient BF, 34-50, petite/medium build, to enjoy
life with. 2293546 EDUCATED, HAPPY MAN

SWM, early 30s, 6'2", athletically built. Likes movies, coffee houses, pubs, sports. ISO female with similar interests and a desire for companion-DON'T HESITATE... call for a date! SWM, 55, happy, healthy, N/S, enjoys reading, cooking, home life, road trips, seeks SWF, 40-59, for companionship, maybe more. 1992956

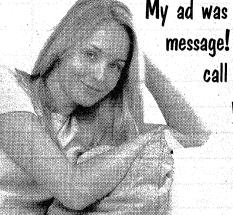
MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2', 200lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. 25587540

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE

VANILLA SEERING CHOCATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blueeyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF
for friendship and definitely romance. ☎672855

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## New GM, Toyota Campaigns Highlight Credit Availability

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By Dale Buss

Has the auto industry tanked mainly because consumers can't get credit, or because they just don't want to buy a vehicle right now? With new marketing campaigns that highlight loan availability, General Motors and Toyota aren't waiting for the debate to be settled. In radio, newspapers and digital advertising that broke

last week, GM is launching a program called "Financing That Fits" to highlight the fact that worthy consumers can still get car loans through its dealerships. As part of the initiative, GM is repackaging a six-year-old online database as a way for its dealers to help willing buyers find financing while they're still in the showroom. It is also reminding consumers that it is offering zero-percent financing or up to \$6,000 cash back on most of its 2008

Meanwhile, Toyota Motor is launching a new, \$250million marketing and sales campaign to lure consumers back to its own dealers. It is touting new zero-percent financing on 11 vehicles, including its staple mid-size Camry and compact Corolla sedans – both of which have fared relatively poorly in recent sales reports despite their fuel efficiency.

GM is firing the Financing That Fits broadside because of "the crushing onslaught of negative financial reporting that has contributed to a growing paralysis in consumer confidence," said spokesman John McDonald. "People believe they can't finance a new car or truck - and that's simply not true.

We hope it builds awareness there is available financing and credit out there for folks who want to buy a

Toyota is trying to send the same message. "There is a perception that because of upheavals in the financial markets that financing isn't available," Bob Carter, group vice president at Toyota Motor Sales USA, told The Wall Street Journal. "There is a perception that leasing isn't available. Neither is true for Toyota." **Self-Correcting** 

But even GM itself has fed the opposite impression. Its GMAC financing arm tightened up lease eligibility last



The 2009 Corolla is a main target of Toyota's new incentives program.

summer. And at the beginning of this week, GMAC further stiffened its standards, announcing that it would issue loans only to buyers with credit scores of at least 700: that level would exclude about 42 percent of U.S. consumers.

"People hear that and say, 'I'm not even going to bother going to a dealer, because I may or may not have a credit score for that situation," said John Sternal, vice president of marketing communications for LeaseTrader.com, a Miami-based outfit that matches lease-holders with consumers who want to take over the remainder of a lease on a particular vehicle. GM "is kind of shooting themselves in the foot.

The automaker moved to shield its own creditworthiness after Wall Street ratings agencies continued to downgrade GM's debt and financial prospects in the wake of the ongoing mess in the markets. And GMAC has been dragged down by the national housing meltdown because it has been a mortgage lender as well - unlike, for instance, Ford's finance arm.

'There's been a lot of attention to GMAC, but it's a different story with our dealers," said Meredith Libbey, spokeswoman for Ford Motor Credit.

And, by contrast as well, Toyota's new campaign attempts to leverage its very strong corporate cash position compared with the Detroit Big Three. Of course, Toyota's unprecedented attempt to draw people into dealer showrooms is necessary only because its sales performance so far this year in the U.S. market - down about 32 percent

in September, for example - makes it look far more like the Big Three than ever. Iacocca-esque?

Financing That Fits radio spots feature the voice of Mark LaNeve, GM's North American vice president of sales. And while he's not as polished as Lee Iacocca when the former Chrysler CEO urged American TV viewers, "If you can find a better car, buy it," LaNeve's plain-spoken persona serves him well in these ads.

The web-based system is called Route One, and the GM ads make it sound like a new thing. "We're just making it more visible to consumers," McDonald explained.

Dealers enter a credit application once, and it is reviewed by GMAC and as many as hundreds of other lending institutions – as the consumer chooses – for the best available financing options.

GM also is expanding sales incentives to its dealers by offering cash bonuses for sales that are financed by lenders other than GMAC. That program began last week, according to Bloomberg News, and includes most 2008 and 2009 models. Dealerships are eligible for as much as \$250 in cash incentives for each sale of non-GMACfinanced vehicles, to be divided among sales people, managers and other employees, according to a GM memo to dealers, Bloomberg said.

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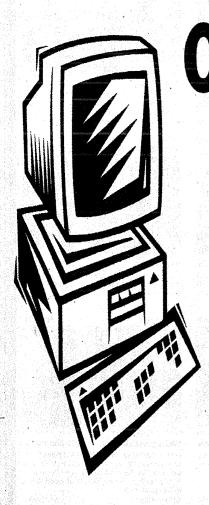
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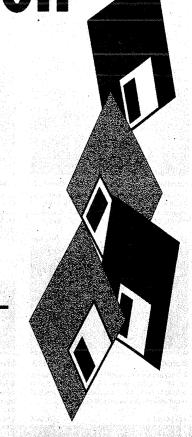


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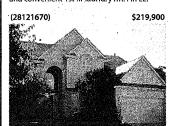
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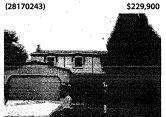


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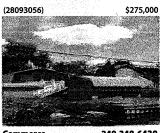
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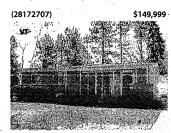
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Northville 248-348-6430 Loads Of Living Space Offers 2 Kitchens Many options, 4 BD, 2.5 BAs & shower, FR, FP, all appl, furnace, HWH, windows 03, roof 99. Walk to town, schools. CT location, neutral decor, (28172161)



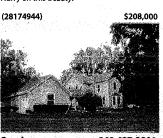
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248-684-1065 Charming colonial. New oak kit w/ SS appls. FR w/ hdwd flrs & nat fp. 1st flr laun. Huge mstr w/ new ba. New 2 tier cedar deck. Part fin



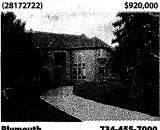
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734-455-7000 **Plymouth** WONDERFUL PLYMOUTH TOWNHOUSE! Totally updated; 3BR/2-1/2BA; part fin bsmt; att. garage; granite countertops. Also for lease!



