

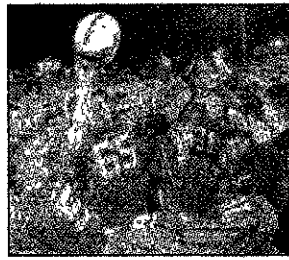
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Canton waits for election payback

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Days after the Nov. 8 general election — and more than three months after holding the August primary — Wayne County said it would pay for — officials in Canton Township and the city of Plymouth are among those in 19 communities still waiting for the promised reimbursement.

The municipalities were required to hold an election, despite not having any local issues, so Wayne County could propose a parks millage to voters, with the promise to pay back the communities for their expenses.

"They're the ones who said we had to hold a special election, even though we didn't have the need for a primary," said Bob Marzano of Plunkett & Cooney, the city attorney for Plymouth. "We were told by the county we would be reimbursed if we

the ballot.

"We submitted a bill for \$13,057 and they sent us a check for \$11,174," said Marzano. "They indicated we would have to send more detailed documentation. We just want our \$1,883."

Canton Township submitted a bill of \$55,459 to Wayne County, and received reimbursement totaling \$42,890.

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said the costs for those communities that didn't have primaries were determined by the Office of Management and Budget.

"We estimated how much it would cost each community to run the election," said Helmkamp. "They shouldn't have needed more than the most minimal of staff. Some of the communities submitted billings beyond our estimated budget."

"Communities that sent bills that were 10 percent or more above our estimated costs were sent a letter to send documentation," he said.

Both Plymouth and Canton were questioned about two line items in their billings, rentals and programming.

Helmkamp said the estimated costs were based on the 2000 presidential primary in Michigan. He noted Wayne County budgeted \$520,000 for election reimbursements, and received bills from municipalities that totaled \$60,000 more than expected.

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Canton deer processor Michael Boyer hands boxes of venison to Canton resident Steve White, who was picking up the venison for his hunting partner.

Hunting fades away

Though still legal, fewer hunters are taking
to the field in Canton

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

With the traditional Nov. 15 firearms deer hunting season opener around the corner, roughly 750,000 Michigan hunters are gearing up to take to the woods during the next couple of weeks.

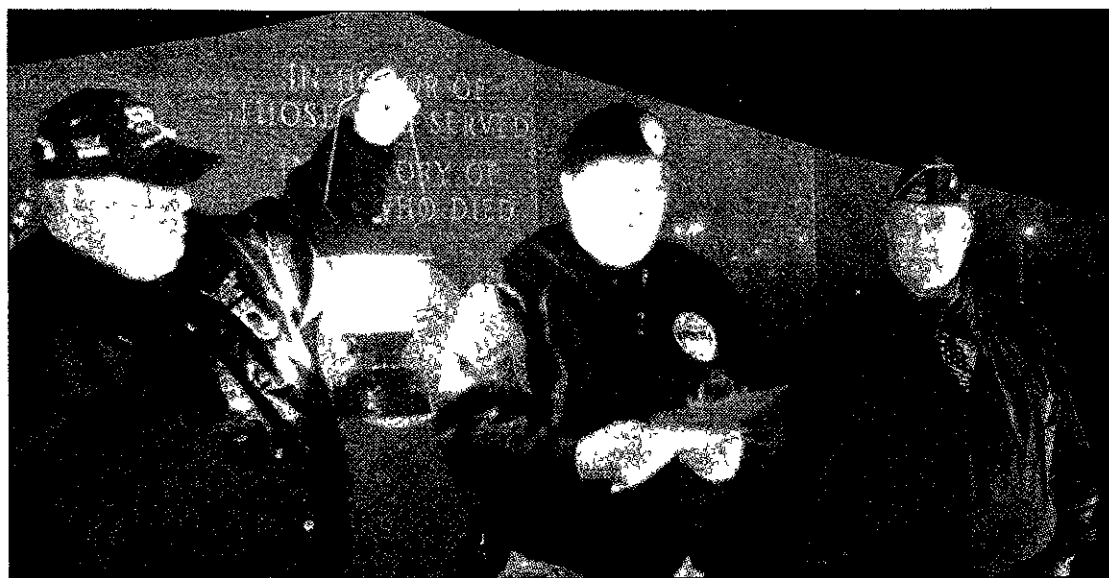
Yet, the few areas in Canton where one can still hunt will

remain silent. That's because the only deer hunting allowed in the township must be done with a bow and arrow. Current law says hunters can discharge only a shotgun using a shot no larger than a No. 6, which isn't sufficient to bring down a deer. And hunting with a rifle is illegal in all of southern Michigan.

If some in Canton had their way, however, nobody would be

allowed to hunt deer in the township. Or pheasant, rabbits, squirrels or any other game. Last year Canton officials, including Public Safety Director John Santomauro, were hoping to enact an ordinance that would ban all hunting in the township. However, only the Michigan Department

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Veterans remember

Ted Enright holds the lantern illuminating notes for Gary Kubik and John Spencer as local veterans, including members of Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans Post 528 gather at the Heritage Park Veteran's Memorial Friday evening to honor those who have served our country. The ceremony included the playing of 'Taps' by Rich Mazurkiewicz.

District could face tough sell

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Beginning early next year, Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators and the Board of Education will begin framing a campaign to convince district residents to vote "yes" on two bond proposals in May worth a total of \$118.3 million.

The toughest sell might not be the amount of money or the projects the bonds are intended to support but could be the fact the tax hike question will come 20 months after a \$109 million bond proposal that was passed by 71 percent of the voters in September 2004.

School board trustees voted 6-1 Tuesday to approve the two-question ballot proposal. The first will ask voters to approve \$102 million for a \$32 million career and technical education center at the high school park; \$28.3 million for a new middle school to be constructed in Canton Township; and \$2.7 million for growth and equity improvements at elementary and middle school buildings; and \$12.9 million for renovation and repurposing of Central Middle School, among other items.

The second ballot ques-

tion for \$16.3 million includes \$12 million for a new theater to be constructed at Plymouth High School, \$3 million for an auxiliary gym at Salem High School and \$1.3 million for Canton High School athletic fields.

"Because the 1997 bond (for construction of Plymouth High School and Dodson Elementary) was challenged and didn't go until '99, we're just behind," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "We didn't build Plymouth High School hoping to fill it, we were so over-crowded at Canton and Salem that we had to disperse the kids. Now, we've got to look at space again."

"My job is to help the community imagine what these additions will do, not only for the educational system but the whole community," he said. "We need for the parents who have kids in kindergarten now to see how important it's going to be to do things in middle school and at the high school. When you get there, you can pick out what you think you want to do."

When Rosemary Maul of Canton moved with her family from the east coast, she did her homework in

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Village voters get new polling place

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's not easy hosting company, particularly when the visitors begin to number in the hundreds. Voters who visit Cherry Hill Methodist Church will soon have to go to a new location when they vote, following the church's decision to no longer provide a polling place for Canton Township.

"Cherry Hill Methodist Church notified us that they could no longer provide a location for us," said Township Clerk Terry Bennett. "It really is hard on a location to do that. You may or may not have someone who's available to open the building at 6 a.m. and you may or may not have a staff available that can attend to the building."

Bennett set out to look for a new location for the residents who used to vote at the church, and had a hard time finding one, she said.

"What we finally agreed to was Cherry Hill School," Bennett said of the historic school located in Cherry Hill Village at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The election commission agreed at its Nov. 8 meeting that the location would replace the old one, which is about a quarter mile away.

The clerk's office will send out notification to voters who are affected by the change, and those voters will be receiving new voter registration cards in the mail.

"It is in the neighborhood for the most part, and for the people in Cherry Hill Village it will offer a walkable polling location," Bennett said.

The school elections in May will be the first election at the new location, according to Bennett.

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After-hours mixer

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an after hours business mixer from 6-8 p.m., Nov. 15 at Bailey's Pub & Grille (1777 Canton Center Road at the southwest corner of Ford and Canton Center). Representatives from the Dearborn Heights Chamber of Commerce will be joining the group, offering joint networking opportunities.

There is no charge for admission, cash bar and complimentary appetizers will be provided. Reservations are necessary. For more information or to make reservations, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Youth orchestra

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be presenting a concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets are \$5.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and is conducted by Ariel Toews, the Plymouth Symphony's assistant conductor. The orchestra is comprised of two ensembles - the Celebration Strings and the Celebration Sinfonia. The group debuted in fall 2003 for orchestral musicians ages 9 and up. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring

students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is presented with support from the Westland Community Foundation, and the Canton Community Foundation. It is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program, which will impact more than 5,000 students this year. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Concert Education Campaign help fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout southeast Michigan.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by phone or in person at Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460, by phone or in person at the Plymouth Symphony Office, (734) 451-2112, or at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance.

For more information, please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org.

Homeowners meeting

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 14 in the lower level of the Canton Administration Building. The evening's guest speaker will be 35th District Court Judge



Scouts to the rescue

Canton Township trustee Todd Caccamo, Supervisor Tom Yack and trustee Melissa McLaughlin stand with some local Girl Scouts, who recently completed a hurricane fund-raiser. The Service Units E, A and B of the Canton/Plymouth Girl Scouts, which includes scouts from Eriksson, Fiegel, Miller, Canton Charter, Field, Hoben, All Saints, Dodson, Tonda, Bentley, Hulsing and Gallimore elementaries, participated in Nickelodeon's 'We've Got Your Back' initiative to provide school supplies and other items to victims of Hurricane Katrina. In total, the girls brought in 130 backpacks, 243 notebooks, 57 stuffed animals, and much more. Last month, the girls shipped a full pallet of supplies to Hogg Middle School in Houston, Texas.

Mike Gerou, who will discuss the inner workings of the court system.

The Homeowners Advisory Council is an organization of homeowners, as well as condo owners and associations combined into one body for the purpose of maintaining and improving the quality of life in the Canton community. The council acts in an advisory body to the community and to the Canton administration. It also disseminates information and advises homeowners and associations on topics of concern.

Germ free

The Germ Doctor makes a house call to Jungle Java on Canton Center Road in Canton from 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The goal is simple: Help kids find out more about how to stay healthy this winter. Kids will learn and be entertained at the same time. Fun demonstrations are include complete with powdered germs and lots of handouts. This is a perfect way for parents to help their kids learn why it's important to wash their hands, take their baths, and stay healthy during

the flu season.

Jungle Java is located in Canton at the corner of Canton Center and Hanford. Price is \$6 for children 2-18, \$3 for children 12-23 months. Adults and children under 1-year-old are admitted free.

For more information, call (734) 927-6680 from 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Singing auditions

Destination Theatre is looking for 16-24 voices for the choir that will accompany the dramatic performance of "John Brown's Body," the epic poem by Stephen Vincent Benet. The score is traditional, Civil War-era music sung in four part harmony, with several solos. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing from "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," engage in various vocal exercises and sight-read from the score.

The audition will take place in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. The performance will be Feb. 10 and 11

on the main stage at The Village Theater. Please direct any questions to Patrick Persons at personsp@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 416-9883.

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 purchase 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.

School fund-raiser

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

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

Family Christmas show

The Canton Concert Band will hold its second annual holiday concert, "Gather Round the Tree: A Family Christmas", Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

The stage of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be transformed with trees, sleighs and all the sights of the holidays. The band will play traditional and holiday favorite music.

Tickets are \$8, and are available at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460.

For more information about the concert or the band, call director Jim Blough at (734) 495-1608, or go to www.cantonband.com.

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Canton Township trustee Todd Caccamo, who recently re-enlisted in the U.S. Marine Reserves, is hoping to be sent to Iraq.

Serving his country

Trustee re-enlists in Marines to help in Iraq

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's only been in the last couple of weeks or so that Canton Township trustee Todd Caccamo has had to qualify statements about the future with, "if I'm still here." He plans on running for township board again, "if I'm still here." He plans on getting more involved, "if I'm still here."

His quantifier stems from the fact he just re-enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps reserves. "I don't really expect anyone to understand this unless they've been a Marine," Caccamo said. Nearly two years ago, Caccamo, who served in the Marine Corps from 1990 to 1996, and served during Operation Desert Storm,

began the paperwork to re-enlist. "It took a long time to get the paperwork through, even though for new recruits they can get you processed fast," he said. "Now everything is all set and I'm just waiting for the results of my physical, and they needed some information about eye surgery I had done." He anticipates that in about six weeks, he'll be sworn in and attached to a unit. Where he goes from there is anyone's guess, but it would be reasonable to believe he'd be deployed to Iraq, he said. "I would like to be called for

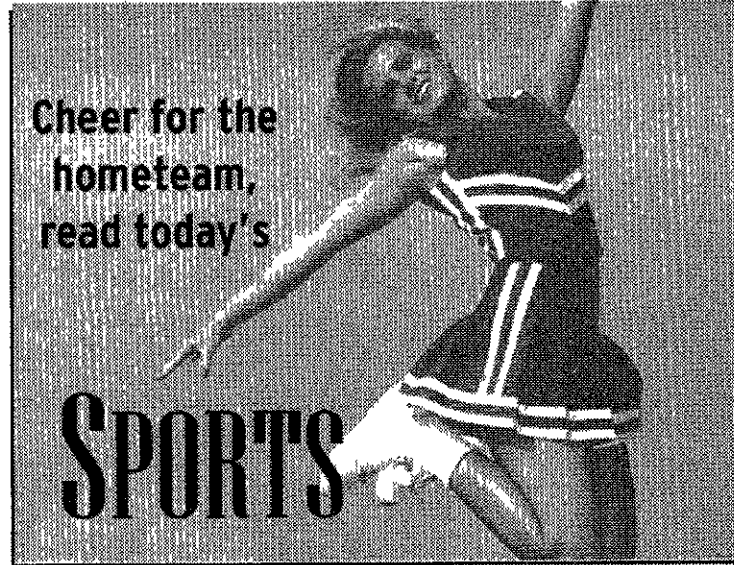
active duty. And it would be likely I'd be going to Iraq," said 33-year-old Caccamo. "I want to help my fellow Marines finish the job we started when I was in the first Gulf War." But in the immediate future, he'll serve one weekend per month and two weeks in the summer. Caccamo is not a father, but he said his wife is supporting his decision for him to re-enlist. "My wife is a very strong woman and understands that I feel strongly about this," he said. cmarshall@hometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700

Workshop to help grieving families get through holidays

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The weather's turning brisk and southeast Michigan could get its first dusting of snow this week, reminders that the winter holidays are growing ever more near. But not everyone finds this time of year a happy one, particularly if grief is part of the season. To help people who are trying to deal with grief during the holidays, L. J. Griffin Funeral Home is for the 12th year inviting the public to attend a memorial service and grief workshop for families who have experienced loss and personal grief during the past year. "Every year we have a grief counselor come in for a bereavement support group and a workshop on coping during the holidays," said David Griffin. "We have to do this every year. It helps." The evening will begin with a half-hour memorial service at 7 p.m., then a workshop on grief. The counselor is also available to offer personal one-on-one sessions, Griffin said. "It's not just for our clients.

About half of the families who attend every year have heard about the workshop from a friend or in the newspaper," Griffin said. "Sometimes people just need a little extra support to make it through this time of year." It's difficult, he added, because so often it's the holidays that brings families together, and the holidays can remind grieving people of happier times. "With busy schedules and families being so scattered, very often they only get together during the holidays. It's too bad that we can't focus on the family daily or weekly. So during the holidays, the grieving family may have sort of a flashback of the memories and the times they did have together," Griffin said. The L. J. Griffin Funeral Home 12th annual memorial service will be held 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 42600 Ford Road in Canton. For more information or to RSVP, call (734) 981-1700. cmarshall@hometownlife.com (734) 459-2700



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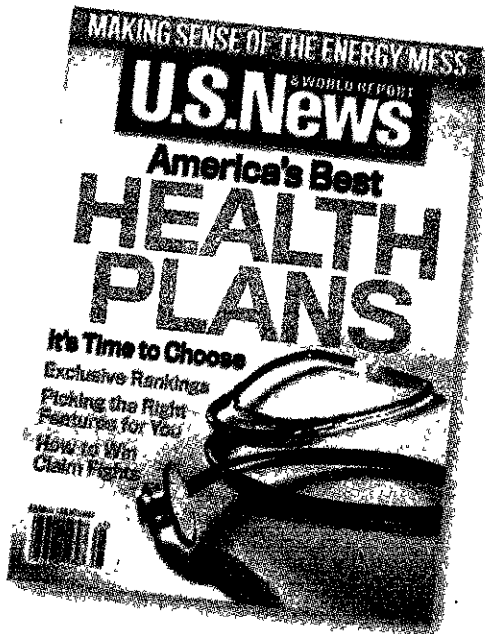
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HUNTING

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of Natural Resources can ban hunting in areas where it is currently allowed.

"Over the last 15 years, we keep asking the DNR to further restrict hunting (in Canton) and they keep telling us they have found no reason to review it," said Deputy Police Chief Laura Golles.

As it is, the area open to hunting has decreased over the years. Currently, hunting is allowed only west of Canton Center, from Warren south to Michigan Avenue. There are a few exceptions, which is why the township has a map available that shows designated hunting areas, which are classified as open or restricted.

Tim Payne, of the DNR's wildlife division and supervisor of the Southeast Michigan

Management Unit, said the process by which hunting closures can be put in place has changed since John Engler was governor. Before Engler came to office, he said a hunting control committee had sole authority to review hunting in a particular area. The committee not only included DNR officials, but would incorporate local law enforcement personnel and government officials, and would hold hearings in the local area, so people could have a say on the matter.

Payne said Engler abolished the committee, and turned over the authority to the department's law enforcement division in Lansing.

From a biologist's perspective, however, Payne said he is in favor of keeping hunting available in as many areas as possible. He said many times, hunting is the best tool the

department has in dealing with problem animals.

"We want to make sure hunting closures are done for legitimate reasons," Payne said. "Lots of people have coyote or deer or Canada goose problems. With hunting seasons, we can address some of those problems. We like to keep those options available, so people can take care of those problems themselves. I'm not advocating hunting in subdivisions, but I want to keep the tools available."

Longtime Canton resident Bob Boyer, who owns Boyer's Meat Processing on the township's still rural southwest side, said the fact that less and less people are hunting in Canton hasn't hurt his business in the least bit. In fact, he said it has actually picked up over the years, as more and more people have moved to Canton, because many of them are hunters who just happen to hunt somewhere in the state.

Boyer says he processes as many as 1,200 deer during a hunting season. Although his business relies on hunting, he's not worried about hunting fading away in Canton. He said it's inevitable with all the development that has taken place in recent years.

"You can't hunt within 500 feet of a building, so a lot of the hunting will just faze itself out," Boyer said. "You are see-

ing more and more dwellings in Canton, so I would say in two to three years it will faze out. Where is there going to be any land where you are not 500 feet from a dwelling?"

In fact, Boyer has already sold most of his 11-acre farm to a developer, as have his neighbors. He said the developer, who is going to build a subdivision, is looking to relocate Boyer and his business somewhere south of Michigan Avenue.

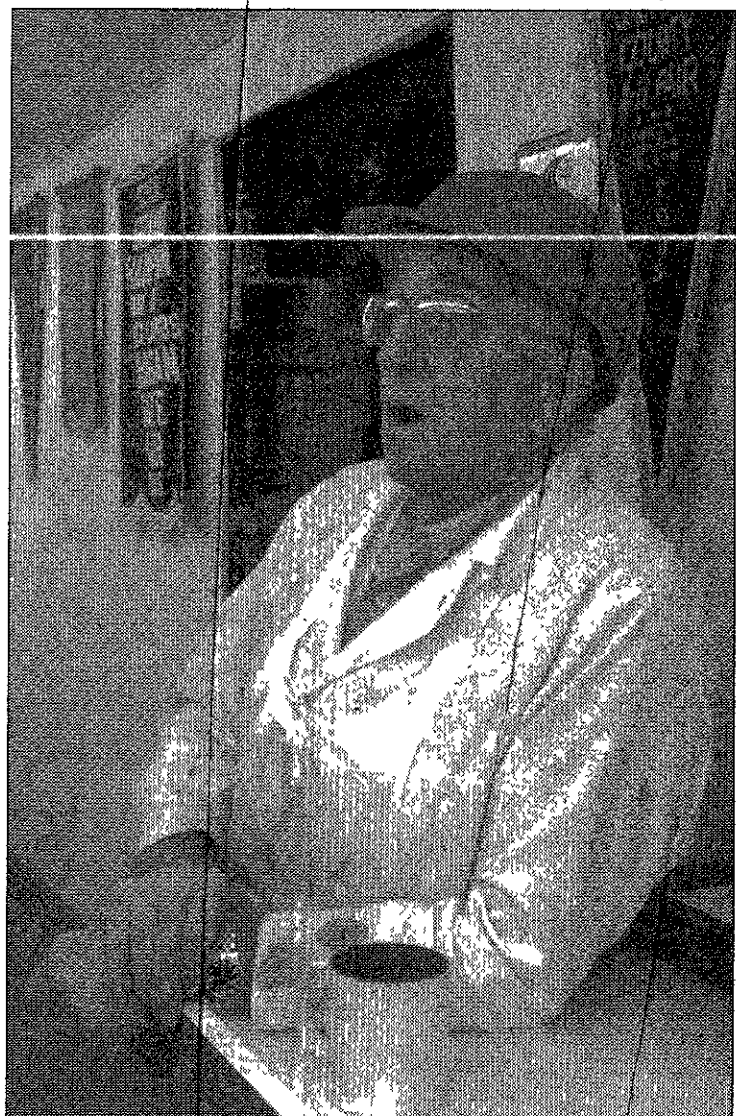
"They're just looking for the right piece of land," Boyer said. Golles said hunters should make sure they know the rules before going out into the field, especially concerning private property. She said hunting is not permitted without first obtaining verbal permission from a property owner.

Still, Canton police get few complaints about hunters.

"Occasionally, we will get calls from landowners that a person is hunting without permission, but it is infrequent," Golles said.

She said the department will also enforce all hunting laws. Careless and reckless discharge of a firearm is a misdemeanor, and is subject to a \$500 fine.

A map of Canton detailing the open, closed, and restricted areas is available at the township clerk's office.



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Bob Boyer, owner of Boyer's Meat Processing, says growth will ultimately seal hunting's demise in the township.



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Orchestra Canton concert to entertain, educate children

Orchestra Canton presents the second concert of its 2005 season at 4 p.m. on Nov. 20 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, with its presentation of



Bhirdo

"Peter and the Wolf" and Other Family Favorites. According to Orchestra Canton Executive Director Jennifer Philpot-Munson

the program will be an educational adventure that teaches children about musical instruments used in the symphony.

"This will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce children to the different instruments, because each instrument plays a specific character in the story," she said.

Sergei Prokofiev's family classic story, "Peter and the Wolf," will be narrated by radio personality Randall Bhirdo (Rockin' Randall from 106.7 FM "The Drive"). Philpot-Munson said she

approached several local celebrities to narrate the story, including actor Jeff Daniels and Sonny

Elliot, when Bhirdo agreed to do the job.

