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Tarek Ballout opened the Cantonian Market in the remodeled inn at the corner or Cherry Hill and Ridge.

Historic inn the setting for two new businesses

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

In the upstairs of an old inn, a dream for the future took shape.

'We had a dream and it was just a matter of finding the place," said Melissa Kirkpatrick-Huetter, who along with business partner Sharla Mohney, opened Indigo Salon and Day Spa two weeks ago in the old inn in Cherry Hill Village. "We wanted to create what we had never had before."

What they had been seeking was a warm, inviting space in which they could create a team environment and a world of pampering for their clients.



Indigo Salon and Day Spa owner Melissa Huetter gets a little styling from Allison Andrews. The salon is also in the historic inn.

"This is what I call our snuggly side," said Indigo's general manager, Kristen White, as she walked through the hallway that separates the salon from the

day spa. "Once you hit that door, the world is behind you."

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Woman facing prison if convicted in crash

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It was just after 8 a.m. on July 26, 2005, when Nancy



Levy was leaving the Real Life Farm day care on Geddes The 41-

Road in Canton. year-old Plymouth woman didn't see Joe Stubblefield's car coming when she pulled onto the roadway, she would later have

According to Canton Township police, she did pull into traffic, and 81-year-old Stubblefield's car crashed into Levy's. The next day Stubblefield, of Westland, died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

Levy was arraigned Thursday at the 35th District Court in Plymouth on charges of negligent homicide, a high misdemeanor that could land her a two-year prison term. According to police, Levy wasn't charged until now because the police department was waiting for a completed autopsy report from Washtenaw County.

"She was pulling out of the driveway after dropping off a child at the day care. She pulled into the roadway and into the path of an oncoming vehicle. She told police she didn't see him," said Sgt. Rick Pomorski of the Canton Police Department. "It will be up to the prosecutor to determine if it was a crime or an accident."

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, whether the crash was an accident or was the result of a crime will need to be determined in court.

"We have probable cause to believe she did not obey the traffic laws, she did not yield and did not slow down as she should have, and that's why she's been charged," said Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

According to police reports, Levy and Stubblefield were involved in the crash at approximately 8:15 a.m. on July 26. The crash occurred on Geddes Road, just east of Denton.

Levy was released on a personal bond. Her preliminary examination is scheduled for Dec. 2 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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Bond could include technical center

Facility would house vocational classes under single roof

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Jim O'Connor teaches auto body and collision repair to high school students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, it can sometimes be an uphill battle to pass on the needed skills that will help them get jobs when they graduate.

When Canton High School opened in 1972, the auto shop was state-of-the-art.

"Twenty years ago we had the premier vocational educational classes in the state," said O'Connor. "But, now, it's been reduced to a few classes that are

'We're doing the best we can to teach the latest technology possible with equipment from 30 years ago, which is horribly outdated," he said. "We're using a spray booth that a salounted in 1970

I'm teaching collision repair, but when they get a real job, they won't know what they're looking

O'Connor is hopeful that when the Board of Education decides on what to include in a future bond issue which could happen as early as Tuesday night — it will include the proposal for a \$21.4 million Career & Technical Center to house classes that will teach auto technology, early childhood education, electronics and robotics, machining and welding, health occupations and culinary

The career and tech center would put into one place classes currently spread among the three high schools at the Park.

"Every other career center is set up in one facility to teach the different vocations," said O'Connor. "We have the opportunity to literally

PLEASE SEE CENTER, A9

Serial robber hits bank, eludes cops

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Canton police have excellent surveillance images of the man who robbed the Charter One Bank on Ford Road Thursday. They say they also have evidence linking the robber to other area bank robberies this week.

"The one thing we don't have is someone calling to say they know this guy," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

According to police records, the robbery at Charter One Bank

occurred Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Within minutes of receiving the call, Pomorski had excellent images of the robber, and sent it out to every patrol officer in Canton. He also had images from bank robberies in Dearborn and Westland, which occurred during the two days before the Canton hold-up.

"That's three in three days this guy was involved in," Pomorski said. "It's definitely the same guy. He was even wearing the same hat

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Canton Police released this photo of the suspect wanted in the Thursday morning robbery of Charter One Bank on Ford Road.

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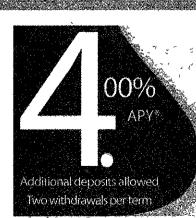
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Coming Thursday

Nature trail open

The Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail at Flodin Park is now open to the public. It is located on the south side of Saltz Road, east of Morton Taylor behind the baseball fields. Fellows Creek runs through the park, which now includes wetland/nature areas, trails, streambank stabilization and educational signs. A guided brochure map is available from Canton Leisure Services, which is located on the third floor of the administration building.

For more information, call Leisure Services Park Office at (734) 394-5311.

Adopt a family

The Canton Goodfellows "Be an Angel" Christmas program is in full swing. "Angels" may call and adopt a child or a family for whom they will purphase Christmas gifts. It's a great way to make sure that the Goodfellows reach their goal of "No Canton Child without a Christmas."

All monies raised go to the children and families in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-8975.

Office hours

😘 State Sen. Bruce Patterson's District Director, Sue Trussell, will hold Office Hours for all constituents of State Senate District Seven, in the Canton Public Library's cafe, on Monday, Nov. 7, from 11 a.m. -

The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. The library's phone number is (734) 397-0999. Come on in, and have word with Trussell that you would like to pass along to your senator. All are welcome. - You may also contact

Patterson's Lansing office at

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Peter and the Wolf

Orchestra Canton will perform its second concert of its 2005 season under Music Director and Conductor Nan Harrison Washburn with a presentation of "Peter and the Wolf" and Other Family Favorites on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Narrated by Randall Bhirdo (Rockin' Randall from 106.7 FM "The Drive"), Sergei Prokofiev's cherished family classic "Peter & the Wolf" is an educational adventure which teaches children about musical instruments used in the symphony by transforming them into characters in the story.

Themes from Harry Potter will also be part of the program, and the Celebration Youth Orchestra Sinfonia will play side-by-side with the Orchestra in Sibelius' Finlandia. Pianist Tiffany Lin, youth artist competition winner, will also make a special appearance. Pre-concert storytelling and other children's activities will be held at the theater from 3-4 p.m.

Concert tickets may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by phone at (734) 394-5460, or by calling the Orchestra Canton office at (734) 451-2112. Tickets may also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance. For more information on Orchestra Canton's second season please visit www.orchestracanton.org.

School fund-raiser

North Middle School Day will be celebrated Nov. 14 at Applebee's on Belleville Road.



A healthful award

From left, Michigan Surgeon General Kimberlydawn Wisdom presents Gretchen Nachazel, health educator at St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station and Cheryl Phillips, coordinator of HES, with an award for their outstanding work for youth in the community and in support of the Michigan Steps Up campaign. The Exploration Station was recognized for its efforts in promoting healthy lifestyles and disease prevention. The award was presented on Oct. 14.

The school will receive 10 percent of each lunch and dinner that is purchased. A coupon is needed in order for the school to receive the proceeds. Coupons can be picked up at North Middle School, the Fred Fisher Library and Van Buren Township Hall in the recre-

ation area. The North Middle School PTO is raising funds to complete the school's computer lab. So far 18 Dell computers have been purchased and 12 more are needed to finish the

For more information, call Linda Cobb at (734) 697-8611.

Poinsettia sale

The Canton Historical Society is holding its 3rd annual holiday poinsettia sale.

Poinsettias are available in red, pink, or white, as well as tricolor (includes one plant of each variety). Orders, which will be available for pick-up on Dec. 10 at the Cherry Hill School, must be placed by Nov.

Prices range from \$5 to \$20. For more information, contact Kay of the Canton Historical Society at (734) 453-9266.

Wine tasting

A wine and food tasting to benefit the Canton Rotary Club, Canton Police and Fire Emergency Fund and the Leadership Canton Alumni Scholarship Fund is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 11, from 7 - 9 p.m. at Waltonwood at Cherry

There will be approximately

20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market, entertainment and several door prizes are also included in the ticket price. Space is limited to 300 guests. Tickets are \$30 in advance, and, if available, \$35 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The event is sponsored by Holiday Market and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, please call the

Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Storytime registration

The Canton Public Library storytime registration for children 18 months to not yet 4 years old program will begin Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room. This is a correction to the previously published time in the library's newsletter. Registration is for Canton residents only. You must show picture ID.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road. For more information, contact the Children's Department of the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999, Ext.

Medicare presentation

Seniors and their families are invited to attend a free presentation on regarding the upcoming changes for Medicare Part D-Prescription Drug Coverage. This presentation will be held on Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at Summit on the Park Ash room. The presentation hosted by Medicare Medicaid Assistance program counselor, Ron Leiberman. Please reserve your spot by calling the Senior Adult Program at (734) 394-

Social club open house

Canton residents ages 55 and older, who are looking to meet new friends, and expand their social network and well being at the same time are invited to join the Zester Social Club. This club meets every Thursday, September through June. If you are a resident of Canton 55 or older, visit the Summit on the Park Maple Room on Nov. 10 for some pizza, bingo and fellowship Please RSVP to the senior desk at (734) 394-5485.

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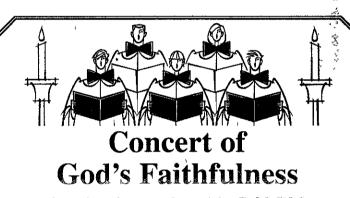
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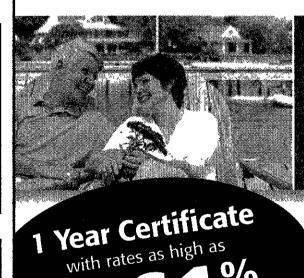


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18-wheel ambassadors

Canton officials deliver semi full of donated goods to sister city in Mississippi

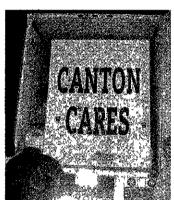
BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

There are times when sending a gift will do. And other times, you have to deliver the gift in person. That was the case last month when a group of Canton officials headed south to Canton, Miss., the township's informally adopted "sister city," following Hurricane Katrina.

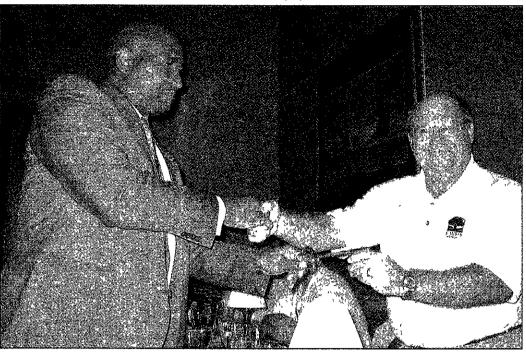
The day of the hurricane, Township Supervisor Tom Yack was vacationing in England. But before he returned, township staff brainstormed and discussed how they could help Gulf Coast disaster-affected communities.

What they wondered is if there's a place along the Gulf Coast that's named Canton," Yack said. "Canton, Miss., is 130 miles from the Gulf Coast, and had some storm damage, but they were receiving a number of people who were displaced, and developed themselves as a conduit to deliver materials to where they were needed."

Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin made contact with the convention and visi-



A truck full of hurricane relief supplies, courtesy of Canton residents, was recently delivered to the township's adopted sister city, Canton, Miss. Note the signatures and well wishes from those who donated written on the banner.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOAN NORICKS

Canton, Miss., Mayor Fred Esco Jr. presented the key to his city to Township Supervisor Tom Yack when a group of Canton officials visited the Gulf Coast state to deliver hurricane relief supplies.

tors bureau near Canton. Miss. And the wheels were then in motion, starting with finding the wheels. Eighteen of them, to be exact. Conklin enlisted Canton-based M.S.A. Delivery Service, which donated a truck and driver to haul a load of everything from clothing and pet food to cleaning supplies and canned goods, to Mississippi.

Along with Yack and Conklin, Public Safety Director John Santomauro, **Canton Community** Foundation President Joan Noricks, and Canton Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Cojei, made the trip at their own expense on Oct. 12. Also along for the ride was Lisa Rozum, whose family owns M.S.A. Delivery Service. The group stayed just two days, but was able to meet with their southern counterparts, tour the city, talk to the media, and even visit the

city's annual craft fair, which was this year a benefit to help with disaster relief.

"The whirlwind trip was exhilarating," Noricks said. "I was invited considering the role that that foundation had in collecting money. I was honored to be invited and truly enjoyed the opportunity."

According to Yack, the community acted quickly and generously when the trip was being planned. Besides M.S.A. Delivery Service, corporate sponsorship came from Yazaki North America, which donated boxes, and from the township volunteer coordinator who helped bring residents in to sort items that were stored at the public works yard. School children made donations and filled backpacks with books for the children who had been displaced by the disaster.

"There were so many people who came forward, I can't even remember or name

them all," Yack said.

Township officials have invited officials from their southern sister city to come visit Michigan.

Even though the two Cantons have little in common demographically -Canton, Miss., is not as affluent, is much smaller, and is only about 20 percent Caucasian - one common ground they stand on (aside from warmth and friendliness) is growth, Yack said.

"The bond that brought us together was economic development. They're about five years from experiencing real growth in housing and business. They're the next suburb of Jackson to see influx of housing and business," he said. "Planning for growth is a topic they'd be really interested in discussing, if they're able to come up here."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Cherry Hill Village.

The Cantonian Market recently opened in: the remodeled inn at

BUSINESSES

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Besides the full service salon, Indigo offers body wraps, facials, waxing, exfoliating, massage, and full nail services. It's also capable of offering dual services - two massages, two pedicures, two body treatments - at once, something uncommon to other spas, said Kirkpatrick-Huetter.

"That way you can have mother-daughter or husbandwife or girlfriends-day-out services," she said.

The decor, which Mohney described as "Moroccan with a Caribbean influence," is certainly different than anything else that's been in the 1860 inn, which was one of Canton's first buildings.

"The environment is relaxing, positive and empowering," said Mohney.

During its long history, the building has been an inn, a general store, a funeral parlor and at one point a dance hall, said lifelong resident John Schwartz, who was born in Canton in 1924.

We even had dances up there when I was in high school," Schwartz said. "At one time that was the center of Canton."

In the downstairs of the

building, the past is never forgotten, as old photographs of Jake West's General Store hang on the walls of Cantonian Market, which also recently' ... opened in the building.

Market owner Tarek Ballout, fittingly on the ground floor of the old inn, is more practical than dreamy in his business venture.

"I live right here in Cherry Hill Village and wanted to open a 115 business to serve the community here," he said. "We're bringing in an exceptional wine selection. imported cheeses, and things like fresh baked bread and coffee every morning."

The store, which has a saloon' theme to serve as a tribute to its original days as an inn, also carries convenience items such as aspirin, toothpaste and groceries.

"But you won't find the 🧼 💥 prices to be like what you usually see in a convenience store They're as low as a grocery or 3 pharmacy anywhere," Ballout

Indigo Salon and Day Spa, 🖁 and Cantonian Market are located at 50545 Cherry Hill. For more information about Indigo, call (734) 961-3245. For more information about Cantonian Market, call (734) 495-0300.

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CAR GOES UP IN FLAMES

Canton police were called to an apartment building after a woman found her brand new 2005 Mini Cooper had been

destroyed by fire. The woman said on Oct. 28, she had come home from Walgreen pharmacy just after 11:30 p.m. There was nothing wrong with the car as she drove it to run a few errands, she told police.

But within 20 minutes, her neighbor was knocking on her door, telling her the car was on fire. When she got outside, the car was totally engulfed in flames, according to police reports.

The car was destroyed. The incident is still under investigation.

NEIGHBOR DISPUTE

Canton police are investigating the details of an alleged assault and battery between neighbors in a Canton apartment complex.

According to police reports, someone called police on Nov. 1 at 9:15 p.m. to investigate a possible domestic dispute, but found a 22-year-old woman who had had a physical dispute with a female neighbor.

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She told police they were arguing, then began calling each other names, when the neighbor suddenly came after her.

She said her neighbor had grabbed her by the hair and tried to throw her to the ground. The neighbor said it was the alleged victim that instigated the fight, but a witness agreed with the victim's story and the neighbor was cited for assault and battery.

STOLEN MAILBOX

A 45-year-old Canton woman called police after her mailbox was stolen not once, but twice, in less than seven hours.

She called police to her home in the 45700 block of Holmes on Nov. 3 to report the mailbox, valued at \$50, was stolen.

According to police reports, an officer soon after found the mailbox near the intersection. of Buckley and Chadwick. But the woman called just after 5 a.m. to report that the mailbox and there are no suspects.

DAMAGE TO CAR

A 20-year-old Belleville man called police to his workplace ai a Michigan Avenue pizza restaurant after he said someone damaged his car.

He called on Nov. 1, and said the attack on his car occurred between 7:15 and 7:25 p.m. He said there were three 12-16 inch scratches on the car.

BROKEN WINDOW

A 21-year-old Canton man called police after someone threw a rock through his car's windshield.

He called Canton police on Nov. 2, and said that sometime between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., someone heaved a rock through the window of the car, and attached to the rock was a note with just one word - a racial slur.

He said that recently his friend, who happens to be an African American man, broke up with his girlfriend and there may be a connection between that and the property crime,

-By Carol Marshall

Salvation Army needs volunteers

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Every winter holiday season, Community Financial Credit Union branches in Plymouth, Canton and Northville help bring cheer to those in need by serving several families in the Plymouth Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program.

"During the holidays, we want to give back to the community, and the Salvation Army program that helps to make sure every child and family has a Christmas is an important thing for us to do," said Sarah Cousineau, manager of marketing for Community Financial. "We're blessed to have a roof over our heads and food on the table. You don't want anyone to not have a happy holiday."

That may not be the case unless some others step up. The Salvation Army thus far has 50 individuals or groups signed up to participate in the program this year. However, Red Kettle coordinator Kelly Boelter said the Army needs at least 80 more Last year, the Red Kettle campaign raised \$220,000. which included a \$40,000 donation.

to take on the challenge. She said generous contributions for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita victims - which totaled \$60,000 locally in only four weeks - could be part of the reason for the lack of participation thus far.

"The need doesn't end locally, despite what happens throughout the country or around the world," said Boelter. "It's a great opportunity to give during the holidays."

Those who adopt families are given a list of each child in the family, and will purchase one need - such as coats, boots or gloves - and one want, such as a toy.

"Adopters are also asked to supply food for a Christmas dinner for the family, which can be in the form of nonperishable goods and/or a grocery store gift card," she said.

Boelter said she's also looking for volunteer bell ringers for 23 locations in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, as she attempts scheduling for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, beginning Nov. 19.