734-455-7000 Plymouth CAREFREE CONDO LIVING! 55+ COMMUNITY! This lovely end unit faces a common area and is neutrally decorated. Assoc. fee includes at/water, clubhouse and pool



Redford 248-684-1065 Move-in ready. Updated Kit & BA. Large master w/ walk-in closet w/ some built-ins. New



Redford 248-348-6430 Lots of Potential! 3 BR, located just steps from the park! Wet bar & built-in cabinets in BSMT. Beautiful fenced yard & screened-in back porch! Newer windows. Bring your offer!



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248-437-3800 **South Lyon** Charming Bungalow In quaint downtown South Lyon. Hrdwd firs, completely updated dining rm, living rm & sunroom, nice size yard w/deck. Newer high efficiency furnace.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Location! Location! Three BR ranch on 5 acres. Home in needs a little TLC but offers great potential. 30x40 pole barn. Easy commute to Ann Arbor, Novi, Plymouth. Great



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248-348-6430 Westland Totally Updated Maintenance Free Home New roof, updated BA, new win, carpet, 6 panel doors, steel DRs, ceramic tile in foyer, HWH, all applis, shed, 2 car gar & a patio w/a retractable awning.



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**White Lake** High dry site overlooking Grass Lake. 3 parcels to choose from. Bring your builder or use mine



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# Classic and jazz music fans have busy Week

BY LANA MINI

If you love the symphony or jazz, early November

There's so much happening musically in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Farmington Hills it's going to be hard to pack it all in. Swedish saxophon-

MUSIC What: Multiple events in Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Canton and Northville

for kids and adults

ist Johan Stengard performs Jazz and More at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 West Twelve Mile **Road in Farmington** Hills.

Stengard has performed with Michael Bolton, Celine Dion, Peter Cetera, Lena Horne, Sammy Davis Jr., ABBA and is also a favorite performing guest of the king and queen of Sweden.

He will play popular favorites, jazz standards, and original compositions on both the tenor and the soprano saxophones. Examples include cinema songs such as My Heart Will Go On (Titanic), Live and Let Die (License to Kill), and As Time Goes By (Casablanca).

"If you have a chance to hear Swedish saxophonist Johan Stengard in concert, do yourself a favor and be sure and be there," Charles Olson, Musical Director of the Chicago Symphony Choir press release. "You will be thrilled at his music and charmed by his personal warmth."

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students, on sale at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills or call (248) 473-1848. Also that night, and the following day, at 7

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Saxophonist Johan Stengard, who has performed with Michael Bolton and Celine Dion, plays Jazz and More at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills.



Share your favorite Thanksgiving side dish recipe with us. It could be grandmother's creation, or something you saw on a cooking show that your family

Submit one favorite recipe, and include your name and the city you reside. We

will print it in an upcoming issue. E-mail: Lmini@hometownlife.com Subject line: Side Dishes

This week's recipes focus on fruit and sweet potatoes.

> SWEET SWASHBUCKLIN' MASHED POTATOES

By Mandi Buckland with Plymouth's Green Street Fair

Simply swap out regular spuds and replace with sweet potatoes for a burst of color and added nutrients in your favorite

mashed potato recipe. Place in a serving bowl and sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg before serving. For

those wanting an extra sweet treat: Top the sweet potatoes with a sprinkle of oatmeal, a handful of raisins, a dollop of yogurt, or

drizzle lightly with maple syrup. This is a big hit for children! My daugh-

MICROWAVE ORANGE-CRANBERRY SAUCE

By Jill Pines, Public Information Coordinator,

City of Farmington Hills

111-ounce can mandarin orange segments 112-ounce package of fresh cranberries

¾ cup sugar

ter, Tuula, loves this dish!

1 teaspoon ground ginger ½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Drain oranges and reserve 1/4 cup syrup. In a 2-quart casserole, stir together cranberries, sugar, ginger, and reserved syrup. Cook in the microwave, covered, on high for 7-11 minutes until cranberries pop. Stir twice during cooking. Stir in oranges and nuts. Chill. Makes 3 cups.

WITH BOURBON AND PINEAPPLE By Jill Pines, Public Information Coordinator, City of Farmington Hills

5-6 medium sweet potatoes

Spices (use cinnamon, allspice, or pumpkin pie

spice - just a few dashes) 2-3 tablespoons orange juice for moisture

½ cup crushed pineapple, drained

% to 4 cup bourbon

½ cup crushed pecans 1 bag mini-marshmallows

Wash, peel and cut up the sweet potatoes. Put in a large pot and cover with cold water. Cook until tender, about 30 minutes. Drain and mash. Add butter, salt and spices to taste. Add orange juice (more as

Please see RECIPES, D6

The Big, Bright Light

Show: Downtown Rochester will light the night with its dazzling display of more than 500,000 lights coating all the buildings along Main Street. The free event, Dec. 1 to Jan. 4, 2009, attracts more than 1 million visitors. Expect a traffic jam but it's still a sight to behold.

Wayne County
LightFest: Drive through more than four miles of light displays along Hines Drive, beginning at Merriman Road. Cost is \$5 per car; call (734) 261-1990 for details. The display runs Nov. 20 to Jan. 1, 2009.

Holiday Nights: Greenfield Village will transform into a living Christmas card from its candle-lit paths, Model Tand carriage rides, ice skating and decorated home tours for this seasonal favorite, 6:30-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14, Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 19-23, and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 27-28. Tickets \$12.50-\$17, children under 4 enter free. Add dinner at the Eagle Tavern for \$64.50-\$68.50. Parking costs \$5. The Henry Ford is at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. Visit www.thehenryford.com.

Christmas Walk: The Friends of Greenmead presents its 20th annual event beginning at Hill House with not chocolate and cookies. Tickets are \$9-\$10. Wear slip-on shoes for the tour. Profits go to restoration and preservation at Livonia's Historic Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh. Call (734) 466-3540. Music

Holiday Brass: The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents this rousing show 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 644-5210 or visit www.detroitchamberwinds.

Messiah: The Oakland Choral Society presents this classic Sunday, Dec. 14, 620 Romeo, Rochester. Tickets \$15-\$50; call (248) 391-0184.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Talk about uplifting and re-inventing holiday songs! Catch one of these two shows on Dec. 21, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

Holiday with heart and soul: Hear The Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller by Chip Davis, Dec. 18-19, The Masonic Temple Theatre, Cass and Temple streets, Detroit.

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Ticket Prices: \$37, \$47, \$57 & \$67 (Photo opportunities for all ticket holders.) TICKET INFORMATION: ticketmaster 248.645.6666 or ticketmaster.com

# Joe the Plumber Drinks, art cafe, and new Dino's

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Have we had enough of Joe the Plumber? Well here's one more. Early Times Kentucky Whisky has created a cocktail to toast Joe the Plumber.