"Hopefully this will be the first of an annual tradition of performing Peter and the Wolf, with a different celebrity narrator every year," she said. "We were very pleased that Randall had some time in his schedule."

In addition to Peter and the Wolf, the orchestra will also perform themes music from the Harry Potter films, and the Celebration Youth Orchestra Sinfonia will play side-by-side with Orchestra Canton in Sibelius' Finlandia. Pianist Tiffany Lin, youth artist competition winner, will make a special appearance. Pre-concert storytelling and other children's activities will be held at the theater from 3-4 p.m.

Orchestra Canton Music Director and Conductor Nan Harrison Washburn will lead the orchestra.

Concert tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students and children, 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.orchestra-canton.org.

SAFETY SEMINAR

Canton Senior Citizens are invited to attend the annual Seniors Safe, Sound & Secure Seminar, Wednesday, Nov. 16, from noon-3:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Summit Ballroom, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.

This year's seminar will feature Canton's Community Relations Sergeant Scott Hilden presenting "Cons & Scams for Senior Citizens," and Fire Marshal Frank Barrett talking about home fire safety for the holiday season. Special guest speaker is Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. Lunch will be provided.

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Girl Scout grant

Girl Scout of the Huron Valley Council received a grant from the Dove Self-Esteem Fund to implement the uniquely ME! program in the communities they serve. The council will receive an estimated \$9,000 from 2005-208, designating them a uniquely ME! council.

Uniquely ME! helps to build self-esteem by empowering girls to recognize the signs of risky behaviors like smoking, drinking, drug use, eating disorders, and unsafe sexual behavior, which are

all linked to low self-esteem. The program also aims to make girls feel better about themselves, both physically and emotionally. Armed with this knowledge and confidence, the girls can build a foundation for a healthy self-image.

"Everything we do at Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council is aimed at uplifting and empowering girls and making sure they can make informed decisions throughout their lives," said Gail Scott, council CEO. "We are very excited to be a part of the uniquely ME! pro-

gram and we thank Unilever and the Dove Self-Esteem Fund for enabling us to spread these important life lessons to our girls."

In 2002, Girl Scouts of the USA teamed with Unilever, Dove's parent company, to create uniquely ME! The Girl Scout/Unilever Self-Esteem Program designed to reach thousands of girls from diverse backgrounds who deal with issues of esteem and confidence in many facets of their lives.

In its first three years, and with the assistance of approximately 3,000 volunteers, uniquely ME! reached more than 166,000 tweens and teens, ages 8-14, through its activities and events. Due to the success of the program, Dove has committed to the partnership with Girl Scouts through 2008. With the help of the newly funded councils, uniquely ME! will broaden its curriculum to include girls up to age 17.

Artist spotlights

Staff members from 88.1-FM, The Escape, the student-run radio station of Plymouth-

Canton Community Schools, will spotlight their favorite artists on Artist Spotlight Day Saturday, Nov. 19.

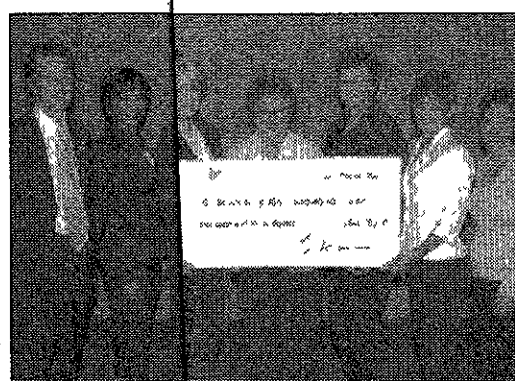
The Escape is planning special, hour-long features on artists that span the musical spectrum.

"Our staff members have some really diverse tastes in music," said station manager Bill Keith. "I always enjoy hearing the wide variety of music they're listening to."

Many students are still planning their shows and the music they want to feature. Plymouth junior Ryan Winn will do a feature on the music of Led Zeppelin, while Keith will feature the music of Stevie Wonder.

A complete list of artists to be featured will be posted on the station's Web site, www.881theescape.com starting Nov. 14.

As part of the day, WSDP will air an hour-long special on Nirvana called, "Sliver: The Radio Special." The special will feature music from Nirvana's new CD "Sliver," which takes the best music from their 2004 box set and includes three previously unreleased songs. The special airs at 3 p.m.



Accepting the first installment of a three-year grant from The Dove Self-Esteem Fund are (third and fourth from right) Gail Scott, Executive Officer, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley; Adriane Hockett, Director of Membership, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley; Philippe Harousseau, Marketing Director; Skin Masterbrand; Dominique Dawes, uniquely ME! spokesperson and three-time Olympian; Mary Leeffman, Senior VP Development; National Funding Grants of the USA; Patti Wakeling, Dove Masterbrand Sponsor Marketing Manager; and Christy DeSantis, Dove Global Medical Manager.

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American Girl fashion show hits the stage

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

You might say it'll be like seeing an American Girl catalog come to life.

Dozens of local girls, including Chloe Baumgartner and Hannah Cobane from Canton, will take to the stage next weekend for an American Girl fashion show to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

Baumgartner, 11, has her routine down already - a walk down the runway, a turn and a spin - all before another girl dressed in period costume from the early 20th century follows her down the runway, dressed in a special holiday dress.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," Baumgartner said of the upcoming show.

She's been a lover of American Girl dolls for years, and has attended a similar fashion show, which made her want to audition when her mother saw a call for models in

a local parenting magazine.

A local group called Friends of Suzette is pairing American Girl fans with popular fashions for four shows - at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 and at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road in Novi. The popular American Girl dolls and accessories have swept the nation over the past several years.

The second annual event will feature an engaging program showcasing the styles of girls yesterday and today, with historical and contemporary fashions from American Girl and Bitty Baby, for the younger girls.

"If your daughter, granddaughter or niece is an American Girl doll fan, this is the perfect opportunity to see their favorite dolls come to life on stage through this fashion show," said Leah McLean, one of the show organizers and a founder of Friends of Suzette. "In addition, the shows provide an entertaining and education-

al look at how generations of American girls have used clothing to express their own unique style and personality."

Though Baumgartner would participate in the show just for the love of American Girl dolls, she's got a more personal reason to join in the fund-raiser. A close friend of hers recently lost her mother to cancer.

"This is turning out to be special for Chloe on so many levels," said her mother, Kari Baumgartner.

Each show will include a light meal, favors, door prizes, souvenirs and a raffle for American Girl packages.

Tickets are \$30 per person. For ticket information, call Leah McLean at (248) 620-9515 or e-mail Debbie Bienstock at dbienstock@twm1.rr.com. The shows are not recommended for girls under the age of five.

Friends of Suzette is a group of women who came together to continue the fight against breast cancer when their

friend, Suzette Herskovitz. Suzette battled and lost her fight with the disease in 2001 at the age of 32. Initially, the group came together to raise funds for a bone marrow transplant that Suzette needed. Now, the group is committed to raising \$50,000 to endow an art room in memory of Suzette at Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

Gilda's Club is a non-residential clubhouse located in Royal Oak where people affected by cancer find social and emotional support in a home-like community atmosphere with others who are living with cancer. In addition to programs for adults and teens, Gilda's Club offers support groups and activities specifically for children under 13. Named to honor the late comedian Gilda Radner, this free cancer support organization held a special place in Suzette Herskovitz's heart.

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deciding which school district to send her middle school- and elementary-aged children. After looking at all the factors, she decided on Plymouth-Canton, and has no problem in supporting a second bond issue in less than two years.

"It's not that much extra money, and doesn't affect you significantly," said Maul. "Central Middle School could definitely use some refurbishing."

And, the prospect of a technology and career center at the Park to house studies in areas like public safety, health occupations and robotics, is a good idea to Maul.

"In reality, not everybody goes to college. And, even if they do, not everybody succeeds," said Maul. "If they have something someone can do while they're paying for college, or that they can do when they come out of school, all the better."

Sheryl Babb of Canton has two kids at Eriksson Elementary, one at East Middle School and another at Salem. Babb said she "loves" the school district and would

The toughest sell might not be the amount of money or the projects the bonds are intended to support but could be the fact the tax hike question will come 20 months after a \$109 million bond proposal that was passed by 71 percent of the voters in September 2004.

be in favor of any improvements.

"We moved to Canton from Westland for the schools and the TAG program," said Babb. "The last bond wasn't that big of an increase. Just as long as they don't get rid of Central because it's got history. It's so easy to tear things down these days, so just as long as it's kept."

Board of Education trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski was the dissenting vote on the bond issues, warning of poor economic conditions in Michigan, and the burden another tax could have on residents. An e-mail from Don Knapp of Canton, whose two children attended Plymouth-Canton

Schools and now live in Plymouth, also warns the Board of Education about the economy.

"Many people are fortunate to have one income, where 13 months ago they were living 'too well' on two incomes," said Knapp. "Look at Livonia as an object lesson. They built and expanded their school system to hold the number of students which are no longer there due to an aging population and job loss and moving to the outer suburbs."

"(Plymouth-) Canton could very well face the same situation in just a few years, with still years to pay for half empty buildings," Knapp added.

Ryan said work with the bond advocacy committee will begin before the end of the year.

"You'll see us working late March through April with presentations to community groups," said Ryan. "We'll go anywhere that people will talk to us."

"All I want is for people to vote," he said. "Make an informed decision and we'll take whatever decision the community dishes out."

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Eric E. Bentlage
Bentlage, 89, of Waterford, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Nov. 9.

Violet V. (Dumke) Bitz
Bitz, 86, died Nov. 9.

Patty Ann Cool
Cool, died Nov. 8.

Helen Marie McNamara Feys
Feys, 81, formerly of Redford, died Nov. 7.

Richard M. "Dick" Hansz
Hansz, 88, of Traverse City, died Nov. 9.

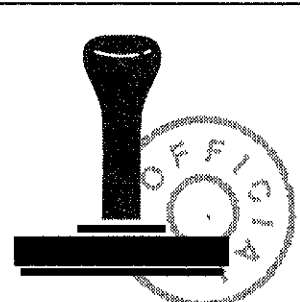
Amber Marie Harrison
Harrison, 19, died Nov. 8.

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Henderson, 86, of Beverly Hills, died Oct. 30.

Merlin Holmquist
Holmquist, 92, formerly of Birmingham, died Oct. 30.

Barbara G. Oliver
Oliver, 87, of Chelsea, died Nov. 7.

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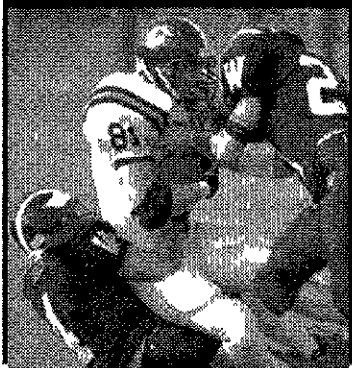
Rice, 87, of Northport, died Nov. 7.
Richard C. Reilly, M.D.
Reilly, 74, of Birmingham, died Nov. 3.

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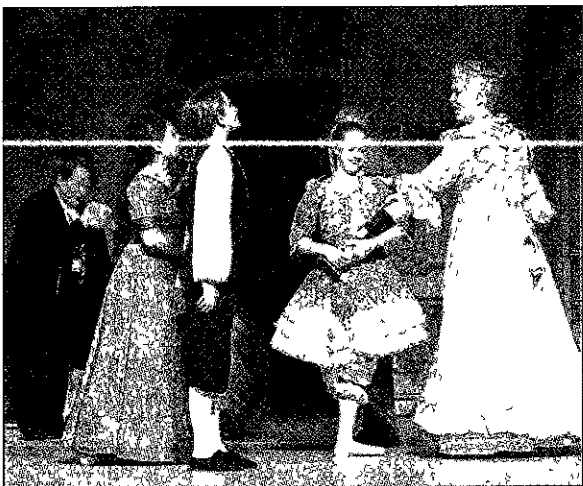
Nutcracker comes back to Salem stage

In the long-standing Holiday tradition, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company to present Tchaikovsky's classic fairy tale, *Nutcracker Ballet*.

The performances, according to symphony officials one of the only regional Nutcracker performances accompanied by a professional orchestra, will be presented at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road.

Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

Symphony officials have engaged 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe to introduce each performance with a heartwarming reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Following the 11 a.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday) performances, the Plymouth Symphony League will host the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria. Tea tickets



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company team with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for performances of the Nutcracker in the Salem High School auditorium Dec. 3-4.

are available for \$5.

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Westland City Councilman Richard LeBlanc, who is a Canton reserve police officer, testifies before House Transportation Committee.

LeBlanc: Teen driving law needs changing

A Westland City Council member was in Lansing recently to press for passage of a House bill that would revise the Michigan Driver Education Graduated Licensing law.

Richard LeBlanc, a part-time driver education instructor, testified in Lansing on Nov. 1, before the Michigan House of Representatives Transportation Committee, chaired by Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, and vice-chaired by Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-

Westland.

The committee was considering HB 4756, which would limit a first-year driver under 18 years of age to one non-family member passenger in a vehicle that they are driving.

"I speak in support of HB 4756 because I believe it's both wanted and necessary, and because my experience as a (Canton) reserve police officer is that passengers contribute substantially to driver distractions and accidents," LeBlanc

told the committee. "Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-20-year-olds, and most teen fatal crashes occur when passengers, usually other teenagers, are in the vehicle."

"Two out of every three teenagers who die in a vehicle crash are passengers in a vehicle driven by another teenager. This is a staggering statistic."


LeBlanc also told the committee that the bill "places sensible limitations on new teenage drivers until their skills have had a chance to become refined."

"Household transportation concerns have been addressed with the provision excluding family members from the restriction," he said.

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Politics takes sordid turn in Cox, Fieger soap opera

Politics is an ugly game sometimes. For some nothing is out of bounds, no one's privacy is beyond breach, no misstep can't be turned to political advantage.

This became all too clear this week when Attorney General Mike Cox, R-Livonia, came forward to admit to an extramarital affair. Cox made this private matter public because, he claims, attorney Geoffrey Fieger was using the information to blackmail him into dropping an investigation into Fieger's contributions to a political action committee opposed to the re-election of Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman. Fieger has also put his name forth as a potential Democratic candidate to challenge Cox in next year's race for attorney general.

The accusations will be sorted out through the legal process. We wouldn't presume to take sides in this matter. Neither Cox nor Fieger will come out of this without being soiled.

The scandal raises some interesting thoughts about our perceptions of the political parties, the rights of privacy and the sheer viciousness of some people who claim to be champions of liberal ideals.

Let's start with the last. Whether or not Fieger did what Cox alleges, his response to the accusation is a blood chilling example of cut-throat politics.

In published comments, Fieger accuses Cox of serial adultery while proclaiming (or is it feigning) his innocence with his usual over the top rhetoric: "The people of the state of Michigan should also be offended by Mr. Cox's admission that he has so many skeletons in his closet that he feels personally threatened by his political opponents."

He says, "This is an intensely private matter, which should have remained private. I am offended that Mr. Cox has publicly attempted to deflect his own improper behaviors by repeatedly engaging in extramarital affairs and then making accusations against myself and others to deflect his guilt."

Parse that if you can. It adds insult to injury. If Cox is telling the truth, of course, he disclosed this "intensely private matter" rather than cave in to extortion and do his duty as the state's top law enforcement official. The alternative, under that scenario, would be to drop the investigation and save himself the embarrassment (until the next time). If Cox is not telling the truth, then why would he reveal this private matter? On the spur Wednesday, press reports say Fieger fumed "(Cox has) lost his mind."

The political pundits are saying that Cox will be most hurt in this matter. They reason that the Republican Party is the party of "morality"

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and that Cox has seriously damaged his image as an upright Eagle Scout kind of guy.

I suppose that depends on your definition of morality. Certainly Cox has spent a lot of his time in office supporting positions of the religious right. He's been their darling on what they perceive as moral issues: gay marriage and benefits for homosexual couples and their families, abortion, "family values." His admission makes those positions smack of hypocrisy. But he's always given off the impression that he was looking out for the next higher political office and playing to his base.

But personal morality or immorality isn't limited to one party or the other. I've met Democrat and Republican politicians that I respect as honest, fair, decent human beings who disagree on the role of government, social and economic issues. I've also met Democrats and Republicans that I thought were more than a little shady, more interested in their personal ambitions than in the public good (though some of them were quite effective political leaders).

The idea that the Republican Party represents "morality" to some pundits only shows how effective the GOP PR has been in recent years.

Just as Republicans defend their positions as moral, Democrats would argue that concern for the poor, racial and sexual equity, more funding for schools and social programs, a responsible foreign policy and other issues make them the "moral" party.

Certainly, Cox's admission takes the steam out of his implied claim to a higher morality and that won't play well with his more church-going supporters. The pundits are right, this will hurt.

But Mike and Laura Cox are no strangers to hardball politics, just ask Lyn Bankes who was boxed out of running for re-election to the county commission to make a place for Laura Cox.

He'll tough it out. They'll tough it out. By early this week, we'll see what Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca will make of all this.

We can only hope that this isn't prelude to a year of nasty, character-destroying political attacks. If it is, we might all want to run for cover from Democrats and Republicans.

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Let's connect the dots and say enough is enough for Bush

Failure to "connect the dots" became a very popular phrase to explain why the terrorists were able to hijack four passenger airplanes and fly three of them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. There is another set of dots that needs to be connected, so everyone can see who benefits:

1. The cost of the Iraq war is \$1 billion per week.

President Bush is the only U.S. president who has reduced income taxes in war time. His first term started with a financial surplus. Now our country is in more debt than at any other time in our history. U.S. companies received very lucrative contracts to rebuild Iraq's infrastructure after our military destroyed it. It has also been very expensive in terms of lives lost and people permanently injured.

Without broad-based economic development where Iraqis can earn a living wage, without effective institutions of civil society and without a form of government that is responsive to the needs of its people, there will be no peace in Iraq.

2. The cost of rebuilding the Gulf Coast will be as expensive as the war in Iraq.

Private corporations are again the beneficiaries of very lucrative contracts. We are told that to avoid any hindrances with redevelopment, the Bush administration wants to waive the minimum wage and EPA standards.

The residents of the Gulf Coast need long-term employment where they receive a living wage, not a minimum or lower wage. This huge rebuild should be organized as a federal public works program that hires those who are victims of the hurricane.

With oil, chemicals and e-coli bacteria in the water and land, EPA standards need to be fully enforced, so the Gulf Coast will be a safe and healthy place to live and visit.

3. Speaking from New Orleans, President Bush told us taxes will not be raised.

The funding of the Iraq war and the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast will be the excuses for making drastic cuts in the food stamp program, Medicaid and The Women, Infants and Children's nutrition (WIC) program. If the legislation is passed, it will diminish these programs by more than \$13 billion.

Once again, the president and Congress have decided to make life more difficult for the poor. The WIC program pays for itself by reducing the number of problem pregnancies and birth defects.

We saw how the poor of New Orleans were treated. We've read that Detroit is the poorest city of its size in the United States. Many other cities in Michigan and throughout the country struggle to provide basic services to their residents.

My statement about what is needed in Iraq can be slightly modified to describe what is needed in New Orleans, Detroit and other central cities. Without broad-based economic development that will enable people to earn a living wage, without effective institutions of civil society and without elected officials who are responsive to the needs of its people, violence is inevitable.

4. One percent of the population holds more wealth than the entire bottom 90 percent combined, according to the U.S. Federal Reserve Watch. The tax cuts in 2004 meant an extra \$170,000 for taxpayers in the nation's most affluent 1 percent.

It is absolutely amazing that the richest people in the United States have already received a significant tax break, but the president is still not satisfied. If the next proposed tax deductions are approved, it will amount to \$70 billion.

We are the richest country in the world and we do not take care of our own. As of 2004, the U.S. Census Bureau published the following statistics: 35.9 million people live below the poverty level; 1 in every 8 individuals and 1 in every 10 families lives in poverty; more than 1 in 6 children live in poverty; poverty rates have risen for three straight years; 1 in 3 Americans living in poverty worked, but didn't earn enough to cover food, housing and other essential expenses. The bureau's benchmark of poverty for a family of three with two children is \$14,824.

5. The number of people without health insurance has increased from 30 million during the Clinton administration to currently 45.8 million.

In the Sept. 22 *Detroit Free Press*, Derrick Jackson wrote about the Kaiser Family Foundation report. This report states that health insurance premiums continue to increase at triple the rate of inflation. The average annual cost of family coverage is \$10,880.

George W. Bush told us that he is a compassionate conservative. He never defined what he meant by that, but his actions tell us a great deal. Let us connect the dots to see what kind of president and Congress we've voted into office.

The president and Congress have approved enormous tax cuts for wealthy individuals and large corporations. Large corporations have become war and natural disaster profiteers. The middle-class economic squeeze gets tighter, and the safety net for our poorest and most vulnerable citizens is being destroyed by the greed of people in power and influence.

It is time for us to stand up and say enough. We will no longer continue down this path of increasing inequality in income, wealth and health.

Find out more at www.graypanthersmetrodetroit.org. In addition, the 11th Congressional District Citizens for Peace has published a Political Action Guide.

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March of Dimes lunch, NICU tours to raise prematurity awareness

Once again, the March of Dimes is hosting a "Prematurity Awareness Day" luncheon to increase public awareness about the serious issue of preterm birth.

This year's luncheon is set for noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Pasquale's, 31555 Woodward Ave. in Royal Oak. Reservations are required and should be made as soon as possible.

The awareness day is part of a multi-year, multi-million dollar campaign launched by March of Dimes with the goal of reducing premature births by 15 percent by 2010.

According to the March of Dimes, prematurity "is a common and serious problem" with premature births occurring "without warning and for no known reason." Between 1992 and 2002, the rate of infants born preterm in Michigan has increased by more than 10 percent with 25 percent of preemies suffering lifelong health problems including

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cerebral palsy and blindness.

There also will be informational tours of three hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Units this week. Those will be 3:30 p.m. Monday at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and 2 p.m. Thursday at Dearborn's Oakwood Hospital.

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Lawyer discusses doing business in Poland

Michael H. Traison, a principal at the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, P.L.C., will discuss "Doing Business in Poland," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Madonna University, Kresge Hall, in Livonia.

Traison will highlight various aspects of doing business in Central and Eastern Europe as a commercial matter and as a historic event post-World War II. He will discuss cultural and language differences and standards, as well as American capitalism as a

means of promoting stability and democracy.

The event is presented by the McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series of Madonna University School of Business. It is free and open to the public. Call (734) 432-5354 for more information.

Although resident in Miller Canfield's Detroit office, Traison also works out of the firm's three offices in Poland. He practices international law, commercial law, and debtor-creditor relations, with particular emphasis on the represen-

tation of unsecured creditors, committees, trustees and debtors under Chapter 11 and out-of-court workouts. He lectures extensively in and about Poland, including its legal developments.

