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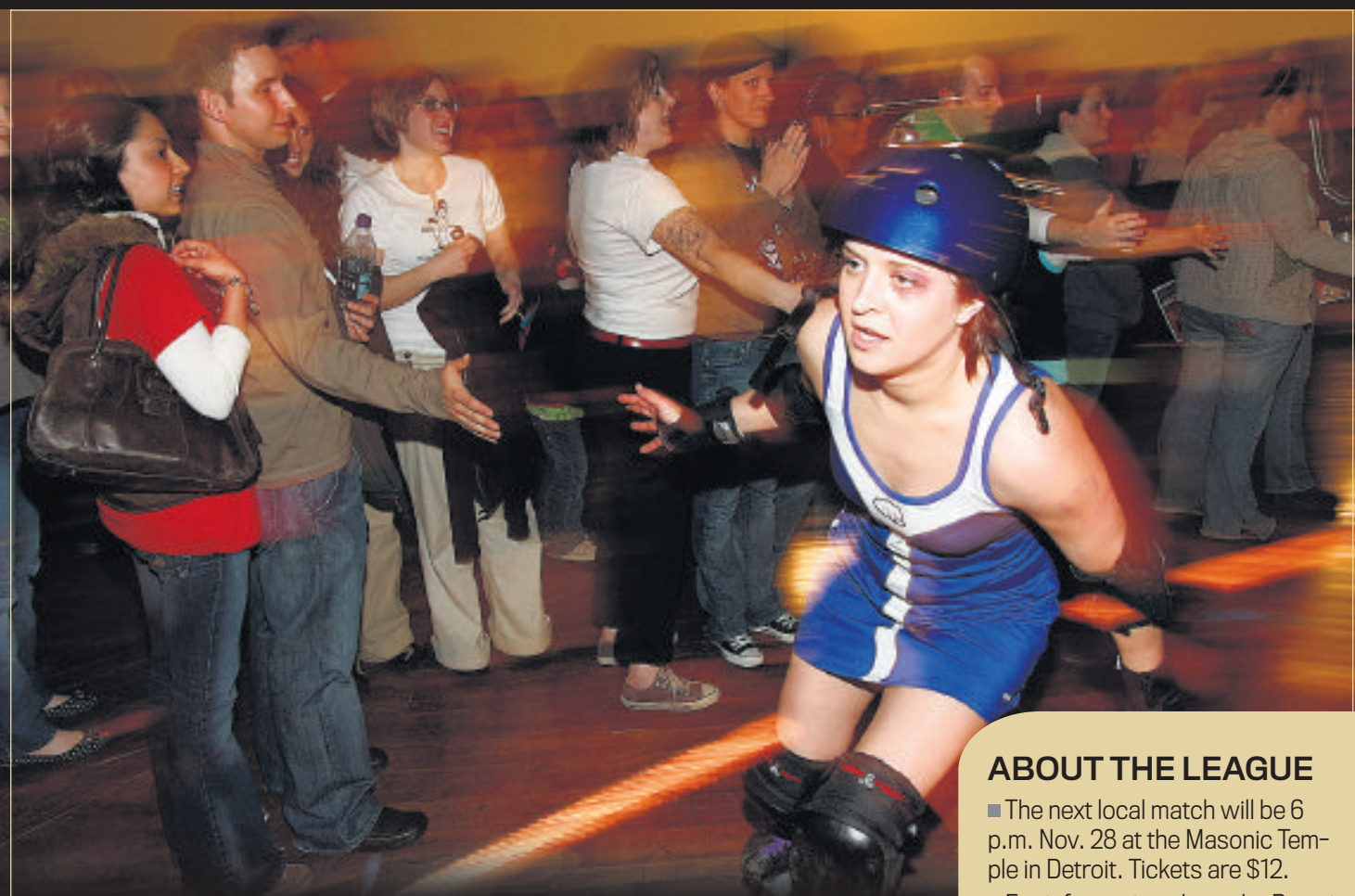
Saturday, November 21, 2009 Metro Final

No party like a Motown reunion

STORY, 2A

More job losses in Mich. future

DERBY GIRLS LET GOOD TIMES ROLL



Photos by Bryan Mitchell / Special to The Detroit News

Rude Awakening, a member of the Detroit Pistoffs, greets fans after a bout against the Devils Night Dames last year at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

BY FRANCIS X. DONNELLY | The Detroit News

Detroit — When jazz musician George Benson performed at the Masonic Temple recently, a less sedate form of entertainment unfurled several floors above.

Women with tattoos and ripped stockings, sporting names like Karma Shootya and Lady Macdeath, jostled each other as they roller skated around a track, sending each other sprawling to the floor.