"Right now, we have very critical spots like grocery stores the week before Thanksgiving, and retail stores the weekend after Thanksgiving, standing empty," Boelter said. "The bell ringing money stays in our communities, and goes toward assisting families with food. utilities and thrift store vouchers."

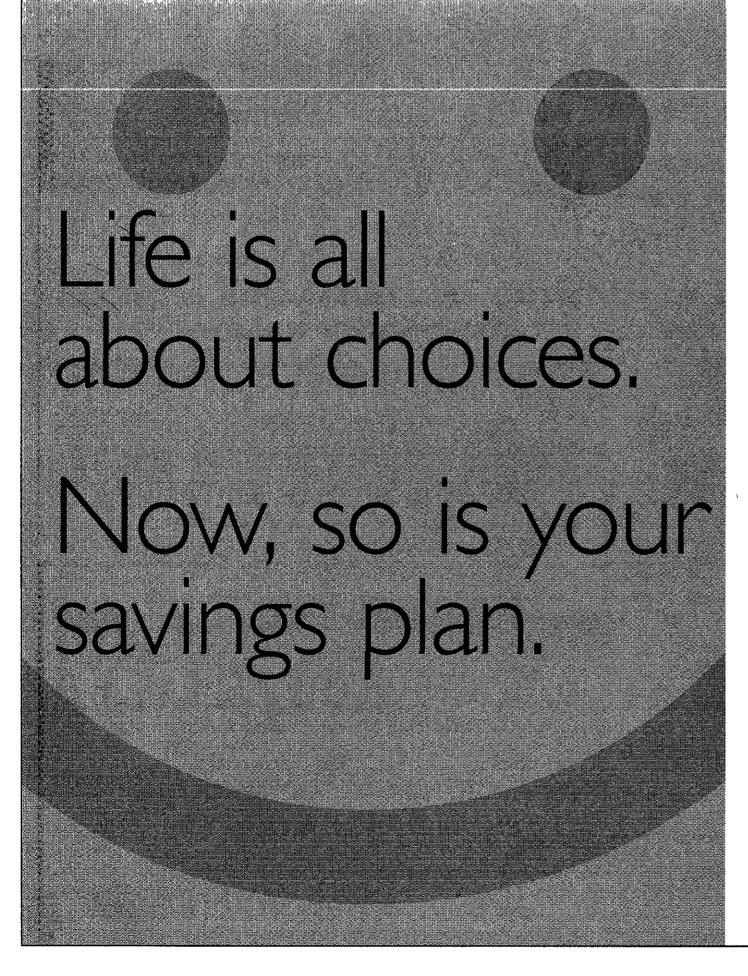
Last year, the Red Kettle campaign raised \$220,000. which included a \$40,000

Those wishing to participate in the Adopt-A-Family program can contact Kelly Boelter of the Plymouth Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464. Bell ringers can call Boelter, or sign up online at www.ringbell.org and click on Plymouth community.

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Local artist gets Capitol idea

Painter's Washington trip puts Parks portrait on display

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When news of the death of Rosa Parks spread, Elaine Attridge of Plymouth knew she wanted to do something to honor the civil rights pioneer.

Little did she realize that would result in a four-day pilgrimage that included a trip to the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., a memorial service for Parks in the nation's capitol, and back home to attend the funeral service at Greater Grace Temple Church in Detroit.

All along the way, Attridge a local artist - transported a 3by-5-foot likeness of Parks she painted last winter.

"Within an hour of getting the idea, I decided to drive to Washington, D.C., to display the painting for people to see inside the Capitol," said Attridge.

Attridge loaded her late 1996 Chrysler minivan with the painting and a few necessities, picked up 80-year-old Jean Eckhardt in Northville, and the pair were on their way, stopping for only short periods to catch a few naps.

Even with the painting of Rosa Parks, Attridge had a problem.

"I had no contacts at the Capitol at all, so I said a prayer to God that he would let somebody with authority see the painting," Attridge said. "When we got to the Capitol on Sunday, I drove up to the barricade in front of the Capitol. The Secret Service agent asked if I had a contact and I told him I didn't have one."

The Secret Service agent gave Attridge a telephone number, and she was able to make contact with the woman who was in charge of the Capitol viewing of Parks.

"I told her I drove through the night and I just wanted her to look at the painting," said Attridge. "She told me to meet her at the church (where the memorial service for Parks was held) and she would look at it."

Attridge drove to the church, pulled a pedestal stand and the painting from the van, and the woman was so impressed she pulled the strings to get Attridge and her painting inside the Capitol Rotunda.

"At the memorial service, I was standing 15 feet from the president," Attridge said. "You just felt so humbled to be there in the same room with her casket, the president and everyone else. I felt totally humbled and awed.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elaine Terry Attridge painted a portrait of Rosa Parks.

favorite song, and it sent chills through my whole body," she

Attridge's journey wasn't finished. After driving all night to get back to Plymouth, it was on to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. While Attridge couldn't get her painting inside during the viewing of Parks, she set it up under street lights for all to see.

Attridge also didn't get to to get her painting inside.

However, she set it up for all to

Attridge now has a decision on what to do with the painting. She could keep it, sell it or use it to generate money for a charitable organization, among other ideas.

"Whatever the Lord wants me to do with the painting, I will do," she said.

ANOTHER LINK

Attridge wasn't the only Plymouth person to be

'Whatever the Lord wants me to do with the painting, I will do.'

Elaine Terry Attridge

year-old Evan Shepherd of Plymouth Township was invited to attend the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development in the summer of 2003.

"I thought it was important to be exposed to a different way of life, different people, as a way for me to grow," said Shepherd. "I was exposed to what it was like to be a minority, something I experienced the very first day. I was the minority, and I wasn't used to that."

When the Institute invited all those who attended the program to services for Parks in Montgomery, Ala., Washington, D.C., and Detroit, Shepherd didn't hesitate. The Canton High School senior skipped his cross country regional to attend the events,

family during the entire trip. "Rosa Parks was a quiet, but strong person," said Shepherd.

and spent time with Parks'

"Her message would be that it doesn't take a strong person to send a message, you can be small and quiet, and still have a major influence on people.

"It inspires me to want to get out and be a part of my community and tell her story," he said. "Her legacy needs to be continued."

Todd Grossmann of Canton Township runs the Kmart Super Center on Telegraph Road, near Eight Mile, in Detroit.

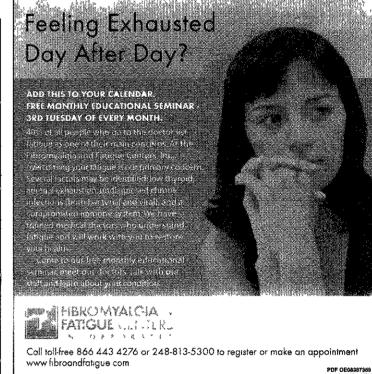
Coordinators for the services at Greater Grace Temple got permission to use the Kmart parking lot for those attended and ing the services. In exchange, Grossmann received tickets for the services, and he took his son, 11-year-old T.J., and his two daughters, 9-year-old Meghan and 7-year-old Rebecca, with him.

"I wanted to be there because I thought she was a very good person because she changed history," said Rebecca. "I realize freedom is impor-

"If she hadn't done what she did, African Americans would still be treated unfairly," said T.J. "She taught everybody about equal rights."

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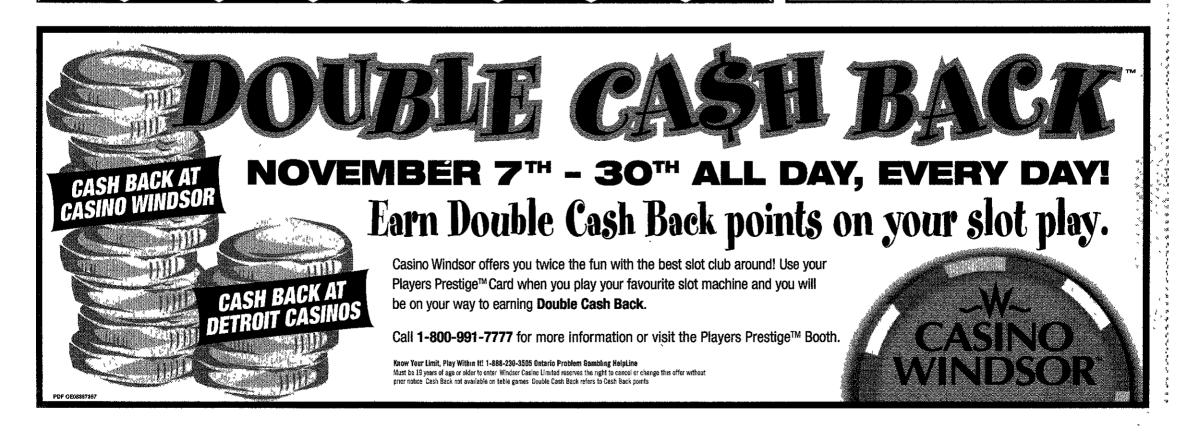
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Bringing back the ball

Symphony event helps celebrate 60th season

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Symphony Society believes it has a lot to celebrate this year, what with it being their 60th anniversary "Jubilee" season.

To give local residents a chance to share in the celebration, the PSO is resurrecting an old tradition: The Plymouth Symphony Ball.

The "Diamond Jubliee Ball" is set for Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Grand Ballroom at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth. Organizers hope it will add even more happiness to an already-festive holiday season.

Because of the Diamond Jubliee Celebration, there are various events going on all year long," said Judy Lewis, one of the co-chairs of the symphony ball. "We wanted to see if we couldn't possibly resurrect the ball and have a big holiday celebration along with everything

Lewis said the ball, which used to be seen as one of the town's biggest social events, was discontinued in the early 1990s. Some 18 months ago, Joanne Winkelman Hulce, Jubilee Honorary/chairperson and a long-time huge supporter of the arts in the community, broached the idea of resurrecting it.





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Plymouth Symphony Ball co-chairs Nan Cooper, Pat Oldford and Judy Lewis put the final touches on the hand-made invitations for the Dec. 3 event before getting them in the mail.

ing back," said Nan Cooper. tations were recently sent out. one of three co-chairs who gathered at Pat Oldford's home little ribbons on them by hand a couple of weeks ago to put in order to give the invitations

the finishing touches on the invitations. "Hopefully, it attracts people back who remember doing it every year."

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While bringing the ball back might be a challenge, Lewis said the effort put into it should reflect the hope of success and, hopefully, draw people to attend.

"I think once they get the invitations and feel our infectious enthusiasm about the ball, people will want to attend," Lewis said.

Organizers are also very

excited about the entertainment for the evening. Harpist Christa Grix will play during the cocktail hour; a seven-piece band, The Dittilies II, will provide the after-dinner entertain-

"We're very excited about 🛴 the idea of bringing people back together again, particularly those of us who haven't seen each other for a long time," Lewis said. "It used to be the 'social event of the season,' always the kickoff of the holiday season. We're very excited about the idea of bringing it back and getting the community excited about participating in this kind of event again."

Cocktails are at 6 p.m.; dinner seating is at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$85 per person, which includes an open bar and several dinner choices. Dress is black-tie optional, and seating is limited to 225 people.

For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

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Warm Hearts

Volunteers find joy in giving, helping needy

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Single, poor mothers who had no money to buy blankets, toys, bibs and other baby items benefited when a Westland-based group threw a baby shower at The Salvation Army.

Low-income children this Christmas will receive handsewn bags filled with school notebooks, stuffed animals, crossword puzzles, handheld games and educational

Orphans as far away as the Ukraine have received blankets to keep them warm.

It's all in a day's volunteer work for Westland resident Carol Sharp and some 20 women who belong to Warm Hearts, a group that helps the

Self-Serve Dog Wash

needy. Volunteers come from such communities as Westland, Plymouth, Canton

and Redford.

here is a group of volunteers who want to make a difference and help people," said Sharp, 63, a part-time accounting employee for Daimler-Chrysler. "Our bottom line is that we want to warm the spir-

"What we're dealing with

it and warm the body." To that end, volunteers make homemade blankets and hats

that they distribute through such organizations the Westland-based Salvation Army.

On a Friday in late October, they brought their sewing machines and ironing boards to The Salvation Army to make tote bags that will be filled with donated items for lowAnyone who wants to volunteer with the group or help with donations, such as fabric, stuffed animals, magazines, pens and pencils, or even monetary donations, is encouraged to call Sharp at (734) 595-8305.

income children this Christmas.

spirit."

"I love to sew, and I love to help people," said senior citizen Bertha Mayfield, a Ford Motor Co. retiree. "This is a nice bunch of people to work with. We all have a giving

Warm Hearts started about six years ago and is registered as a nonprofit organization. Last year, alone, volunteers made 700 blankets for the poor. Sharp has sent items as far away as Afghanistan and the Ukraine.

What does she get from her volunteer work?

"The joy of giving," she said. "The joy of making a better world. It starts with me and you."

Senior Gloria Blakely of Taylor came to the Westland Salvation Army on Oct. 28 to help make tote bags. She talked of her involvement in Warm Hearts as she ironed straps for a bag.

"I remember a party we had for pregnant, unwed mothers," she said. "This one mother was 14 years old, and she was scared to death. I tried to encourage her and to tell her how important it was for her to finish school."

Blakely and the young mother stayed in touch by telephone.

Cindy Bolton, 45, said she volunteers because she likes to help others who are less fortunate than she is.

"I've been volunteering every year of my life since I was 15," she said.

That, Sharp said, is the spirit that embodies Warm Hearts.

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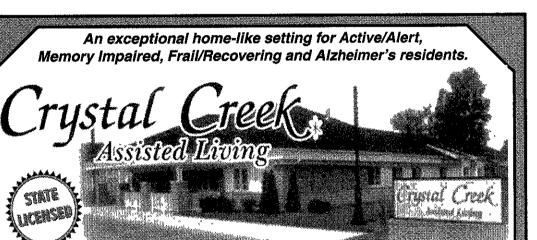
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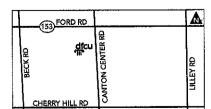
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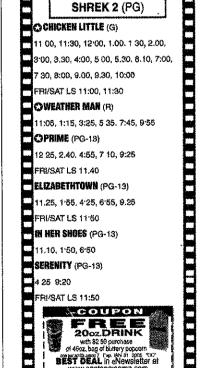
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"We already draw kids for our academics," said Ron Gooding, an assistant principal at the Park, and part of the 50-member task force that came up with solutions to overcrowding at the high school complex. "We also want to draw them for our career tech program."

A career and technical education center would help alleviate overcrowding at the high schools, which educators maintain is important for a safe climate for learning and will provide more

effective supervision of students. Gooding told school board members they want to integrate career tech education with the core curriculum, supported by today's technology and equip-

"This is not your mom-andpop wood shop and home ec, that's long in the past," said Gooding. "We have to prepare for a future career field, whether it's as a doctor, chef, auto mechanic, firefighter or robotics engineer. That's what today's career tech is."

Gooding said Plymouth-Canton had a chance to take in 75 students from Belleville High School to study culinary arts and health occupations, but had to turn them away because of lack of space. That would have also brought in coveted state foundation grant money to the district.

"The Park is the ground jewel of our district, and for us to put ourselves to the next level in the face of rapidly growing student population and higher expectations for excellence, we must have space," said Gooding. "A separate center would meet our square footage needs and help disperse our student population safely and efficiently.

Assistant Principal Sharon Strean said Park administrators and teachers are united in their vision for the career and technical center.

'We want to be positioned for the 21st Century and be a world

class place for the kids," said Strean. "We're positioned to take the next step, if you'll take this step with us."

While the vision of a career and technical center appears to have support among a majority of school board members, most are concerned about the high price tag for the facility, a new middle school, and district-wide building renovations which could stretch the cost of a bond issue next year to nearly \$94 million. That would come on the heels of a \$109 million bond issue passed by district voters in September

"We're heading into a very difficult economic time," said board President Mark Slavens. "It's a judgment call on how much you can put into a bond, how much is too much."

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Secile Patel spray-paints a fender in the Canton auto body shop spray booth. The booth was donated to the program in 1970. Instructor Jim O'Connor and students Jonathan Kleeman, Majad Nawaz, and David Wells watch the job.

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in the other robberies."

Police said the man walked into the bank at 9.30 a.m. and handed a note to a teller. There were other people in the bank at the time, but the lobby was not crowded.

The note said something about \$100 bills and no cops and no alarms," Pomorski said.

The robber never claimed to be armed, but the teller told police he kept his hand in his pocket during the robbery.

Though Canton officers had the area contained pretty quickly, they were not able to find the man, Pomorski said.

In Westland, there were two bank robberies this week. The suspect in the

Canton robbery is linked to at least one of them, a Tuesday robbery at the Comerica at Wayne and Warren roads, Pomorski said. In that robbery, the suspect handed the teller a note which warned the teller to turn over money "and no one will get hurt," according to

Westland Police. The suspect is described as a white man, 25 years old, 5-feet, 8 inches to 6 feet tall, and

unshaven. The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to contact the Canton Police Department immediate ly at (734) 394-5400 or the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

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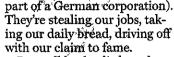
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Ficano plays Marco Polo, opening a door to China

ecently, an ad agency for Toyota wanted to set an ad in the new and idyllic Cherry Hill subdivision in Canton. The ad agency wanted to line up a street full of colorful Toyotas in the all-American new urban driveways of Cherry Hill and redub the sub Toyotaville.

Some residents took exception to a Japanese car company using their town to sell "foreign" cars. They complained that with the weak condition of the American auto industry, the township shouldn't be allowing a Japanese company to do an ad in Canton, especially one proclaiming the subdivision as Toyotaville.

On the surface this seems like a fair complaint. America for Americans, America for Ford and General Motors (now that Chrysler is



But pull back a little and get a global perspective. While there are many problems with our trade policies, we are long past the point of economic isolationism. Canton (named for a province in China) is a player in the international economy and it will lose some and win

some in a competition that won't go away because we make Toyota back down on doing

Gallagher

Like a modern-day Marco Polo, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano recently returned with a group of local businesspeople from a trip to China. One of the beneficiaries of that trip was Canton. Maybe the Tempo Group liked the familiar name of the township when it decided to set up a design and research facility there by 2007. Or maybe they appreciated the fact that metro Detroit is still a viable industrial and hightech center and that Canton's proximity to the airport and to an educated workforce makes it an ideal place to set up shop. The Japanese auto parts supplier Yazaki must have felt the same way when it opened shop in Canton in 1986. It now employs 1,700 at its facility. Next year, the Swedish furniture megastore IKEA will entice buyers from a new Canton location (and employ many Canton and nearby residents).