He is active in professional organizations including the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Illinois State Bar Association, International Bar Association, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, and Oakland County Bar Association. His civic organizations include the

Israel/Poland Chamber of Commerce, Jewish Vocational Service, North American/Israel Chambers of Commerce, Detroit Branch of the NAACP, Jewish Community Counsel of Metro Detroit, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, Polish American Jewish American Council, and the American Friends of Shaarey Zedek Hospital of Jerusalem, Israel. Lawyers in Miller Canfield's U.S. offices work closely with attorneys in the Poland offices.

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Schoolcraft scholarship encourages adults to 'Return To Learn'

Schoolcraft College is offering a special scholarship to adults who are aged 25 years or older and enrolled in a degree or certificate program for credit. The funds are being made available as part of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's "Return To Learn" initiative, designed to encourage adults to earn college certificates or degrees.

Michigan lags behind other states in the percentage of citizens with college degrees, and Granholm has called for a doubling of the number of college graduates. She has declared November "Return to Learn" month, encouraging adults to go back to the classroom for a post-secondary degree.

"According to the 2000 census, there are 42,725 people in our district who have some college, but no degree," said Conway A. Jeffress, college president. "We want this group, which represents 24 percent of the adults, to know that Schoolcraft has multiple programs that can lead to a better job or a new career, and can be completed in one or two years.

"As an added incentive, we have set aside a pool of funds to help them get back into school, and have designated a counselor who is assigned to work on a one-to-one basis with returning adults."

The Return To Learn Scholarships are offered in \$500 and \$1,000 amounts, and are limited to one per aca-

demic year. Students must apply to enroll for the winter 2006 semester and must complete three forms: a college application for admission; a Return to Learn Scholarship application; and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

All forms are available in the Schoolcraft Admissions Office or online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Schoolcraft representatives also will visit area plants to explain college programs and procedures to employees. The first visit is scheduled for Nov. 15 at the Visteon plant in Belleville. Many United Auto Workers members can receive assistance for degree programs through joint union-corporate funds.

For questions about the Return to Learn Scholarships, Schoolcraft programs and degrees, or the transfer of credits earned at another post-secondary institution, contact Cindy Cichelli in the Counseling Office at (734) 462-4429, or e-mail her at ccichelli@schoolcraft.edu.

Schoolcraft offers several options for earning credits, including traditional classes during the day or at night, online instruction, video courses, open entry/open exit classes in which students chose their start and stop times, and hybrid instruction that combines classroom and online work.

Schoolcraft winter registration under way

Registration for the winter 2006 semester at Schoolcraft College began Monday, Nov. 7, with classes starting Saturday, Jan. 14. Students can chose from online, touchtone telephone or walk-in registration.

In addition to the traditional 15-week classes, students may choose 7-week and 12-week courses. Learning options include classroom settings, online Internet-based courses, video instruction, open entry/open exit classes where students chose their start and stop times, and hybrid courses that combine classroom and online delivery.

New initiatives for winter '06 include a second cohort of the

massage therapy program; an accounting class focusing on Michigan income taxes; a world literature class examining universal themes; and a firefighter course on terrorism awareness.

Students can register easily online at the Schoolcraft Web site, www.schoolcraft.edu by clicking on WebAdvisor for Students. Telephone registration is available at 734-462-4800. Walk-in registration is in Room 200 of the McDowell Center. Registration ends Jan. 20.

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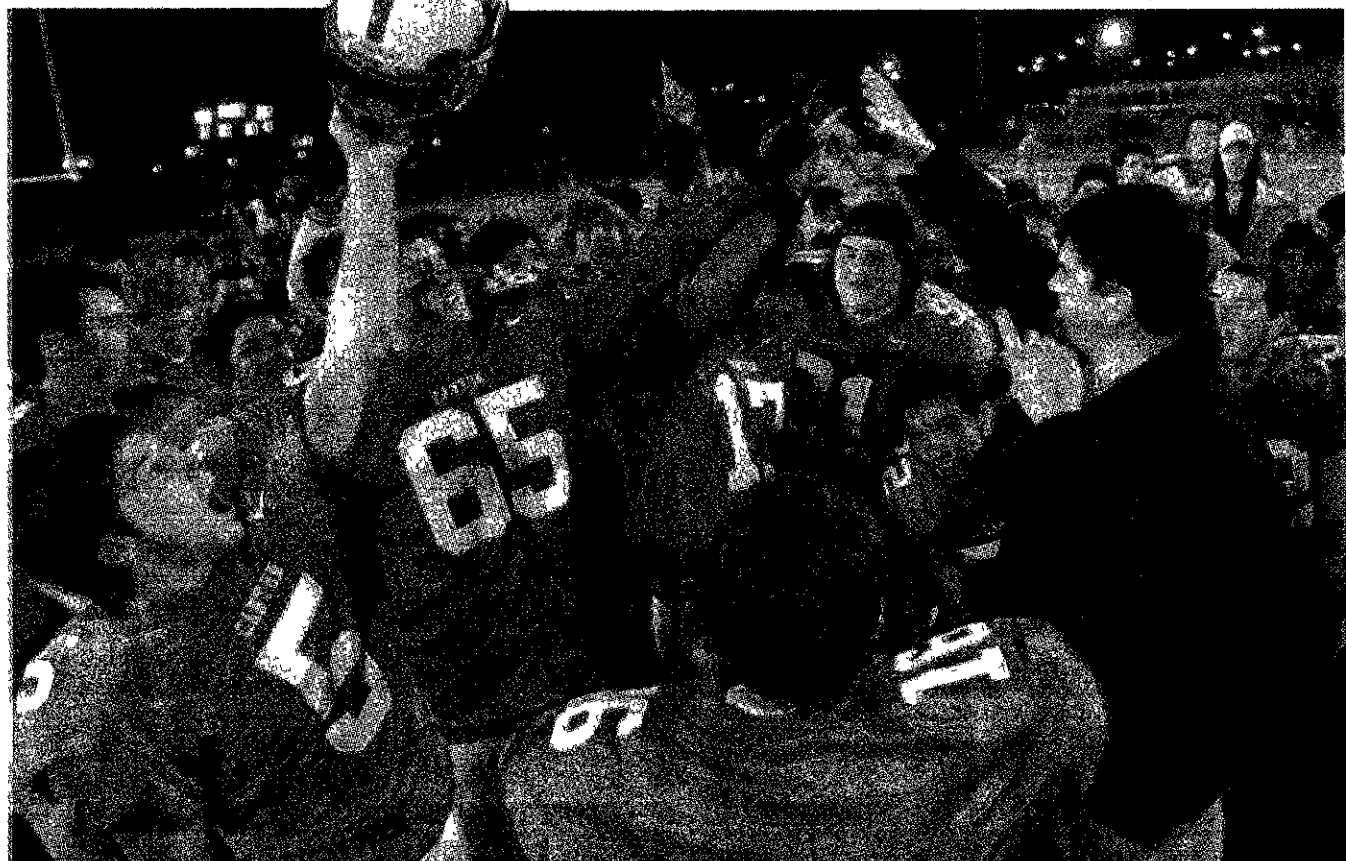
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Canton 48, Detroit King 21



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Canton celebrates its first-ever Division 1 regional football title moments after knocking off Detroit Martin Luther King, 48-21, Friday night. The Chiefs will face Macomb Dakota in a D1 semi-final game set for Saturday at 1 p.m. at Troy Athens High School.

ON DECK: MACOMB DAKOTA

The only team standing between Canton and a trip to the Division 1 final game at Ford Field Nov. 26 is Macomb Dakota. Here are a few facts about the Chiefs' next opponent:

- **Nickname:** Cougars
- **Record:** 10-2
- **Head coach:** Mike Giannone
- **Playoff history:** This will be the Cougars' third 'Final Four' appearance in the school's 10-year history.
- **How Dakota advanced:** The Cougars rallied from a 13-6 halftime deficit to defeat Lake Orion, 27-13, Friday night.
- **Top players:** Offensively, Dakota is led by quarterback James Stallions, who completed 17-of-24 passes for 341 yards in the Cougars' regional final victory. Other offensive stars include TE Derek Knapp, WR Marcus Lancaster and RB Greg Gay. Defensively, LB John Sipek is the Cougars' top tackler.

History in the making

Chiefs' aces trump King for school's first regional title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When it hits the road next Saturday for a Division 1 semi-final football game against Macomb Dakota, Canton's football team will be traveling in the fast lane.

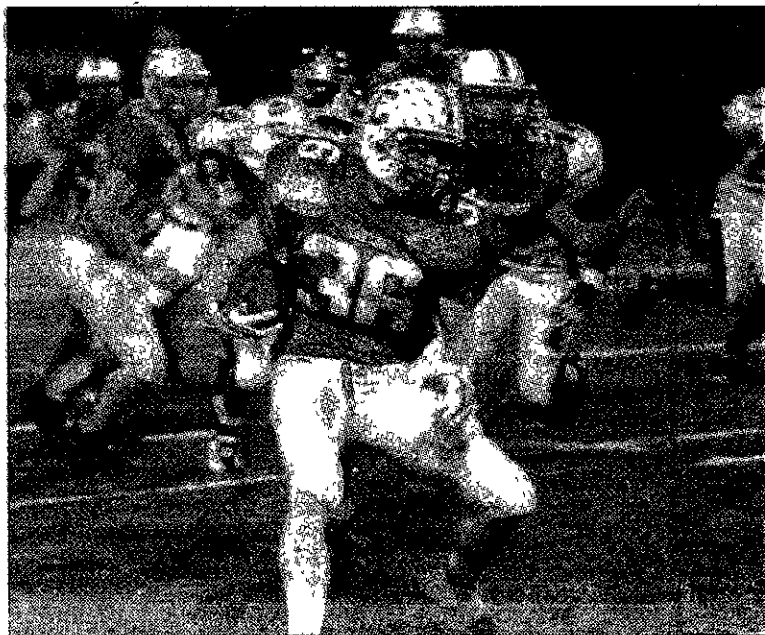
The surging, never-say-punt Chiefs made history Friday night when they accelerated past Detroit Martin Luther King, 48-21, at the P-CEP football stadium. It was Canton's first regional football title since the school opened in 1973.

Canton will battle Macomb Dakota in Saturday's 1 p.m. D-1 semifinal contest at Troy Athens High School. A victory over the Cougars would propel the Chiefs into the Nov. 26 state final game at Ford

Field. "This feels great, but I'm especially happy for the school," said Canton junior running back Deshon McClendon. "Our offense is peaking and our defense really stepped up tonight."

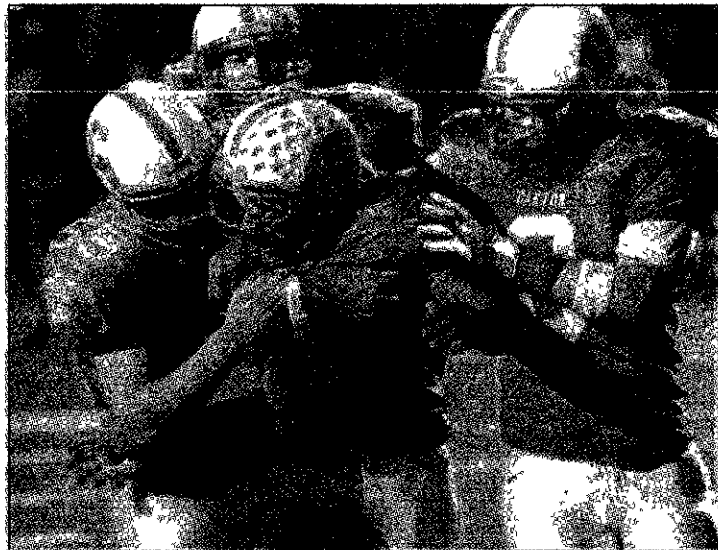
Canton's first-team defense turned in a dominating performance, holding the Crusaders' high-octane offense to just seven points before giving way to the second-teamers mid-way through the fourth quarter. King rushed for a paltry 55 yards through the first three quarters before busting a couple long, meaningless runs late in the contest.

Meanwhile, Canton's offense produced another one of its "How to Run the Wing-T Offense" train-



Canton's Dalton Walser is pictured making a move during his 41-yard touchdown run in Friday's 48-21 victory over Detroit King. Walser finished with 111 yards rushing.

PLEASE SEE **TITLE, B3**



Canton's Deshon McClendon (middle) is congratulated by teammates Mike Edwards (55) and Brandon Fender (8) after scoring a TD in Friday night's 48-21 regional final over Detroit King.

Canton gridders are hitting stride

Take a good look at the photo on the left, the one that shows Canton running back Deshon McClendon getting mobbed by teammates seconds after one of his touchdown runs Friday night.



Ed Wright

What makes the photo unique is that it shows one of the few times McClendon has been stopped in his tracks this season.

And it may be the only time this year three football players have laid their hands on McClendon without at least two of them getting knocked on their rears.

Heck, it's one of the few times any member of the Chiefs' offense has been slowed down during their eight-game winning streak that has taken them to the doorstep of a Division 1 state championship.

Canton has averaged 51 points a game the past three weeks against fast, talented defenses. That's more points than most boys high school basketball teams average and more points than the Detroit Lions score in a month.

POWER TO SPARE

When I visited the Detroit Martin Luther King side of the field during halftime of Friday night's regional final game, a King teacher stopped me and asked how tall McClendon actually stands. When I told him he's only 5-foot-6, he shook his head and said, "That's some powerful 5-6."

While McClendon is the brightest star of the Chiefs' offense, they have enough talented backs to form their own constellation. Seniors Andy Rossow

PLEASE SEE **STRIDE, B5**

Worth the wait

Clarín's patience has been rewarded with productive senior season for Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Dribbling, shooting and passing weren't problems for Salem basketball player Brianne Clarín last season.

It was the sitting and waiting that eventually took a toll on the talented junior's confidence.

After serving as a vital component on her successful freshmen and junior-varsity squads the previous two seasons, Clarín found herself on the Rocks' bench last year as she played behind the team's multi-talented senior trio of Ellen Canale, Kathryn Wheatley and Alyssa Guerin.

Clarín understood how things worked, but it didn't make the situation any easier



Trap Penalties

for someone who was accustomed to contributing on a regular basis.

"Even though I knew I wasn't going to play a lot last year, I came in hoping I would get some time," Clarín said. "By not playing much, I lost a lot of confidence in myself and I was on the verge of quitting. I wasn't even sure if I was going to try out this season."

"Now, the way things have worked out, I'm glad I stayed with it."

So is Salem coach Fred Thomann, who plugged Clarín into his starting back-

PLEASE SEE **CLARIN, B6**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior point guard Brianne Clarín has been an instrumental part of the Rocks' 17-3 season.

Local hoop teams ready for districts

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Life has been good this season for all three P-CEP girls basketball teams.

It's about to get much better for one of them.

Plymouth, Salem and Canton will be vying for a Class A district crown this week at Novi High School along with Northville, Novi and South Lyon.

The district will open Monday at 5 p.m. when Canton plays Northville

All three local teams head into the post-season with outstanding records and some kind of trophy. The Wildcats (16-4) and Rocks (17-3) earned hardware by tying for the Western Lakes Activities Association title. Canton (16-4) won its trophy Wednesday in the WLAA tournament championship game.

The district will open Monday at 5 p.m. when Canton plays Northville. At 7 p.m., Plymouth will take on Novi in a game that will pit Wildcats against Wildcats.

On Wednesday, Salem will play the winner of the Canton-Northville match-up in a 5 p.m. game followed by a game feature South Lyon against the Plymouth- Novi victor at 7 p.m.

The championship game is set for Friday at 7 p.m.

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Sidelines

Free throw contest

The annual Elks Turkey Shoot free-throw contest will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township. The competition will offer the following age divisions for both boys and girls: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

Winners will receive free turkeys that will be donated by Holiday Market and Kroger.

For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

Britons honored

A pair of local Albion College soccer players were lauded recently for their performance on the field and in the classroom during the past three months.

Albion senior mid-fielder Aaron Schmidt, a graduate of Canton, and senior defender Jeff Bennett, a Salem alum, were both named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Team.

Schmidt and Bennett both played key roles for the Britons' offense. Schmidt finished with three goals and an assist and he often played the ball up to the forward line. Bennett, who was credited with four assists, opened up space in the middle of the field for Albion.

Senior goal-keeper Tavio Palazzolo, a Salem graduate, earned All-MIAA honorable-mention recognition.

Hockey clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will hold a number of two-day Christmas clinics for kids between the ages of 6 and 14 at the Novi Ice Arena Dec. 22-23 and 29-30. The clinics will focus on Mite, Power Skating for kids between the ages of 6 and 8, Mite Puck Skills (6-8) and Squirt/Pee Wee Power Skating for 9-through 12-year-olds.

Contact the Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com.

HVS camps

Management at High Velocity Sports in Canton Township has decided to offer its popular summer kids camp programs during the fast-approaching holiday breaks this winter. Scheduled camps include all-sports, crafts, basketball and soccer.

The all-sports camp will include a variety of activities, including soccer, flag football, floor hockey, basketball, kickball, volleyball and an array of backyard games like capture-the-flag and hide-and-seek.

The camps will be offered on a full-day basis (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for 8- to 12-year-olds or half-day (9 a.m. to noon, or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) for 5- to 8-year-olds. The cost is \$45 a day or \$189 a week. The camps will be offered Nov. 25, Dec. 27, 29, Jan. 2-6, Jan. 16, Feb. 27-March 3, April 14 and April 17-21.

Visit www.hvysports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT.

All-Observer harriers set a blistering pace

FIRST TEAM

Courtney Calka, Fr., Liv. Stevenson: The ninth-grader broke the Stevenson school record for 5,000 meters with a time of 17 minutes, 55 seconds (for 5,000 meters) at the Division I state meet held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

She also took firsts at the regional (18:20), Western Lakes Activities Association (18:34), Center Line Invitational (18:38) and New Boston Huron Invitational (18:34) meets.

Calka added seconds at the South Lyon Invitational (19:43), Livonia Public Schools Meet (19:15) and Catholic Central Invitational (19:20). She also placed sixth at the Portage Invitational (18:14).

For the season, the All-Stater averaged 18:54.

"In her third varsity meet she posted a time that placed her fifth all-time on our top 15 list and she worked her way from there all the way to the top," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "Courtney had an outstanding season for an outstanding runner and an outstanding person."

Rachel McFarlane, Soph., Liv. Churchill: Churchill's co-MVP already owns the school record with a time of 18:32.2, which placed her third at the regional.

McFarlane earned All-State honors with a 28th place overall in the Division I state meet (18:35.5).

She also placed fifth in the WLAA meet (18:58.83) and was runner-up in the Wayne County Championship (18:51.5) and Toledo Invitational. McFarlane added a fourth in the Livonia Public Schools meet and was 10th in the Jackson Invitational.

"Rachel has definitely elevated herself to the next competitive level this season," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said of the two-time first-team All-Observer pick. "She made the decision that she was going to work hard and close the gap between herself and the other talented runners in the area. She peaked at the right time and ran her best races when it counted."

"She is an amazing runner with loads of talent and desire. Rachel has learned how to focus. It was exciting watching her break the school record at the regional and garner All-State honors. I'm looking forward to watching her continue on this upward trend."

Kristen Frey, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: The junior, making her third straight appearance on the All-Observer squad, owns the third fastest time ever for a Stevenson runner (18:16).

Despite a quadricep injury this season, Frey finished 67th in Division I (19:16), was runner-up at the regional (18:28) and fourth in the WLAA meet (18:52).

She also captured the Livonia Public Schools meet (19:05), Catholic Central Invitational and South Lyon Invitational (19:26).

Frey added seconds at the West Bloomfield Invitational (19:24) and Center Line Invitational (18:38), as well as a third at New Boston Huron (18:36) and a 17th at Portage (18:55).

"Kristen is a talented runner and a tireless worker," Holmberg said. "She led virtually every workout we did this year. Every race she ran this year, she posted a time that would have made our top 15 all-time list."

"She is a natural choice for captain of next year's team."

Alyssa Mira, Fr., Liv. Churchill: The ninth-grader already holds the second fastest time for a Churchill runner at the state meet (18:58.95), which resulted in a 47th-place finish.

She placed fifth at the regional (18:42.3) and added a ninth at the WLAA meet (19:11.53). Mira also finished sixth at the LPS Meet and was 11th at the Jackson Invitational.

Her time of 18:42.3 at the regional is third all-time fastest by a Churchill runner and is a new freshman record.

"Alyssa is a remarkable young athlete who is blessed with a great amount of talent and desire," Tatro said.

"She ran like a true veteran who peaked in the most important races. She is currently the best freshman in a line of awesome runners."

"I'm confident that Alyssa will

continue to make an enormous impact on the Churchill cross country program due to her talent level, work ethic and competitive drive."

Hannah Cavicchio, Jr., Salem: The junior earned a 43rd in the Division I state meet with a time of 18:41.3 after becoming the Rocks' school record holder for 5,000 meters with a fourth-place time of 18:41.3 at the regional.

Cavicchio also placed sixth in the Western Lakes meet (19:03.7) and added a third at the Wayne County Championships (18:52.4).

She also crossed the line first at the Rochester Adams Invitational and was the P-CEP champ.

"Hannah is a very determined athlete who sets her goals high and strives to reach them,"

Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "Hannah's work ethic is second to none as she holds herself to high standards of success. Hannah leads by example by training at a high level, always trying to maximize her abilities."

Kylen Cieslak, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The two-year captain is a four-time first-team All-Observer selection who owns the fourth fastest time ever by a Churchill girl (18:48.1) en route to a runner-up finish at the WLAA meet.

Cieslak wound up 55th overall at the state meet (19:01.2), third fastest in Churchill history.

Churchill's co-MVP also placed ninth at the regional (19:01.4).

Cieslak was the Wayne County Meet (18:50.9) and University of Toledo Invitational champion. She also finished third at both Lakes Division jamborees and the Livonia Public Schools Meet.

"Kylen capped off an exceptional high school cross country career by having her most successful season," Tatro said of the WLAA Scholar-Athlete. "She has helped elevate Churchill to new levels and was the backbone of our team during our outstanding season. Her consistency, competitive drive and great work ethic."

"She has also emerged as one of the most talented and successful cross country runners in Churchill history. It was a complete pleasure coaching Kylen during the past four years, and she will be greatly missed."

Lisa Arrowsmith, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The senior ranks No. 7 on Stevenson's all-time list with a clocking of 18:45, which earned her a sixth at the tough Division I regional hosted by Schoolcraft College.

Arrowsmith contributed a 71st at the state meet (19:18) and was eighth in the WLAA meet (19:11).

Among her other top finishes: third, South Lyon (19:47); fourth, Huron Invitational (19:37) and Catholic Central Invitational (19:48); fifth, Livonia Public Schools (19:36); sixth, West Bloomfield (19:52); and 36th, Portage (19:28).

"Lisa jumped from the JV ranks to a top varsity runner in a year's time," Holmberg said. "She worked extremely hard to accomplish that and had a major impact on the success of this year's team. She was one of our co-captains, a quiet person who truly led by example."

Sarah Thomas, Fr., Canton: The ninth-grader placed 58th in the Division I state meet (19:10) after qualifying at the regional in 11th place (19:07).