Officiating the game were men in short shorts and one in a hot dog costume. The crowd of 500 donned their own outfits: flowing capes, short Catholic school skirts, devil's horns.

Roller derby, a refugee of 1960s' Saturday morning television, is back in a big way, proponents say, with the number of leagues more than

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ABOUT THE LEAGUE

- The next local match will be 6 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. Tickets are \$12.
- For information about the Detroit Derby Girls, go to detroitrollerderby.com.



The Detroit Derby Girls practice at Riverside Skating Arena in Livonia.

U-M economists forecast no employment growth until 2011

BY BRIAN J. O'CONNOR
Detroit News Finance Editor

By the time Michigan begins to pull out of this economic downturn, the state will have lost nearly 1 million jobs.

That's the grim assessment in an annual forecast from the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics. According to the economists behind the study, the state hit rock bottom with a thud this year, will stay there for most of 2010 and will still be losing jobs in 2011 when Michigan begins to pull out of more than a decade of decline.

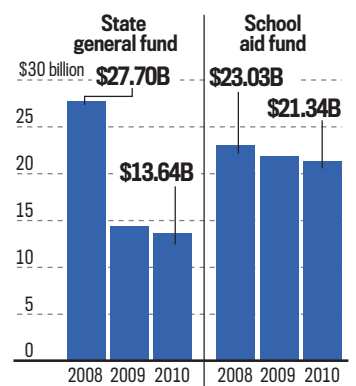
"The job decline that started in mid-2000 would bottom out in the summer quarter of 2011, with an aggregate job loss of 937,000 over that 11-year period, or about one in every five jobs that existed at the beginning of the period," George Fulton, director of the seminar, wrote in the study.

Fulton and his colleagues forecast that Michigan will have lost 283,000 jobs by the new year — the largest single year of job loss in at least 70 years, as long as records have been kept. Job losses will shrink to 85,000 in 2010 and 36,000 in 2011.

The study reflects what many analysts and economists have been saying for much of the year: Michigan was in trouble before the recession, was hit harder during the recession, and will take longer than any other state in the union to put

State income hit hard

The ongoing recession hits the state's tax and revenue hardest this year, with another predicted drop next year, according to a new economic forecast.



Source: University of Michigan Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics
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its economy on stable — but far reduced — footing.

"I have to say that despite the outlook being pretty dire, it seems to be right on with what we're seeing in the economy," said Scott Watkins, a senior consultant with Anderson Economic Group of East Lansing, which was not involved in producing the U-M forecasts.

"Michigan really never got out of the national recession that occurred just after Sept. 11, 2001," Watkins said. "There is some hope that we're at the bottom, but there aren't too many signs pointing toward a sudden improvement in the Michigan

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Health care bill gets first big test with crucial vote today

The Senate's sweeping health care bill faces its first survival test today, when it must win 60 votes to allow debate to go forward. Democratic leaders have struggled to placate three holdouts but appeared Friday night to be winning them over. And in Michigan, groups for and against the plan asked residents to step up pressure on the state's U.S. senators.

METRO, 3A; NATION & WORLD, 10A

Domestic cars still behind in fuel efficiency

Detroit's automakers still trail their foreign competitors when it comes to fuel efficiency and they do so by a wide margin.

Honda Motor Co. has the most fuel efficient fleet in the United States at an average of 23.6 miles per gallon, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. By contrast, Ford Motor Co.'s average of 20.5 mpg for the 2009 model year, places it in seventh place among major automakers, ahead of General Motors Co. at 19.9 mpg; and Chrysler Group LLC at 18.7 mpg.

BUSINESS, 5B

HOLIDAY FUN KICKS OFF



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The Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus from the Detroit Opera House sings at Campus Martius in Detroit Friday Nov. 20, 2009 at the tree-lighting festivities.

METRO, 3A

TODAY'S FOCUS

Asian carp nears Lake Michigan

Tests suggest fish crossed barrier, endangering sport, commercial fishing



Marlin Levison / Associated Press

The invasive Asian carp is insatiable.

BY STEVE PARDO
The Detroit News

Federal officials confirmed Friday that DNA from Asian carp has been found in water past an electric barrier designed to keep the invasive and destructive fish out of Lake Michigan.

The tests — taken nearly two months ago — showed evidence of the fish in a 28-mile-long Chicago shipping channel, as close as eight miles from Lake Michigan.

Conservationists and anglers alike worry the carp — voracious eaters that grow to 100 pounds and 4 feet long — could forever change the ecosystems of the Great Lakes if they take hold.

"The bass, walleye pike — all the fish that normally inhabit our river systems — they'll be gone," said Capt. Denny Grindol, who has run a charter fishing boat

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