Of course, Ford and General Motors have facilities in countries around the world and use parts designed and built by companies with headquarters in faraway places. Most automobiles today are like that Johnny Cash song about the car that an enterprising autoworker builds from parts he has filched from the company over 20 years.

Other American companies and entrepreneurs have discovered China, which began emerging from behind its bamboo curtain in he 1970s. It is the world's largest market and We should embrace international trade, but we should also embrace fair trade in which other countries provide the same protections for their workers, the same environmental protections, and the same open markets that will allow our companies to sell at competitive prices.

Americans have always been good at sniffing out a profit. Dollars will go back and forth, their companies will set up facilities here and our companies will set up facilities there. It's a tide we won't be able to hold back, so we need to find the best way to ride it so that southeast Michigan benefits.

As John Carroll, executive director of the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership, said in an Observer story on Thursday, other Chinese companies will follow Tempo's lead and invest in this area.

"I see Americans wringing their hands about losing jobs to China, but this is globalization taking place," he said. "There are so many opportunities over there. So many companies are going over there to get into that market."

While we don't want to isolate southeast Michigan from this global economy, we do need to make sure that everyone benefits and not just the fat cats, the corporate managers and major stockholders who don't mind replacing American workers with sweatshops in Asia or South America.

We should embrace international trade, but we should also embrace fair trade in which other countries provide the same protections for their workers, the same environmental protections, and the same open markets that will allow our companies to sell at competitive prices.

This has been the challenge. Even a conservative free trader like U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, opposed the Central America Free Trade Agreement because it didn't provide those protections. He has also been outspoken about China's trade policies which don't demand progress toward a more demo-

Still, we can't turn our backs on the rest of world and it is to our long-term advantage to work with other countries to promote better, fairer and more fluid trade agreements.

Ficano's excellent adventure in China might be a step in the right direction.

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When deciding to vote or not, think about our veterans

here are two important dates this week that have a lot to say about who we are as a people, both locally and as a nation.

First, on Tuesday, most cities will hold local elections that will determine which people will be responsible for the day to day decisions that impact us most, such as how many police will be on the streets, which roads will get fixed and when our garbage will be picked up.

And then on Friday, our nation celebrates Veterans Day. It is the day we celebrate the people who are most responsible for the freedoms that we all take for granted here in America the soldiers who have fought in our nation's many wars. This year the day takes on so much more importance because of the troops we have serving in hostile conditions overseas.

We currently have about 160,000 troops serving in Iraq, not to mention the ones in Afghanistan fighting the war on terror. Recently the Pentagon announced that American troop deaths in Iraq alone have surpassed the 2,000 mark.

While President George W. Bush and his administration have fluctuated on the reasoning behind our March 20, 2003 invasion of Iraq, it seems now

the main goal is to establish a democratic society where a brutal despot once ruled with an iron fist. While it will always be questioned why we initiated a pre-emptive war, helping establish a healthy democracy in Iraq would be a monumental achievement, both for American interests and especially the Iraqi people.

However, with the chaos that currently reigns daily in the streets of Baghdad and other Iraqi cities, somehow that seems to be a bit of a pipe dream. The Iraqis did approve a constitution recently, which is promising. Hopefully it will prove to be more important than the paper it is printed on.

And that brings me to the election on Tuesday. I don't know if you've noticed or not, but our own democracy is not all that healthy, either.

Save a few heated presidential elections, voter turnout in this country in recent years can be described as deplorable. It seems less and less people are interested in exercising their right to vote. Tuesday isn't supposed to be any different.

In Plymouth, for example, Clerk Linda Langmesser is expecting a very low turnout, somewhere in the neighborhood of 10 to 15 percent of registered voters. Yet, there are four seats on the city council up for grabs.

Also in recent years, many citizens have begun to question the fairness of our elections. Does anybody remember the infamous hanging chads from the 2000? There were also many claims of voter intimidation in places like Florida, and other irregulari-

To find a local example of this, you have to look no further than Detroit, where questions have been swirling around Clerk Jackie Currie for weeks. At

No matter what our personal feelings about this current war are, we should all do everything we can to support our troops and their families. They are paying the price more than anybody for our democratic society.

question is the way Currie is conducting the current election, which features the highly contested mayoral race between Kwame Kilpatrick and challenger Freman Hendrix. There have been numerous reports that many of the city's registered voters no longer live in the city, including many who have been deceased for years.

Even more troubling are reports that some absentee voters received ballots that were already filled out. One voter reported that the names of Currie, Kilpatrick and city council candidate Kwame Kenyatta had already been selected on her ballot when she received it in the mail. Currie has remained defiant in the face of the allegations, basically taking the attitude: "Prove it."

If Kilpatrick wins on Tuesday, the allegations against Currie will only intensify, and nobody will ever know what really happened, or who really won. I hope federal investigators take a look at the way Currie and her staff have handled the election, because if people lose their faith in the system, they will even be less apt to vote. And in a democracy, nothing is more important than the will of the people and their right to vote.

But voting is also a duty we should all take very seriously, even though sometimes it seems we might be wasting our time. President Bush's approval ratings are at an all-time low for him: Many Americans now are questioning why we went to war. Justifiably so in my opinion. Hadmany of those people bothered to show up at the polls, Bush probably wouldn't be in office, and our troops would be thinking about raking up the leaves or Thanksgiving, not trying to survive

No matter what our personal feelings about this current war are, we should all do everything we can to support our troops and their families. They are paying the price more than anybody for our democratic society. In the case of those unfortunate 2,000 who have died in Iraq, they had to pay the ultimate price. Just like all the soldiers who died in previous wars.

One way we can all support our troops is by heading out to the polls on Tuesday, and voting. Like them, our democracy depends on us to vote. And on Friday, we should take a moment to reflect how very fortunate we are to live in

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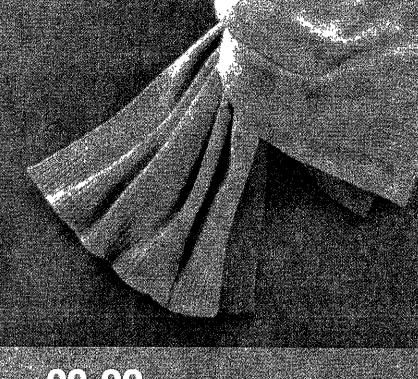
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Canton 63. Detroit Cody 34



Canton players all want a piece of the MHSAA Division 1 district trophy that they earned with Friday night's 63-34 victory over visiting Detroit Cody.

Crowning a-Chief-ment

Canton rolls over Cody for third district grid title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Moments after Canton's 63-34 demolition of Detroit Cody Friday night in a Division 1 district title game, Cody coach Vernon Brown Jr. smiled, shook his head, then flashed the look of a man whose speedy Ferrari had just gotten run over by a monster truck.

A giant red monster truck with a white "C" on both doors.

"Canton just over-powered us," Brown said, looking up at the scoreboard. "We emptied our playbook on offense and threw everything we had at them on defense, but they were just too strong up front for us. You can tell that team hits the weight-room on a regular basis.

'Their quarterback didn't run at all and they hardly passed, but they didn't have to. They just keep coming at you."

The seemingly unstoppable Canton offense - which hasn't punted in three weeks - has been a defensive coordinator's worst nightmare during its seven-game winning streak, averaging 44.4 points a contest. The Chiefs will take their 9-2 record and loads of momentum into Friday night's home regional final game against the winner of Saturday's Detroit King-Detroit Mumford match-up.

"Our offense seems to be peaking at the right time," said Canton running back/defensive end Andy Rossow, who produced 138 total yards and three touchdowns on eight carries and one reception. "Our offensive line is doing a great job opening holes for the backs."

PLEASE SEE CANTON GRID. B7



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER ! STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Andy Rossow puts the clamps on a 35-yard touchdown pass from Shawn Little as Detroit Cody's Eric Dale looks on. The TD came with two seconds left in the first half and gave the Chiefs a 28-14 halftime lead.

EIGHTY SECONDS OF ACTION

If you left for the concession stand with 1:20 left in the second quarter of Friday night's Detroit Cody-Canton district championship football game, here's what you missed:

■ 1:20 - Cody's Eric Terry returned a fumble 61 yards to the Canton

■ 1:13 - Cody's Louis Beal scored from two yards out and added twopoint conversion.

■ 0:17 - Cody's Andrew Pettway scored on a 35-yard pass from QB

■ 0:08 - Canton's Deshon McClendon returns kickoff 57 yards to Cody

0:02 - Canton's Shawn Little connects with Andy Rossow on a 35yard TD pass.

Total: 21 points in 80 seconds

Plymouth Whalers center Chris Terry, a student at Plymouth High School, was voted to the Ontario Hockey League's All-Academic Team for the month of October,

"It's not always easy to combine our busy schedule on the ice with work in school - especially for a player in his first year in the league," said Whalers assistant coach Todd Watson. "But Chris." has been able to manage his time well. He

deserves this award." at "We are very pleased to introduce this program, which identifies and recognizes players who have also enjoyed success in their academic careers," said OHL Commissioner David Branch. "All of our teams support the academic pursuits of our players and count on scholastic achievement as one of the building blocks of a successful student-athlete."

More than 97 percent of the players currently playing in the OHL are currently attending high school or post-secondary institutions. More than 400 OHL graduates are currently attending Canadian universities and colleges on scholarships from their OHL

Good sports

The Plymouth High School athletic program was recognized recently by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the outstanding sportsmanship record its teams compiled during the 2004-05 season. The Wildcats' received no officials reports of concern, ejection or poor sportsman-

"It is a credit to Plymouth High School's student-athletes, coaches, administrators and staff for demonstrating such positive sportsmanship throughout the entire school year." MHSAA Executive Director John E. Roberts wrote in a memo directed at Plymouth-Canton **Community Schools** Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan. "Congratulations on a job well done."

Ocelot harriers 2nd

Schoolcraft College's women's cross country team recently finished. runner-up to host **Lansing Community** College in both the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA-Region 12 meets.

Lansing CC, led by individual winner Megan Swick's first place time of 18 minutes, 7 seconds (for 5,000 meters), captured the MCCCA title with 16 points followed by Schoolcraft (55).

Schoolcraft was led by Danielle Maione, who placed ninth in the region with a time of 20:22. Other SC finishers included Kristian Tyler (Livonia Franklin), 14th (20:44); Melanie Anderle (Livonia Stevenson), 17th (21:26) and Kristyne Green (Stevenson), 20th (21:44).

Houdek leads Canton's charge into WLAA final

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton junior point guard Becci Houdek made up for lost time Thursday night.

Houdek, who missed most of the Chiefs' 42-29 loss to Plymouth on Oct. 20 due to a medical condition, played every second of Thursday's 41-32 victory over the Wildcats in a Western Lakes Activities Association semi-final matchup — and she played well, shrugging of a sluggish start to



Houdek

high 11 points, four assists and four steals. The victory

tally a team-

propelled Canton (15-4) into

∕Wednesday's WLAA final against Walled

Lake Central. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Wayne Memorial High School.

The Vikings knocked off Livonia Franklin, 44-35, to earn

a spot in the title game. Plymouth (15-4) will take on the Patriots in Wednesday's third-place showdown, which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Houdek missed her first seven shots against the Wildcats, but — thankfully for the Chiefs - she kept shooting. Her first two baskets were pivotal — a driving lay-up following a steal with one second left in the first half, and a long triple to open the third quarter. The five points extended Canton's lead to 19-13 and shifted the momentum to the

Chiefs, who never trailed again. "When the ball is in Becci's hands, good things happen," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "She has outstanding vision and when she's not distributing the ball, she can

Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly said her team was simply out-played.

"Canton played well and didn't match their intensity or their focus," Reilly said. "Turnovers hurt us, too, tonight. When we

turn the ball over like we did tonight, it limits the number of opportunities to score and to get put-backs. One of the keys for us is to get a shot every time down the floor, and we didn't do that tonight."

Like Houdek, Canton junior forward Lisa Ealy was less-than 100 percent in the first meeting between the two teams. And like Houdek, a healthier Ealy put up healthy numbers, net-

PLEASE SEE HOUDEK. B6

Plymouth's Olech is talented and helpful

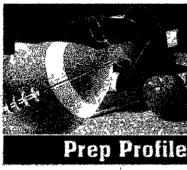
STAFF WRITER

Kim Olech has earned a reputation as one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's most productive post players the past two seasons by accumulating hundreds of points and rebounds. But it's the assists Olech dishes

out away from the spotlight that set her apart from the rest. Olech plays the role of teacher

and mentor during Plymouth practices when she assists the Wildcats' young players - most notably freshman Shaakira Haywood - with their post moves and defense. When practice ends, Olech lends her advice to middle-school players as the assistant coach of a local CYO girls middle-school basketball team.

"Kim has been instrumental in



Shaakira's development this season," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "I asked her at the beginning of the season if she would work with Shaakira, and I haven't had to ask her since. She works with the younger players every practice and she takes it seriously.

"Kim is hands down our hardest-

PLEASE SEE OLECH, B7



Kim Olech has been a major force around the basket for Plymouth's girls basketball team. The senior forward averages 12 points and seven rebounds a game for the 15-4 Wildcats.

Whalers bury Spitfires

Andrew Fournier's goal at 17:51 of the second period snapped a 2-2 tie and lifted the Plymouth Whalers to a 5-2 victory over Windsor in an Ontario Hockey League game played Thursday at the Windsor Arena.

The victory moved Plymouth (9-5-1-0) to within one point of first-place Saginaw (10-3-0-0) in the OHL's West Division. Windsor occupies the West Division cellar with a 5-11-0-0 record.

Five players scored for the Whalers: Fournier (fifth), John Armstrong (third), Dan Collins (14th), Gino Pisellini (third) and Tom Sestito (third). Ryan Garlock and Cal O'Reilly found the back of the net for the Spitfires. Plymouth goal-tender Ryan Nie also played well, stopping 28 of 30 Windsor shots for his fifth victory of the season. Nie was particularly sharp in the first 4:37 of the game when Windsor had two powerplay opportunities and out-shot Plymouth, 8-0.

The Whalers turned the game in their favor when Armstrong scored on a power-play with 7:15 left in the first period. On the play, Armstrong directed a rebound past Windsor goalie Anthony Guadagnolo, who had knocked away a John Vigilante shot.

Plymouth doubled its lead to 2-0 at 8:11 of the second period when Collins picked up a pass from Mike Letizia at center ice, skated in on a partial break-away and beat Guadagnolo top shelf.

Windsor tied the game at 2-2 on goals 3:39 a part in the second period, but Plymouth took the lead for good when Chris Terry assisted on Fournier's goal.



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Senior Saberettes

The first senior class of Plymouth Saberettes were recognized at the Plymouth football game Oct. 21. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Tara Kay, Laura Schulz, Alexandria Linerode, Kristina Ring, (standing from left) Jessica Bono, Alexandra Eckardt, Amanda Baldwin. Angelina Moise, Malfory Zarate, Lindsay MaParlane, Sarah Brown and coach Cheryl Custer.

Former Whaler applauded

Peoria Rivermen goaltender Jason Bacashihua was named the

American Hockey League player of the week Monday. The 23-year-old Garden City native and former Plymouth Whaler recorded two shutouts in three victories last week.

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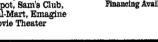
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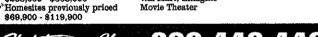
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Rice's Goebel cooks Franklin

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

John Goebel wore an ice pack on his knee following Birmingham Brother Rice's 35-21 football win Friday night over host Livonia Franklin.

But the 6-foot-1, 207-pound senior running back actually wore out the Patriots' defense with 244 yards rushing and three touchdowns, including two long runs to advance the Warriors (9-2) into next week's Division 2-Region 3 final against either nemesis Orchard Lake St. Mary's or Walled Lake Western.

Franklin, meanwhile, ends its best season since 1975 at 10-

Goebel spun out of a scrum at the line of scrimmage for an 89-yard TD run in the second quarter and then broke the Patriots' backs with TD runs of 3 and 49 yards in the final quarter after Franklin closed the deficit to 20-14.

"Once you get that adrenaline going out there you're not thinking about anything else, my knee was fine," Goebel said. "We definitely had to keep our guard high because that team was undefeated and they didn't know how to lose. We had to work our butt off, and we pulled through."

Franklin appeared to have the momentum shifting its way after pulling to within six on Dan Kozlowski's fourth-down 8-yard TD catch from Matt McCullough, but Rice's Joey Henry returned the ensuing kickoff to his own 37 and Goebel did the rest with runs of 2, 16, 26, 1 and 3 yards (with 6:59 left) to put the Warriors up again by 14 (following Mike Cappetto's shuffle pass to Kaundra Hancock for the twopointer).

Goebel then helped put the game away with a 49-yard run, -zagging through a host of Franklin tacklers with 4:23 to go after the Patriots dropped a sure TD pass and failed to convert on fourth down.

"They blitzed hard on every play and I just spun out of a tackle and there was a wide-

'It looked like we had him a couple of times, but to his credit he's a powerful runner - at times we tackled him too high and you can't do that. We expected them to power us physically and that's what they did.'

Chris Kelbert Franklin coach

open lane," Goebel said. "Our offensive line was awesome tonight."

Goebel averaged 11 yards per carry on the night and had over half of Rice's 474 total yards.

"It looked like we had him a couple of times, but to his credit he's a powerful runner at times'we tackled him too high and you can't do that," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We expected them to power us physically and that's what they did.

"But we also made a lot of mistakes and we knew we had to play the perfect game. I knew we'd fight and never give up, and you can't ask for more than that."

Franklin, playing before the largest home crowd in school history, was shaky throughout the first half.

Cappetto, a junior quarterback who alternated certain series with sophomore Andy Lentz, was 4-of-4 in the first half for 141 yards, including a 30-yard TD toss with 18 seconds left in the first quarter to

That came after Franklin's Mitch Jelonek blocked a Rice 38-yard field goal attempt and came up with a big stop against on the Warriors' first offensive series on fourth down at the Patriots' 6.

In the second quarter, Goebel made it 14-0 for Rice when he turned what appeared to be a sure loss into an 87yard TD jaunt with 8:46 left in

"I don't know how he got out



TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Franklin's D.J. Tracy gets swarmed by the Brother Rice tacklers Charlie Gantt (right) and Chris Colasanti (left) during Friday's district championship final.

of there," Rice coach Al Fracassa said. "He's got great balance. He's a wonderful kid and a hard runner. He's had a sore knee, but he came back to be his own self and really helped us tonight."

Rice went up 20-0 when Cappetto found tight end Charlie Gantt on a 24-yard TD toss with 5:22 to go before the half.

But Franklin answered with 41 seconds left in the half on McCullough's 11-yard strike to Davon Brown (set up by 56yard pass to Justin Bending).