Here it is: EVERYMAN'S PLUMB

3 ounces Red Plum Juice 1.5 ounces Early Times Kentucky Whisky Squeeze of Lime

Note that you want to pour the Red Plum first into a rocks glass with ice, then the Early Times. This is an unevenly distributed cocktail, just like Joe doesn't want our money evenly distributed.

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#### **MOCAD'S NEW CAFE INCLUDES LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE**

We love the Museum of Contemporary Art in Detroit, it's one of the hippest places in the city.

Now it has a new cafe made from locally grown produce and includes free wireless Internet. The eclectic cuisine includes pepper and goat cheese panini sandwiches. pumpkin and squash soups, and grilled vegetable salads with homemade dressing.

The veggie sandwich can be made vegan if you skip the honey mustard.

The café also serves coffee; brewed fresh from Ann Arbor's Roos Roast beans, organic teas, and baked goods from Strawberry Moon and Pinwheel bakeries in Ferndale.

"Visitors can be proud of not only supporting the arts while eating at the museum, but supporting local merchants and farmers," said Marsha Miro, MOCAD director.

MOCAD is located at 4454 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Museum and café hours are 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday

and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday and Sunday, unless otherwise posted. (313) 832-6622 or www. mocadetroit.org/cafe

#### **NEW RESTAURANTS IN NORTHVILLE**

Dino's Restaurant in Ferndale has expanded and opened its doors in Northville. Riffle's restaurant which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner is also new.

And, Edwards Café & Caterer serves a buffet brunch now every Sunday. We love to see new businesses and expanding businesses taking a chance in this economy.

Dean Bach of Dino's Restaurant and Lounge on Woodward in Ferndale teamed with Phil Martinez and Adam Mason to bring a variation of his "upscale but not uptight" restaurant concept to downtown Northville. A few weeks ago, Dino's opened at 133

W. Main Street in the Northville Square building. There are lots of large plasma screen TV's to watch sports, a large diverse menu and a vast array of fine wines and beers. Doors open at 11 a.m., seven days a week, and remain open until the wee hours of the morning. In January they will serve brunch on the weekends.

Call (248)347-5993 or visit www.dinoslounge.com

Riffle's restaurant at 160 E. Main prides itself on affordable means and a changing menu. Call (248)924-3007.

Edwards Café & Caterer is serving buffet-style brunch special every Sunday with a menu changing each week. \$18.95 for adults & \$12.95 for children 10 and older. Brunch hours are Sundays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 115 E. Main Street. (248) 344-1550.

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6130 (734)973-5584 on 11/25/08 at 1:00PM. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of: 2037 - Donald Moss - Bike, 50 Boxes, 10 Totes

3014 – Tom Presctott – Bags, Boxes, Misc Items 4050 – Rosario Lionudakis – Bed Frame, 1 Box, Misc Items

4096 – Theo Mulligan – 3 Totes, 5 Luggage, fan 4137 - Richard Walsh Jr - Couch, Loveseat

9006 – Roddrick Wade – TV, 4 Totes, Misc Items

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#### **Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-October 28, 2008**

6:15 P.M. CLOSED SESSION - EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS Motion by LaJoy, supported by Zarbo to move from open to closed session at 6:15 p.m. for discussion of employee negotiations. Motion carried by all members present. Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Kirchgatter, Caccamo Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro,

Director Eva Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. 6:30 P.M. - RETIREE RECEPTION A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Kirchgatter Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to

approve the agenda as amended adding G-15, Consider Increasing Purchase Order 2008-00001775 to Peter A. Basile Sons, Inc. by an amount not to exceed \$29,250. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of October 7, 2008. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of October 14; 2008. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present **RECOGNITION:** 1. **RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE** RETIREMENTS: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolutions in recognitions of Dianne Neihegen, Ed Olson, Sergeant Rick Pomorski, Sergeant Robert Sidor and Battalion Chief Motion carried by all members present. PRESENTATION: 1. PRESENTATION OF THE 2008 NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PARKS & RECREATION MANAGEMENT TO THE CANTON LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. Director Conklin stated Canton Leisure Services was first accredited almost 5 years and the process of re-accreditation this year. Director Conklin stated there are 155 standards, 36 are fundamentals (required), and of the remaining 119, 85% must be met. Director Conklin stated we had a good team and members that went above and beyond the call of duty to assist with this process. Director Conklin stated this process could not have been accomplished without the lead of Debbie Bilbry-Honswitz. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. ESTABLISH 2009 MEETING DATES FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2009 as follows: Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to e held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. SPECIAL EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST. THOMAS A'BECKET'S CRAFT SHOW. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve special event status and placement of signs on private property advertising St. Thomas A'Becket's Craft Show. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. CONSIDER 2009 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to set the 2009 Planning Commission Meeting schedule as follows: Every first Monday of the month, and the third Monday of the month, as necessary, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, with the following exceptions: January 12th, July 13th, July 27th, August 10th, August 24th and September 14th. Motion carried by all members present Item 4. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH PHILIPS TO BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to re-appoint Joseph Philips to the Building Board of Appeals. (Term expiring 12/31/2010). Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CONNECTION CHURCH

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve special event status and placement of signs on private property locations to advertise for Connection Church Women's Ministry Annual Holiday Craft Fair which will be held on December 6, 2008 at 3855 Sheldon Road. Motion carried by all members present. Item. 6. CONSIDER AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR CANTON FRIENDSHIP CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE & SITE PLAN APPROVAL. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the amended resolution for Canton Friendship Church Special Land Use and Site Plan approval. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. CONSIDER APPROVING THE RESOLUTIONS FOR TWO (2) ANNUAL PERMITS AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK'S SIGNATURE FOR WORK WITHIN THE WAYNE

COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING 2009. (MSD)

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution approving two (2) annual permits and Authorizing the Township Clerk's signature for work within the Wayne County Right-of-Way during 2009. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. CONSIDER 2009 MEETING DATES FOR THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to establish the Canton Township's Building Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2009. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South.. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR VINNIE'S HAMBURGER STAND. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special land use and site plan for Vinnie's Hamburger Stand. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2.

CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR INDIAN MOTORCYCLE OF DETROIT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special land use approval for Indian Motorcycles Outdoor Display of Vehicles. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3.