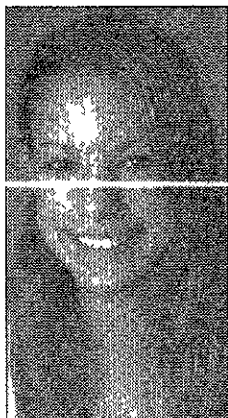
Thomas added an 11th in the Western Lakes meet (19:18) and finished fourth (20:43) and sixth (20:17), respectively, at the Western Division jamborees.

The Canton MVP also took fourth in the P-CEP meet (20:45), 11th at Wayne County (20:13) and 17th at the Haslett Invitational (20:06).

"Sarah has been our fastest runner since the second meet of the season," Canton coach Tracy Himmelsbach said. "We have been very pleased with her peaking at the end of the season, especially at the conference, regional and state meets."

"She is talented and hard-working. We look forward to having her as a leader on our team for the next three years."

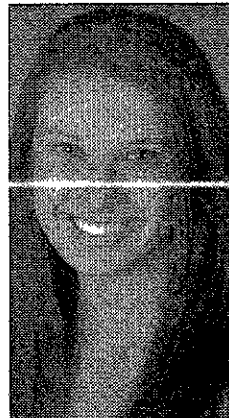
Megan Maceratini, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The junior, a WLAA scholar-athlete, recorded the fifth fastest time (19:12.8) in Charger history at MIS with a 61st-place finish in the Division



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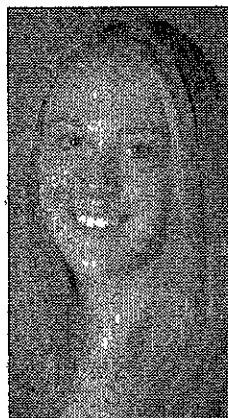
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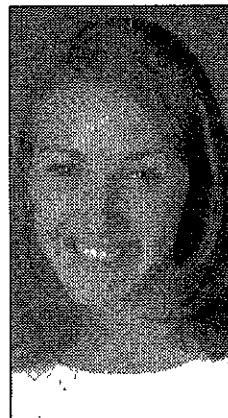
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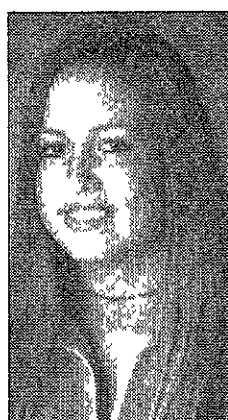
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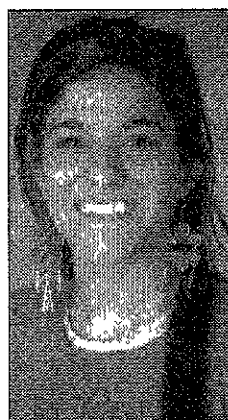
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Stevenson freshman Courtney Calka was WLAA and regional champion. She also took 5th in the Division I state meet.

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Maceratini also placed eighth at the regional (18:59.6), which ranks her sixth all-time on the school list.

She also garnered 12th at the WLAA meet (19:18.22), sixth at Wayne County (19:22.5), seventh at the LPS Meet and fourth at the University of Toledo Invitational.

"Megan has made great strides this season earning Churchill's Most Improved Runner Award for the second year in a row," Tatro said.

"She is one of the most reliable and consistent runners that I have ever coached. Megan is a focused and mature young lady who has the ability to mentally and physically prepare for an important race - and this carried over to the other athletes."

"Megan is a natural leader with a great future as a distance runner."

Marisa Carpinelli, Sr., Salem: The senior earned a 70th-place finish in the Division I state meet (19:17.3) after earning 12th in the regional (19:08), the latter time which ranks third fastest in Salem history.

Carpinelli, the team captain, also took a 10th in the WLAA meet (19:13) and finished seventh at Wayne County (19:32).

"Marisa bounced back after an injury-plagued junior year by having a stellar season and running the third fastest time in Salem history," Gerlach said. "Marisa's passion for competitive distance running and love of her teammates helped lead

this team to the state finals for the third straight season."

All-Area Boys Cross Country will appear Thursday, Nov. 17.

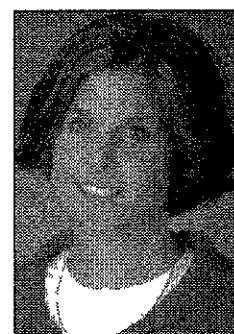
Top coach: Churchill's Tatro earns area honor

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Sue Tatro got a lot of satisfaction out of her 10th season as Livonia Churchill girls cross country coach.

It wasn't a perfect 10th, but it was mighty close as her Chargers equaled the school's best finish at the state finals since 1982 with a fourth place in the Division I meet held Nov. 5 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"This is by far the strongest group I've ever coached," said Tatro, who also guided the Chargers to a runner-up finish in the regional and a Western Lakes Activities Association title (ending rival Livonia Stevenson's three-year reign). "We were able to compete with the top Division I schools because of great team leadership, a strong work ethic and lack of



Sue Tatro
Livonia Churchill coach

injuries." During the WLAA season, Churchill and Stevenson met four times with Churchill winning both Lakes Division jamborees along with the conference meet. Only a total of 18 points separated Stevenson and Churchill in five meetings (including the regional).

Ironically, the former Sue Tatigian ran as a prep at Stevenson under coach Paul Holmberg, who remains with the Spartans and was recently inducted into the Michigan Interscholastic Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Tatro was a two-time All-Observer runner (1983-84). The 1985 Stevenson alum went on to run cross country and track at Michigan State University where she graduated in 1990.

An accomplished runner herself, Tatro posted a pair of top-five finishes at the Detroit Free Press Marathon including a personal best 2:51 clocking in 1994.

For her efforts with the Churchill cross country program this fall, Tatro has been selected Observerland Coach of the Year by the Observer sports staff.

She credits her team's success to seniors like Kylen Cieslak and Amy Drinan.

"They will be greatly missed," said Tatro, an instructor in Churchill's Special Education Department. "But having five returning girls bodes well for next season."

2005 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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Courtney Calka, Fr., Stevenson
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Sarah Thomas, Fr., Canton
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Amber Cicala, Jr., Stevenson
Stephanie Perez, Jr., Stevenson
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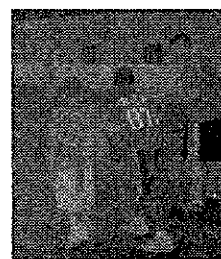
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ing videos, amassing 450 yards without throwing a single pass. As usual, McClendon did the most damage, running for 178 yards on 22 carries. Sophomore halfback Dalton Walser also had a big night, cutting and weaving for 111 yards on just 14 tries.

The Chiefs put together short drives (one play/41 yards) and monstrous ones (12 plays/97 yards) against a King defense that got bruised and battered by Canton's lane-opening offensive line.

For the third time in the past four games, the Chiefs did not attempt a pass.

"I don't think this has really set in yet," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, when asked about his team's historical run to the state semifinals. "I don't think it will totally sink in until I see that 'Final Four' banner hanging up in our gym."

"Our offensive line is really jelling and our defense really came on tonight."

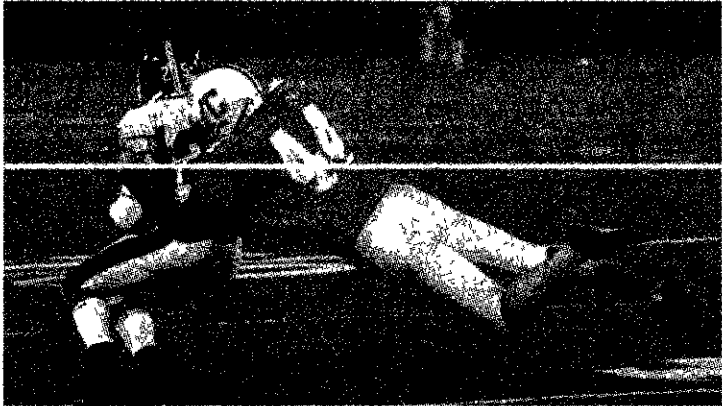
Baechler said his team's accomplishments are extra-special considering the Chiefs' mediocre start this season.

"When we were 2-2, people were calling me bad names and asking me 'What's going on with you guys?'" Baechler said, smiling. "But we have seven or eight juniors starting on defense, so I knew it was going to take some time. The kids are playing with no pressure on them and they're having fun. It's great to still be practicing and playing this late in November."

Canton cruised to a 6-0 lead the first time it touched the ball. McClendon turned the ignition with a 56-yard return of the opening kickoff. Following a 17-yard run by Walser, McClendon scored from six yards out.

"Deshon's opening return was huge," Baechler said. "He is one of those kids who wants the football in his hands. And when he gets it, he usually does something with it."

King advanced to the Canton 33 on its first drive, but McClendon slammed the door when he stepped in front of a Donovan Dickerson pass in the end zone. Canton senior line-backer Jeff Piper set the tone for the Chiefs' defense on the third play of the drive when he laid



Canton's Jeff Piper goes air-borne to bring down Detroit King's Darrin Williams.

out Crusader running back Darrin Williams with a hit that could be heard as far away as the intersection of Joy and Beck roads.

The Chiefs turned around and marched 80 yards in seven plays, scoring on quarterback Shawn Little's 22-yard keeper around right end. Colin O'Shaunessy tacked on the first of his six straight extra points to make it 13-0 with 4:42 left in the first quarter.

The Crusaders' lone TD against the Chiefs' first-string defense came on the ensuing drive when they drove 52 yards in seven plays and scored on a improvised play that you're more likely to see in a pick-up game. On a third-and-goal play from the 3, Dickerson handed off to Samuel Lilly on a dive play that appeared to be stuffed by Canton's defensive line.

However, as he fell to the turf, Lilly pitched the ball to Darrin Williams, who scampered into the end zone to cut the Chiefs' lead to 13-7.

Just when King thought it had earned a chunk of momentum, McClendon seized it back with a 29-yard touchdown run to make it 20-7. The TD capped a 13-play, 80-yard grind-it-out drive that included only two plays of more than nine yards.

Senior running back Andy Rossow closed the first-half scoring when he raced 25 yards to paydirt to give Canton a 27-7 cushion.

Canton's most impressive drive of the night came on its first possession of the second half. After Lilly's punt was downed at the 3, the Chiefs put the frosting on the victory cake by going 97 yards in 12 plays, scoring on McClendon's five-

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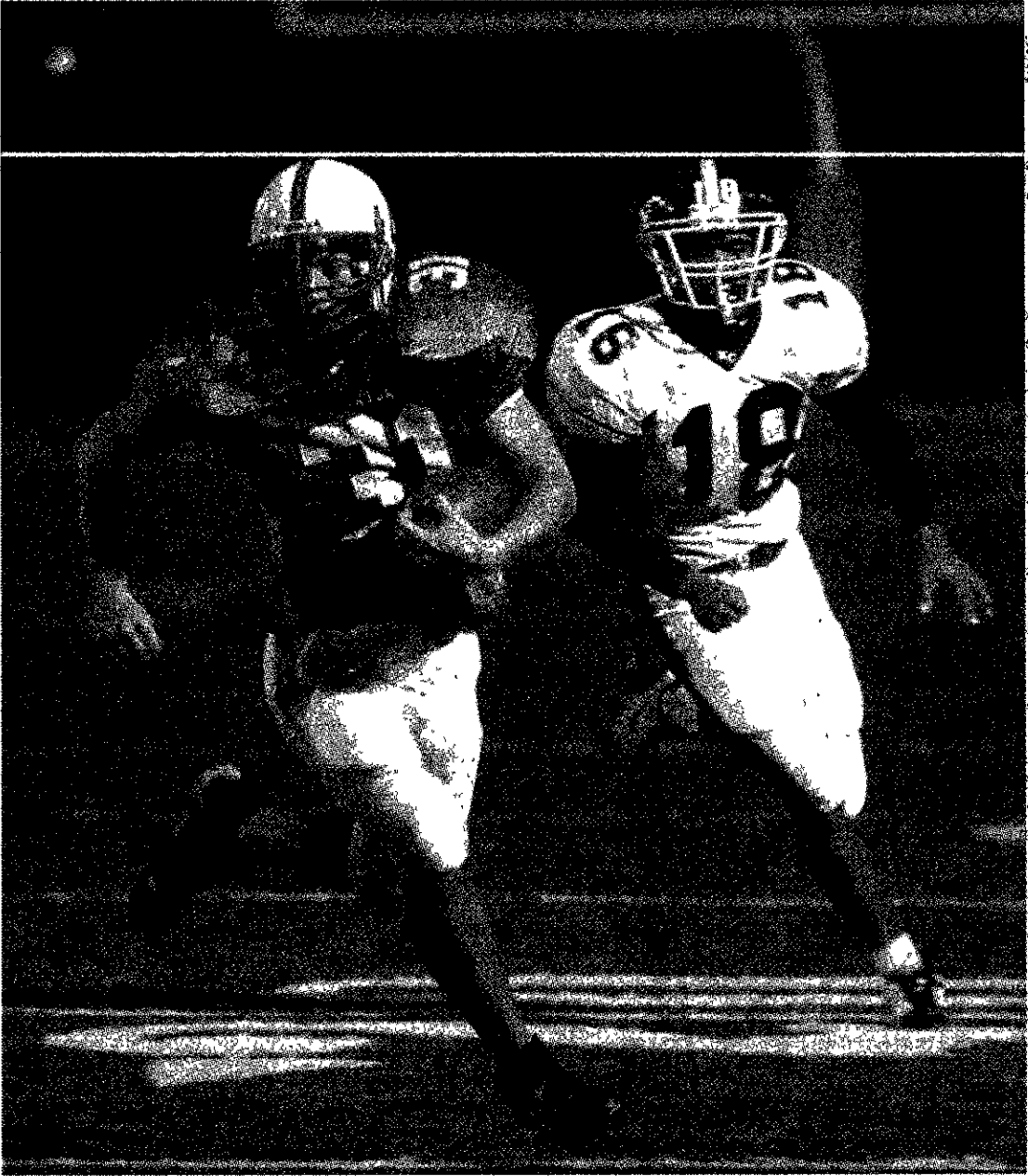
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yard burst up the middle to make it 34-7.

The Chiefs' most dazzling — and quickest — drive came two minutes later when Walser spun a Crusader defender into the turf with a double-swivel move before scoring from 41 yards out to put the Chiefs up, 41-7. Canton's final points came on Little's four-yard run with 8:47 to play.

After Canton's No. 1 defense exited, the Crusaders scored twice on 64- and 10-yard runs by Williams.

Dickerson, the son of former University of Pittsburgh stand-out quarterback Darnell Dickerson, was the brightest light on a dim night for the Crusaders. The sophomore completed 14-of-26 passes for 203 yards. Dickerson's favorite



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Canton's Andy Rossow scores a touchdown during the final seconds of the first half to put the Chiefs up, 27-7. He is being pursued by King's Sean Anderson.

target was Lilly, who reeled in six passes for 82 yards. Williams gained 129 yards on 12 attempts.

Rossow was effective and efficient for Canton, picking up 73 yards on just six carries. Little picked up 38 on three and

Devin Murphy added a 27-yard sprint on the Chiefs' final drive. Piper, O'Shaunessy, Chris Woudstra, McClendon, Rossow and Chris Hasse all had solid nights for the Chiefs. Jerrell Herring and Devin Mack led the Crusaders in tackles.

Canton won the first-down battle, 18-14. Penalties were rare as Canton was whistled four times while only one yellow flag was thrown in the Crusaders' direction.

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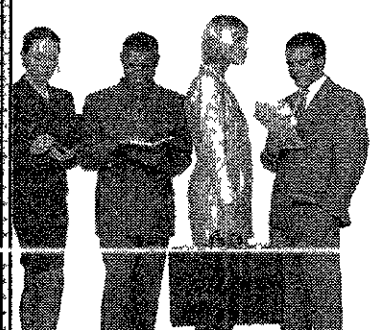
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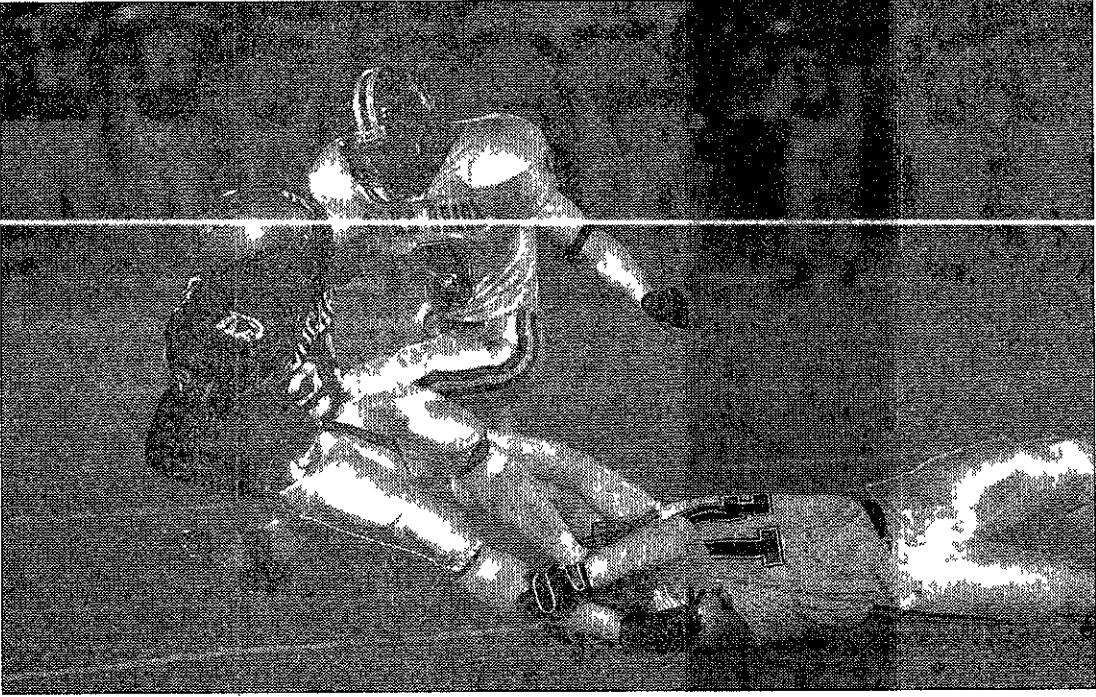
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Lake Orion's Troy Anderlie (No. 9) and Joe Barnes (No. 14) team up to haul down Macomb Dakota's Marcus Lancaster during Friday's Division 1 regional final. The Cougars ousted Lake Orion for the second straight year, 27-13, to advance to the state semifinals.

Dakota rallies to derail Lake Orion, 27-13

BY DAN STICKRAST
STAFF WRITER

In order to prevail deep in the state tournament, a football team must find ways to convert big plays. Macomb Dakota did that Friday against Lake Orion. Overcoming five turnovers during the first three quarters, the host Cougars rallied to tame Lake Orion, 27-13, to claim the school's second straight Division 1 regional championship. Dakota scored 21 unanswered points during the final 14:48 of play to eliminate the Dragons for the second straight year. The Cougars bounced Lake Orion 24-14 in last year's first round. Just a school in its 10th year, Dakota (10-2) advances to the Division 1 Final Four for the third time and will play Saturday, 1 p.m., at Troy Athens, against first-time regional champ Plymouth Canton, a 48-21 winner Friday over Detroit King. The right to advance to the state championship game will be on the line.

"We made some changes at halftime, some blocking schemes, and we made some big plays," said Dakota head coach Mike Giannone. "In the locker room, we had to make changes and ignite us somehow. I think we were a different team in the second half."

"We've been there twice before, now we want to make history," added Giannone. Down 13-6 at the break, even though the Cougars held a 254-143 edge in total first-half yards, Dakota continued to run into some misfortune in the third quarter. Quarterback James Stallons hit Derek Knapp with a 24-yard pass play down the right side-line, but Knapp coughed up the ball into the end zone, and recovered the ball with his feet out of bounds for the touchdown. Forcing the Dragons to punt on their next possession, Dakota put together a quick four-play drive which ended with a 25-yard touchdown run by Greg Gay and an extra point by TJ

Gore, which tied the game at 13-13 with 2:48 left in the quarter. Stallons was picked off by Orion's Joe Barnes on Dakota's next drive, but again forced the Dragons to punt. Getting the ball back with 9:55 to play on their own 15, the Cougars put together a six-play drive capped by Gay's 6-yard scamper. The drive was aided by a 69-yard reception down the middle of the field by Knapp. "We just didn't cover him," said Lake Orion coach Chris Bell of Knapp, Dakota's big-play tight end. "That kid made some big plays for them. A five-yard pass play turned into a (69-yard) play. We had coverage on him, but our guy got tripped up and he ran it (69) yards. It was those type of big plays that hurt us."

Lake Orion struggled to move the ball in the fourth quarter, and found itself in a big hole after turning the ball over on downs on its own 30-yard-line inside three minutes. Five plays later, Gav rushed in untouched for a touchdown. The Cougars continued to drive, that we would not have time to come back," said Bell. "We had to let (Gay) run it in with the hopes of putting together a quick drive of our own, score, and then try to get the onside kick and score again. We just weren't able to move the football (in the second half) and you have to credit their defense for that."

Lake Orion made some big plays of its own in the first half, which enabled the Dragons to build its seven-point halftime advantage. An interception by Joe Nowicki gave Lake Orion the ball on the Cougars' 24. On the next play, quarterback Brad Hood found David Wurst for a 24-yard scoring toss, followed by Dylan VanFossen's PAT, for the 7-0 lead with 7:04 left in the first. Dakota finally answered with 6:38 left in the second, when Gay plowed in from 2-yards out, but Gore's extra point was blocked by Nowicki. It didn't take Lake Orion long

to add to its lead. David Wurst made an eye-catching grab just inside midfield, which he bobbled four times before hauling it in and rambling 75 yards for the score. This time the PAT was wide left for the 13-6 lead — but the Dragons didn't score again. After going 4-of-8 for 112 yards in the first half, Hood only finished 11-for-40 for 211 yards in the contest. The Dragons also picked up just 62 yards rushing in the contest. "The idea for us was to shut down their running game and make them be one dimensional and have to go with the pass," offered Bell. "We forced them to pass and their kids made the big plays."

Stallons was 17-for-24 passing for 341 yards with two interceptions, and Knapp had 153 receiving on six catches. Marcus Lancaster had four catches for 89 yards and Gay hauled in seven catches for 94 yards and rushed for 111 yards on 14 carries and scored all four touchdowns. "He stepped up and started to come into his own," said Giannone of Stallons. "He had some big passes and Derek (Knapp) came through with a couple big catches. He dropped one and fumbled it (at the Orion 3), but ore than made up for it. And Greg (Gay) stepped up when we needed him to and ran it in."

Nowicki had 170 all-purpose yards for the Dragons, with 43 yards rushing on 10 carries, four catches for 53 yards and 74 return yards. Wurst had five catches for 149 yards and both touchdowns, but only 37 of his yards after half-time. Lake Orion could only muster 101 yards offense in the second half. Defensively, the Dragons had five sacks of Stallons, led by two sacks and nine tackles by Josh Allison. James Monko had eight tackles and two sacks, and Nowicki had an interception, blocked an extra point and recovered a fumble. John Stipek had 10 tackles for Dakota.