Despite trailing by 13 at half, Franklin got a rush of adrenaline itself with the second-half kickoff return from sophomore Cole Kelly, who slithered through the middle of the wedge and cut loose down the sideline for an 88-yard return down to the Rice 11.

But the Patriots squandered the scoring opportunity by having to burn a timeout on second down followed by Goebel's interception of a McCullough pass in the end zone.

The Patriots, however, kept within striking distance going into the final period after stopping a pair of Rice offensive series in the third quarter.

Franklin's 6-2, 225-pound fullback D.J. Tracy, who had 75 yards on 20 carries, then began to chew up some inside yards resulting in McCullough's clutch fourth-down toss to Kozlowski with 9:21 to go,

making it 20-14 in favor of Rice following the extra point.

"That team (Franklin) kept us on edge the whole time," said Fracassa. "You never know what's going to happen, but we knew they (Franklin) would never quit. The film we had on them was the Walled Lake Western game, and they came back from being down 19-0 (to win 29-19)."

Goebel, however, responded with his two fourth-quarter TD runs, including the 49-yarder to put the Warriors up by 21.

"I think we audibled into the play and I found a couple of wide receivers who got out and blocked for me," Goebel said. "And our No. 55 (Ryan Helmer) has the speed of a linebacker, and he made a great block, too."

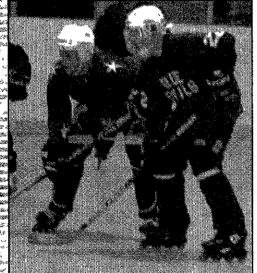
Franklin scored its final TD when McCullough connected with Anthony Farthing out of the backfield for a 19-yard score with just under two minutes left.

Rice outgained the Patriots, 474-204. The Warriors limited Franklin to 88 yards on the ground and kept McCullough in check. (He was 8-of-22 for 116 yards and two interceptions.)

"It's hard because I'll never have this group again," Kelbert said. "It's the best group any coach can ask for. I just had too much fun with them and I'm sorry it had to end."



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Salem rebounds to edge Detroit Renaissance

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls basketball team proved it is both talented and resilient Friday night.

Just 72 hours after suffering a disheartening setback to Livonia Franklin in the opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament, the Rocks rebounded with an eye-opening 48-46 non-conference victory at state-ranked Detroit Renaissance.

The impressive road triumph improved Salem's record to 16-3 heading into Tuesday night's regular-season finale at home against Walled Lake Northern. The loss dropped the Phoenix to 14-4.

"We got into the flow of the game quickly and we did a good job of handling their full-court pressure," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We were a little bigger than they were, which was to our advantage, but they had great quickness."

The Rocks off-set
Renaissance's speed with a balanced scoring attack that was
led by sophomore guard Alaya
Mitchell's 15 points. Junior forward Teresa Coppiellie chipped
in with 14 points and seven
rebounds while Tayler
Langham added 10. Carly
Sommers and Becky Ward
scored four points a piece
while Lauren Kurtz grabbed a
team-high 12 boards.

Janell Harris paced the Phoenix with 20 points.

Salem sprinted to a 16-11 first-quarter lead before the hosts stormed back to take a

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slim 23-22 advantage into the half. The Rocks led 36-34 with eight minutes to play.

Salem led by four with just over a minute to play, but Renaissance deadlocked the game at 42-all behind its pesky full-court press. Mitchell drained a pair of clutch free throws in the final minute to give Salem a lead it would not relinquish.

"Alaya, Brianne Clarin and Keiyana Arnold all did a great job of handling their pressure," Thomann said.

SALEM 41, NORTHVILLE
16: On Thursday, the Rocks
rebounded from their openinground loss in the WLAA conference tournament by routing
the host Mustangs. Salem led
10-5 after one quarter, 20-8 at
the half and 32-10 with eight
minutes to play.

Teresa Coppiellie and Lauren Kurtz led all scorers with 10 points a piece. Keiyana Arnold also had a productive night, netting seven. Danielle Toney paced the Mustangs with five.

"We had nice balance tonight as eight girls scored for us," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Everybody played hard.

The Rocks, who improved to 15-3, made all eight of their free throws. Northville, which slipped to 11-8, was also perfect from the line, netting all four of their attempts.

PCA 36, AGAPE 27: Lauren Beckett helped the Eagles win on "Senior Night" by pouring in a game-high 13 points. Kelsie Tietjen also played well, scoring eight. Brianna Chrenko paced the Wolverines with eight points.

The victory lifted PCA to 8-10 overall. The Eagles are 1-9 in the rugged Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division.

PCA led 6-5 after one quarter, but trailed 12-9 at the break. The Eagles came out sizzling in the third quarter, sprinting to a 23-19 advantage. They sealed the win by outscoring their visitors, 13-8, over the final eight minutes.

"It was 12-9 at the half, so neither team was shooting very well," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "They switched between a zone and man-toman defense, but we just missed a lot of easy shots.

"We played much better in the second half. We handled their pressure better and got some easy points off that. It was nice to win on 'Senior Night' for our two seniors, Kelsie and Stephanie Auwers." Auwers tallied six points in

her final home game.
The Eagles were 12-of-24

from the free-throw line.
Gerulis praised the play of

freshman Jessica Murphy, who played solid defense and scored four points.

The Eagles close out the regular season Tuesday when they travel to Baptist Park. They open the district tournament Monday, Nov. 14, when they take on Lutheran Westland in a 5:30 p.m. contest.

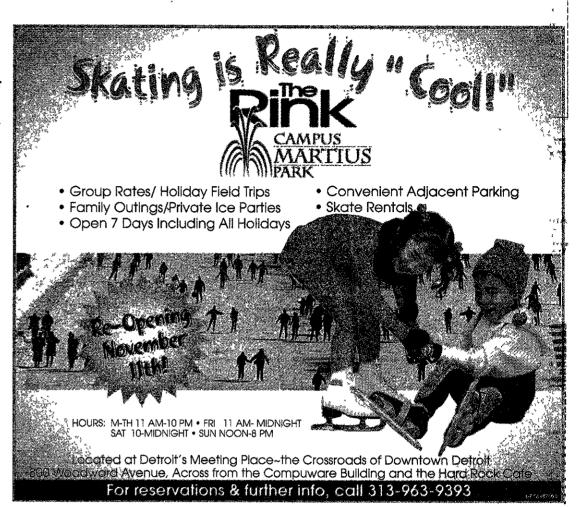
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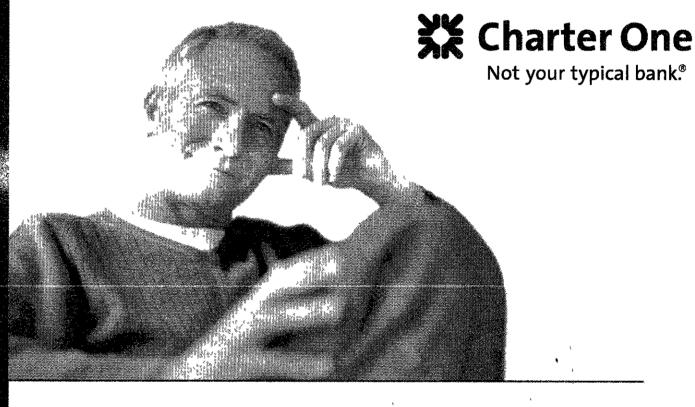
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Role model: We can learn a lot from 'Jimmy Sport'

his is a troubling time for young athletes, who not only have to learn the games they play and how to mesh as part of a team but also deal with the loudmouths and know-it-alls who roam the sidelines or sit in the bleachers. Unfortunately, that also includes parents and, sometimes, coaches.

In recent weeks, I have been in close proximity to a couple of situations where football parents nearly came to blows with a coach and sideline official, respectively.

And the language they threw out also couldn't have been music to the ears of their kids.

Unfortunately, young people sometimes imitate adults. The cycle will keep repeating itself unless society backs away from its "win-at-all-costs" and "if you don't win, you're a loser" mentality.

That again was the case last weekend, at the Redford Union-Birmingham Brother Rice football playoff game. With the Warriors trouncing RU 48-7 at halftime, the **Brother Rice cheering section** continued taunting the other side with their "why so quiet?" and "this game's over" chants.

Meanwhile, a couple adults were complaining about the one touchdown the Panthers did get in the first half, as if it were the end of the world. Waaah!

Of course, most parents are fine folks who go beyond the call of duty and do help their sons and daughters become solid athletes and people. It's just that they don't yell from the crowd.

Which brings us to a DVD about young kids learning about and playing soccer, for the fun of it! The 2 of Each Inc./Popcorn Productions DVD is "Playing Soccer is Fun



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with Jimmy Sport." (The DVD can be ordered through www.jimmysport.com.)

The Jimmy Sport character is a friendly dog who teaches youngsters the importance of good sportsmanship, teamwork and athletics, etc.

Several youth soccer coaches and parents were asked to take a look at the DVD and let me say, their reviews were not

"It's like they're in slow motion, and they're all just sort of standing around in a bunch following the ball," wrote one Redford youth coach in an email after being asked to watch Jimmy Sport, "Poorly coached teams might do that, but why show that in a video when you can teach young kids at an early age to avoid it, at least to the extent shown in this video."

He goes to on to say that important drills such as passing and footwork are discussed but never really shown during the DVD.

Yes, the coach is correct about how silly songs and nonsensical skits permeate Jimmy Sport with little or no technical advice. But he and others who watched seemingly only looked at the DVD's apparent shortcomings in helping young kids compete or play soccer better.

"If I were doing a video, I'd show kids doing things," he continued. "Like the right and wrong way to do a throw-in, what part of your foot to dribble the ball up or across the field, what part of your foot to use to shoot the ball, what a

corner kick is, what a goal kick is, how to pass the ball and how to try playing your position. Those last two will definitely get them into team-ori-

ented thinking."

They missed the point about what Jimmy Sport's main goal is - to show youngsters about having fun on the soccer field while hopefully learning a thing or two about the game.

According to the Redford coach, the fun comes from realizing during the middle of a game "that they actually did pass the ball and set up a goal."

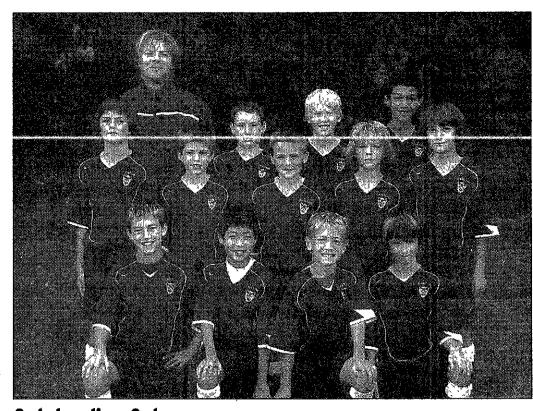
I'm not surprised about that, because it is a bottom-line society, with pressures to come out on top starting very early. Today's youth-game mistakes might cost someone a college scholarship tomorrow, right?

Yes, Jimmy Sport is juvenile and simplistic. But aren't kids the target audience? It's kind of like the movie critics who slam flicks about Spongebob or Scooby-Doo. Everything isn't made for adults, or need to be hot topics at Starbucks.

Parents should watch this DVD - or others like it - with their children and get in on the ground floor in terms of building healthier attitudes about playing sports. Who knows, maybe with a more-balanced approach the kids won't get burned out on athletics by middle school.

Roll your eyes if you must. But if Ryan or Kristin get something good out of "Playing Soccer is Fun with Jimmy Sport," what's wrong with that?

Tim Smith is sports editor of the Redford-Garden City Observers. He can be reached at tsmith@oe.homecomm.net.



Outstanding Oaks

The Canton Oaks U11 premier soccer team finished its fall season by winning the Cleveland Internationals in Cleveland, Ohio. The Oaks won all four of their games against premier teams from the northern Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pa. areas. Pictured are Chadd Alspach, Chris Dierker, Danny Kemp, Derek Lord, Griffin Parks, Scott Piwowar, Bryan Ren, Blake Townes, Justin Bean, Brian Eggenberger, Justin Dunlavy and Brent Perry. The team is coached by Bill Joker.

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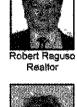














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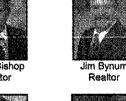
























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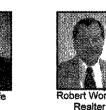


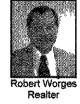


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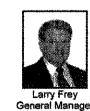
















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tainly experienced its peaks and valleys here in Michigan. Back in the 1950s and '60s there were more pheasants in Michigan than hunters could harvest. Bag limits were liberal and opening day was celebrated like a holiday in farming communities across southern Michigan.

Everyone within a couplehour drive of farm country went pheasant hunting. Schools closed for the day. Families gathered to celebrate the harvest — or at least the opportunity to harvest, depending on your shooting ability.

Then came the crash and all of that changed. As small family farms began to get gobbled up by the mega-farms of today habitat that pheasants relied on was destroyed.

Overgrown, grassy fencerows and buffer strips of marginally productive land were plowed under and planted with crops. In addition, suburbia started to migrate into country and many once productive agricultural fields



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were quickly turned into concrete slabs called subdivisions and stripmalls.

Biologists feel that pheasant numbers are also affected by the amount of tree cover. They say that pheasant numbers tend to decline as the amount of tree cover exceeds about 10 percent of the landscape. In southern Michigan, the amount of wooded area increased by about 40,000 acres per year from 1980 to 1993. Biologists feel this, too, contributed to the downfall of the ringnecked pheasant.

The decline in pheasant numbers was drastic. What was once a celebrated gamebird became little more than a second thought on the agenda of many gamebird hunters.

Data from recent DNR pheasant surveys indicates that pheasant numbers have stabilized in Michigan over the past 10 years. Although still just a fraction of what it once was, at least it's not declining any

Part of that stabilization is

being attributed to private land conservation programs like the Conservation Reserve **Enhancement Program** (CREP). CREP pays landown ers in three watersheds (River Raisin, Saginaw Bay and Lake Macatawa) to enroll marginal agriculture lands in the pro-gram for 10 to15 years while establishing filter strips (native grasses, which pheasants thrive in), restoring and creat ing wetlands, windbreaks, and riparian buffers. Approximately 47,000 acres are currently enrolled in this

acres of warm season prairie grasses have been planted. Michigan hunters, according to DNR data, harvest approximately 120,000 ringnecks during the regular season, and about 13,000 during the late

program, and about 15,000

December season. The regular season runs Oct 20-Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula and Oct. 10-31 in the U.P., which has a small population in the south-central part of the peninsula. The late season runs Dec.1-Jan. 1 in selected counties in southern Michigan. The bag limit is two male pheasants per day and 460 the possession limit is four. all

While there is nowhere near the amount of pheasants the state used to boast about, there is still a huntable population in southern Michigan. Counties with some of the highest densities of pheasants include Huron, Sanilac, Van Buren, Muskegon, Mecosta, Isabella, 8 Gratiot, Montcalm, Ionia, 19. Clinton and Livingston. manyw farmers are still receptive to "iff allowing hunters to hunt their. fields if approached in a polite and professional manner.

Take a day and give pheasant hunting a try. You'll have to work hard for the birds, but it !* will all be worth it when that A cackle of a flushing rooster 54 shatters the crisp, morning aix?

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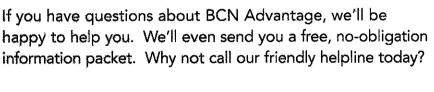
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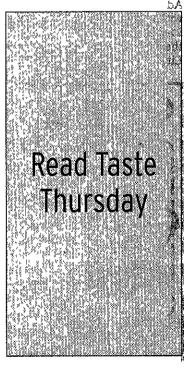
ting nine points, nine rebounds and three steals. Chief senior 🐸 forward Leslie Olech was also solid, scoring seven points while Ja'nee Morton had six points, five rebounds and five 15

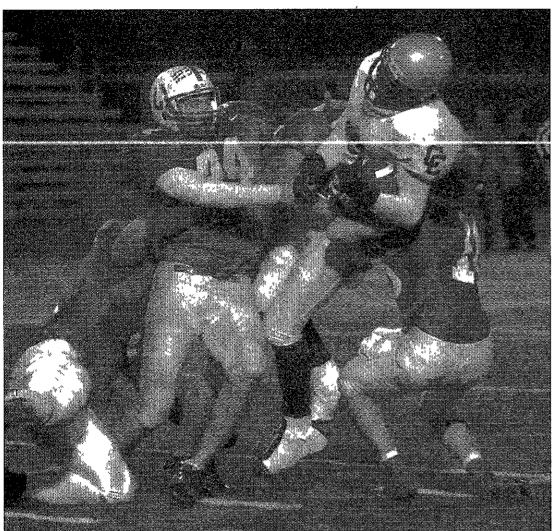
Senior forward Jeanine Moise paced the Wildcats with 13 points and eight boards. Moise had to leave the game for a few minutes mid-way through the third quarter after colliding with Canton's Kelsy Zemanski. Senior forward King Olech racked up six points and nine rebounds for Plymouth, ITE and senior guard Janet Hanchett had five points and with three rebounds.

Plymouth built an early 11-8:8 lead on an Olech basket three minutes into the second quaras ter, but Canton countered with? a 6-0 run thanks to jumpers sMfrom Leslie Olech and Ealy, and a pair of Ealy free throws.

The Chiefs extended their 16-13 halftime lead to 28-18 after) three quarters. The closest Plymouth came in the final eight minutes was to within no seven points.

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Canton defenders (pictured from left) Marwan Faraj, Jeff Piper, Colin O'Shaunessy and Matt Sweda bring down Cody quarterback Allen Adams during Friday night's district title game.

CANTON GRID

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Rossow's lone reception was a 35-yard TD catch from quarterback Shawn Little that came with just a few ticks left on the first-half clock. The pivotal play, which followed a dazzling 57-yard kickoff return by Deshon McClendon, extended Canton's lead to 28-14.

"Shawn (Little) couldn't have thrown that any better," Rossow said, describing the pass he secured just before stepping out of bounds. "He threw it where only I had a chance to catch it.

"That play was huge," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "We felt like we had dominated pretty much the whole first half except for a couple of plays when we turned the ball over, but it was still a close game. That gave us some momentum heading into halftime."

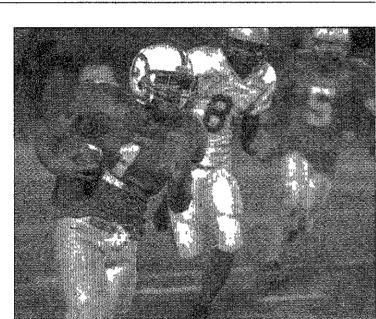
The district title was Canton's third in the past six years. The Chiefs also advanced to the regional final games in 2000 and 2003. A victory next Friday night would be the Chiefs' first-ever regional crown in football.