AWARD PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL PUBLICATIONS. (CLERK) Motion by Zarbo, supported by LaJoy to table the award of contract for the Charter Township of Canton's legal publications to the Journal Newspaper at \$5.25 per column inch (account no. 101-200.900\_0010 Printing and Publishing Legals) until the January 13, 2009 Board meeting. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to table the award of contract for the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper for the publication of local classified employment advertising as required (account no. 101-200.900\_0020 Printing and Publishing Classifieds) until the January 13, 2009 Board meeting. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. CONSIDER AWARD OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL DESIGN CONTRACT FOR THE 2008 & 2009 IAC PROGRAM TO WADE TRIM ASSOCIATES, INC. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the traffic signal design contract for the 2008 and 2009 IAC Program to Wade Trim, Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$37,350 plus a 10% contingency of \$3,735 for a total amount not-to-exceed of \$41,085 (Account No. 403-506-00.970\_0090 Capital Projects, Road Improvements - Capital Outlay). Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PO # 2008-0000650 TO BEST ASPHALT, INC. BY AN AMOUNT OF \$16,273.50. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to increase PO# 2008-0000650 to Best Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$16,273.50 for paving the High Velocity Parking Lot thru private contribution fund received for a total not-to exceed \$225,690. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment for this project: Community Improvement Fund Increase Revenues: Contributions 246-000.674\_0000 \$16,273.50 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay – Buildings and Improvements 246-441.970-0020 \$16,273.50 This budget amendment increases the Public Works budget from \$250,505

to \$266,778.50, and the Community Improvement budget from \$2,483,831 to \$2,500,104.50. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. CONSIDER AWARD DESIGN CONTRACT FOR THE 2009 IAC PROGRAM TO ORCHARD, HILTZ & MCCLIMENT, INC. (OHM). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the design contract for the 2009 IAC Program to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$95,519 plus a 10% contingency of \$9,552 for a total amount not-to-exceed of \$105,071 (Account No. 403-506-00.970\_0090 Capital Projects, Road Improvements – Capital Outlay). Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1, TENTATIVELY SETTING UP A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD) AND DIRECT THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO HAVE PRELIMINARY PLANS AND COST ESTIMATE PREPARED FOR ROAD REPAIRS FOR SUTTEN DRIVE (CREEK CROSSING CONDOMINIUMS) SAD 2008-1. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to waive the special assessment District Finance Policy and adopt Resolution No. 1 for the Sutten Drive (Creek Crossing Condominiums) SAD 2008-1. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION NO. 1 SUTTEN DRIVE (CREEK CROSSING CONDOMINIUMS) ROAD REPAIRS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2008-1 Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall in said Township on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PRESENT: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: Kirchgatter The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member LaJoy. WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, at the request of the Canton property owners to be served by the improvements (petition attached) deems it tentatively desirable to undertake public improvements consisting of road repairs along Sutten Drive (Creek Crossing Condominiums) that was constructed in 1996 and is located south of Cherry Hill Road and west of Haggerty Road, consisting of 10 lots in the special assessment district tentatively designated and described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and make a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Township Board tentatively desires to proceed with the proposed public improvements; (1) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The Township Engineer is hereby ordered to have an engineer, registered in the State of Michigan, prepare plans showing the improvement, the location thereof, and estimates of the cost thereof. 2. Said engineers, when the plans and estimates are completed, are ordered to file the same with the Township Clerk. 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of

this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Item 8. CONSIDER INCREASING BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC. PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER 2008-0001387 BY \$65,000 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK TO BE PERFORMED. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to increase purchase order number 2008-00001387 by \$65,000 (Road Construction Fund, account number 403-506-00.970\_0090) to Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. to be used for repair and replacement of sidewalk to the ADA guidelines in those areas where Canton's 2008 road maintenance program resurfaced or reconstructed the existing roadway. Motion carried by all members present. Item. 9. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW PC EQUIPMENT FOR THE DPW, SHELDON ROAD FACILITY. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for the purchase of four (4) Computers w/19" Monitors, Two (2) Computers w/17" Monitors to EDS Corp., P.O. Box 848433, Texas 75284-8433 and approve a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of \$8,345.00. The funding will come from FY2008 Acct. # 592.146, Line Item #1. Motion carried by all members present. Item 10. APPROVAL OF UNION CONTRACT FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (POAM). (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Charter Township of Canton and Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM), to run from July 1st, 2008 through June 30th, 2011. Motion carried by all members present. Item 11. NETWORK HARD DRIVE SERVER. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of the StoneFly OptiSAN IP SAN Appliance from EDS in the amount not to exceed \$49,000 through the State of Michigan Technology Contract. I further move to approve the transfer of \$12,000 budget funds from the ITS 101-258.740 Operating Supplies account to the ITS 101-258.970-0010 Capital Outlay Computers & Equipment account. Motion carried by all members present. Item 12. APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 SPECIALIZED SERVICES OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the 2008-2009 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program contract with SMART in the amount of \$31,942 (Social Services-Transportation Account #101-670.860) and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried by all members present. Item 13. FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB BUILDING ADDITION AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for Fellows Creek Golf Club improvements to Antler Construction, 5055 Belleville Road, Canton, MI 48188, in the revised bid amount of \$454,911 plus a 5% construction contingency in the amount of \$22,746 for a total amount of \$477,657. The amount of \$308,608 to be charged to account # 469-900.970\_0020 and the amount of \$169,049 to be charged to account # 469-900.970\_0080. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment to the 2008 Capital Project -Golf Course Fund budget. Increase. Increase Revenues: Capital Projects-Golf Course Fund Balance -Fund Balance Appropriation #469-000.695 \$ 41,835 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay Buildings and Improvements #469-900.970\_0020 \$88,968 Decrease Appropriations: Capital Outlay Land Improvements #469-900.970\_0080 \$ 47,133 This budget amendment increases the Capital Projects - Golf Course Fund budget from \$471,831 to \$513,666.Motion carried by all members present. Item 14. CONSIDER EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE RADIO EVALUATION - PUBLIC SAFETY. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to expand the scope of work for the radio system evaluation for TUSA Consulting Services in the amount of \$16,200 plus travel expenses not to exceed \$4,000. Funds to come from E-911 Capital Outlay account # 261-346-34.970\_0060. Motion carried by all members present. Item 15. CONSIDER INCREASING PURCHASE ORDER 2008-00001775 TO PETER A. BASILE SONS, INC. BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,250. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to increase PO#2008-0000650 to Best Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$16,273.50 (account number 403-506-00.970,0090) for additional work performed for a total not-to-exceed \$241,963.50. I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this project: Community Improvement Fund Increase Revenues: Contributions 246-000.674\_0000 \$16,273.50 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay - Buildings and Improvements 246-441.970-0020 \$16.273.50 This budget amendment increases the Public Works budget from \$250,505 to \$266,778.50, and the Community Improvement budget from \$2,483,831 to \$2,500,104.50. Motion carried by all members present. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated the Study Session for November 4, 2008 has been cancelled due to the November 4, 2008 General Election. The next Board Meeting will be held on November 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor,