STRIDE

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and Matt Sweda are good for at least six yards every time they touch the ball and sophomore Dalton Walser has made a couple moves the past three weeks that would make LaDainian Tomlinson proud. The most glaring testament to Canton's offensive success during the playoffs has been the inactivity of its punter, Colin O'Shaunessy, who has been as busy as the guy who's been responsible for printing Detroit Tiger playoff tickets the past 18 years.

ROLLING THUNDER

Canton's juggernaut-like run through the playoffs has been the past three weeks has defied opposing defenses, opposing offenses — and logic. In most cases, games get tougher for teams as they grind through the survival-of-the-fittest high school football playoffs. The Chiefs' victories have actually gotten

easier week-by-week. In the opener, Monroe raced to a 20-7 lead before the Chiefs found their bearings and won by eight. Last week, Canton won handily against Detroit Cody, which is equipped with one of the more entertaining offenses you'll ever see. Then Friday night, the Chiefs led 48-7 before the Crusaders punched in a couple late TD's. Personally, I don't think this is a reflection of Canton's opponents as much as it is a reflection of how the Chiefs' offense and defense are coming together at just the right time.

JUNIORS' ACHIEVEMENT

The X-factor for Canton the next two weeks will be its defense. As many as nine juniors have started on the defensive side of the ball for the Chiefs this season, so it took them a while to jell. But with 12 games under their belts this year, it's almost as if the juniors are three games into their senior year. It showed Friday night when the starters held the Crusaders to

just seven points through three-and-a-half quarters. Canton defenders Jeff Piper, O'Shaunessy, Rossow, McClendon and Matt Sweda run like Amtrak's and hit like freight trains, which isn't a good combination for opposing running backs. **TOUGH CHALLENGE AHEAD** Life is bound to get more difficult for the Chiefs Saturday when they take on Macomb Dakota, a team that has advanced to the D1 football "Final Four" three times in the school's 10-year existence. The Crusaders are a very good football team with weapons on both sides of the ball. But the odds are good they haven't seen anything like Canton's Wing-T offense this season — or any season, for that matter. It's a tough system to figure out if you have a month to prepare. The Crusaders have a week. And they haven't seen anyone like McClendon, who, like the man said, is some powerful 5-6.

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Whalers notch big road victory

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With the win, the second-place Whalers (11-6-1-1) keep pace with division-leading Saginaw (13-4-4-0) in the OHL's West Division. Saginaw beat Oshawa, 4-2, on Friday night. Plymouth remains three points back.

Dan Collins, John Vigilante, James Neal and Jared Boll scored for Plymouth. It was Collins' team-leading 15th net-finder of the season.

Michael Haley, Chad Painchaud and Harrison Reed scored for the Sting, which fell to 10-9-0-0, which is good enough for third place in the QHL West.

Plymouth goal-tender Ryan

Nie allowed two Sarnia goals early in the game and buckled down the rest of the way, stopping 33 of 36 shots for his seventh victory of the season. Whaler penalty killers did their part, too, allowing just one Sarnia power-play in 10 attempts.

Sarnia grabbed a 2-0 lead early in the first period on goals by Haley (4:32) and Painchaud (6:54), out-shooting 7-1 during that period of the game. But Plymouth started to turn the game around in the second half of the first period when Collins scored after snapping a shot through traffic from the left wing. Ondrej Otcenas assisted on the goal.

The Whalers' power play went back to work when Vigilante added the equalizer on a snap shot from the hash marks at 17:31. Neal then scored at 18:08 to give the Whalers a 3-2 advantage.

Boll scored the eventual



Plymouth's Dan Collins, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored his team-leading 15th in the Whalers 4-3 victory over Sarnia Friday night.

game-winning goal at 3:10 of the second period when he followed up his hard slap shot from the left dot and stuffed the puck by Sarnia goal-tender Jeff

MacDougald when he couldn't find the rebound in his crease area. Reed cut the Plymouth lead to 4-3 on a power play at 11:51 of the second period.

The third period was scoreless, but not uneventful. Plymouth killed off four Sarnia power plays and was two men short with 1:06 remaining in

regulation when Sarnia head coach Shawn Camp called a time-out and pulled MacDougald, giving Sarnia a 6-on-3 advantage.

Although the Sting had the play in the Plymouth end much of the remaining 1:06, Whalers defenders blocked five shots during that time to seal the win.

CLARIN

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court on Day 1 of the 2005 season. The move has paid dividends as the senior point guard has been one of the main catalysts in the Rocks' 17-3 regular-season and co-Western Lakes Activities Association title.

PASS 1ST, SHOOT 2ND

Clarin's primary role this season has been unselfishly distributing the ball to her teammates, including Teresa Coppiellie, Tayler Langham, Lauren Kurtz and Alaya Mitchell. She also helps break opponents' full-court pressure with her slick ball-handling skills and adept decision-making abilities.

"When I was in the fourth grade, my dad used to make me go to my older brother's basketball practices," Clarin said, when asked how she developed her advanced dribbling skills. "While the boys were practicing, he'd have me dribble around the outside of the court with just my left hand. I'd get so mad at him back then, but now I thank him because it made me a better player. I can dribble as well with my left as I can with my right now."

FAST FRIENDS

Clarin, who moved from Dearborn Heights to Canton with her family when she was 12, attended middle school at a parochial school in Melvindale.

"I still remember my first day of tryouts for Salem's freshmen team," Clarin recalled. "I walked into the gym and I didn't know one person. It was kind of scary. But basketball has always been a way for me to make friends. Before too long, I had met a lot of nice people who are still my friends today."

Clarin has started nearly every game this season. In the few games she didn't start, she played substantial minutes.

"This year has gone really well so far," she said. "I have learned how much hard work pays off. Even though I didn't play much last year, I realize now how much better I've become just by practicing against the three senior guards last year."

Clarin said she and her sophomore back-court mate Mitchell clicked on the court almost instantly.

"It's awesome playing with 'Mitch,'" Clarin said. "We trust each other out there and we have confidence in each other. When we're out there together against a press, we know we can break it."

GRADE-A STUDENT

Clarin is a talented and gifted student. She's compiled a sterling 3.8 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. She's also president of the P-CEP Asian-Pacific American Club, which has over 40 members.

"We hold workshops that discuss a number of issues that relate to Asian-American students," she said. "We also participate in the 'Celebration of Diversity' program."

Clarin, who would like to be a nurse some day, said she has learned several valuable life lessons from high school athletics.

"Most importantly, I've learned that hard work pays off," she said. "And that giving up is not the answer. You have to stick with things, in good times and bad."

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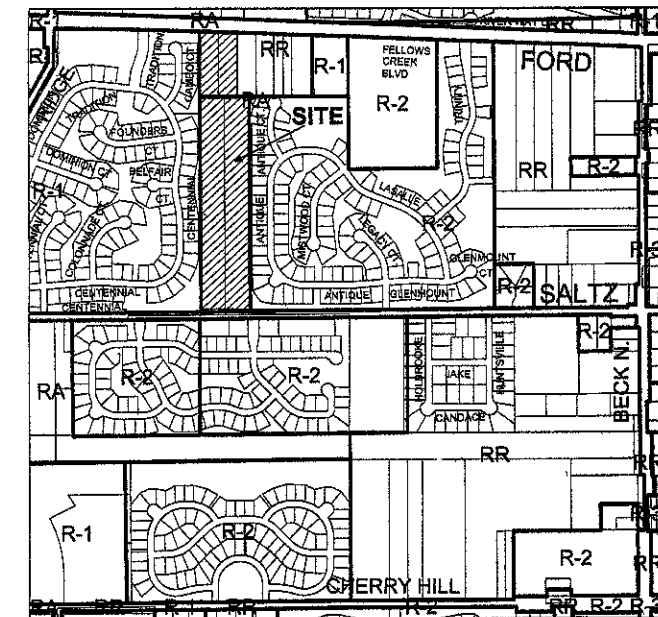
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 5, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, December 1, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Old Timers Bowling tournament marks 75th year

This year's Old Timers Bowling Association tournament and party marks its 75th anniversary for this grand event.

It all began in the fall of 1931 when a group of nine veterans of the game met at the old Elks temple to discuss what was then little more than a dream.



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Al Harrison

A total of 85 bowlers took flings in the inaugural tourney, won by Frank "Cookie" Smith's 640 series.

Immediately after the tourney, the bowlers ventured over to the old Barnum Hotel on Cadillac Square for lunch, refreshments, prizes and an organizational meeting.

It was unanimously resolved to make the event an annual affair.

Ed Heiden was elected president; Ed Helwig, vice-president; and George Niepoth sec-

retary-treasurer.

This trio continued to serve in those capacities for the first nine years of the organization's history.

The format calls for competition in seven age groups: under-50, 50-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79 and 80-and-over.

The tournament championship went to the bowler 50-and-over who bowls the highest actual three-game actual total pinfall series.

This event has attracted not only the area's finest and most famous bowlers including Joe Norris, Johnny Crimmins, Fred Wolf, Lou Ode, Herb Fach, Eddie Lubanski, Billy "G" Golembiewski, Syl Thiel, Harold Allen, Walter Reppenhagen, Bill Tucker, George Young, Bob Kwolek, John and Hank Gavie, Fred Bujack, Tony Lindemann.

It also attracts bowlers from other parts of the country as far away as San Diego and Minnesota. And for the first time this year, a group of 35 bowlers and Altoona, Pa. will also be on hand.

A group from our area traveled to Altoona earlier this year and now they are returning the favor.

American Bowling Congress Hall-of Famer Jimmy Schroeder of Tonawanda, N.Y. has sent in his entry form as

well.

If you are old enough, you might remember when they had a "crow's nest" overlooking the lanes.

This is where the lane judge would sit and watch for foul line violations.

Twenty-five years ago, the Old Timers held their 50th golden anniversary event and the venerable John Chmelko served in the dual capacity of president and secretary-treasurer.

By then the action had found a permanent home at the 96 lanes of Thunderbowl in Allen Park.

This year's tourney is dedicated to John Chmelko, Jr., an Old Timers' past president who has been a great help to his dad in running the show.

The Old Timers committee has selected two deserving

young men who are currently high school seniors to receive \$500 each in college scholarships, which will be awarded at the opening ceremonies.

The defending champion is Garden City's Rick Eierman, who will have to go an extra mile or two to equal the amazing feat of Windsor's Scotty Laughland, a six-time champ (including three years in a row).

How about four in a row, Scotty? He hopes to equal Herbert W. Case, who won it all in 1951-52-53-54.

Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield won in 1991, while Jarv Woehlke of Dearborn, the oldest bowler ever to roll two 300s in the same season, won it in 1997.

Redford's Ted Kress and myself will be taping and editing this year's event. It will be

televised locally on several occasions during the following month. Openings remain for the 2005 edition for both morning and afternoon squads.

And be sure to join in at the banquet, which follows at approximately 3:30 p.m.

You can pick up entry forms at most bowling counters around town or call John Chmelko at (586) 756-3240.

The Sunday morning leagues at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills experienced a power failure (Nov. 6) during the middle of the second game.

Power was out for two hours and everybody left for home.

Games will have to be made up at a later date.

The first-round games were all recorded, but the scores of the second game (still in progress) were all wiped out.

Fortunately, the power came back on just in time for Ebonite's Demo Days, which proved to be highly successful at Aleta Sill's Bowling World.

The Printcraft League bowls each Sunday morning at Garden Lanes in Garden City.

A couple of their members performed "big-time" lately with G. Thomas Bowen, III of Detroit leading the way on games of 279-289-245 for an 813 series.

Ten days later, Bowen rolled a 300 game in another league at Oxford Lanes.

Meanwhile, John Mezo came up with games of 290-226-289, giving him an 805 series.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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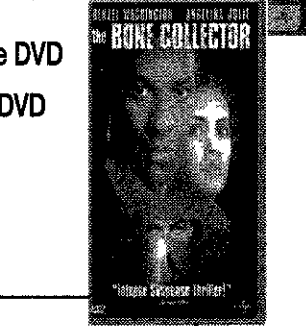
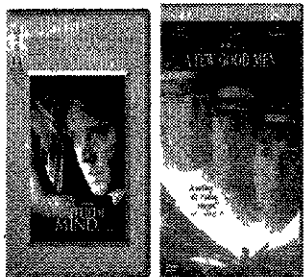
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Bobbie Jones

A home for us all

Lately, there has been some unimaginable devastation taking place here in America.

Property has been destroyed, lives uprooted and many Americans have been left homeless.

I've heard it said too many times many Americans are just a couple of paychecks from the streets. And whether we believe it, it's truer than we think. Although the hurricanes were able to reduce individuals to homelessness in a split second, many hard-working people have been living this nightmare for years.

When it comes to homelessness many of us have that image in our minds of the person on the street begging for spare change and we can't believe how someone could have gotten himself into this hopeless situation. We think a homeless person was not responsible with his finances or he committed some crime that left him this way. I have seen those myths destroyed.

I know that a person working two jobs can reside in a shelter because the two minimum-wage jobs he holds still do not afford him the ability to save for the \$1,500 down payment to secure a decent dwelling.

I also know that a person can become injured on the job she holds so dear and, in the three months she is laid up recovering, bills pile up and in that fourth month that recovered person could find herself with a whole new set of problems.

As a child, my family and I lived our lives teetering on the edge of homelessness. In our case we had a landlord my dad worked for and every time he got angry, or business was bad or the weather changed, we were threatened with eviction. I truly believe it was only by the grace of God we did not end up on the street.

The recent storms that hit Alabama, New Orleans and Mississippi brought the almost-forgotten issue of poverty soaring back to the forefront.

In those areas affected by the storm, national numbers offered for 2004 showed that 14.5 percent of families and 23.2 percent of individuals in New Orleans lived below the poverty line. That same year, in Alabama's Mobile County, which was also affected by Hurricane Katrina, the rates were 19 and 20 percent living below the poverty line. As wealthy as America is, I believe we can do much better.

That's why for the past 15 years I have been honored to have been involved in one capacity or another with Habitat for Humanity, and it has been their working mission for years to provide "a home for us all."

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for low-income individuals and families and works with banks and organizations and businesses in there areas in which they build to secure financing and donated supplies to provide decent and affordable homes for the working poor.

This week is Homeless Awareness Week and the SOS Crisis Center, which has been providing assistance to those in need of a dwelling for years, will offer a week of activities to raise awareness about the problems of homelessness and poverty in America.

So please, if you can take time out of your busy lives to help in the lives of others, for we are all neighbors.

To contact Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, please call (734) 459-7744. If you are interested in donating your time to the SOS Crisis Center, please call (734) 485-8730.

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Holiday Greetings

Purchasing holiday cards from nonprofits sends a special message. Commercialism is temporarily put on hold to help worthy causes. A number of charities are offering a variety of images this holiday season.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Marian Renaud expects last year's holiday greeting cards to be as popular this year. Visitors to Greenmead Historical Park never tire of Robert Perrish's painting of the Hill House and Lawrence Diggs' photograph of the Shaw House front door. Proceeds from both will be used to finish work on the village's

historic homes. "We had the supervisor of Greenmead in Livonia. We're presently working on finishing the Blue House. We've renovated for reuse to have space for meetings, conferences, special activities like birthday parties for the community. People already use Historic Newburg Church for wedding ceremonies. Now they can use the Blue House for receptions and rehearsal dinners."

In addition to the Hill House (10 cards for \$10) and the Shaw House (20 cards for \$16), a new three-dimensional brass ornament of the Joshua Simmons/Hill House is available for \$15. Call (248) 477-7375.

"We did really well with them last year," said Linda Wiacek, Greenmead staffer. "We're a small gift shop. During the Christmas walk we brought them to the Simmons/Hill House and people saw them, appreciated them and purchased them."

A. Select from 11 holiday cards to benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Each card can include a personalized message or a pre-printed general, holiday, religious, business, or Hanukkah greeting. Images range from the Detroit skyline to nature photos of Kensington Metropark and Cranbrook and historic photos of holidays past. Cost is \$14.95 a box. Call (800) KARMANOS or visit www.karmanos.org.

B. Proceeds from the card sale by Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will be used to build homes for families in Wayne County. Cards feature drawings by Habitat partner families. Each package contains 13 cards with four different designs. Cost is \$10 per package and can be ordered by contacting Habitat at 638 Starkweather, Plymouth or by phone at (734) 459-7744.

C. The Ann Arbor Art Center will be selling four different holiday card designs, created by young artists in the center's education program. The cards can be purchased at the gallery shop, 177 Liberty, Ann Arbor. The cost is \$12 for a box of 10. All proceeds go to the center. For more information, call (734) 994-8004.

D. The New Hope Center in Northville helps children, teens and adults grieving the loss of a loved one. A packet of 20 cards with envelopes is \$20, \$15 tax deductible. To order, go to the Website www.newhopecenter.net or call (248) 348-0115.

E. The Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan is a greyhound adoption organization. The cards designed by artist Don Ignazi are available in a set of eight cards for \$12. To order, go online at www.gemgreyhounds.org/gem_store/xmas_cards.htm

F. The Michigan Humane Society is offering six designs featuring photographs by Waterford resident Mari Latozas. Each box of 15 cards costs \$15. They are available at the three Humane Society locations (including 900 N. Newburgh, Westland), by phone at (866) MHUMANE (648-6263) or online at www.michiganhumane.org.

G. The Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders is offering five designs. The card shown is by a 14-year-old from the Detroit area. Cards are available in packages of 10 for \$10, plus shipping and handling. Order forms available at (248) 433-2200 or by e-mail at info@michkids.org.

PLEASE SEE CARDS, C3

Gala supports work of Presbyterian Villages

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

It's a Wonderful Life is a popular 1940s movie starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, shown on TV at Christmas. That's also the name chosen for the gala fund-raiser for Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, held Nov. 5 at the Ford Conference and Event Center in Dearborn.

"We have all different types of senior housing," said Carrie Moon-Dupree of Canton, a regional vice president for

Presbyterian Villages. She oversees two Westland facilities (Our Saviour's Manor and The Village of Westland) and one under construction in Gibraltar, due to open January 2006.

There are 15 facilities in operation, with three more slated to open by early 2006. The Nov. 5 foundation fund-raiser helped to raise money to support that work.

"We're initiating wellness programs in all the Villages," said Moon-Dupree. Those encourage healthy aging and also receive foundation support.

ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGES

A faith-based nonprofit organization, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan sponsors, develops and manages a growing number of retirement communities, senior housing facilities and programs for older persons. Presbyterian Villages of Michigan offers a variety of retirement living and senior care options including independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing care to approximately 2,000 individuals of all faiths in Michigan. Founded in 1945, PVM is a nonprofit community agency. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and managed by an executive staff. Equal opportunity housing and non-discrimination is practiced in every respect. Offices are located at: 26200 Lahser Road, Suite 300 Southfield, Michigan 48034-7157 (248) 281-2020 Fax (248) 281-2060 TTY # 800-649-3777



Eleanor Schroeder of Grosse Pointe Farms and Laura Rice of Redford enjoyed their time at the 'It's a Wonderful Life' fund-raiser, which drew some 600 people.

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Housing ranges from nursing homes to assisted living for seniors, including subsidized apartments. Earlier this year, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan broke ground on the first of two Green Houses at The Village of Redford Senior Living Community, the first in the state. These are homes for the frailest of seniors who would otherwise be in a nursing home.

Speaker for the gala fund-raiser (held this year for the second time) was Neal J. Shine, columnist and retired executive editor of the *Detroit Free Press*. Honorary chairs were Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. (Mary) Schroeder.

Shine told of talking with his grandson about God, and what would happen if equal numbers of fans prayed for the Detroit Pistons and the Milwaukee Bucks. "I told him God cares about everything," he said to the more than 600 attending.

Prayer's always been an important part of Shine's life, and he noted the multitude of saints to whom Catholics pray, "everything from lost articles to finding your way."

As a copy boy, he took home children whose parents forgot to pick them up after the newspaper-sponsored camp. Shine would pray a parent would be

home and he wouldn't have to arrange housing with a society department staffer.

He also told of a young doctor setting up a clinic in Honduras, to whom he helped to get donations shipped. It's now a 60-bed hospital where University of Michigan med-



Monsignor John Zenz of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Damone of Troy and Neal Shine of St. Clair Shores were among those attending. The Damone Group was the event's presenting sponsor. Shine was the keynote speaker and Zenz gave the invocation.

ical students and others help.

Shine concluded with a prayer of thanks for "your efforts in making so much possible for so many."

Dinner and dancing were part of the evening, along with a silent auction. The event is "to get our name out in the community," Moon-Dupree said, adding it's beneficial to get information out that seniors of all income levels and faiths are served.

"We really haven't had a lot of events like this," said Melinda Conway Callahan of Rochester Hills, PVM foundation president.

Last year's dinner was a "coming out party" in which programs and services were introduced.

"I think people left last year saying 'Wow,'" Callahan noted that aging baby boomers will need housing.

This year's event had a \$100,000 goal divided between the Green Houses and wellness initiative, which was met. The theme was chosen to remind people that all lives make a difference and elders shouldn't be taken for granted, Callahan said.

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I. Seedlings provides Braille books for children. For \$10 tax deductible donation, Seedlings will inscribe a Braille book in your honoree's name and you will receive a festive card to give to them. To order by phone, call (734) 427-8552, by e-mail at seedlink@aol.com or online at www.seedlings.org/donate/html.

J. Right to Life/Lifespan is offering two designs. Mary and Infant (shown) is \$16 for a box of 20; Bethlehem Scene is \$7 for a box of 10. Cards are available by calling (248) 478-8878.

K. Northwest ARC Athletic Fund, which supports children in the Special Olympics, is offering four designs by Livonia schoolchildren. A packet of 20 cards is available for a minimum \$10 donation. To order, call (734) 655-2300.

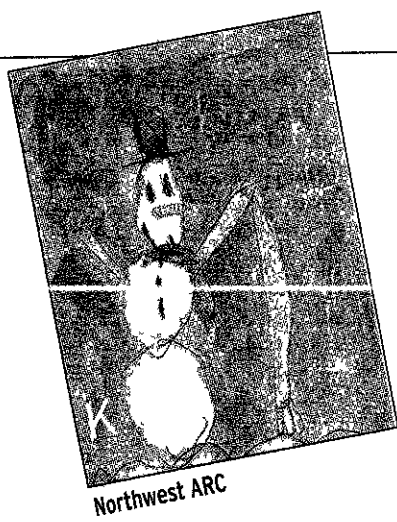
L. Make-A-Wish offers three cards - Wish kid photos feature three cards of five different children for \$15, a snowman drawn by a wish kid (10 cards for \$10), and a professional card with gold foil (10 cards for \$10). Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Call (888) 857-9474 or visit www.wishmich.org.

M. The Alzheimer's Association has nine holiday cards available this season. A box of 25 sells for \$37.50. To order go to the web site at <http://alzgm.org/einvite.htm> or contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter, 20300 Civic Center Drive, No. 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or by phone at (248) 351-0280.