"The first (district title) is still the best because we were 6-3 and we weren't expected to do much in the playoffs," said Baechler, reflecting on his first district championship in 2000. "We're expected to win now, but it still feels good, especially after last year (when Canton lost 20-0 to Novi in the district final). It's fun any time you're still playing and practicing this late in the season.

Early on, the game had "mercy" written all over it. When Chris Woudstra burst up the middle and into the end zone from 12 vards out with 8:29 left in the second quarter, Canton led 21-0. The Chiefs scored on their first two possessions on a three-yard run by Matt Sweda and a five-yard rumble by Rossow.

The final 1:20 of the first half was enough to drive a scoreboard operator to exhaustion. Cody's Eric Terry returned a Canton fumble 61 yards to the Chief two, setting up Louis Beal's two-yard TD. Beal then rumbled in on the two-point conversion to make it 21-8.

half, Cody quarterback Allen Adams hit Andrew Pettway with a 35-yard spiral to make it 21-14. Canton then closed out the electric final minute on the Little-to-Rossow TD pass.



Canton's Deshon McClendon sprints into the end zone after intercepting a Detroit Cody pass during the third quarter of Friday night's 63-34 Chief victory.

When the first-half dust had settled, 21 points had been. scored in just 80 seconds.

Cody kept it going in the third quarter when Adams and Pettway hooked up on a 54yard scoring pass 47 seconds in to cut the Chiefs' lead to 28-20.

Canton answered by marching 59 yards on eight plays, scoring on Little's one-yard dive to make it 35-20.

After the Adams-Pettway duo struck again on a 61-yard score, Canton countered with McClendon's six-yard scoring run to extend its lead to 42-26. The junior set up the TD two plays earlier when he scampered 44 yards.

McClendon stepped up again seconds later when he picked off an Adams aerial and sprinted 35 yards to the end zone to put the Chiefs up, 49-26, with 4:51 left in the third quarter.

Canton closed out its nearperfect offensive night with a pair of fourth-quarter scores: a 27-yard run by Rossow and back-up quarterback Corey Nicoloff's one-yard sneak with 5:10 to play.

Cody's final points came on a one-yard run by Adams and a two-point conversion run by Beal.

Led by McClendon's 160 yards rushing, Canton racked up 508 yards in total offense. Sweda finished with 129 on 12 attempts while sophomore Dalton Walser picked up 45 on eight rushes.

Adams' passes for 176 yards. The semon quarterback's most amazing completion came mid-way through the second quarter when he flung the ball up blindly while being spun around by Canton linebacker Colin O'Shaunessy. Somehow, the ball - falling end-over-end

- found its way into the hands of Cody wide receiver Lavell Washington 12 yards downfield.

Adams, who scrambled like Atlanta Falcon QB Michael Vick but probably threw a little better than the NFL player, had a minus-26 yards rushing due to a pair of sacks - one an 18-yarder by Rossow. Beal, the Comets' heralded running back, was limited to just 59 yards on 16 carriers by the swarming Chiefs' "D," which was led by Jeff Piper, Sweda, Rossow, Marwan Faraj, Konrad Konsitzke,

O'Shaunessy and McClendon. O'Shaunessy nailed all seven of his extra-point attempts.

The hardest hit of the night was delivered by Faraj, who popped Beal in the backfield on a first-and-10 play mid-way through the second quarter.

The crowd was silenced and the game delayed several minutes with 3:21 left in the opening quarter when Canton sophomore Ben Vaughn suffered a possible concussion while covering a kick-off. Vaughn was transported to a local hospital by an ambulance, but Baechler said Vaughn was alert and



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OLECH

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working player - in the weight room, at practice and during games. She sets a good example for the younger players. And she's not just a hard worker - she's a great kid, too."

"I try to set a good example for the younger players at practice," Olech said. "If they don't understand something - a play, or a defense we're running -I'll try to explain it to them. I know it can get frustrating because I was in their shoes

"Coaching the middle school team is fun, too. It gives me a different perspective on the game. I think coaching younger players can help me grow as a player."

LOVE AT FIRST SHOT

Olech developed a passion for basketball soon after she joined her first team in the third grade. It wasn't long before she joined elite travel teams, including the Livingston Sting, which she helped lead to a national championship tournament at Walt Disney World this past summer.

"A lot of the top players in the country were at that tournament," she said. "Tennessee's coach, Pat Summitt, was there recruiting players."

Olech didn't fully realize how much she loved the sport until the opening practice of her sophomore season when she tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee. The injury sidelined her for the entire season and gave her a new perspective.

"The injury made be realize how fast something can be taken from you," she said.

LONG ROAD BACK

The road to recovery was not easy, nor was it swift, for the talented player.

"I went through months of physical therapy at Med-Sport (in Ann Arbor)," she said. "I'd go three days a week for two hours a day. It was hard work, but I wanted to get back to playing faster than they thought I could."

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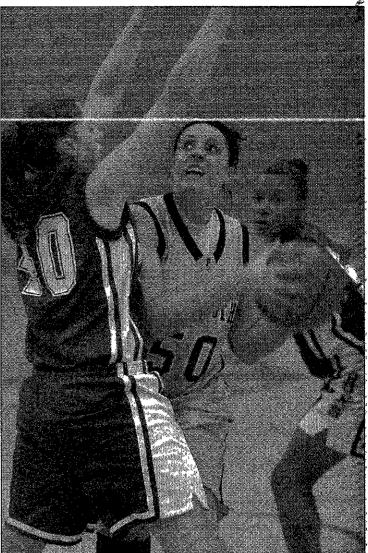
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Kim Olech looks for a shot during a game earlier this year against Salem.

When she returned for her junior season, Olech estimates she was only at about 90 percent of her old self.

"I was nervous that I might re-injure my knee, so I favored it," she said. "I was definitely over-protective of the knee. Now, because of all the work I've put into re-habbing it, I think my knee is even stronger than it was before my injury."

Olech and teammate Jeanine Moise form one of the most powerful down-low duo's in the Observerland area. Both are tenacious rebounders with soft shooting touches around the basket.

We've played together on AAU teams since middle school," Olech said. "We know what each other are going to do on the court and if I miss a layup, I know she'll be there to get the rebound and put the

NEXT STOP: COLLEGE

ball back up."

Olech is currently being recruited by several Division II and III college basketball programs, including Heidelberg and Defiance colleges in Ohio.

"Kim has an excellent upside, so I think she has a bright future ahead of her," Reilly said.

A member of the National Honor Society, Olech has excelled academically as well as athletically. She has compiled a 3.6 grade-point average and would like to pursue a criminal justice degreé in college.

"I think it would be neat to work in forensic science or for the FBI," she said.



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Observer & Eccentric

Westland Bowl hosts top collegiate talent

estland Bowl was rockin' and rollin' with collegiate action last Saturday as the recently formed American Heartland Collegiate Bowling Conference made its debut in the Detroit area.

Several Big Ten schools were represented including teams from Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State universi-

Also competing were Saginaw Valley State, Grand Valley State, Notre Dame, Cincinnati, Youngstown State, Kent State, Robert Morris University, University of Toledo, Wright State, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Ferris State, Central Michigan and Indiana University-South

Most of the schools had more than one team, and most competed in both the male and female categories. ... This looks like the start of something big, so you'll have to keep an eye on it. Livonian Scott Jones is a freshman at Saginaw Valley State and adds considerable talent to an already potent

Collegiate bowling means excitement, and the enthusiasm generated by these bowlers is something to

Call it that old college spirit - if you must, but combining the Baker scoring system with the conventional format makes it a total team effort.

The successful teams are the ones who can support each other and work well together.

This is especially so when using the Baker system, where each frame is bowled by a different member of the

After the last ball was thrown and the smoke had: cleared, MSU was crowned the new champion.

"Life is good" according to Mark Silverstein of Farmington Hills.

He rolled a "perfecto "last week during the position round of play in the Sunday Goodtimers League at Country

Lanes. He had been leaving splits and ten pins all through the first two games, but every shot in the third game was perfectly placed with booming strikes on

each shot. As he was ready to make his last and final strike, Mark turned around to his teammates and said, "Life is good," then calmly faced the pins and threw another solid strike to complete his 300 game.

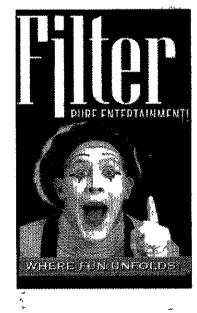
Keith Oswald, also of Farmington Hills, scored well on that day with a 279.

Keith would probably agree with Mark, life sure is good when you're having fun.

■ The 75th annual Old Timers Tournament will be Saturday, Nov. 26, at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

· Previous entrants will have received their entry forms by mail, or you can pick them up

Also competing were Saginaw Valley State, Grand **Valley State, Notre Dame,** Cincinnati, Youngstown State, Kent State, Robert **Morris University, University** of Toledo, Wright State, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Ferris State, Central Michigan and **Indiana University-South** Bend.





Harrison

at area bowling counters. Entries must be in no later than Nov. 23.

, For more information, call

(586) 756-3240. Read all about it in this column next time.

John Chmelko, Sr. has been the driving force for the Old Timers event as secretary-treasurer for many

Sadly, we were informed of the death of his wife, Eileen, last Sunday after a lengthy illness. She was a wonderful person, a great wife and

mother, and had been an operating room nurse at local hospitals for 40 years, along with being a partner with John in the Easttown

Printing Co. in Center Line. John: All of your good friends and bowling buddies share in your sadness.

■ If you missed it because you were too busy watching the Detroit Lions, the Pro

ESPN-TV (at 1 p.m.) last Sunday afternoon (which would you rather watch?)

The schedule continues for its full run well into spring of

Will you get to see Walter Ray Williams, Jr. break the all-time PBA victory record of the late great Earl

Anthony? Will Mika Koivuniemi Bowlers Tour series began on repeat as PBA Bowler of the

Can Pete Weber get serious? Can a woman win on the PBA

Is Chris Barnes ready to dominate the scene? Tune in each Sunday to the ...

PBT and find out for yourself. Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit &

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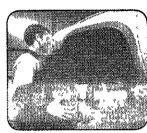
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Cynthia Wallace

Home is a lovely place

utumn has arrived in Canton, all dappledgold and frosty. Along the especially wooded stretches of Beck Road, the trees hint at reds and oranges to come. The grocery stores are holding sales on carving pumpkins. I saw a billboard the other day for hot apple cider.

Autumn has arrived in Canton, and so have I, home for the first fall in four years after attending college out of state. This time I brought with me a husband, red-goateed, raised in Montana. While this Michigan homecoming is exciting to me by virtue of my love affair with maple trees turning fiery, Josh's first autumn here is exciting for him simply because it is his first.

We didn't plan to move back here. I was so certain we wouldn't be coming back that I threw away my orange library card, one of most precious possessions since the age of 8. We graduated from college and planned to head overseas for doing nonprofit religious and humanitarian work in Bulgaria. Our plans changed (as they often do at 22 years old), and our departure date was pushed back. Jobless, lease up, and fund raising, we turned to Mom and Dad.

Instead of regarding this change as pathetic (a couple, married for a year, moves into the wife's parents' house), we decided to look at it as a gift: An unexpected Michigan fall with people we love in a community full of life and color.

We have reveled: a few weekends ago, we headed with my mom to Eerdman's Orchard, picking Ida Reds, Golden Delicious, and Mutsu (a new one for me). Josh was thoroughly impressed by the fresh cider and comnamen doughnuts; he was only slightly disconcerted by the bees.

Last weekend, we headed to the Toledo Zoo with my grandparents. Grandpa bought us coffee to warm us against the pleasant chill, and the animals (especially the gorillas) were active, even hilarious, after the sluggishly hot summer months. I was literally giddy at the chance to share with Josh this piece of my childhood. Next up: the Detroit Zoo. He can weigh in on the age-old debate of which is better.

We've also visited Henry
Ford Museum with my dad,
found most of the wireless
hotspots in town, and, by
virtue of substitute teaching,
become "Mr. and Mrs." when
we see kids at Wendy's. Living
with Mom and Dad really
hasn't been a drag (at least

not on us). But the most exciting thing to me - and Josh, with his background of mostly evergreens and early snow, is learning too - is still the trees. We drive down the road or go for a walk behind the library or in Plymouth, and how breathless we are! The colors peeking through the green, and the promise of even brighter shades to come they are beautiful to me, and they mean home more than anything else in this bustling suburban community.

As unexpected as our threemonth stay was, I am delighted to be here again, regardless of road work or traffic or gas prices or the sense that it won't be forever. I'm glad for the chance to share this bit of my life with my husband, to see it all fresh and new in his eyes, to drink in the colors, rake the leaves, set carved pumpkins out on the front porch. I suspect I didn't appreciate it this much when I lived here every fall: I hope that those who are so privileged will take a deep breath and look around. This really is a lovely place right now.

Cynthia Wallace is a Canton resident.

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From left with their animals that were found on www.petfinder.com are Sandy Williamson with Phoebe, Rick Williamson with Shayla, and his wife, Alice Williamson, with Kate.

Petfinder.com

Animal lovers use Web site to adopt

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lice and Rick Williamson were devastated when Elizabeth suddenly took ill and died from a blood disease in January 2002. Their Livonia home seemed empty without the German shepherd/Labrador mix.

But that all changed two weeks later when Alice discovered the Web site www.petfinder.com – and Shayla, a dog who looks just like Elizabeth. Within days Alice was driving to Newaygo, outside of Muskegon, to the Lifeline for Pound Buddies rescue organization to adopt Shayla who was about 3 to 5 years old. Petfinder.com tries to find homes for all types of animals including cats, horses, cows, sheep, pigs, rabbits, reptiles, and small and furry creatures such as ferrets and hamsters by listing rescue groups and humane societies on their Web site. Frequently, little is known about the animal's history.

'HEALED OUR HEARTS'

"You'd think we would have been com-

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Sandy Williamson adopted Maggie (pictured) from the Tuscola County Humane Society after finding a listing on www.petfinder.com. Williamson thinks Maggie is about 3 years old but doesn't know for sure because the golden-colored dog came from an abusive background.

'... When I walked in I only had eyes for her. I brought her home and she healed our hearts.'

Alice Williamson

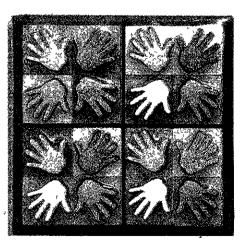


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Susan Orlikowski of Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit with some of the articles that will be included in an upcoming alternative Christmas fair.

'Since the beginning the idea was to focus on providing charity opportunities for people. Christmas is a time for great commercialism and buying. We want to hook them up with people who need support.'

Jessica Beamer of Farmington



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Alternative Christmas fair

offers items that go on giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Five years ago, Jessica Beamer was so tired of the commercialism at Christmas that she didn't hesitate to volunteer when asked to serve as chair of a committee to host an alternative fair at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. This year, the event has grown to include 45 nonprofit organizations that will display their wares from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.

Committee member Jean
Struckmeyer and Beamer have been
doing their fair share of shopping for
holiday gifts at the Alternative
Christmas Fair every year since
Struckmeyer came up with the idea
after visiting a similar event.
The fair doesn't charge a booth fee

The fair doesn't charge a booth fee to participants. A nominal \$1 admission charge pays for advertising as does sales from the pizza sold at lunch. Anything left over goes to charities.

One of the biggest hits every year is the Cookie Walk with treats donated by church members. Fair goers buy a container for \$3, \$5 or \$7 then fill it with baked goods.

'EXCITING TO SEE'

"Since the beginning the idea was to focus on providing charity opportunities for people," said Jessica Beamer of Farmington. "Christmas is a time for great commercialism and buying. We want to hook them up with people who need support.

"This year we have a lot of new organizations participating and way more community response. It's exciting to see people who came and shopped and now have a year-round connection with the organization."

Susan Orlikowski didn't realize the fair offered such great gifts as the green beaded frog lapel pins from Maya Works, the nonprofit which brings items made by women in Guatemala.

It was the first time Sweet Dreamzzz

Detroit participated in the fair to raise

PLEASE SEE ALTERNATIVE, C3

Tango music opens concert season

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The Schoolcraft College Music Department presents accordionist and bandoneon virtuoso Peter Soave in concert noon Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the Presentation Room at the VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Soave performs the evocative nuevo tango music of Astor Piazzolla as a soloist and in duo and trio settings with accordionists Madeleine Soave and Julien Labro.

Peter Soave is an adjunct associate professor at Wayne State University of bandoneon, the characteristic tango accordion, and bayan, the Russian chromatic button accordion for classical music.

He has extensively toured Europe and the U.S., and recently released a recording of Razzolla's Five Tango Sensations with the Ruener String Quartet of Zagreb.

The Virtuoso Noon Concert series continues on Dec. 7 with planist Andrew Le. Mezzosoprano Deanna Relyea sings on Jan. 18, followed by soprano Jane Rodgers on Feb. 15, and pianist Laura Melton, March 15. Singer Heidi Hepler and her husband Michele Ramo (guitar) conclude the season April 12, For more information, call (734) 462-4403.

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FICTION

- 1. "At First Sight," Nicholas Sparks
- 2. "Knife of Dreams," Robert Jordan 3. "Consent to Kill," Vince Flynn
- 4. "The Lincoln Lawyer," Michael
- 5. "Blue Smoke," Nora Roberts

NON-FICTION

- 1. "The World is Flat," Thomas Friedman 2. "The Year of Magical Thinking," Joan
- 3. "My FBI," Louis Freeh and Howard
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Time to read: How to navigate through teenage girl magazines

📗 🖁 ow things change. My daughter is now a professor with a daughter starting high school. Certainly, Seventeen was in our household in days of yore.

Now according to Nancy Gruver, executive director of Dads and Daughters, a nonprofit organization (www.dadsanddaughters.org), and publisher of New Moon, "Even with cable and the Internet, many girls still turn to Seventeen. Cosmo Girl and Teen Vogue for the latest on celebrities, fashion, music, movies and prod-

Many of these magazines, articles and ads, which can fill as much as 75 percent of the pages, prey upon girls' normal adolescent desire to be popular and attractive. They send the damaging message to girls that they are lacking and need certain products to try to make the grade.

Gruver suggests:

■ Decide ahead of time at what age you will allow your daughter to read which maga-

■ Read her magazines so you can converse casually about them.

Ask your daughter to identify favorite articles and ads. Is she concerned about her body? Is she worried about fitting in?

Ask her what she thinks is real and unreal in each issue. Are the celebrity photographs altered? Do the models look like girls she knows?

Listen to her opinions; express your own.

■ Provide her with alternatives like New Moon and Teen Voices. It's like stocking up on healthy snacks rather then chips and soda.