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

Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, ADJOURN:

Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor

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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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Personal property described below in the matter of:

1022 - Erica Smith - Microwave, Dresser, Speakers 1058 – Jonathan Rose – 50 Boxes, 4 Chairs, 8 Filing Cabinets

2035 - Greg Cannon - Loveseat, Desk, Dresser 3022 – Aurthur Freeman – Bags, boxes, Misc Items 3045 – Danisha Herrod – TV, Trunk, Chair

4010 - Gladys M Gray - 10 Boxes, Clothing, Misc Items

5082 - Jewell Washington - Bags, Boxes, Misc Items 6008 – Jewell Washington – Bags, Boxes, Misc Items 8013 - Kono Staple - Suitcase, 5 Boxes, Misc Items

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Matt Bagnell E192 10x10 Dishwasher, Washer and Dryer, Sony DirectTV receiver, Vehicle back seat, Office Chair, Laserjet, metal toolbox, tricycle, Advanced Logic Tonometer, many boxes of misc. household goods.

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## Fest honors Michigan's native people

Interested in tasting real Native American food? You'll find everything from tacos and fry bread to buffalo burgers and wild rice soup at the 16th Annual Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow this weekend, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 8-9 at the Southfield Pavilion.

Nearly 50 Native Americans in traditional clothing also will perform specialty dances, including hoop, jingle and traditional dance.

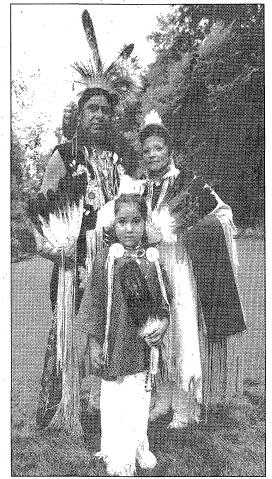
Feel the energy of the Native drums as the dancers twirl and sing. Peek inside a traditional tepee and wigwam. And check out the unique wares at the Native American Arts & Crafts Bazaar, where more than 40 traders from across the Midwest and East Coast will  $sell\ handmade\ jewelry, pottery, blankets\ and\ more.$ 

Native Americans representing the People of the Three Fires will gather to celebrate the customs and culture of the indigenous Michigan Indians Ottawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi.

Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9. The event is southeast Michigan's premier Native American festival and mini pow wow. Scouts can earn their Native American Heritage Patch by completing the "Seven Grandfathers Teachings" program. All kids, age 3-12 will receive a take-home Native American craft project. Formerly called the Autumn Harvest Indian Festival, the Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow honors Michigan's native people.

According to the 2000 Census, Michigan has the 10th highest Native American population in the United States with more than 122,000 American Indians and Alaskan Natives. Our state has the fourth highest Native American population east of the Mississippi River and 12 federally recognized tribes.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Children age 2 and under are free. Parking is free. The Southfield Pavilion is located at he Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, south of 11 Mile. Visit www. MetroParentEvents.com or call (248) 398-3400.



Theresa Johnson, Martin Wabindato and Nadine Lewis are members of the Little River Band of the Ottawa Indians. They will perform along with 45 other dancers and drummers, at the 16th Native American Festival and Mini Pow Wow, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 8-9, at the - Lana Mini Southfield Civic Center.

p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 and 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, The Sounds of Canton perform a We are the World concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton,

(734) 394-5300. Sounds of Canton is a group of singers age 55 and up who sing songs from across the globe like La Vie en Rose, Somewhere My Love, The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Brazil, and

Scarborough Fair. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and youth. Purchase online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, by

phone at (734) 394-5460 or at the Cherry Hill box office, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Need more? Also at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at

Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. (248) 374-7400, The

Plymouth Symphony presents Music From the Heartland with West Bloomfield's David Syme performing Evard Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor.

The Julliard-trained musician represented the U.S.A. in international piano competitions in Moscow and Warsaw to critical

His career includes more

than 20 CDs with the Royal Philharmonic, the London Philharmonic, the Czech National Symphony, the Vienna Symphony and much more.

The Plymouth Symphony will also premiere Tempus Fugit, a piece by Michigan composer, James Aikman who has been honored by The American Music Center, The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, ASCAP (annually 1990-2006), The American Symphony Orchestra League and others.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. Order tickets online at www. plymouthsymphony.org or (734) 451-2112.

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Joe Lovano saxophones | Esperanza Spalding bass James Weidman piano | Francisco Mela drums | Otis Brown III drums FRI, NOV 7 | 8 PM

Michigan Theater • Ann Arbor

Joe Lovano's new "Us Five" Quintet is reaching special heights where off-the-cuff ideas, rooted in jazz tradition, meet serious fun. His lush, inimitable saxophone sound will be on display as part of his virtuosic, two-drummer quintet and in duets with the exciting planist/composer/ improviser Jason Moran. The evening features solo piano ruminations from Blue Note recording artist Moran in addition to musical conversations between two of today's modern jazz masters.

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Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman pianos

SAT, NOV 8 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium • Ann Arbor

Yefim Bronfman is widely regarded as one of the most talented virtuoso pianists performing today. Born in Russia, he emigrated to Israel at age 14. He "bucks the stereotype of the Russian soloist as merely a technical wizard of large sound and emphatic personality. He has technique to burn, but he also has a chameleon-like ability to subsume himself in the music." (The New York Times) Returning

for the first time since his UMS debut in 1994, Bronfman is joined by the great American planist Emanuel Ax, renowned not only for his poetic temperament and unsurpassed virtuosity but also for the exceptional breadth of his performing activity.