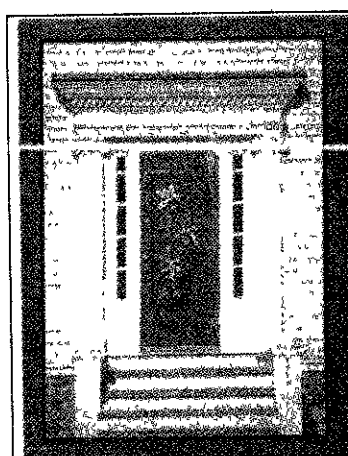
N. Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, which provides an organ, tissue and eye donor registry, is offering a box of 10 cards for \$12. To order on line, go to www.donatelifemichigan.org.

O. Proceeds from sales of nine different cards from Paws With A Cause go to fund the training of Assistance Dogs nationally for people with disabilities. All cards are pre-packed in quantities of 10 and sell for \$7 per package. To order, visit www.pawswithacause.org, or call (800) 253-7297.

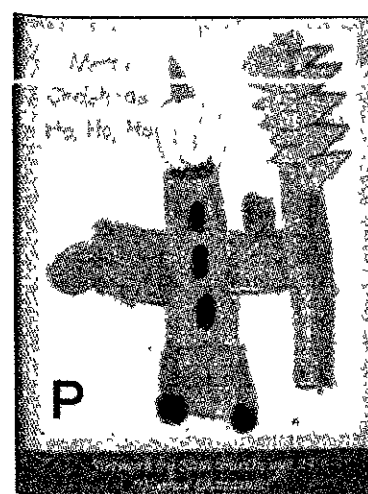
P. The St. Louis Center in Chelsea is a residential care facility for children with developmental disabilities, managed by the Servants of Charity Order of the Catholic Church. The center is selling five cards designed by residents of the center. Each packet contains 12 cards and sells for \$15 with an additional \$2 added for postage and handling. To order contact Jill Wesolowski at (734) 475-8430 or through the Web site at www.stlouiscenter.org.



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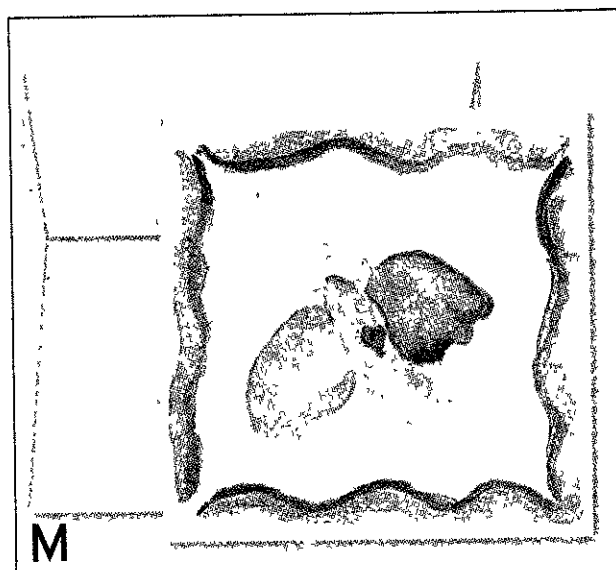
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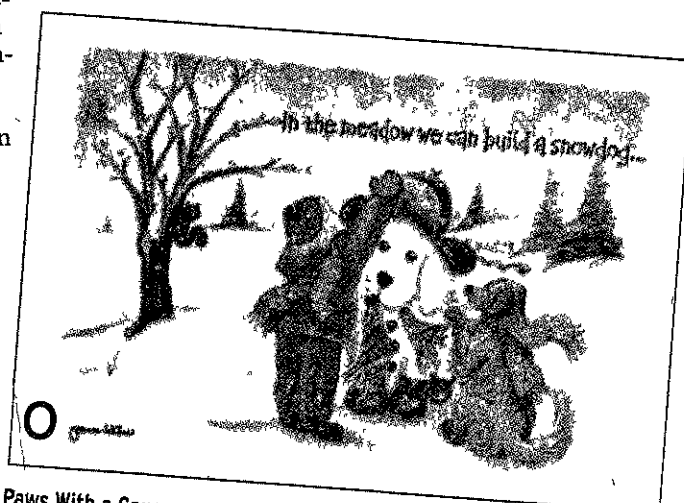
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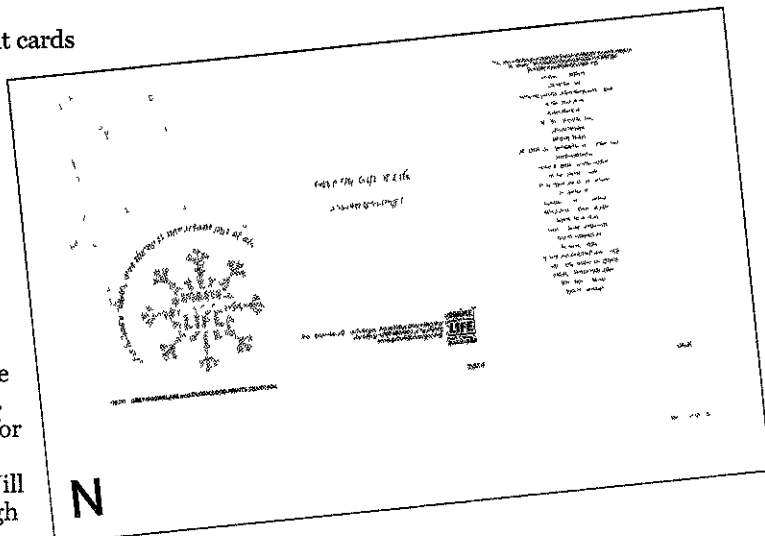
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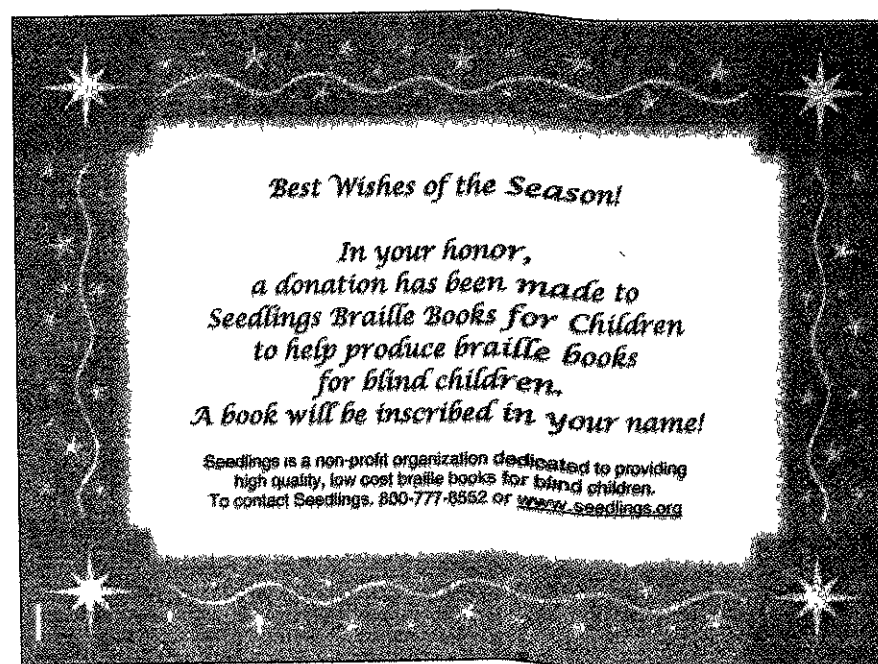
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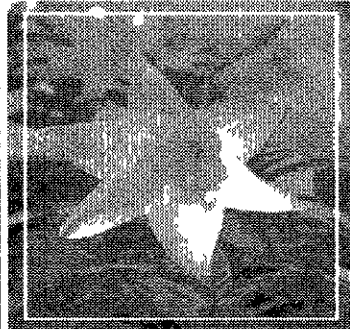
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ERIC E. BENTLAGE

Age 89. Died Nov. 9, 2005 at Lourdes Nursing Home, Waterford, MI. Born in Essen Germany, lived in Bloomfield Hills most of his adult life since leaving Germany to the US. Eric was age 14, and his first job was working on a farm in Idaho when arriving in US. He was self employed, manufacturing mostly for the automobile industry. Member of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham and a member of and past District Governor of Rotary International, also a member of Orchard Lake Country Club. Eric was a avid Fisherman, Hunter and Golfer. Survived by his wife Frances B. Bentlage, one son Roger E. (Mary) Bentlage of Lake Orion, Mi. Three step daughters: Leslie (Robert) Cowan of Colorado, Randy (John) O'Hara of Bloomfield Village and Holly Baird. Also survived by 8 Grandchildren. Eric was formerly married to E. Joyce Bentlage, who died in 1977. Memorial Service at The First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 589 W. Maple, Monday, November 14, 2005 at 11:00 A.M. Visitation at the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham, 820 E. Maple, Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8pm. Officiating The Reverend Dr. John E. Harnish. Interment will be private. Memorial tributes may be made to: Lourdes Nursing Home, 2300 Watkins Lake Rd., Waterford, MI. 48238

VIOLET V. (DUMKE) BITZ

Age 86, November 9, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Mathew for 60 years. Loving mother of Carolee, Bill (Nancy), and Michael (Kathy). Dear grandmother of William (Kelly), Michelle (Clark), Rob, Jackie, and Brad. Great-grandmother of Marley, Kathelynn, Madelynn, and Conor. Visitation Sunday, 4-9pm, at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Rosary Service Sunday, 8pm. Instate Monday, 10:30am until time of Mass, 11am, at St. Alexander Catholic Church, 27835 Shawassee, Farmington Hills. Memorials suggested to St. Alexander Catholic Church or The American Diabetes Foundation.



JAMES R. CARR

November 1, 2005, age 92. Beloved husband of Doris. Survived by James M. Carr, Doris M. Carr, Kathleen Martin and the late Donald M. Carr, and the late Judith Myers. Loving grandfather of 9 and great-grandfather of 12. Service Tuesday 11 AM at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Rd. (2 blocks W. of Woodward) Berkley. Visitation Monday 4-8 PM. Burial at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorial contributions may be made to Granbrook Hospice.



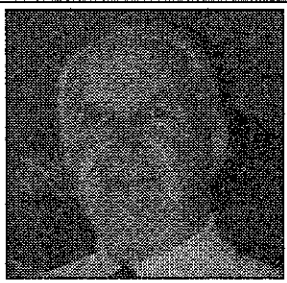
PATTY ANN COOL

June 20, 1971-November 8, 2005. Beloved wife of Camron. Loving mother of Cammie. Dearest daughter of David and Margaret Branner of Livonia. Granddaughter of Louise Gathel of MS. Great Granddaughter of Louise Donham. Loving sister to Christopher, Heidi (Reeme), James and Jason.



AMBER MARIE HARRISON

Age 19, November 8, 2005. Beloved daughter of Kevin (Denise) and Bonnie (Jeff) Lockard. Dear sister of Daryl Harrison, Alycia Lockard, Chad Oldre and Logan Lockard. Dearest granddaughter of Don and Shirley, Ralph and Maude Lockard, Henry and Gail Broniak and the late Glenn and Audrey Harrison. A Funeral Service was held Sat. Nov. 12 at Revival Outreach Center (ROC) in Northville Township. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Holy Hands c/o Revival Outreach Center. Please sign the online guestbook at: rggfharris.com.



RICHARD M. "DICK" HANSZ

Age 88, of Traverse City, passed away Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at the Grand Traverse Pavilions. He was born May 31, 1917, in Highland Park, Michigan, and attended Wayne State University in Detroit. In 1940, he was married to Edith Harwood of Marshall, Michigan. They had three sons: Larry (Maureen) of Traverse City, Michigan; Robert (Sue) of Folly Beach, South Carolina; and Timothy (Carol) of Plymouth, Michigan, who survive him. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Winona, Minnesota, where he was a Vestryman and lay Eucharistic Minister. He was past president of the Order of St. Andrew of the Diocese of Michigan and a member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club. After living in Winona for twenty-five years, Richard and his wife moved to Traverse City, Michigan, in September 2001. Per Dick's wishes, cremation has taken place and private family services were held. Interment is scheduled to take place in the Columbarium at Grace Episcopal Church in Traverse City. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grace Episcopal Church, 341 Washington Street, Traverse City, MI, 49684. Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guestbook at: www.reynolds-jankhoff.com

MERLIN HOLMQUIST

92, of Henderson. Mr. Holmquist died Oct 30, 2005, in Tyler. He was born Oct. 8, 1913, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a police detective for the city of Birmingham, Mich., a member of the Michigan Masonic Lodge NO. 44 in Birmingham, Mich., a Shriner, a Methodist and a graduate of FBI Academy. Survivors include: daughter, Marilyn V. Soko of Henderson; son, Robert Holmquist and his wife, Victoria, of Jupiter, Fla.; grandchildren, Christopher Holmquist, Thomas Woodburn & wife, Sonja, James Woodburn; brother-in-law, John Wright & his wife, Betty, of Dunnellon, Fla. Memorial services was held Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at Kingsley Place. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's of Northeast Texas, 3613 S Broadway, Tyler, TX 75701. Please call for a condolence and service card. www.ve.com

BARBARA G. OLIVER

Of Chelsea, Michigan, age 87, died Monday, November 7, 2005 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. Born January 29, 1918 in London, Ontario, the daughter of Paul B. and Catherine S. (Former) Elson. She attended the University of Western Ontario, earning a teaching certificate, and worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, MI for many years. She married George H. Oliver in London, Ontario on April 28, 1945. They moved to Detroit in 1953. Surviving her are five sons: George, John, C. Gary, Wayne and Robert. Also three daughters: Janice Nicol (California), Laura Guibord and Carol Hasrouni (California). Also surviving is her stepister, Loreen Taylor of London, Ontario. Preceding her in death were her husband, George; her brother, Howard Elson, and her sister, Muriel Lewis. A memorial service will be held at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia, MI 48150 at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 14th. Memorial donations may be made to the church or the Towseley Village, 805 Middle St., Chelsea, MI 48118. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.



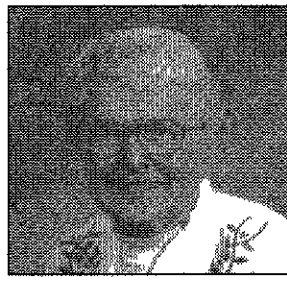
HELEN F. RICE

November 7, 2005, in Northport, MI. Age 87. Formerly of Detroit and Mesa, AZ. Proud to be in the first group of commissioned WAVES Officers in the United States Navy. Wife of the late Francis E. for 41 years. Loving mother of Elizabeth Rice-Munro (Roderick), Dear sister of John Chambers. Funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. Gerald Church, Farmington. Memorial tributes to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. For further information, call A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



RICHARD C. REILLY, M.D.

November 3, 2005. Age 74, of Birmingham. Retired Orthopedic Surgeon from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. Dear father of William, Richard, Steven, Jeffrey, James (Cathy), and Laura Bradshaw (Joe) Also survived by 8 grandchildren. Brother of Philip (Ann), William (Vicki), Joan Stanton (David); Rita, and the late Judith Boyer. Funeral Mass was Tuesday at St. Regis Church, Bloomfield Hills. Memorials to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201. For information, call A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ALTHEA MAE SHOEMAKER

Age 85, of Plymouth, died October 21, 2005. She was born June 10, 1920, in Monroe. Althea came from Petersburg, Michigan, after attending Virginia Farrell School of Cosmetology in Toledo, Ohio, to reside in Plymouth. She owned her own business in Plymouth since the age of 20, first in the city and then in her residence of 42 years on Penniman Avenue. Althea left the beauty business for a short while in the 1940's during World War II to become a "Rosie the Riveter" at the Phoenix Mill Factory. The County of Wayne, Michigan, gave her a resolution honoring Althea for her hard work and dedication as a worker at the Phoenix Mill Village Industry Factory, the first factory where only women worked. She was also a charter member of the Phoenix Mill Women's Museum. Althea volunteered her services at the Plymouth Historical Museum, and was deeply involved with the Plymouth Elks (BPOE #1780) and the Vivians Club since the 1950's. She had twice been voted Vivian of the Year, and had retired as Vice President of the club. Althea was a devoted friend and friend. When in good health, she was always on call at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home to do the hair of a deceased friend or relative. Althea was also a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She took care of her late husband, Harry, at home for 4 1/2 years after his paralytic stroke. Always strong, she never complained and always managed to make several jokes along the way. She is survived by her daughter, Susan (Byron) Taylor, and her granddaughter, Candy. Memorial Service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Wednesday, November 16, 11am with Sanford Burr presiding. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 10am. A bereavement luncheon will be held at the Plymouth Elks Lodge BPOE #1780 immediately following the service. Memorials may be made to Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI.

SHERIDAN M. THURSTON

Age 54 of Plymouth, November 3, 2005. Dear brother of Norm (Sheila). Dear son of the late Eleanor F. Dear nephew of Samuel and Lillian Adams. Also survived by many cousins. Long time custodian of Tonda Elementary School in Canton, where he was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. Family & friends will gather Friday 4:30 PM, until the memorial service at 5 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army Corp. To leave a message of condolence, log on www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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Meningococcal vaccine recommended for teens

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now recommending routine vaccination of young adolescents with a newly licensed meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) when your pre-adolescent has his or her checkup (11-12 years old).

Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria that infect the bloodstream and the linings of the brain and spinal cord, causing serious illness. Every year in the United States, 1,400 to 2,800 people get meningococcal disease. Ten to 14 percent of people with meningococcal disease die, and 11-19 percent of survivors have permanent disabilities (such as metal retardation, hearing loss, and loss of limbs).

The disease often begins with symptoms that can be mistaken for common illnesses, such as the flu. Meningococcal disease is particularly dangerous because it progresses rapidly and can kill within hours.

For those who have not previously received meningococcal vaccine, ACIP recommends vaccination before high school entry (15 years old) as the most effective strategy towards reducing meningococcal disease incidence in adolescence and young adulthood.

Other adolescents who wish to decrease their risk of meningococcal disease may elect to receive the vaccine. The risk continues for all young people ages 18-24.

Dr. John S. Moran, acting chief of the bacterial vaccine preventable diseases branch of the CDC, said in *The New York Times* (Education Life, Nov. 6, 2005), "Meningococcal bacteria,



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

which can cause a fatal spinal infection, should be a concern of those living in a dorm's close quarters. Infection rates for dorm residents can be nearly five times as high as those for a similar age group living elsewhere." Moran also suggests that parents check with the health department in the state where their child goes to college for local regulations. New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts, for example, require immunization for new students living in campus housing.

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNIZATION

Referred to by the Chinese as the "cough of 100 days," whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory infection that is characterized by a prolonged, dry cough sometimes associated with a signature "whoop" sound. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted in June to recommend that adolescents be given a whooping cough booster.

Adults, as well as adolescents, become vulnerable to whooping cough (pertussis) as childhood immunizations wear off, leaving people in these age groups at risk to acquire and transmit the disease. Cases of whooping cough in adults increased 150 percent between 2003 and 2004; more than 7,000 cases were reported in adults in 2004.

The National Center for Infectious Diseases, a nonprofit

dedicated to providing education about causes, treatments, and prevention of infectious diseases (www.ncid.org) recommends that both adolescents and adults receive the whooping cough booster.

Check with your doctor and see if you and your adolescent can be immunized again against whooping cough. Your young children can be vaccinated against this scourge until the age of 7.

Be sure to obtain the meningococcal vaccine for your adolescent in middle school, high school or college.

For more information: *Immunizations & Infectious Diseases: An Informed Parent's Guide*, edited by Margaret C. Fisher, M.D. FAAP (November 2005, \$14.95, 447 pages) A fine, user-friendly source available for raising healthy children. Available at your local bookstore or by calling (800) 888-4741 or online at www.jpg-book.com.

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/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, MI 48150.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Bishop Burgess

Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at the Novi Sheraton. 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets \$65/person include: dinner, entertainment, open bar. For details, contact Dean Lundberg at (734) 718-2720 or dlundberg@comcast.net.

Central High

Class of 1946
A 60-year reunion is planned for June 4, 2006, at Glen Oaks Country Club. Both January and June classmates will celebrate over dinner and dancing. January grads contact Al Weiss (248) 737-9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851-6625. June grads contact Barbara Keidan (248) 646-7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932-5177.

Dearborn Heights

Crestwood High School
Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. For information, send e-mail to Crestwoods1985@aol.com or call (248) 842-0510.

Denby High School

Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

Detroit Mackenzie

Classes Jan. June and Summer 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For more information call Harold Kappen at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earthlink.net.

Edsel Ford High School

A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Final activity will be a "Black and White Ball" on Saturday, May 20, 2006. About the activities www.geocities.com/edsel50th. To contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centers-Pelc

Thomas and Christine Centers of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Nichole, to Jason Pelc of Westland. Elizabeth is a graduate of Oakland University. She is a middle school science teacher in Canton. Her fiancé, Jason, is the son of Michael and Lorraine Pelc of Dearborn Heights. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is an engineer at Ford Motor Co. Jason and Elizabeth are planning a December wedding.



They will be taking their honeymoon to Spain in July, and are making their new home in Historical Dearborn.

Brewer-Covert

Patricia Strickland of Cartersville, Ga. announces the engagement of her daughter, Melanie Rose Brewer, to Shaun Edward Covert of Marietta, Ga., formerly of Livonia. Melanie is currently attending Georgia Highlands College. She is employed by the Immanuel Broadcasting Network. Her fiancé, Shaun, is the son of Charles and Carol Covert of Buena Vista, Colo., formerly residents of Livonia for 30 years. He is a 1998 graduate of Stevenson High School, Livonia. He is employed at



Vanderlande Industries in Marietta, Ga.

Melanie and Shaun are planning a December wedding in Marietta, Ga.

Powers-Kuehn

Jesse and Susan Powers of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Marie, to Steve Kuehn. Jacqueline is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and Eastern Michigan University. Her fiancé, Steve, is the son of Gary Kuehn and Rosemary Knott. He is a graduate of Elk Rapids High School. He is in management of Buffalo Wild Wings. Jacqueline and Steve are planning a fall 2006 wedding.



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Entertainment books

Several Plymouth organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books as fund-raisers:

- The Plymouth Optimists are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books, with all proceeds helping children throughout southeastern Michigan. Price is \$25. Books are available at Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth, or home delivery is available. Call (734) 453-8253 for details.
- The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities. The book offers 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts on restaurants, travel, recreation, hotel stays, entertainment and sporting events. The book is being offered at a special fund-raising price of \$25, and can be delivered, if the purchaser desires. Order books by calling Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6829.
- Members of the Plymouth Symphony League are selling the 2006 entertainment book offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The books are priced at \$25, with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony. Books can be picked up at the symphony office, next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth, or ordered by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 453-2112.