■ Most important, keep the communication lines open and trust that as she matures and gains self-confidence she'll find shallow magazines less inter-

The fall 2005 newsletter from the Campaign for a



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Alice McCarthy

Commercial Free Childhood (CCFC) (www.commercialfreechildhood.org) says this about Cosmo Girl: "An advertising insert for Dior's 'Addict 2' perfume features a model dressed in 'little girl' clothing, made up to appear under the influence of some chemical substance, and posed in a posture suggesting sexual 'availability.' Alcohol abuse, drug abuse and addiction remain a serious problem for daughters in this country — indeed a new survey from the American Medical Association says that teenage girls are more likely than boys to obtain alcohol illegally.

Act now! Tell Hearst Communications President Victor F. Ganzi (father of twin daughters who serves on the board of the prestigious National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse [CASA] at Columbia University) to act like a father and immediately drop 'Addict 2' ads from his magazines."

Maybe Maureen Dowd in The New York Times magazine says it best: "Cosmo is still the best selling magazine at newsstands. The June 2005 issue with Jessica Simpson on the cover, her cleavage spilling out of an orange crocheted halter dress that could have been 1970 ...

"And, at any newsstand, you'll see the original Cosmo girl's man-crazy, sex-obsessed image endlessly, tiresomely replicated, even for the teen set. On the cover of *Elle Girl*: '267 Ways to Look Hot.'"

For more information: Gruver's quotes come from Many of these magazines, articles and ads, which can fill as much as 75 percent of the pages, prey upon girls' normal adolescent desire to be popular and attractive.

Common Sense Media, www.commonsensemedia.org, a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping families make the best media choices for their kids.

Maureen Dowd's quote is from The New York Times Magazine, Oct. 30, 2005, pgs. 50-55.

New Moon magazine is available at

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www.hometownlife.com/Livon ia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. All of her columns for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are on

www.bridge-comm.com.

Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., the mother of five professionals, is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health, and health publications. She is the author of a widely used text and parenting book Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives. Write to her in care of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Ml, 48150.

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Fifth Third Bank 2005 Edition

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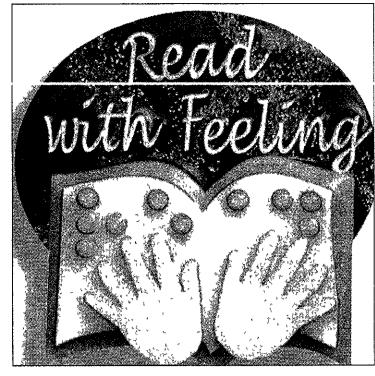
funds for the hedtime essentials and sleep education given to children living in poverty. The Farmington-based organization will be offering stuffed animals, fall decorations and handmade items such as scarves for a donation. For more information, call (248) 478-3242 or visit www.sweetdreamzzzdetroit.org.

Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit was founded in 1998 after Kathleen Donnelly read a Detroit Free Press article about a group of friends who got together to help a high school athlete who lived in a burned out home. Donnelly thought there were probably other needy kids and started Sweet Dreamzzz. The nonprofit has provided nearly 16,000 children with sleeping bags, night shirts, socks, stuffed animals, books, crayons, and toothbrushes since then.

"We had a holiday party for the kids at the very beginning," said Orlikowski, director of operations. The Farmington Hills resident began volunteering with the organization in 2000. "In 2001 we incorporated as a nonprofit and developed a sleep education program with Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services to go into a school or bring the school children to a venue like the Detroit Children's Museum. The program lasts about one-half hour. We give sleep tips like having a regular bedtime then they're given a sleeping bag. A lot of the kids don't have a bed or share a bed so they don't have a nice comfortable place to go to sleep. We believe they can increase their academic performance by giving them a nice place to sleep.

TRAINING ADULTS

Community Choices Supportive Employment in Westland will use the money they raise from the fair to trained developmentally and physically disabled adults to find jobs. For more than a decade, job coaches have helped individual attain posi-



Seedlings Braille Books for Children will sell this lapel pin by Lucinda.

tions at local restaurants, grocery stores and church. Others have started businesses and will be on hand with literature about their enterprises. One individual sells personalized first aid kits, another founded a recycling company to pick up newspapers, phone books, magazines, junk mail and nonconfidential office materials.

"We have individuals with varying levels of skills," said director Colleen Gray. "Some need to start by going to a store and learning how to purchase something. We have job coaches to help them find work in the community like delivering Meals on Wheels or cleaning churches. We are trying to improve the quality of life for individuals." Seedlings Braille Books helps children to read. The Livonia nonprofit provides affordable Braille materials so blind children have the same educational opportunities as those who are sighted.

Once again at this year's fair Seedlings offers the chance to make a \$10 donation to have a book inscribed with the recipient's name. All proceeds go to subsidize book production for blind children locally and internationally. Today, Seedlings books have been enjoyed by children in the U.S. and 50 foreign countries.

"Volunteers are working

hard this year to make crafts such as scaven-jars," said Susan Bresler, a staffer. "It's a unique desk top game. We have beaded zipper pulls for purses or jackets. The Helping Hands Pins by Lucinda are great teacher and child care worker

Last year in addition to selling Braille sweat shirts, Tshirts, tote bags, and jewelry at the fair, Bresler did her Christmas shopping.

"I bought 12 of the soup mixes from Detroit Rescue Mission," said Bresler. "You're feeding the poor by giving your donation. It was my favorite out of all of them. I always shop. I double up volunteers so everyone can shop."

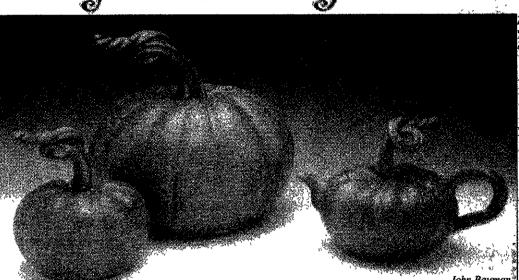
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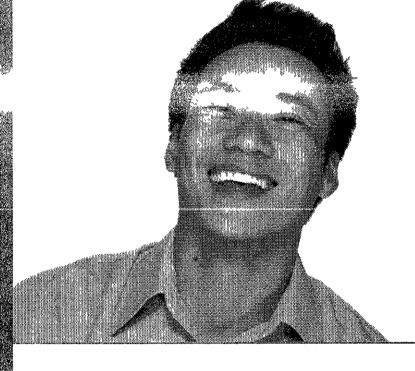
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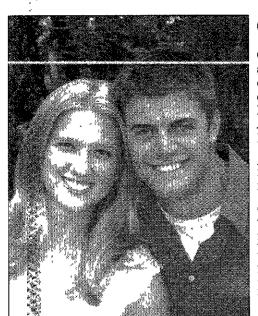
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ENGAGEMENTS



Costlow-Dunwell Dan and Diane Costlow of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Eve Elizabeth, to Jeffrey Allen Dunwell of

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Brighton. Eve will graduate in April from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. She is currently doing her student teaching at Village Oaks **Elementary School** in Novi.

Her fiancé, Jeff, is the son of Richard and catricia Dunwell of Brighton. He will graduate in April from

the University of Michigan with a degree in biopsychology. He will be attending dental school next fall. leff and Eve are planning a July 2006 wedding at

Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi.



Kilgore-Lancaster

Larry and Jerry Kilgore of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Noel, to Jon Lancaster of Charranooga,

Noel is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Western Michigan University. She is currently working on her master's at University of Tennessee/Chattanooga.

Jon is the son of Walter and Stephanie Lancaster of Chattanooga, Tn. He graduated from Portage Northern High School in Michigan and Western Michigan University. He is

employed by Capital Toyota/Scion in Chattanooga. Jon and Noel are planning a November wedding.



at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia with a reception at Hawthorne Valley Country Club. They will spend their honeymoon in Costa Rica and are making their new home in Livonia.



Bracken-Duffner

Dennis and Patti Bracken of South Lyon, formerly of Redford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cortney Rae, to Kevin Duffner.

Jack and Roberta

Stacy is a sixth

Her fiancé, Craig

is the son of Cheri

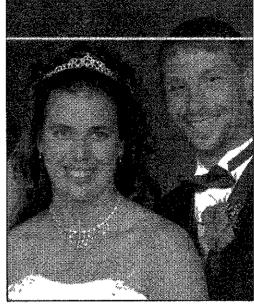
Craig and Stacy

Cortney is a 1999 graduate of Redford Union High School and a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is pursuing her master's degree in social work at Grand Valley State University.

Her fiancé, Kevin, is the son of Bill and MaryAnn Duffner of Chicago, Ill. He is a 1999 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago and a 2004 graduate of Grand

Valley State University. He is employed as a software engineer at Eaton Aerospace in Grand Rapids. Kevin and Cortney are planning a July 2006 wedding at the Crown Plaza in Grand Rapids.





Louk-Lindenmuth

Teresa Lindenmuth and Jerry Louk were married July 22, 2005, at St. Gerald Church in Farmington Hills before the Rev. Brown. A reception followed at Decarols.

Attending the bride were Dorrine McLean and John Kouchoukas.

Teresa is the daughter of Flora Lindenmuth and the late Robert Lindenmuth. She is a graduate of

Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Jerry is the son of Gerald and Janis Louk. He is employed at Unique Refinishers.

Jerry and Teresa spent their honeymoon in Punta Cana. The new Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Louk are making their new home in Farmington Hills.



Singleton-Kaiser

Kristine Marie Kaiser and Jason Vincent Singleton were married Oct. 14, 2005, at Allen Park Presbyterian Church before the Rev. Doug Blaike. A reception was held at Robert H. Jones Knights of Columbus in Melvindale.

Jason and Kristine were attended by family, friends and their son, Connor Douglas Singleton.

Kristine is the daughter of Douglas and Aida Kaiser of Canton. She is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2005 gradu-

ate of Eastern Michigan University. Jason is the son of James and Veronica Singleton of Canton. He is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed with Canton Public Safety.



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MARY LOUISE KERN VIGER

ge 85, of Grosse Pointe Farms died home on Wednesday, November 2. She was the daughter of Otto and Katherine Kern and the late believed wife of David N. Viger, O.B.E. She graduated from Kingswood/Cranbrook in 1938 and from Erskine College in Boston, Massachusetts in 1940. She was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club the Detroit Club, the Mackinac Island Yacht Club and a lifetime member of the Country Club of Detroit. She was an active member of the Junior League of Detroit, the Junior League Gardeners, the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, the Mary Thompson Home and Libri Club. She was a patron of the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroi Zoological Society and the Michigan Humane Society. She also was a sup-porter of the Detroit Artists Market, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, and the Grosse Pointe Symphony. Mary Louise loved gardening, flower arranging, playing bridge, playing golf, and boating. She held the rank of Advanced Pilot from the Power Squadron of Detroit. Her greatest love, however, was the love that she had for her family. Her two sons. David and Peter and her two daughters, Katherine V. Hester and Susan V. Lambrecht survive her. She was predeceased by her son Thomas. Mary Louise was the proud grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 13 at 2:30 PM at Christ Church Grosse Pointe located at 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Memorial Contributions may be made to Golden Rescue in Naples, PO Box 770291 Naples, Florida 34107 and to the



Michigan Humane Society.

SARAH (SALLY) McKENNA

Sarah (Sally) Morgan Sinclair McKenna, 68, of Moss Creek/Hilton Head Island, formerly of Plymouth and Ann Arbor, MI, died at home on Tuesday, November 1st after a brief cancer-related illness. Mrs. McKenna was born in Adrian MI, attended Plymouth High School, where she was class Valedictorian, and the University of Michigan, from which she graduat ed in 1960 with a degree in Political Science. In 1984, after her children were grown, she earned an RN degree from Madonna College in Livonia, MI, where she also was Valedictorian Since that time, she has worked in several nursing-related capacities when it didn't interfere with her golf Most recently she was a hospice nurse with Hospice Care of the Low Country and also worked for the State of South Carolina's Women and Infant Children (WIC) program. In addition to her nursing activities in the area Mrs. McKenna was active in serval women's golf groups at Moss Creek and in the Low Country. She will be greatly missed by her family and the many people she has touched through out her life. Beloved wife of 45 years and lifelong best friend of James C. McKenna, she was, during her last few days, comforted by the presence of her entire family. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children and seven grandchildren: Daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Philip Korson of Haslett MI, their three sons and one daughter; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Patricia McKenna of Denver, CO, their two sons and one daughter; and daughter Sarah McKenna of Beaufort, SC. She also had the comfort of her brother-in-law and his wife, Pat and Marie McKenna of Milan, MI and of her sister-in-law, Edith McKenna of Chevy Chase, MD. A celebration of her life will be held at 12 noon, November 11, 2005 at the Bostwick House of Moss Creek Plantation, Hilton Head Island. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of the Low Country, 20 Palmetto Parkway, Suite 104, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926. The Island



Funeral Home and Crematory is in

charge of arrangements.

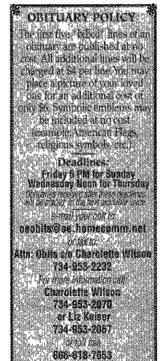
Paying Tribute Loved One

GERALD E "Jerry" PEELING

Age 69, November 2, 2005. Beloved husband of Odessa for 52 years. Loving father of Gary (Pattie) Michael (Barb), and Douglas (Diane) Cherished grandfather of Jason (Mindy), Kevin, Melissa, Lindsy, Samantha, and Keith. Great grandfather of Jason and Julianna. Beloved son of Frances Purser. Brother of Robert Peeling. Jerry was a truck driv er and 20 year member of Teamster Local 299, and received a safe driving award every year. Services were held Saturday, November 5th, at Thayer Rock Funeral Home, Farmington



KATHRYN GRACE "NORTON" NEE KNOPSNIDER MCFADDEN Nov. 1, 2005. Beloved wife of Thomas, Dear daughter of Donna Grubbs and the late Warren Knopsnider. Sister of Dale (Barbara) Knopsnider and Stuart (Martha) Knopsnider. Niece of Duane Delling and Jerry (Lynn) Delling. Aunt of Jason, Sara, Matthew, Kristin and Joey. Visitation at the O'Brien/Suilivan Funeral Home 555 Grand River Novi 1-248-348 1800 Thursday 2-4 & 6-9. Funeral Service Friday 11:00 at the funeral home. Donations in Kathryn's memory can be made to the American ancer Society 1599 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta GÁ. 30329. Online sympathy message as www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



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ANNIVERSARY



Cook 50th

James and Elizabeth Cook of Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 19, 2005.

Jim has helped to shape his community for over 30 years as an educator, counselor, and administrator for the Plymouth and Livonia public schools.

Liz, after raising her own family, helped others to begin their families as a labor and delivery nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Jim and Liz have three children, Timothy (Theresa) Cook of Farmington Hills, Kimberlee Cook of N.Y.C., and Caleb (Brenda) Cook of Detroit; and four grandchildren. Travis. Cassandra, Hannah, and Naomi.

Jim and Liz are spending their retirement years at their home in Westland enjoying their family and friends. They continue to help their community by being socially and politically active and serving in several volunteer organizations.





Patrick **O'Connell** and Monte Lane Black were married Aug. 12, 2005, at **Mount Princeton** Hot Springs Resort in Nathrop, Colo.

Black-O'Connell

Christy Ann

Christy is the daughter of Mary Lou O'Connell of Clarkston, Mich., formerly of Livonia, and the late Patrick O'Connell. She a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado with a degree in theatre arts and

dance. She is employed by New Frontier Bank and teaches dance

Monte is the son of Allan and Doris Black of Casper, Wyo. He graduated from the University of Wyoming and University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He is a professor of jazz dance at

The couple resides in Greely, Colo. They met there while dancing.



Greenshields-Caldwell Rachel Ann Caldwell

and Daniel Greenshields were married Oct. 29, 2005, at First Baptist Church of Garden City before the Rev. Dean Fussen. A reception was held at Grand Celebrations in Farmington.

Attending the bride were maid of honor, Kelly Brooks; bridesmaids, Melissa Santhony, Tina Avery and Nicole Blan; and flower girl, Heather Hayes.

Attending the groom were best man, Tim Cox; groomsmen, Mike Hackett, Mike

Greenshields and Jason Tripp; and ring bearer, Zachary Bean. Rachel is the daughter of Lonnie and Karen Caldwell of Garden City. She is a 1999 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2003 graduate of Henry Ford Community College. She is employed by Asker, Clos & Perlmuter.

Daniel is the son of Frieda Greenshields and the late James of Plymouth. He is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and he attended Henry Ford Community College. He is the owner of Greenshields Brothers Landscaping and Lawn Care.

Daniel and Rachel spent their honeymoon in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The new Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Greenshields are making their new home in Westland.



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Crafters needed

Mom-2-Mom Sale

Alice Williamson talks about looking on www.petfinder.com after one of their dogs, Elizabeth, died of a blood disease.

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forted with two other dogs but she was such a big part of our life," said Alice Williamson. "Rick said, 'Take the time and go up there.' When I walked in I only had eyes for her. I brought her home and she healed our hearts."

Shayla runs around the family room greeting Phoebe in dog fashion. Shayla, the therapy dog, loves everybody especially the young patients at Children's Hőspital of Michigan where they volunteered until Alice's work schedule changed.

Phoebe, the chow/border collie mix, is wary of the attention from Shayla but quickly calmed by the woman on the end of the leash. Sandy Williamson, Alice's ex-sister-in-law, lives in Plymouth Township with three adopted dogs. Phoebe and Maggie, were listed on petfinder.com. Sandy's first dog, Rascal, came from the Michigan Humane Society in Westland.

Both Williamson women are advocates of petfinder.com. Sarah, Sandy's 19-year old daughter discovered Phoebe online at Li'l Dog Rescue in Ann Arbor. Phoebe was found running on state land up North and had heartworm.

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meeting prior to submitting a bid.

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accept sealed bids for the following Project.

"I adopted her in February 2002 and had one other dog at the time," said Sandy Williamson. "I knew I wanted a female. You can narrow the search by breed, the distance you want to travel, characteristics such as good with children. I have two grown children. One son lives at home. He was never a dog kid. He had bad experiences when younger. Now he

loves them." Them includes Maggie who was being fostered by a Caro woman through the Tuscola County Humane Society. Sandy thinks Maggie is about 3 years old but doesn't know for sure because the golden-colored dog came from an abusive background.