**PROGRAM** Brahms

Variations for Two Pianos on a Theme by Haydn, Op. 56b (1873)

Bolcom Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major, K. 448 (1781)

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Leon Botstein has one of the most unusual resumes in the business: the Bard College president is founder and co-artistic director of the Bard Music Festival, directs the American Symphony Orchestra, and now leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, originally founded in the 1940s as Israel's national radio orchestra. This UMS debut appearance features works by three Jewish-

American composers. **PROGRAM** 

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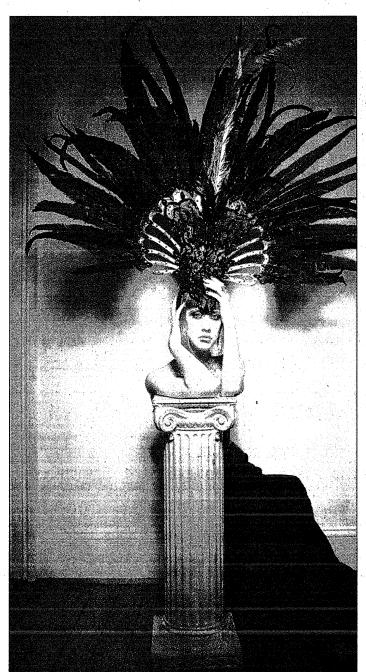






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# Les Arts Vivants takes arts fund raising on with French flair



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SOTU Productions ups the ante on elegance at this year's Les Arts Vivants benefit at the DIA.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

It's been nearly a year since the grand re-opening of the expanded and fully-renovated Detroit Institute of Arts, and nothing marks the passage of that time like the museum's major annual fund-raising gala known as Arts Alive. Formerly known as Under the Stars, the 2008 theme builds on the current DIA exhibition Monet to Dali: Modern Masters from the Cleveland Museum of Art.

According to co-chairperson Jennifer Fischer of Bloomfield Hills, the works by Cézanne, Renoir, Monet and Matisse included in this visiting exhibit inspired a new-found French flair, altering the title to Les Arts Vivants!

"I've always thought of the DIA as one of the great jewels of Detroit," said Fischer, who organized the event along with Mary Kay Crain. "I also believe the entire area where the DIA is an absolutely critical part of the downtown area." And for her, Arts Alive is a means to protect the cultural center of Metro Detroit for visitors and residents alike.

More than a museum, the DIA offers lectures, films, children's art education, and evening entertainment for families, she said, adding that the money raised through Arts Alive "does so many things."

Last year the event raised more than \$1 million to support the museum's re-opening and paid for the DIA to be open and free to the public for its first month of programming. This year, Fischer recognized, times are more financially challenging than ever. As such, she believes its an even more crucial time to support the arts.

#### STUNNING ENVIRONMENT

The DIA itself, she said, sets this gala apart from a host of others. "To have a setting that beautiful is just incomparable," she said. "To be standing, sitting, dining or eating with the Rivera murals all around you, to me that's beyond enchant-

Patrons will surely notice the return of

16,000 mirrors adorning the Great Hall – a twinkling design delight that returns from last year's opening. "From the street it's unbelievable at night," said Fischer.

Revelers can expect a vibrant cabaret feel with aerialists performing around the museum from New York City's SOTU Productions. They'll be adorned in sequins and feathers, corsets and top hats, and offering choreographed numbers as well as perching on swings. Listen for music by DJ Rashida, of America's Best Dance Crew. She's opened for the likes of Kanye West and The Roots. In an effort to provide something for everyone, additional performers include a sultry chanteuse as well as the Mel Ball Orchestra. "The beauty of any party is that you get everyone up and dancing," said Fischer.

Though the entire museum was open for this event last year, this year guests will traverse the Kresge Court, Rivera Court and the Great Hall. The Monet to Dali exhibit will be open for patrons to peruse. "We were trying desperately to get a flavor of the times of these artists," said

#### **SUMPTUOUS FOOD**

As such, the seated dinner will include Steak Tartar, Veal Chops with Mushroom Fricassee and Grand Marnier Souffle, while the strolling supper includes Fois Gras, Petite Lobster Pie and Rock Shrimp Martini. Late-comers will be treated to assorted French cheeses, chocolates, gelato and an elaborate coffee station. And French wines from Côtes du Rhône to Châteauneuf-du-Pape will compliment the dishes. "Truly, the food is amazing, said Fischer. "There will be everything vou could possibly imagine."

Though last year's Arts Alive drew 2,500 people, Fischer couldn't venture a guess as to how many would attend this year. She did say that the funding is much-needed and, while it's a difficult time in Detroit, organizers hope for a good crowd.

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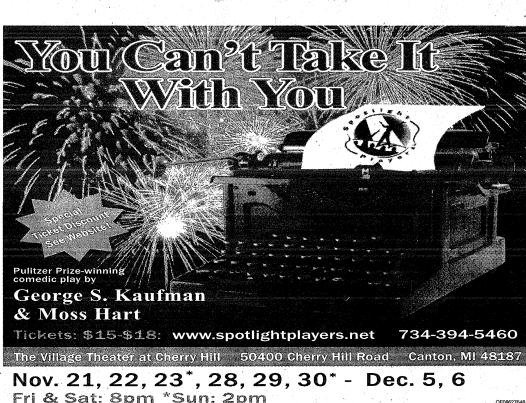
DJ Rashida will perform at this year's Detroit Institute of Arts Les Arts Vivants fundraising gala.

#### **LES ARTS VIVANTS**

What: The DIA's largest annual fund-raiser, Arts Alive, earns a Moulin Rouge theme this year. When: 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 8

Where: The Detroit Institute of Arts

Tickets: \$200 for Les Folies Bergère late-night revelers afterglow at 9 p.m.; \$600 for La Brasserie Fouguets, including a strolling supper at 7:30 p.m. and afterglow; and the entire evening at \$2,500 for La Moulin Rouge, including a 6 p.m. champagne reception, 7 p.m. dinner by chef Georges Perrier of Philadelphia's Le Bec Fin, a performance by New York's SOTU Productions, and an afterglow. More information: Visit www.dia.org or call (313) 833-7967.



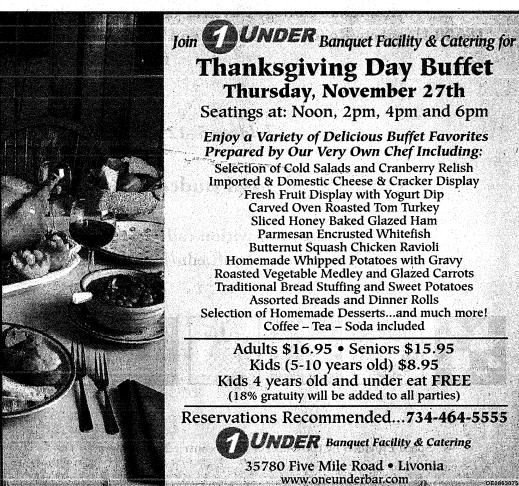




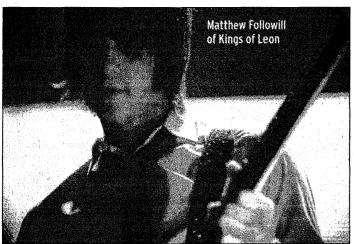












BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA O&E STAFF WRITER

Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend beginning Nov. 7, 2008:

Get your comedy fix and dinner at the same time when Schoolcraft College Theatre presents the Neil Simon classic Come Blow Your Horn as a dinner theatre production tonight. It all begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the VisTaTech Center, followed by the show at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts

Auditorium, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Tickets \$24, call (734) 462-4596

Hear the Kings of Leon perform songs from the latest CD, Only By the Night, and earlier material, beginning 6 p.m. with openers The Whigs, at The Fillmore, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$30.50-\$40.50, call (248) 645-6666.