St. Mary's classes

- St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers six-week Childbirth Education classes, "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby," 7 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Tuesdays Nov. 15-December 6 and Wednesdays Nov. 30-Jan. 11. Students will learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery; classes based on the "Lamaze" method and include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role. There is a fee; registration is required. For details, call the Marian Women's Center, (734) 655-1162.
- St. Mary Mercy sponsors a presentation, "Surviving the Season ... Coping With Holiday Stress," from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at the Northville Senior Center, located at 303 W. Main Street in Northville. Speaker will be St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Darlene Doute, advanced practice nurse in psychiatric mental health nursing. Registration is required; call the Northville Senior Center, (248) 349-4140.

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 grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information or to register call Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, at (734) 953-1145 or toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Genealogical societies

- The Livingston County Genealogical Society hosts its holiday meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at its new location, First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. Speaker Mary Ellen Ahmad, owner of Aria Booksellers will talk about Christmas books, stories and historical tidbits.



Sister act

Courtney Pickard was crowned Plymouth High School's first Homecoming Queen earlier this season, the school's first with a senior class and a full student body. Ironically, she was crowned by last year's Homecoming Princess, her twin sister Chelsea. The King crowned the same evening was senior Andy Wang. The 2005 Homecoming Court members included seniors Josh Dillon, Brad Wiley, Janet Hanchett and Tatiana Imamura; juniors Karan Okolo and Andy Stoscup; sophomores Victoria Convertino and Andrew Justus; and freshman Ellen Palczynski.

The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

- The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. William J. Priest will speak on "Disasters Do Occur to Genealogists, Too." His program will start earlier, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting and classes are open to the public free of charge. For information, call Pat Moon, (734) 425-3079.

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.

LIBRARY PICKS

These books are available by placing a request with the Plymouth District Library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

1. "Predator," Patricia Cornwell
2. "At First Sight," Nicholas Sparks
3. "The Camel Club," David Baldacci

4. "Toxic Bachelors," Danielle Steel
5. "Knife of Dreams," Robert Jordan

NON-FICTION

1. "The Truth (With Jokes)," Al Franken
2. "One Year of Magical Thinking," Joan Didion
3. "Team of Rivals," Doris Kearns Goodwin

4. "The World is Flat," Thomas Friedman
5. "Driven from Within," Michael Jordan

NEW CHILDREN'S picture BOOKS

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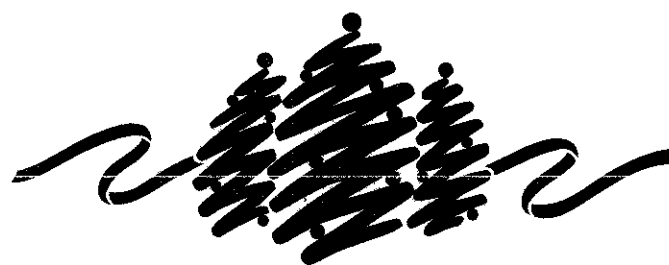


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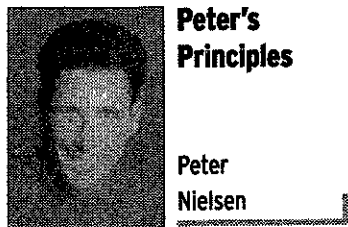


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Survey finds older adults recognize its importance

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Carol Bielaniec agrees with the new Gallup survey that older adults don't always get a good night's sleep. While Garden City Hospital's Sleep Disorder Center does treat patients into their 80s, children as young as 6 can have problems.

The survey, released Nov. 3 by the International Longevity Center-USA, found 46 percent of older adults receive fewer than seven hours of sleep each night. The good news is that 80 percent of older adults realized the importance of sleep to remain healthy. Recognizing a problem is the first step to finding help.

Several area hospitals offer sleep clinics including Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Just last week, Garden City Hospital added a sixth bed to its sleep center which opened in 1994.

GREATER RECOGNITION

"The fact that people have sleep problems is becoming more widely accepted," said Bielaniec, director of the Garden City Hospital sleep center. "Physicians are starting to pick up on problems such as restless leg syndrome and sleep apnea. The population is aging and becoming overweight and there's more sleep apnea. There's more of a recognition factor and the fact it's tied in with cardiovascular disease."

Garden City's sleep center regularly receives referrals from cardiologists as well as primary care physicians for patients with symptoms such as high blood pressure, snoring, and obesity since it may be a sign

A good night's sleep



of sleep apnea. But more often patients, especially older adults, are suffering from nothing more than poor sleep habits.

"As people age their sleep does tend to be more fragmented," said Bielaniec. "They're up more often to go to the bathroom. For some elderly they have a tendency to go to bed earlier. They may shift their internal time clock. They complain they're waking up at 5, but take a catnap during the day so sometimes they can't sleep at night."

Older adults usually take more medications which can also disrupt sleep. The Gallup survey revealed 77 percent of older adults expressed concerns about the long term effects of prescription sleep aids to remedy the problem. The results were obtained by calling 1,003 adults age 50 or older in a random telephone survey for the New York City-based International

Longevity Center-USA, a research policy organization focused on aging. Nearly seven in 10 of the respondents were concerned about becoming addicted to prescription sleep aids.

At Garden City Hospital's sleep center, physicians try to avoid prescribing drugs to sleep. Rather they search for solutions. There are medications for restless leg syndrome, and a CPAP breathing device for those suffering with sleep apnea which is most often caused by an obstruction in the airway.

DEPRESSION LINK

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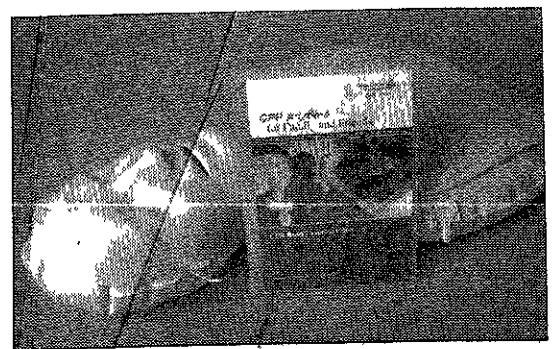
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"The thing I like about it is we'll be able to reach a lot of people we wouldn't have reached," said Nancy Dufoor, a CPR instructor with the American Heart Association and owner A-1 Health and Safety, a health education company in Sterling Heights.

Dufoor said she will be using the kits in classes. Dufoor is planning to give the kits as gifts.

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"I've watched the DVD and it's fabulous, very upbeat, set to music to keep time with the



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A DVD and Mini Annie manikin to practice are part of the CPR Anytime kit.

pumping," Dufoor said. "It gets into compression right away without a lot of lecture."

The American Heart Association's goal is for each person who receives a kit to take it home and share it with other family members.

"Many people don't take a CPR course because they don't have time, are afraid of embarrassing themselves in the classroom, or don't think they'll ever have to provide CPR," said Ed Stapleton, American Heart Association editor for community products.

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Caregiver support group

Meets 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, meets regularly the second Thursday of the month, at The Village of Redford, 17383 Garfield. Respite services provided for free during the session. For more information, call Linda Peak at (313) 843-2550 or the Redford Senior Department at (313) 387-2788.

Recovery Inc.

The mental health support group meets 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 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.

De-stress your holidays

Learn a variety of methods to calm you and boost your immunity against winter illnesses at a presentation by Marian Schulte, licensed nurse and aging specialist, 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at American House-Farmington Hills, 24400 Middlebelt Road, north of 10 Mile. No charge. For more information, call (248) 471-9141.

Take off pounds sensibly

TOPS Chapter MI-53 Westland hosts an open house 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, with Westland resident Gail Washburn, who lost over 100 pounds and has kept it off for nearly two years. She will speak about her struggles and successes, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road. The event is free and open to the public. Women, men, teens, preteens, and seniors interested in losing weight are invited to attend. For more information, visit www.tops.org, or call (734) 740-0606.

Depression lecture

Darlene Doule, an adult psychiatric mental health nursing and clinical

nurse specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, presents a lecture 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. Registration is required. Call (248) 349-4140.

Divorce support

Getting through the holidays, staff member from Northbrook Psychological Clinic in Novi will discuss the intense emotions triggered by holidays and other special occasions and offer helpful coping skills 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, 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.

Flu shots

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer flu shots. Priority flu vaccinations will be given to persons age 65 years and older, with and without a chronic health condition, residents of long-term care facilities, persons ages 18-64 with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, health care personnel who provide direct patient care, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children. Cost is \$20. Appointments required. Call (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

UPCOMING

Parenting classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents parenting classes at the Marian Women Center, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Registration required. Call Mary Jane Peck at (734) 655-1100 or send e-mail to peckm@trinity-health.org. Time Out for Parents: Time to Think, Rest and to Plan 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 (\$10 per family). Individual consultations also available at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

ONGOING

Group fitness classes

Start thinking about your fall fitness plan. The Center Fitness Club at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield offers senior fitness, water exercise, yoga, Pilates, step, spinning, and back care classes at convenient times year-round. For more information, call Marni Stone at (248) 432-5427 or the membership office at (248) 432-5404.

Life fitness classes

Senior Fitness Specialist Marni Stone and the Sports Club of West Bloomfield are starting a fitness program for beginners, mature adults and people struggling with illness or injury 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at 6343 Farmington Road. Call (248) 626-9880, Ext. 4050.

Arthritis classes

Began in September in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Westland and other loca-

tions throughout Michigan. For more information about locations, schedules and fees, call the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter at (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org. Classes include a warm-water exercise program, a land-based exercise program formerly known as P.A.C.E. (People with Arthritis CAN Exercise), a graceful, flowing sequence of movements from Sun-style tai chi, and a six-week series that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self-management. Arthritis Foundation programs are suitable for adults of all ages with arthritis in its more than 100 different forms.

Therapy choir

Of Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc. located in Farmington Hills is opening membership to volunteers from the community. The choir is comprised of men and women recovering from traumatic brain injuries. Volunteers with or without disabilities are welcome as singers or helpers. Good singing ability not required. Call (248) 474-BROE for details.

Meningitis vaccinations

University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses are offering meningitis vaccinations by appointment at the Ann Arbor office. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (734) 677-0020. Meningitis (Menactra®) immunizations cost \$115, payable by cash, check or charge (Visa or MasterCard). A proof of vaccination record and receipt of payment are provided at time of immunization. Students younger than 18 must attend the clinic with a parent or guardian and all patients must be older than 12. For more disease and vaccination information, visit www.umvn.org.

Meningitis shots

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is administering the life-saving meningitis vaccination. The shot costs \$105 and is available by appointment 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, at VNA of Southeast Michigan at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park. To learn about bacterial meningitis or schedule an appointment, visit www.vna.org or call (248) 967-8755.

Parkinson's support

A new group has formed at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester and meets 7 p.m. Wednesday. Call (248) 433-1011 or (800) 852-9781. The Waterford /West Bloomfield group is moving to Canterbury on-the-Lake, 5601 Hatchery Road (between Airport

and Crescent Lake roads), Waterford, MI 48239. They meet Monday at 7 p.m. Contact person is Warren Oberlee, (248) 887-8840.

Qigong

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Arthritis Foundation Class

The Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield offers Arthritis Foundation exercise classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., with two four-week sessions during the summer months. Exercises aim to increase flexibility, ease aches and pains, and promote blood flow. For information, call (248) 432-5502.

Eating disorder support

Meetings for those with anorexia, bulimia, compulsive and binge eaters, male and female 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, use East entrance, take central elevators to 10th floor classrooms A & B, and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, between Ford and Warren, use main entrance, take elevators down to the auditorium on the right.

Family and friends support is on second Wednesday of each month, parent only support is on the fourth Wednesday, same time and place as the Monday night closed group listed above. For more information, call (734) 324-3089.

Self-help mental health

Weekly meetings in Livonia 2:30 p.m. Sundays, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, and 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church. Recovery Inc. teaches a self-help method of mental health that parallels principles found in cognitive/behavioral therapy. Recovery helps people who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self-esteem and other feelings that interfere with effectively meeting the challenges of daily living. No charge. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org.

SLEEP

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true for caregivers who may suffer from depression, one of the symptoms of sleep apnea.

"We look at sleep hygiene - what time they go to bed, if they took in too much caffeine, too much alcohol, if they were smoking," said Bielaniec. "Nicotine is a stimulant as is chocolate."

Bielaniec avoids eating heavy meals too close to her 11 p.m. bedtime. The 48-year-old Livonia resident doesn't typically eat dinner later than 6 p.m., and tries to keep her sleep schedule the same on weekends. Unfortunately that's not true for her teenage daughter. Teens frequently are in front of the computer or watching television into the early morning hours. Then they're tired during the day.

"I have two dogs. One is a puppy so I don't sleep much past 7 a.m. even on weekends," said Bielaniec. "For women, sleeplessness can go with their menstrual cycle. It's not uncommon that the night or two before they have insomnia."

"My favorite recommendation is to turn the clock so you can't see what time it is. It's common sense stuff but sometimes people get into such bad habits."

Whatever is causing a sleep disorder, it's important to resolve the problem. Lack of sleep can not only lead to health problems over time, but might cause a person to fall asleep driving. Bielaniec estimates that at least 4 percent of males have sleep apnea and the numbers are increasing

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Carol Bielaniec
Garden City Hospital

because people are growing heavier.

Most medical insurance covers sleep studies that uncover these disorders. At the Garden City Hospital sleep center, patients come in for a consultation with a physician to determine if a sleep study is appropriate. Then they return around 7 p.m. and are shown to a private bedroom where they change into night clothes and are hooked up to electrodes that record sleep patterns. Two belts around the abdomen and chest monitor breathing.

"Our beds are full all of the time. We're booked out a few weeks, but do get cancellations due to flu or colds," said Bielaniec. "Every sleep center is really booming. For so long the physicians weren't on board with it. Now they're seeing the importance."

For more information about the Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorder Center, call (734) 458-3330 or visit the Web site at www.gchosp.org.

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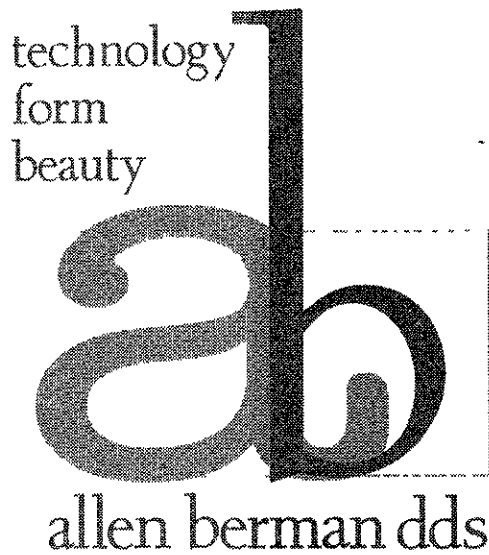
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Mercier makes up beautiful Holiday Table

By Diane Gale Andreassi

Holiday Tables will feature a place setting by national cosmetics guru Laura Mercier. As personal makeup artist to celebrities such as Sarah Jessica Parker and Julia Roberts, and a contributor to magazine cover designs and editorial shoots, Mercier creates flawless looks that accentuate natural beauty. PINK caught up with her to hear what's on her plate.



Laura Mercier

What should every woman's dressing table have?

There is no generality. It all depends on who you are and what your priorities are. So for some it could be skin care (foundations, moisturizers, etc.) and for others it could be mascara and glosses. I think everyone should have something to hide their pimples, so camouflage is good to have. They should have concealer to hide dark circles if they are really tired. And always use a translucent powder to set your makeup at all times. Obviously she should have the right skin care for day and night. The rest is really personal and up to you.

Is there something you always make sure you have on the table when you entertain guests?

I love to have great light and candles in the house so everybody feels beautiful. It's also nice to put a candle in the guest bathroom/powder room with nice smelling soaps.

What do you recommend every woman have in her make-up bag whether she's going to a dinner party or a hockey game?

It depends on the person: if you have dry lips, always have a lip balm; if you are always oily carry a translucent powder compact; if you tend to lose color on your cheeks, carry blush or bronzer. If you have color on your lips, you can bring your red lipstick. It's a great way to move from the office to a cocktail party. Perhaps take your favorite fragrance.

What is the biggest mistake women make with their make-up?

Not paying enough attention to their skin — putting makeup on and still having pimples showing. Wearing too much founda-

Cranbrook House Holiday Tables

■ **General admission** is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 18-19, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.
■ **Benefactor Gala** at Turtle Lake in Bloomfield Hills Nov. 10 includes a strolling cocktail reception. Tickets are \$150 per person, and include entry to Patron Tea at Cranbrook House.
■ **Two Patron Teas**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. Nov. 17 are sponsored by DuMouchelle Art Gallery at the house and offer eventgoers a preview of the tables along with tea sandwiches and desserts. Tickets are \$60 per person. All proceeds benefit the preservation and restoration of Cranbrook House. Call (248) 645-3149 for information and tickets.

tion. A lot of women put too much concealer outside the eyes on the crow's feet even though there is no darkness there. Sometimes women apply the wrong colors on the eyes — for example if your skin is sal-low with brown-yellow dark circles under the eyes, don't put yellow, taupe or green colors because it won't make your eyes pop. A lot of women also look at their skin and emphasize that.

For example, if someone has pink skin, they may wear too much pink, such as pink eyeshadow, pink lipstick and pink blush.

COME TO THE TABLES

Too much on your plate to think about designing your holiday table?

There's inspiration to be found at "The Art of the Table" at Cranbrook House. The 30th annual event features 21 themed dining room tables decorated by local residents and professionals including world renowned cosmetic specialist Laura Mercier of Laura Mercier Cosmetics, Skincare Body & Bath and Fragrance.

Mercier studied at a painting school in Paris before becoming a cosmetic specialist and make-up artist, using the face as her palette.

She plans to design a vignette for Holiday Tables that showcases the art of the dressing table.

Another table this year will be prepared by The Henry Ford in Dearborn. Master potters and glass blowers from the com-

plex's Greenfield Village will handcraft wares for a table display and feature an arts and crafts inspired setting in the Cranbrook House library.

"Holiday Tables" kicks off the holiday season for so many area residents," says Fair Radom of Bloomfield Hills, co-chair of the event with Ellen Rogers of Birmingham.

"As they begin to think about celebrating the holidays in their own homes, visitors will get a lot of great ideas from viewing these tables."

DuMouchelle Art Gallery Detroit and Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy have sponsored settings for this year's event along with Lily Lembree, owner of Petit Maison, in Northville who is planning a French-themed display.

Each of the designers will provide visitors with different ideas from royal and formal to rich and luscious, like Jane Schulak of Birmingham who is presenting "Reflections on a Palace, 18th century Russia" using blue and white Delft china, and Nancy Gershenson of Franklin who is designing a table called, "13 Desserts of Christmas."

Gwenn Rosseau of Birmingham shows us what's hot with "Holiday Chic" and Paye Alexander Nelson of Troy is decorating a table based on Detroit themes including art from Pewabic Tiles in Detroit.

Some have gone way out of the box with table settings that will surprise, like Pam Johnson and Jamie Rae Turnbull of Turtle Lake Home Development in Bloomfield Hills who have decorated a table with an equestrian theme.

Kris Appleby and Kay Ponicali chose to bring the outdoors in with lots of greenery and pieces from Detroit Garden Works in Sylvan Lake. Appleby and Ponicali are founders of Suite Dreams, which decorates bedrooms for children who are seriously ill.

The tables are diverse and the crowd they attract is varied, too. Holiday Tables has something to please people of all ages and interests.

"We've seen men, children, historians, people who love the home, lots of gal pals do the special tea," explains Megan Swoyer, volunteer publicity coordinator.

"The ideas to showcase area residents and things they use in their own homes," Swoyer says.

"It's a real nice kick-off to the holiday season without it being a typical red and green holiday palette. It's more about the winter holidays whether you are Jewish or celebrate Kwanza or you want to have cozy dinners in, which is such a big trend now. It's to inspire people to use what they've got and make it something special."

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By Crystal Hayes

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Crystal Hayes, Miss Michigan USA 2005, recently turned in her crown and is working as an image consultant and photographer for her own business, Image is Everything — Consulting and Photography. The Northville resident can be reached at missmichiganusa05@yahoo.com



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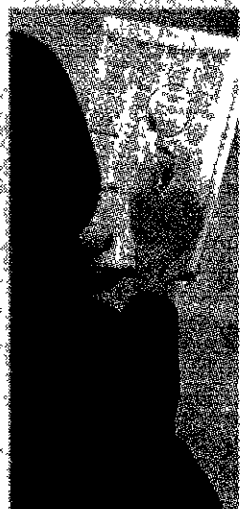
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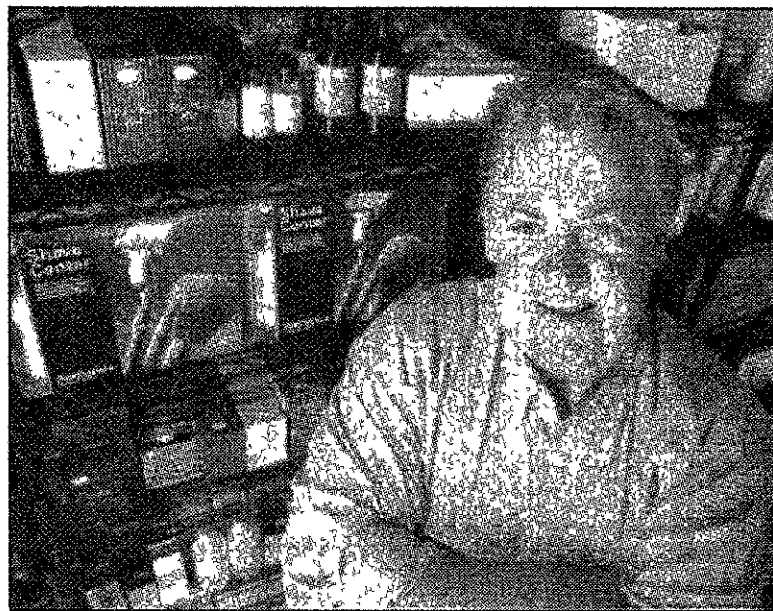
(NAPSI) — The Internet has helped a number of Americans get down to business and start working for themselves.

According to a new Yahoo! poll conducted by Harris Interactive, 72 percent of U.S. adults have thought about owning their own business, and more than half of those with entrepreneurial aspirations plan to launch a business within five years. Experts say a key driver of the growth in entrepreneurship is the revolution in new technology, particularly the Internet, which often lowers both the costs and risks of going into business. Indeed, 75 percent of respondents to the survey agreed that the Internet has made it easier to launch a business.

"The development of affordable, easy-to-use, e-commerce solutions and broad consumer acceptance of online shopping have enabled hundreds of thousands of people to make their entrepreneurial dreams a reality," said Rich Riley, vice president and general manager of Yahoo! Small Business. "Of course, going into business is still very hard work, but the Internet can be a partner in your success."

Businessman Mark Williams of Menlo Park, Calif., is a good example of new technology helping the entrepreneurial spirit. Williams launched ShavingCream.com from his home in 2003, following a 30-year career in sales and marketing.