OLDER DOGS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

FOR DDA STREETSCAPE

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM

Local Time, on December 1, 2005 at the Office of the Clerk,

Plymouth Township Hall, Bldg. #3, 42350 Ann Arbor Road,

Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be

General Description of Work: Landscape maintenance services

including but not limited to lawn mowing; fertilization and weed

control; tree and shrub pruning and trimming; and management of irrigation system including system winterization and spring start-

General Description of Project Area: In an east-west direction, the

Project Area extends along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township

from Eckles Road to a short distance past the intersection of Ann

Arbor Road and Haggerty Road. The Project Area also extends

along Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township just north and south of

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no

mail delivery) at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall,

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for 10:00 AM Local Time, on November 17, 2005 in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, Bldg. #1, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Michigan 48170. A walking tour of the Project Area will

immediately follow the conference. All bidders must attend this

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth

Downtown Development Authority, as security for acceptance of the

contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an

approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the

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any and all proposals in whole or in part and to waive any defect or

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1. The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate

2. Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of

4. The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other

5. The term of the contract will be for three years, with an option to

6. The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State, and

7. The contract award by the DDA must be approved by the

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scribed in the bid Drawings and Specifications.

"I want people to know how wonderful the older dogs are," said Sandy Williamson, who works in accounts receivable at Contractor's Steel Co. in Livonia. "If you don't have time to put into a puppy, the older dogs are just as lovable."

Petfinder.com not only helps abandoned animals find new homes, but lists lost and found animals in their classified ads. Most recently they unveiled their Animal Emergency Response network to assist companion animals and their owners/care-

takers. Victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma were not only able to reconnect with their pets but find them temporary shelter until they could be reunited.

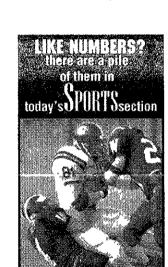
Alice Williamson used petfinder.com to find Kate at the Michigan Humane Society in Westland after losing Max, their cat, in 2003. After many months of searching, posting fliers around town and ads on petfinder.com, Alice and Rick adopted Kate who was then known as Bacardi.

Jasmine, the cat, found them. After advertising in the Observer Newspapers for free to find her owner, the Williamsons took her in. Today, the couple lives with three dogs and three cats, and keeps a horse at a stable in White Lake. Rick has promised Alice that when they retire from their jobs as analysts at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, they'll have a farm. The couple has been married 14 years.

"I love my wife," quipped Rick Williamson when asked about all of the animals they've adopt-

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Carla Sari (second from left) poses with her father, Otavio Cubas; her daughter, Cassia Sari; Kristin Shanahan,

Union's recent Safety Town Family Fair, which took place at the credit union's Plymouth branch. Sari, 32, lives

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

representative of USA Credit Union's Plymouth branch after Sari won a \$500 gas certificate at USA Credit

community relations representative for the credit union; and Kathy Whitman (holding balloons),

in Plymouth with her daughter, Cassia, and her father, Otavio Cubas.

the symphony office, (734) 453-2112 **Heartland Hospice**

Heartland Hospice offers an evening seminar, "Coping with the Holidays," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov 17, to help people coping with the loss of a loved one get through the holiday season. The seminar will be held at the Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. It's open to the public and will provide practical tools for caring for ourselves while or eving the loss of a loved one For more information or to repister call Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, at (734) 953-1145 or tollfree at (888) 973-1145.

Lightfest run On Tuesday, Nov. 15 the community is invited to preview Lightfest 2005. As participants in the ninth-annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk, runners and walkers get the opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot. Race-day check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 6:45 p.m. The race begins at 7 p.m. There will be cash prizes and post-race food. and free long-sleeve T-shirts go to the first 100 entrants. Cost is \$18 in advance, \$20 on race day. For more

information, call (734) 261-1990. Holiday show

Mill Race Weavers Guild presents a Holiday Show & Sale 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, featuring hand-woven rugs, scarves, table linens, and other handcrafted merchandise. The show takes place at Mill Race Historical Village Weavers Cottage on Griswold north of Main in Northville.

Coping with grief

BraveHeart Grief Services, in collaboration with Arbor Hospice & Home Care, will offer a workshop, "Coping with Grief at the Holidays," to address the range of emotions that may come at this time of year and offer helpful suggestions for those trying to cope with the holidays. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Arbor Hospice & Home Care office, 331 Center in Northville There is no cost to attend the workshop, but interested individuals need to register by calling Sandy VanKoevering, (248) 348-4980 or himail her at svankoev-

pring@arborhops re org ABWA craft fair

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletics Teams co-host the 18th-annual Holiday Art & Craft Festival, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. The event features more than 150 artisans featuring pottery, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, tole painting and more. Proceeds go to ABWA Maia Chapter Education Fund for scholarships for local college students and to Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information, call (734) 663-0671.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for the Remodeling of Farrand, Fiegel, Gallimore, and Isbister Elementary Schools. Bid documents are available by phoning Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400 or are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103:Selective Demolition 106:Masonry / 107:Steel / 108:Carpentry/General Trades 109:Roofing / 113:Hollow Metal / Wood Doors; Finish Hardware / 114:Aluminum Windows / Storefront; Entrances, Glass & Glazing / 115:Metal Studs, Drywall IFS / 116:Hard Tile / 117:Acoustical Treatments / 118:Resilient Flooring & Carpet / 120:Painting / 121:Visual Display Boards / 124:Wood Flooring (ALTERNATE) 128:Pre-Manufactured Casework / 130:Window Treatments / 137:Food Service Equipment / 140:Plumbing / 142:HVAC / 143:Electrical / 160:Pre-Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only).

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2005 at the main office of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the address noted above. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2005 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR

November meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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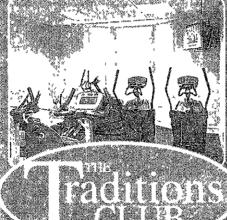




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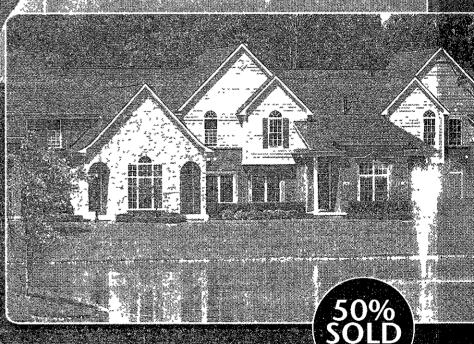
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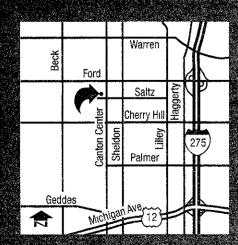
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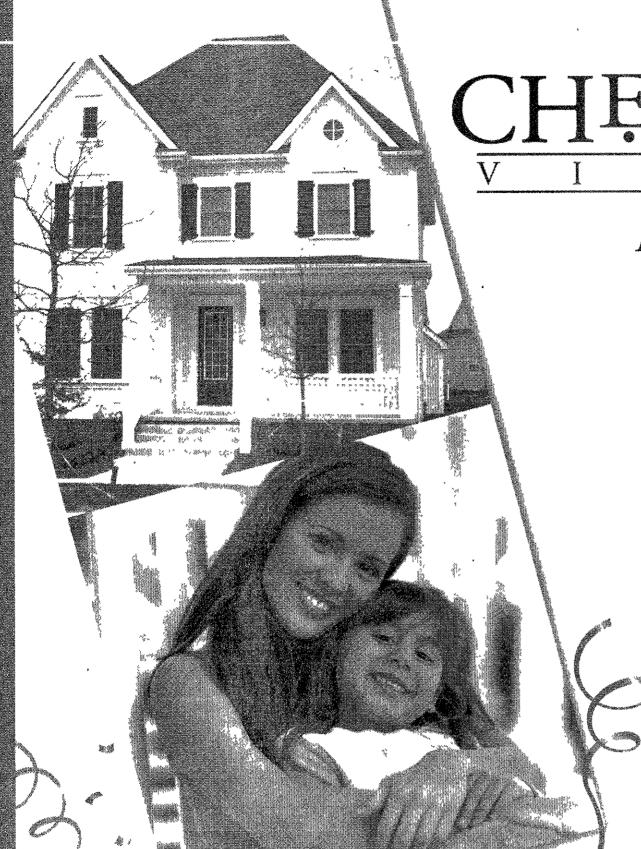
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Stay fit on the road

Hank from Taylor does a lot of traveling and e-mails for tips on getting a quick and effective out-oftown workout.

Here are some tips: 1) Make a reservation at a hotel that has a gym or pool. If one is

not available, you can always exercise in your own room. 2) Bring tapes with an aerobic

or dance workout on them. 3) Pack lightweight equipment, such as resistance tubing or a

jump rope. 4) Climb stairs inside the hotel or skip the bus or cab, and walk part of the way to your destination.

5) Pack a tennis ball and racquet, find a local golf range, or do some good old fashioned bowling.

Kathy from Redford e-mails out of concern that her children are constantly glued to the T.V., especially around mealtime.

Kathy, you're absolutely right to be concerned. New research shows that kids who watch T.V. during meals are more likely to eat things like pizza, salty snacks, and soda. One key reason is because when was the last time you saw fruits and vegetables advertised on the tube? Another part of the problem is that when you are watching television, you are not paying attention to what you eat and you usually end up eating a great deal more than you think.

Kids from families that watch a lot of television average 6 percent more calories from eating meat than kids watching less. They also averaged about 5 percent more calories from pizza, salty snacks, and soda pop.

Researchers urge Mom and Dad to turn off the TV at meal-

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Prescription drug plans

Medicare Part D leaves beneficiaries bewildered

> BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Barbara Coden isn't exactly excited about the new Part D established by the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. The 71-year-old West Bloomfield woman finds it confusing.

While Coden doesn't have to worry because she has prescription drug coverage with her husband's insurance, friends are bewildered by Part D which becomes available Jan. 1, 2006. To help them sort through the process of selecting one of 78 plans offered by private companies, Coden arranged for Carrie Nicholson, a representative of the Area Agency on Aging 1B in Southfield, to speak to members of the Centennial Chapter of Jewish Women International in May. Afterward, the women asked to have her come back to answer questions about the prescription drug coverage plans which replace the discount drug cards available to seniors since the act went into effect.

Information about Part D has been slow in coming out, according to Nicholson, the agency's Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program coordinator. She's trying to assist seniors in any way she can to clear up the confusion. On Monday and Tuesday, Nicholson attended training at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Chicago. It is expected that the average premium will be about \$32 a month, but ranges from \$0 to \$70.

QUESTIONS ARISE

If a Medicare beneficiary has limited income or resources and needs financial assistance to pay for monthly premiums, deductibles and co-payments, help may be available through Social Security.

"There are so many plans and they don't really specify what drugs they cover," said Coden, co-president of the Jewish Women International Centennial Chapter. "Right now I won't have to make a choice but never know when I'll have to do it. As you age your health situation gets worse. I do have a lot of friends who will have to make these choices and they're

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Barbara Coden (left) and Carrie Nicholson discuss the new Medicare prescription drug coverage at the Area Agency on Aging in Southfield.

Dr. Daniel Harber Returns to his Roots

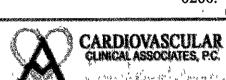
Cardiovascular Clinical Associates physician, Dr. Daniel Harber, D.O., FACC has returned to practice medicine where he grew up. Board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiology, he oversees Botsford General Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program. A graduate of Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, with a Masters Degree in exercise physiology from the University of Michigan he is clearly no stranger to the area.

His research interests include cardiac catheterization, stress testing and pacemakers. Dr. Harber completed his internship, residency, and fellowship training at Botsford General Hospital. He is also Board certified in nuclear Cardiology and is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He regularly lectures at Garden City Hospital, Oakwood Hospital and in the

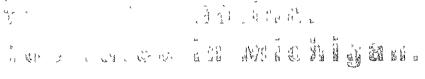
community on various topics in cardiology and general health and fitness. He is actively involved in research at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital and Annapolis Hospital where he helps develop cost effective critical pathways for the cardiovascular patient population.

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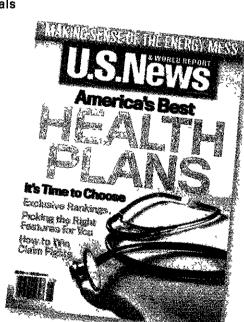
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not happy with it. A lot of my friends who don't take a lot of medication said it would be cheaper if they didn't participate. I think we need for congressmen and senators to be in whatever plan they put us in. If they had to live like we did

we'd receive the best coverage." It's not Nicholson's place to judge whether the plans will help all seniors. Some do-not need a Medicare prescription drug plan because they have coverage as part of retiree benefits. Nicholson does know that if a senior is on several medications it could help lower drug costs and protect them from high costs in the future. It will help low-income people as well as those without prescription drug coverage.

COMPARISON

Nicholson likes to compare the new Medicare prescription drug plans to car insurance.

"If I never get into a car accident you have to ask yourself is my insurance coverage helping me. Yes, it is if I get into a car accident," said Nicholson. "On the front end you might pay more out of pocket, but you may get sick and need more prescriptions and will be glad you have it. It is insurance and that's how people have to think about it."

The agency is already receiving about 500 calls a day from seniors wanting information to be able to make an educated decision. Enrollment begins Nov. 15 and continues to May 15. If seniors, don't enroll when first eligible they might pay a higher premium in the future that is if they don't have any other prescription coverage now. Anyone with prescription coverage - teachers, employees of corporations such as General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, will receive a letter by Nov. 14 indicating their options.

"People want to know about their options, what will happen with retiree benefits, if they have Medicaid how to enroll and compare plans," said Nicholson, who's upset because a tool comparing the 78 plans was supposed to be available during training. Without the information the agency isn't able to teach the volunteers who will assist seniors when enrollment begins.

The agency's Medicare/Medicaid program has scheduled assistance days for seniors to make an appointment and come in for help. The first takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Twelve more are scheduled in Oakland

Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties through Dec. 20 with others to take place in spring. For more information, call (800)

In Wayne County the Area Agency on Aging 1C can be reached at (734) 722-2830 for assistance.

WEB HELP

"They've promised us the comparison tool by the time enrollment begins," said Nicholson. "People can go on the Internet to Medicare's Web site (www.medicare.gov) for the comparison tool and enroll right on the site.

People with Medicaid are all going to be moved over to Medicare for prescription drug coverage. They will get a letter telling them what's happening and what plan they will be enrolled in. That person should call the plan and make sure it meets their needs. If it does, they don't have to do anything. If it doesn't they'll want to get assistance from us or the Web site. We offer unbiased counseling information. We don't endorse any plans which vary on monthly premiums, deductibles, what drugs and pharmacies are covered, what geographic region is covered. All are sponsored by Medicare."

Nicholson recommends peo-

ple take their time and do their homework before selecting one of the 78 plans.

"We can have a counselor walk them through it, take the fear out of all this choice. There's a lot of heavy marketing from Blue Cross, HAP and maybe companies they've never heard of but they don't have to rush into it."

According to the official government handbook, Medicare & You, most plans have a formulary, a list of covered drugs which can change anytime after a 60-day notice is given. Medicare beneficiaries need to choose the plan that covers all of their prescriptions. If a drug is dropped, the beneficiary or his or her doctor can apply for an exception or appeal the decision, according to the handbook.

"This is available to anyone who has Medicare, not just seniors age 65 or older," said Nicholson. "Persons with certain disabilities under the age of 65 could have Medicare and people with end-stage renal disease, or Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Each of these persons should make the effort to get educated and make the decision based on their particular prescription needs."

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POLYMYOSITIS

Polymyositis is another medical term that sounds imposing, but if you break it down, is straightforward in its meaning "Poly" stands for many, "myo" means muscles, and "sitis" is the word ending that denotes inflammation. Polymyositis stands for multiple muscle inflammation. Weakness is the way you feel this problem. You find you cannot arise from a chair or toilet without effort, you cannot climb stairs, and lifting a book or holding up a newspaper becomes

difficult to impossible. You may also have difficulty swallowing juice or coffee The cause for Polymyositis is unknown Research indicates that most cases come from an unwanted effect of immune antibodies that instead of attacking a virus or bacteria, attach to muscle fibers and inflame them.

Again, weakness is the hallmark of Polymyositis. Muscle pain over the body comes from other causes such as fibromyalgia, polymyalgia rheumatica, or viral infections. That is why to determine if Polymyositis is present, your doctor tests your muscle strength. Laboratory tests specific for muscle imflammation help to confirm findings from your history and physical examination.

Identifying Polymyositis is important because its treatment is specific, involving prolonged oral steroid medication. Also, polymyositis can be associated with other problems which require

Polymyositis also differs from the muscle aching connected with use of anti-lipid drugs. At times this distinction is difficult, and made only be stopping the cholesterol medication for a month to 6 weeks and seeing how your aching and weakness responds

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De-stress your holidays

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Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer ques- 📡 tions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Recovery Inc.

The mental health support group meets 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, the group meets every Friday, in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-0027.

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Smart businesses tap into women's purses

By Diane Gale Andreassi

vara Warner is the author of the recently published book "The Power of the Purse: How Smart Businesses Are Adapting to the World's Most Important Consumers." She tells businesses how to tap into women's purses.

Women currently drive some 80 percent of all buying decisions, according to Warner who has written extensively for the "New York Times," "Time Inc.," the "Wall Street Journal" and other national publica-

By 2010 it is estimated that women will account for half of American's private wealth--\$13 trillion dollars, she says. Many companies, however, haven't changed the way they think about women as consumers, Warner explains. PINK caught up with Warner to hear more about what she has to say about women in the marketplace. Here's what she had to

Tell us about some of the major companies that have turned around their businesses to attract more women consumers?

Some of the more interesting are The Home Depot, Kodak



Fara Warner is the author of 'The Power of the Purse: How Smart Businesses Are Adapting to the World's Most Important Consumers.

and Nike. They had to overcome a lot of corporate culture and conventional wisdom about women as consumers to really change their businesses. The Home Depot was moving rapidly from women making color choices to knocking down walls. The Home Depot realized women evolve quickly. Once you teach them one thing they say, 'Hey, I want to do a bigger project.'

A number of companies got religion in the early 2000s, because of slumping sales. Kodak began to look at their consumer base. Women are the social historian of the family, the memory maker of the

family. The digital photography business had taken a hightech approach. Women were also interested in how quickly can I download photos.

Kodak went to defining their core consumers, women. What could Kodak do for them? That lead to creating a camera called, EasyShare.

What social and economic shifts have made women the driving force behind most buying decisions?

Women have been strong influencers of what we buy for 20 or 30 years. What has really changed is that women are now self earners. In 30.7 percent of marriages women are

the major earners in their families. That is including college students and retiree's. Take those out and it's still 11 percent of the marriages. There is a growing economic power of women gaining self earning, which changes what we buy and how we buy it. We're not spending other people's money we're spending our money. We're building on 40 and 50 years of moving into the work force, of playing sports. You get this building effect.

Why do women have more buying clout than men?