Get settled in at the Detroit Film Theatre for a nearly 10-hour rarely-



"The Human Condition"

screened film event with the showing of Masaki Kobayashi's opus *The Human Condition* beginning at noon today. The film tells the story of a well-meaning labor boss who tries incorporate humane methods in times of grueling military service. The film will be presented with two intermissions, including a one-hour dinner break. Tickets \$6.50-\$7.50, visit www.dia.org/dft.



Paul Rudd is Danny and Seann William Scott is Wheeler in Universal Pictures's comedy, "Role Models."

Head to the local theater to see Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott star in *Role Models*.

The funnymen play Danny and Wheeler, respectively, two salesmen who crash a company truck while on an energy-drink-fueled bender.



Their community service finds them working with the likes of a neurotic young man, played by Superbad's Christopher Mintz-Plasse, and using their immature wisdom to prove that once in a while, it takes a village idiot to raise a child. This film is rated R and now open in area movie theaters.

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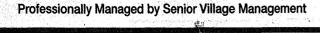




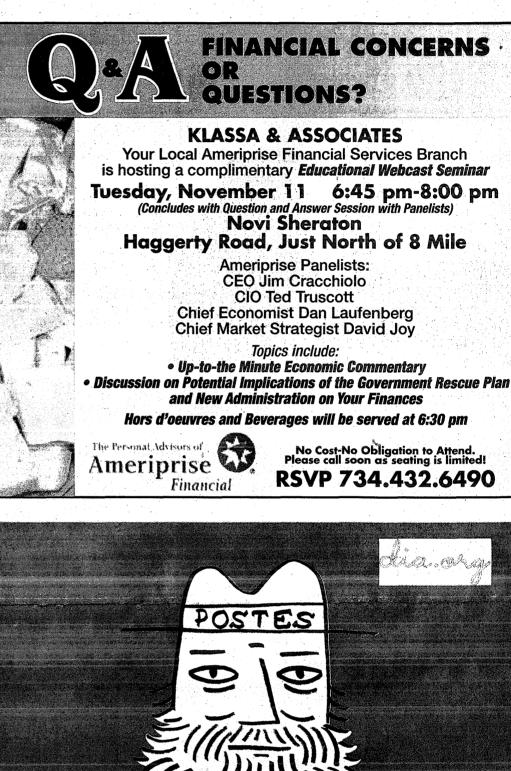
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Redford Theatre: It's a double dose of holiday cheer at this Old Redford historic theater, beginning with Miracle on 34th Street,

8 p.m. Dec. 5-6 and 2 p.m. Dec. 6; tickets \$4. Then sing your heart out to White Christmas, 8 p.m. Dec. 19-20 and 2 p.m. Dec. 20; tickets \$4, at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit www.redfordtheatre. On Stage

The Nutcracker: The Joffrey Ballet performs this Tchaikovsky classic 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4-6, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and noon and 5p.m. Dec. 7, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Call (313) 237-3426 or visit www. michiganopera.org. Or see the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra and the Taylor Americana Ballet perform the show, 7 p.m. Dec. 6 and 2 p.m. Dec. 7, at Arts Auditorium, 123 Selden Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$33.50, call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.shopthemax.com.

Home for the Holidays: Join the DSO's holiday sing-along and stirring annual show, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 18; 8:30 p.m. Dec. 19-20 and 3 p.m. Dec. 21, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 576-5111.

Avon Players: See A Christmas Story, with shows Nov. 28-30, Dec 5-7, 12-14, at 1185 Washington. Rochester Hills. Call (248) 608-

The Farmington Players: It's a Wonderful Life, with shows Nov. 28 to Dec. 20, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 553-2955 or visit www.farmingtonplayers.org.

**Detroit Opera House:** Meet the Wicked Witch of the West before Dorothy traveled over the rainbow in Wicked, showing Dec. 10 to Jan. 4, 2009, at 1526 Broadway, Detroit; tickets \$33-\$93, (248) 645-6666.

Fox Theatre: Like a

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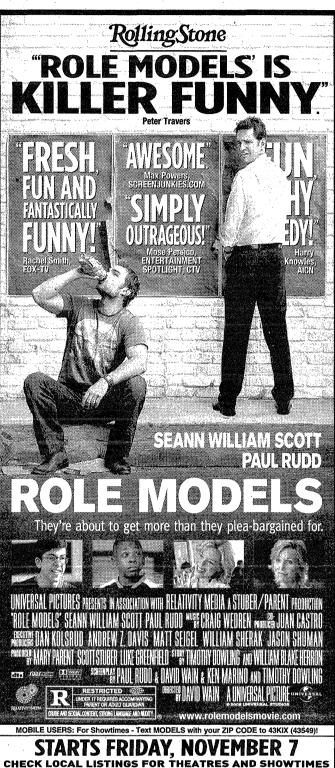
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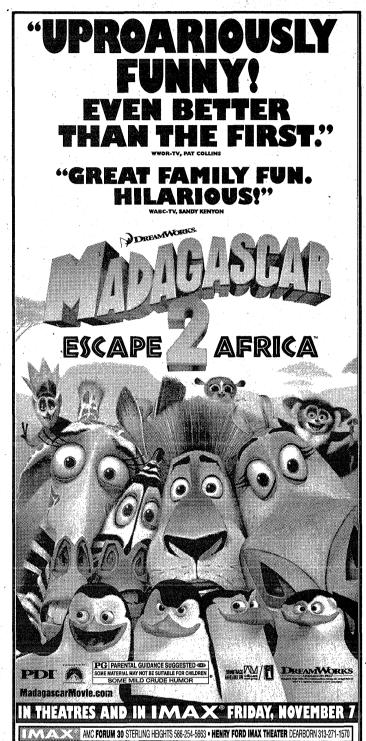
Tickets \$24-\$75. Visit OlympiaEntertainment.com or call (248) 433-1515.

Meadow Brook Theatre: A Christmas Carol is a long-running tradition in Rochester. Don't miss out Nov. 28 through Dec. 21, on the campus of Oakland University, in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$25-\$40, call (248) 377-0300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com. Galas

Christmas in Detroit: A 2008 fund-raising event supporting seniors of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, Nov. 14, MotorCity Casino and Hotel, 2901 Grand River Ave., Detroit: tickets \$175-\$300. Wear cocktail attire. Call (248) 281-2040.