We are sort of the controllers Legwarmers of the home. There's this real sense that women are still the emotional center of the homes, They're the ones who make the household work-taking care of the home, buying things for the home.

What's the best thing a company can do to tan into the female market?

Not thinking of women as a minority market, and that we are the majority. The company has to change the way it is marketing. If women aren't happy they will walk away.

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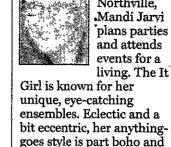
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ensembles. Eclectic and a bit eccentric, her anythinggoes style is part boho and part chic, influenced by San Francisco and travels around the world. Mandi proves that cultivating your own look is better than getting stuck on the trends. This week, she shares her favorite picks with PINK.

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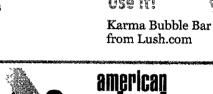
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The average amount of income lost by working people who don't get hearing aids ranges from \$1,000 a year — for those with mild hearing loss — to \$12,000 a year for those with profound hearing loss.

However, on average, the income decline due to hearing loss can be cut in half by wearing a hearing aid, the research revealed.

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only one out of four Americans with hearing problems are getting treatment.

Many people are embarrassed to admit they have hearing problems and might need hearing aids, experts say. Some incorrectly think a hearing aid will make them seem odd or less able to do the job than their co-workers.

the job than their co-worker "If you seem out of touch because you can't hear very well, you will be much more noticeable than you would be with a modern hearing device in your ear," said Dr. Sergei Kochkin, the Better Hearing Institute's executive director.

In the workplace, he points out, good communications skills are essential, particularly when it comes to understanding what customers and co-workers want. Other research shows that untreated hearing problems disrupt family life, hamper emotional intimacy and increase the chances of psychological problems.

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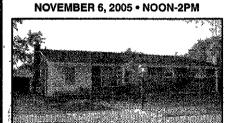
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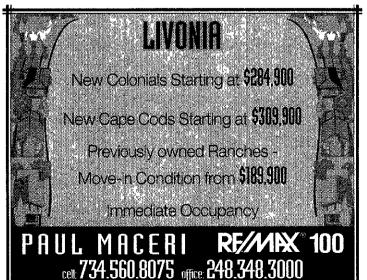


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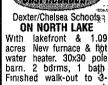
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. The pillared porch leads into the entry, with a full view of the vaulted great room. To the right of the entry is a formal vaulted living room, accented with a half round window that allows light to pour over the room. This room is set to be an optional third bedroom if needed. Opposite the living room is the vaulted formal dining area accented with a tall square window and a built-in hutch on one wall.

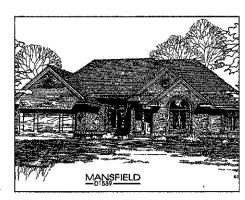
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As the Mansfield contains only two bedrooms, it is ideal for the new family or for empty nesters. The master suite has two large walk-in closets, a huge bathroom with a corner spa tub, hisand-her sinks, a shower, and a large skylight overhead. Beyond the master suite, the second bedroom has a wall closet, a linen closet in the hall, and easy access to the main bathroom

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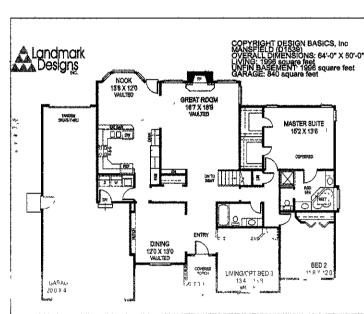
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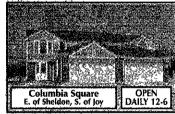


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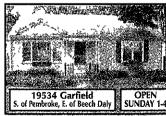
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Homes at Northville Hills Golf Club Selling Quickly Ravine View Home Sites in Private Enclave Now Available

Advertising Feature

Toll Brothers, the nation's leading luxury home builder, has announced the release of a new section of breathtaking ravine home sites at Northville Hills Golf Club, the area's most prestigious public golf club and recipient of the 2001 Community of the Year award by the Southeastern Michigan **Building Industry** Association (BIA).

For home buyers contemplating a new home purchase, now is the time to visit the Toll Brothers sales centers at Northville Hills. "The views will last a lifetime, but the opportunity to live here will not," said

Colleen Weber, Sales Manager for The Estate Collection. Offering singlefamily homes and luxury condominiums, buyers have several choices.

For those searching for more privacy and scenic views, the just released Prestwick Estates enclave located east of Sheldon Road and on the north side of Five Mile Road offers single-family homes - many of which offer walkout lower levels on breathtaking ravine home sites - priced from the mid-\$500,000s.

The Estate Collection features single-family home located on and around the

golf course between Five and Six Mile Roads and Sheldon and Beck Roads, priced from the upper \$400,000s.

The Villa Collection of condominium homes, starting in the upper \$400,000s, is perfect for those desiring luxurious low-maintenance living. Several home designs are available including a first-floor master suite plan.

"We have several homes under construction and available for quicker occupancy," said Lynn Phillips, Sales Manager for The Villas. "We encourage buyers to stop in for a tour and see for themselves why our condominium homes have sold so fast."

Every Toll Brothers home includes outstanding features such as dramatic architectural trim, 9 ft. firstfloor ceilings, two-story foyers, and opulent master suites. Hundreds of prepriced options are available such as sunrooms, conservatories, and game rooms.

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Northville HillsEstates residents enjoy resort-class amenities including tennis courts and a Swim & Fitness Center with a resort pool, separate kiddie pool, and fitness center. Villa homeowners enjoy the luxury of their

and fitness facility. Recently rated one of the top ten public golf courses in southeast Michigan, Northville Hills was designed by the legendary golf great Arnold Palmer with Palmer Course Design Co. Complementing the

own cabana, outdoor pool,

course is the clubhouse with a pro shop, driving range, locker rooms, restaurant, and banquet facilities.

Toll Brothers' Sales Centers are open everyday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call The **Estate Collection** (734) 254-9100, Prestwick Estates (734) 416-9220, or The Villas (734) 667-9400 or visit northvillehills.com.







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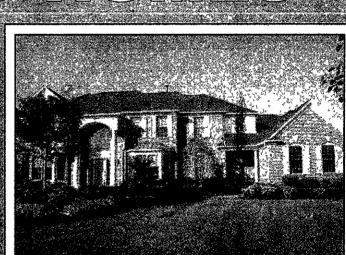
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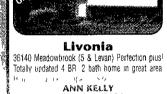
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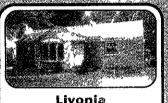








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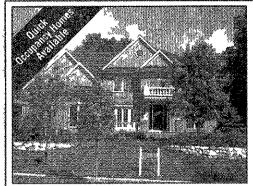


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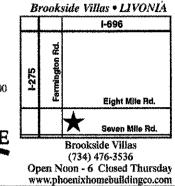
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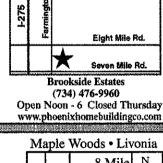
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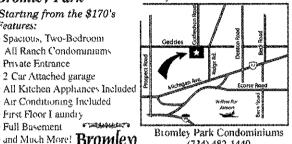


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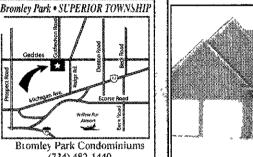
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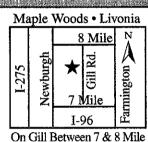


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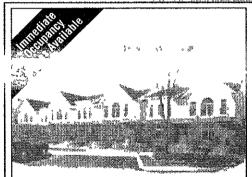
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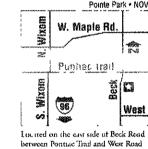
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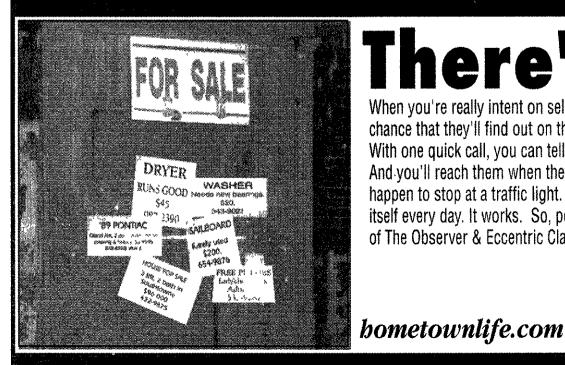
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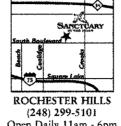
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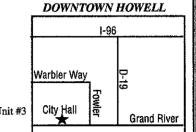
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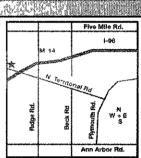


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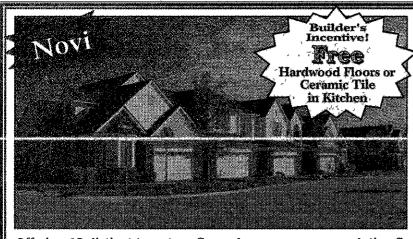
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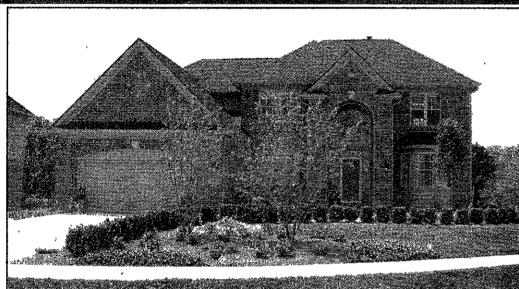
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For example, if the asking price is \$300,000, and three similar homes in the same location sold around \$250,000, then most likely, the house's market value is about \$250,000. There is some variation since no home is exactly the same.

You also need to gather as much information as possible about the home you are interested in. How long has the house been on the market? Is the seller motivated to sell? Is the seller a bank?

Usually, if a home is on the market for a long time it may mean that the sellers have more urgency to sell their house. On the other hand, that could also mean that the sellers don't have strong motivation to sell, as well.

Don't be deterred if the asking price is well above the market value. I believe it is a mistake for sellers to do this. Some sellers are trying to give themselves more negotiating space.

Sellers may be more likely to deal with the reality of the true market value of their house if they have an actual written offer in front of them. Also, I would caution against making verbal offers.

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what you want to pay for the house, and putting it in writing with an earnest money deposit and a pre-approval. It makes it, much more real when there is a written offer.

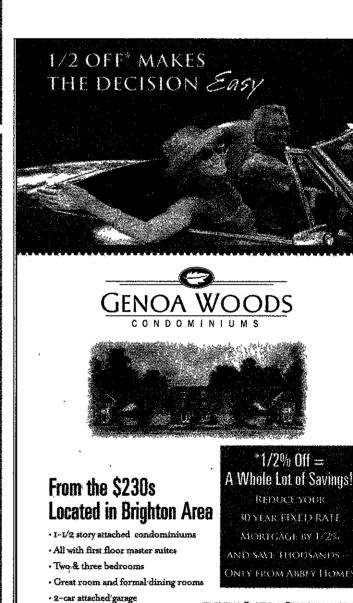
Another important aspect is the terms of the agreement. It could be that you want your closing costs included in your mortgage. Many times, sellers will agree to this and it allows you to need less up front money. You may want to sell before you buy. You can make your offer contingent upon the sale of your house, however, it hurts you when it comes to negotiating price.

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SEMINAR NOV. 12

There will be free home buying class sponsored by Michael Aldouby at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, in Farmington Hills. Topics will include how to get started looking for home, finding the right house, making an offer, buying foreclosures, and different mortgage programs. Please RSVP by Thursday by calling (248) 851-4100, Ext. 449, or e-mailing michaelaldouby@hotmail.com.



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m noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 — "Building the Dry Basement" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$20 for **BIA** or Apartment Association of Michigan members and

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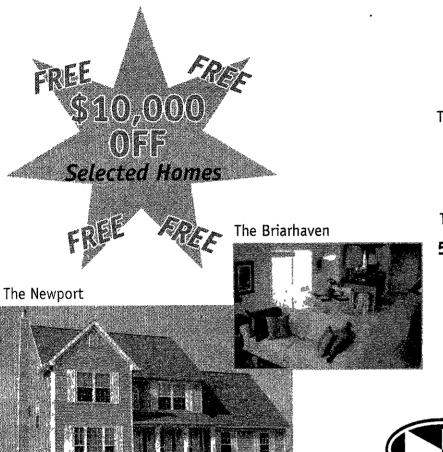
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, "Convention Strategies" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

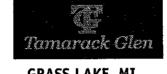
■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, "Extreme Success" seminar at Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. A discussion on risks that yield better results, new ways to deal with fear and how to break free from the "Struggle Syndrome." Registration fee is \$59 for sales and marketing council members, \$89 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$109 for non-members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

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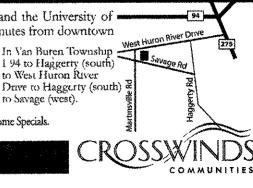
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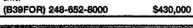
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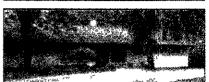


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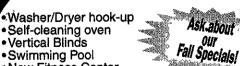
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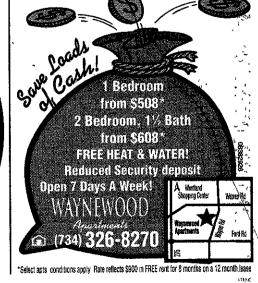
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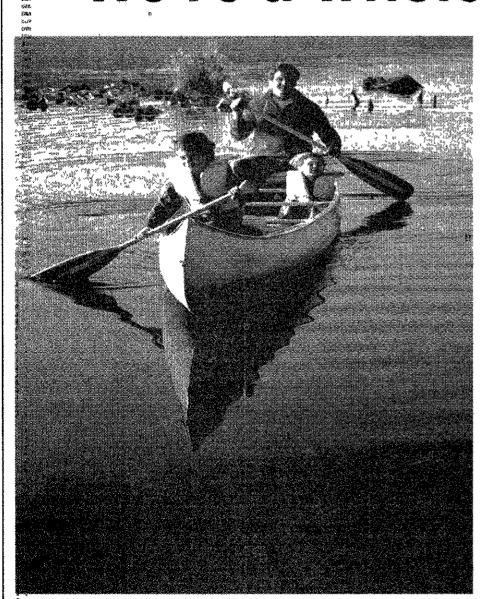
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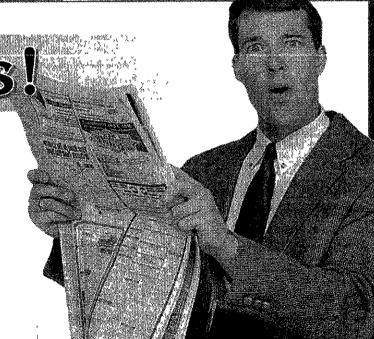
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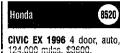
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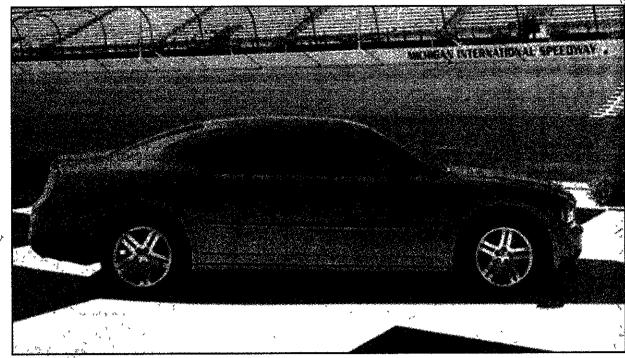
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I have a friend who loves cars, especially muscle cars from the late 1960s. Impressing him with anything from this century is tough. I know that because he once told me, "Impressing me with anything from this century is tough." When I told him I was going to test drive the 2006 Dodge Charger R/T, he was mildly excited to see what DaimlerChrysler did to the classic Charger name. I know that because he told me, "I'm mildly excited to see what DaimlerChrysler did to the classic Charger name."

OK, he didn't actually use those words, but he, like a lot of us who love cars, really wanted to get a good, long look at the new Charger. I'll share his verdict with you later. As for me, I'll tell you the Charger is one cool car to have in your driveway.

Well start with the powerful look of the new Charger R/T. Look at the car straight on and tell me you don't see it scowling at you, daring you to try to handle it. The inward tilt of the headlights look like a furrowed brow and the front grille looks like it's ready to bellow at you. The sloping roofline gives way to a huge rear fender for a look that says speed and power. The rear-wheel drive, four-door Charger comes with dual rear exhaust with bright exhaust tips, fog lamps and 18" wheels. A sunroof is optional.

Having fun driving this thing is not optional - it just happens. The R/T version of the Charger comes with plenty of power; it has a 5.7 liter, 340hp HEMI V-8 engine with dual ignition (two spark plugs per cylinder). It's rated at 390 lb.-ft. of torque and, combined with the standard auto-stick transmission, gives you plenty of jump off the line and power to pass on the freeway. Fortunately, it doesn't require premium fuel. Dodge does recommend mid-range fuel, but regular is acceptable. The Multi Displacement System on the HEMI deactivates four of the cylinders when full V-8 power isn't needed keeping the EPA rating at The R/T



2006 Dodge Charger R/T. Type: Large car. Where Built: Brampton, Ontario, Canada. EPA: 17/25. Base Price: \$29,320. Price as tested: \$35,565

version of the Charger comes with 18" touring tires and specially tuned dampers; there is a package upgrade that will give you 18" Michelin MXM4 allseason tires and self-leveling shock absorbers. A specially tuned performance exhaust and induction system, which gives you an extra 10 hp, is included in that group, as are power adjustable pedals and heated front seat. The Charger also comes with Electronic Stability Control and traction control. The result is a car that hugs the road and handles very well. Power rack and pinion steering and anti-lock brakes are

inside the cockpit, driving position is excellent, thanks to the raising of the seats by two inches from previous Dodge sedans. The upgraded power suede seats are quite comfortable and provide good support. There's plenty of room to stretch out and even tall drivers won't feel boxed in. The rear seats are 60/40 fold down and there's an armrest with a cupholder.

The instrument cluster includes a 160 mph speedometer which I assume means it's OK to drive that fast if you want (note to wives and law enforcement - that's a joke). The optional upgraded instrument cluster comes with a driver information center, compass, mini trip computer, and display screen. The Charger R/T also comes with air conditioning, power

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audio system widow is built in (pet peeve of mine). The GPS system is easy to read and navigate. It's not perfect - it showed me driving through a lake once but for the most part you get good information.

The 2006 Dodge Charger R/T starts at a little over \$29,000. Add the optional sunroof, performance package, GPS system, upgraded audio and you're at about \$35,000.

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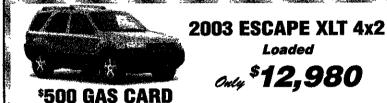
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