Compiled by Stephanie Angelyn Casola





needed for moisture), crushed pineapple, bourbon, and pecans. Spread mixture into a 9- by 13inch glass baking dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Top with marshmallows and place under broiler for a few minutes until marshmallows are browned.

#### THE EAT & WATCH THE LIONS LOSE DISH

By Dan Haberman, owner of The Bosco Lounge in Ferndale. Haberman never does anything typical, including this recipe submission. Maybe his creativity is why The Bosco is so successful.

1 Chair 1 Couch 1 Belt

1 Television

Directions: Full belly completely with turkey, potatoes, stuffing, soup, sides and beverage. Lean back on chair.

Loosen belt 1-2 notches Move to couch, lean back and exhale deeply. Turn television on to Lions game (if not blacked out). Fight to stay awake through at least one quarter.

#### Maple Glazed - Roasted **SWEET POTATO APPETIZER**

Jeanette Williams, Canton Recreation Specialist for Aquatics/Health & Well-

2 pounds garnet sweet potatoes ½ teaspoon coarse salt (like kosher or

2 tablespoons olive oil 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup

2 green onions (finely chopped)

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

Freshly ground pepper

Peel and dice sweet potatoes into uniform bite-sized squares. Toss in a medium bowl with the salt and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Spread on baking sheet and place in the oven.

Roast 15 minutes until crisp and brown on the outside and soft and creamy inside. Carefully flip them once halfway through the cooking time with a wide spatula taking care not to break them.

Meanwhile, whisk together mustard, maple syrup, and remaining olive oil.

Once the sweet potatoes are done, cool them very slightly and toss them gently in the glaze mixture along with a few grindings of pepper and more salt to taste if

Stick them on toothpicks on a party tray, sprinkle the green onions around, then serve.

#### SWEET POTATOES WITH CHERRY GLAZE

Jeanette Williams, Canton Recreation Specialist for Aquatics/Health & Well-

2 medium sweet potatoes

2 tablespoons cherry juice concentrate 1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 tablespoon butter or margarine melted ½ teaspoon ground ginger 1 green onion, sliced

Scrub potatoes and halve lengthwise; do not peel. Spray a baking pan with nonstick cooking

Place potatoes cut-side down, in pan. Bake in a pre-heated 400 degree oven 30-40 minutes, or until almost tender.

Stir together cherry juice concentrate, brown sugar, butter and ginger. Turn potatoes cut-side up and brush with cherry mixture. Bake 5 to 10 minutes, or until tender. Sprinkle with green onions. Serve immediately.



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Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Amanda Thatch and Andrew Thompson, through Nov. 8; Tom Carey's Scary Monsters, through Nov. 8; Holiday Objects Up and Down, Nov. 22-Jan. 3, 2009, shoppers preview, 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 22, reception and silent auction, 7-10 p.m. Nov. 22, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www. pccart.org.

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356-5454, www.everythingart.com.

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Birmingham Temple: Vivace Music Series Alturas Duo, Nov. 8; Pianist Christopher Atzinger, April 4, 2009; Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2, 2009; 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org. Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "Novemberfest." 3 p.m. Nov. 9: First Presbyterian Church. 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham; "Holiday

www.ComeHearCMSD.org. University Musical Society: Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, Nov. 13, Hill Auditorium, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor; Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Nov. 16, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538 or www.ums.org.

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(248) 473-1859. First Presbyterian Church: A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7; Welcome All Wonders, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19; Psenturies of Psalms, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 2009; How Can You Keep From Singing?, 4 p.m. Feb. 8, 2009; Pipedusters w/organist Tom Trenney, 7:30 p.m. April 17, 2009; Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 2009, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x 136, ttrenney@ comcast.net

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Man: A Concert for Peace" with original film, April 5, 2009, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, www.rackhamchoir.org.

#### CLASSICAL

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Chamber Music at the Scarab Club: Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Detroit, (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070, www. ComeHearCMSD.org. 3 p.m. Nov. 9, First Presbyterian Church,

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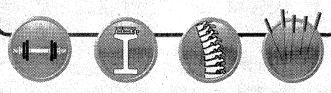
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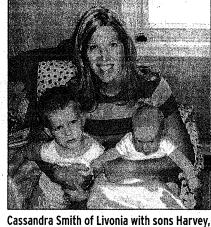
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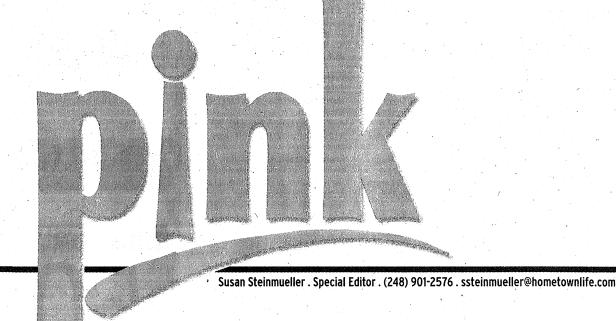
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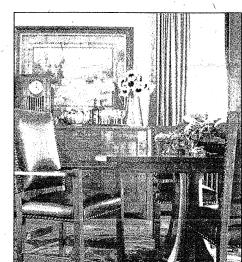
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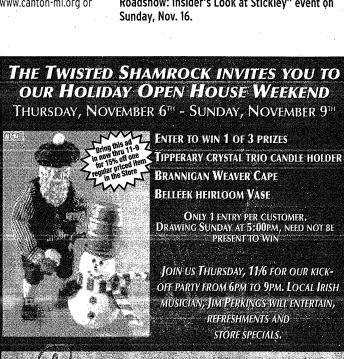
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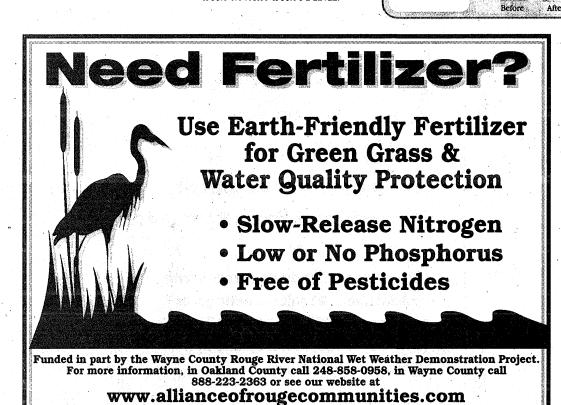
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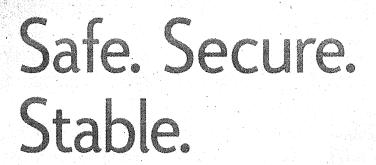


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