"The chance to work for myself, to put my ideas into play, and to answer only to myself are what drove me to start my own busi-



A "cutting edge" business on the Internet — ShavingCream.com owner Mark Williams' entrepreneurial dreams have come true.

ness," Williams said. "I recognized that the Internet was the new sales frontier and felt that it would hold great potential for the years ahead."

In addition to creating market opportunities for niche businesses like Williams' shaving products store, the Internet also provides a number of helpful tools and information. For example, Yahoo! recently launched a new online Small Business Resource Center (<http://smallbusiness.yahoo.com/resources>) filled with articles and advice on topics such as e-commerce, legal, finance and hiring practices. The Web portal also offers free Web sites to small local businesses

(<http://local.yahoo.com/freesite>).

As economic and demographic trends such as the aging baby boomer population continue to impact small-business growth, Americans are holding tight to their entrepreneurial dreams. According to the poll, nearly half of those who have considered starting a business (47 percent) said they would "never be too old" to do so. Williams, who is in his late 40s, agrees.

"My online business enables me to have a healthy and satisfying lifestyle — and a kind of freedom that I could not achieve in other jobs," he says.

Bridging the 'digital divide'

(NAPSM) — Many upwardly mobile persons of color are dealing with something more difficult than the glass ceiling: the digital divide. Closing economic gaps between blacks and whites, concerned citizens say, could be affected by the difference in computer and technology skills that tends to exist among people in different groups.

Studies suggest that 60 to 90 percent of jobs in 21st century America will require skills in computer and network use. In addition, those with computer skills are expected to earn 43 percent more than those without.

According to a report issued by the National Telecommunications and Information

Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce, computer usage by blacks lags behind that of non-Hispanic whites by more than 14 percent, while Internet usage by blacks trails that of non-Hispanic whites by nearly 20 percent.

In an effort to close the "divide," students of all ethnic backgrounds are being encouraged to take math, science and computer classes in school. It's thought the course work will help them in a variety of professional

fields. In addition, different education programs have been established to reach out to traditionally underserved communities.

For instance, Black Family Technology Awareness Week (BFTAW) is a global public awareness campaign. It was established by Tyrone Taborn in an effort to communicate the value of technology to black families, as well as its importance in the career and educational preparation of children.

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Part time Must have 3 yrs exp with current Hi-Lo license to work in Troy based warehouse. Hourly wage. Call Tasha between 10 & 5, Mon - Fri 248-743-0248

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Executive housekeeping manager needed at 4 Diamond Downtown Detroit Hotel. Minimum 5 yrs exp. Fax resume & salary requirements to HR 313-962-9907

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Waltonwood at Carnegie Park a luxury resort is seeking to fill a housekeeper position. Candidates must be reliable, friendly and outgoing and able to work weekends EOE. Please apply in person at 2000 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187 or call 734-844-3060 for more information

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Needed for Canton apt community. Must have basic skills in plumbing, carpentry, HVAC & electrical. Must have ability to pass a background check.

MAINTENANCE

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Farmington apt community seeking exp. maintenance person. Must have exp. and be knowledgeable of plumbing, electrical, appliance, HVAC repair and apartment prep. Permanent full time position. Competitive compensation package. Fax resume to 248-474-1372

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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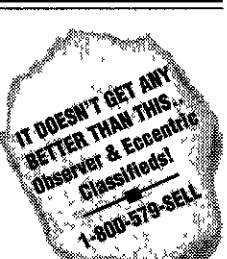
MECHANIC TRAINEE

Must be mechanically inclined. Will do minor repair & oil changes. Also need CDL-A Driver. Call: (248) 669-2510

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OFFICE ASSISTANT

Brandywine Village, a luxury apartment community in West Bloomfield, is seeking to fill a Part time office assistant position. Please fax resumes to 248-865-1630 attn AS EOE



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Human Resources
Coordinator, Ref. Scheduler,
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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT
See ad in todays paper section 5000.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT
Southfield public accounting firm seeks assistant for a staff accountant. Duties include: data entry, bank recs, phone coverage, etc. Full or part time available. Fax resume to: 248-358-1011 or Email: gwilliams@hjhfirm.com

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Payables, Receivables & Billing. Fulltime position in busy Southfield law firm. Must be knowledgeable in basic accounting and billing procedures. Familiar with Excel and Elite a plus. Mail or fax resume to: ATTN: CLS Maddin Hauser Wartell Roth & Heller PC, 28400 Northwestern Hwy 3rd Floor, Southfield, MI 48034 Fax 248-208-0732

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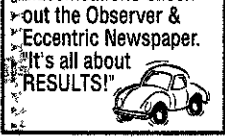
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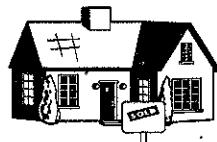
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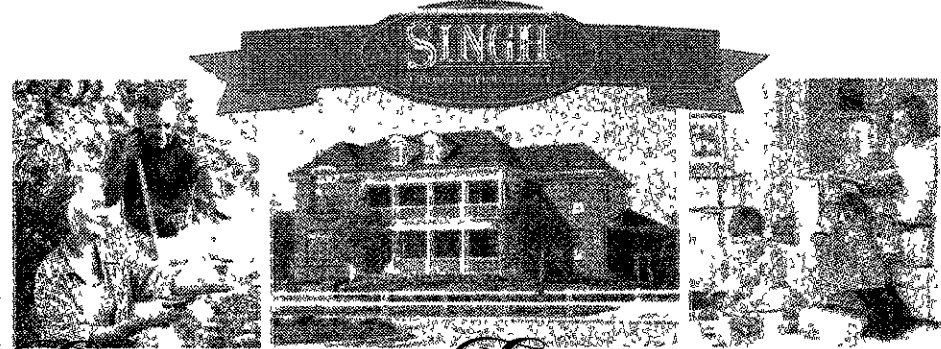
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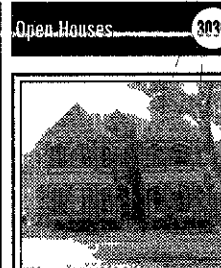
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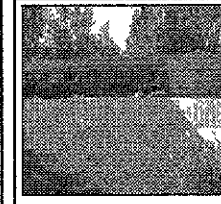
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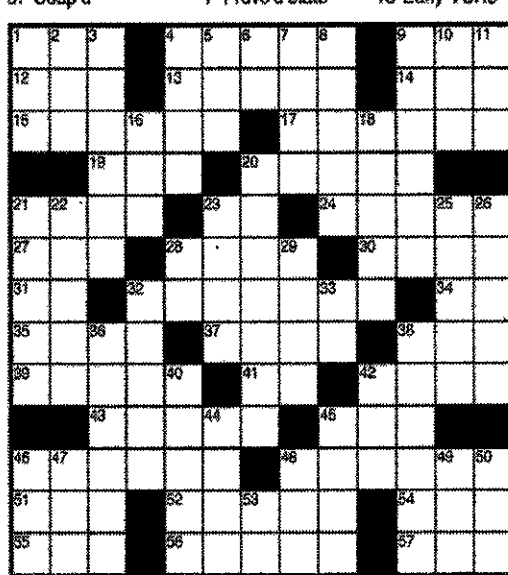
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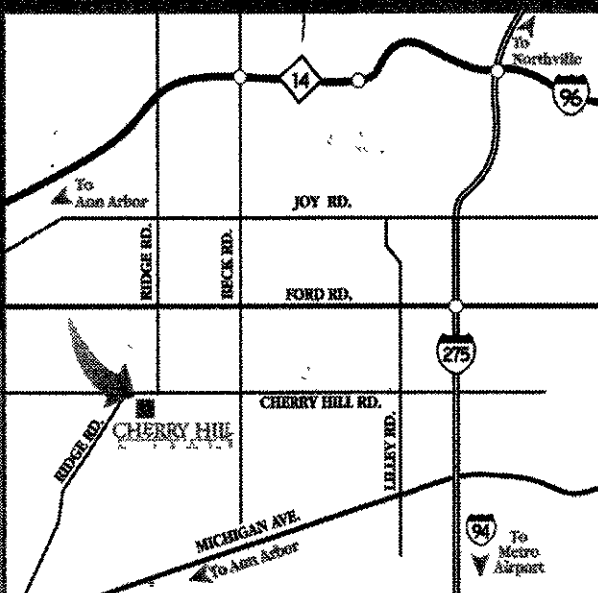
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(NAPSI) — As the hub of the household, today's kitchen is in a state of constant evolution. New trends, materials and technology are always being introduced and each is more exciting and innovative than the last.

Here is a sampling of some of the most popular innovations to hit the market recently:

■ **High-tech appliances:** The newest appliances seem to offer as many options as the most cutting-edge DVD player, cell phone or portable messaging device. There are dishwashers that accept an entire bottle of detergent and dispense just the right amount each time, limiting refills to approximately every three months.

Some dishwashers hold 16 place settings and still others have short wash cycles. Interactive computerized appliances have also debuted. One refrigerator sports Internet capabilities, e-mail, messaging and TV/DVD features and tells you when to replace food items. Industry experts talk about soon using offsite computers to turn on home ovens to begin dinner.

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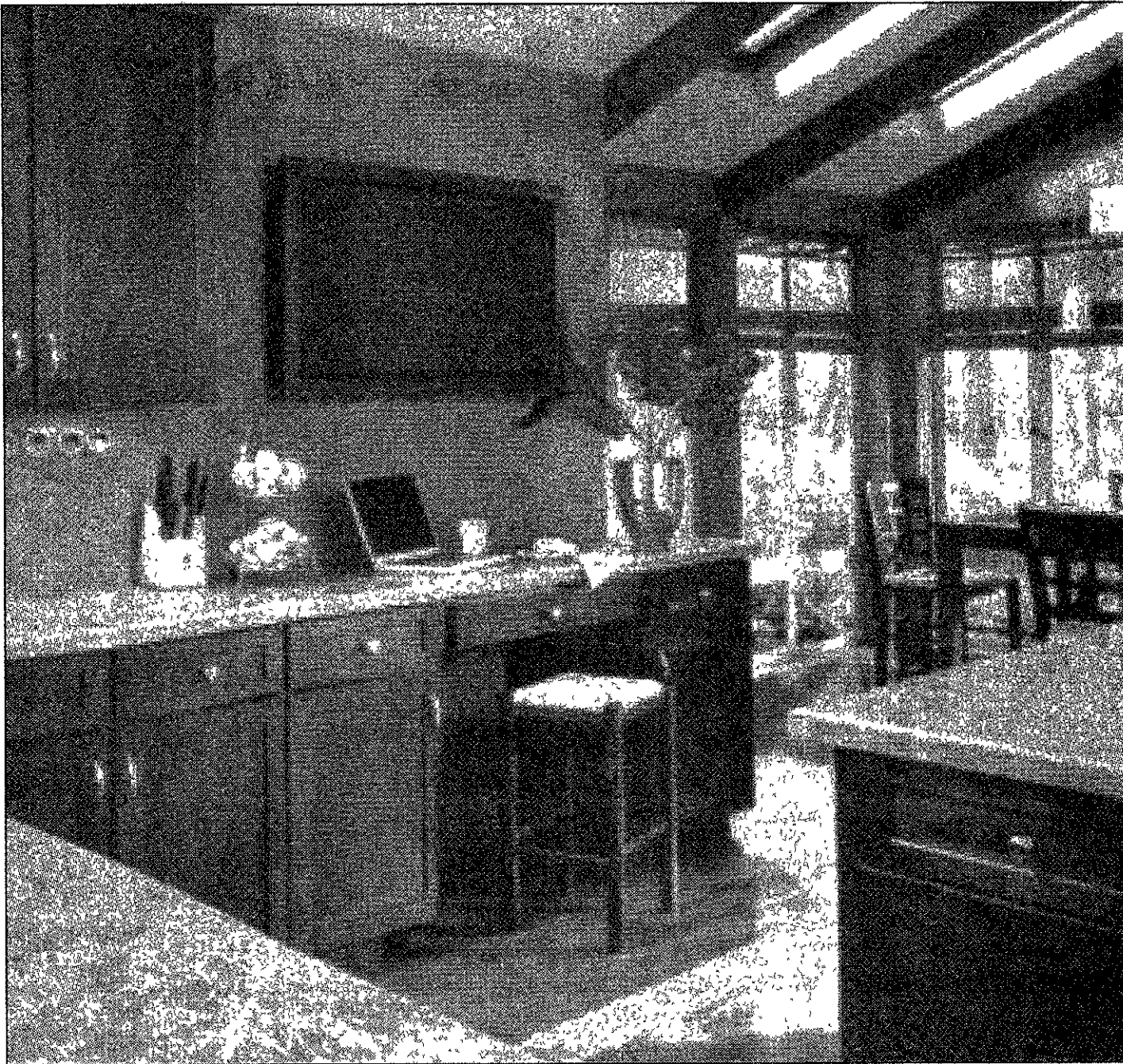
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■ **Wine refrigerators.** This trend shows no signs of slowing. From under-the-counter models to large units with separate chambers and climate controls for both red and white, these refrigerators are a staple for wine enthusiasts.

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Kitchens are more than a place to cook these days.

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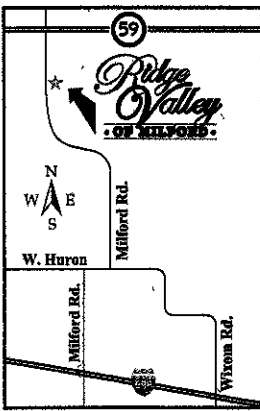
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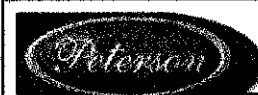
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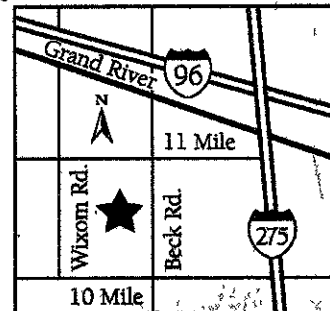
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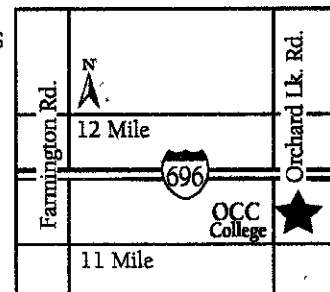
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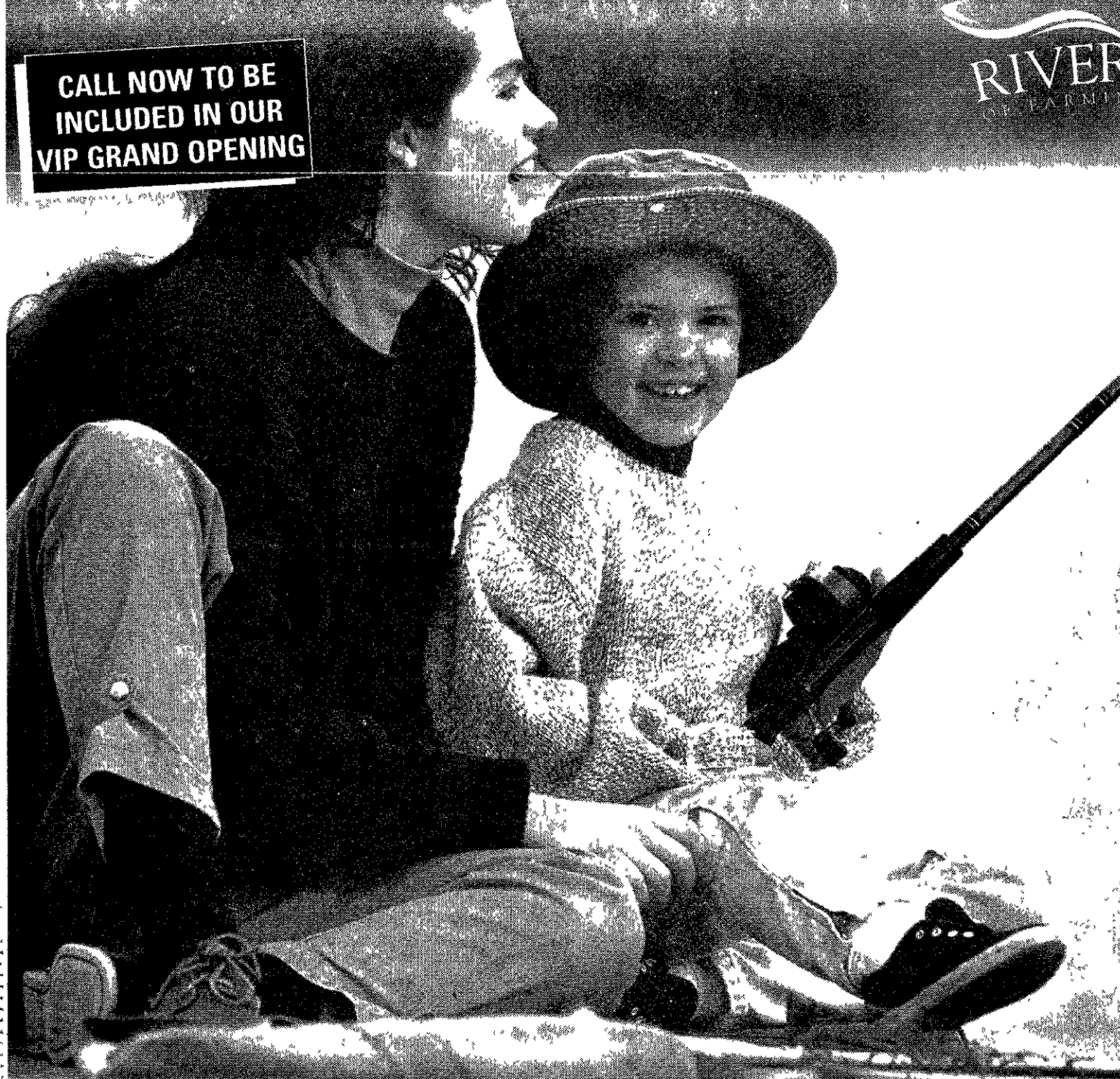


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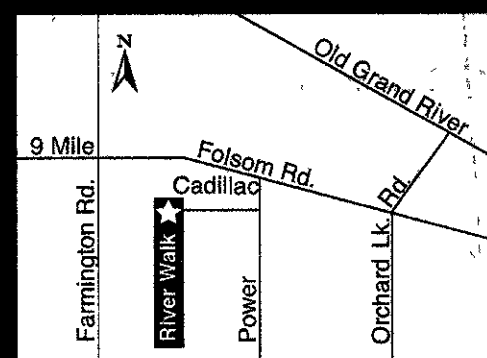
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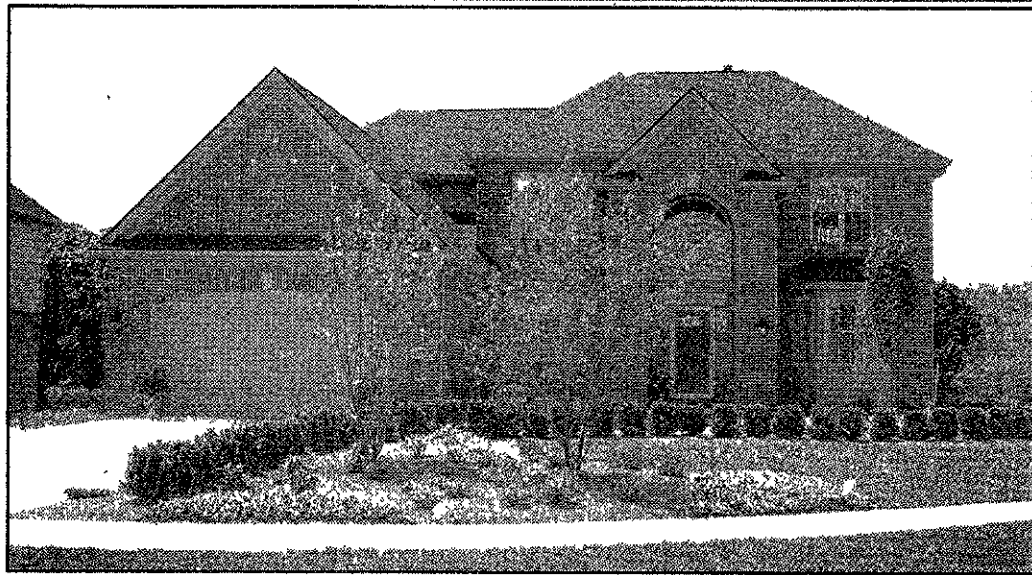
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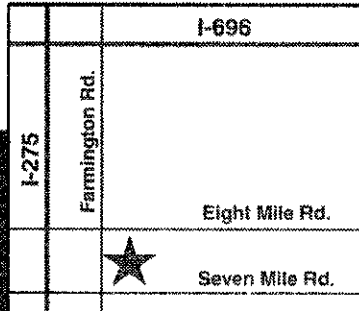
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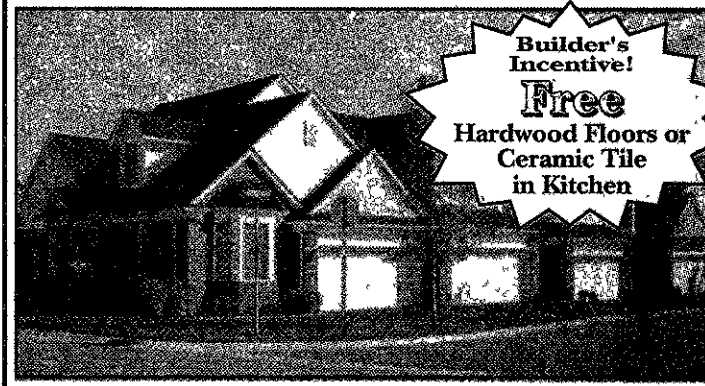
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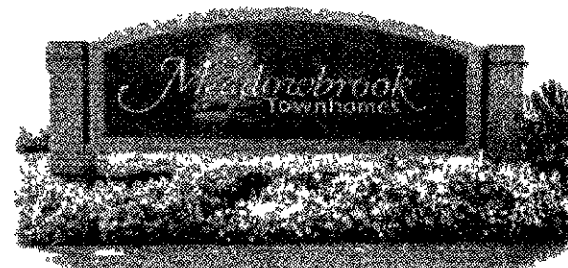
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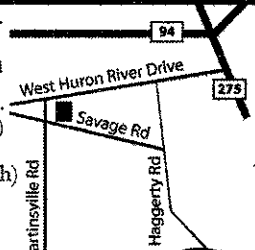
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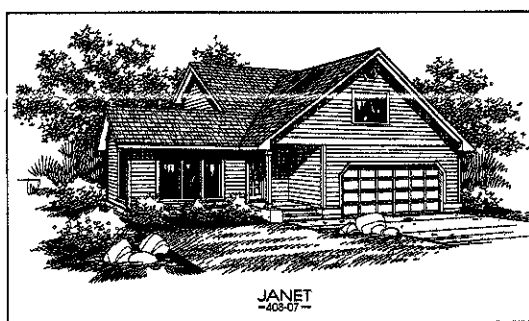
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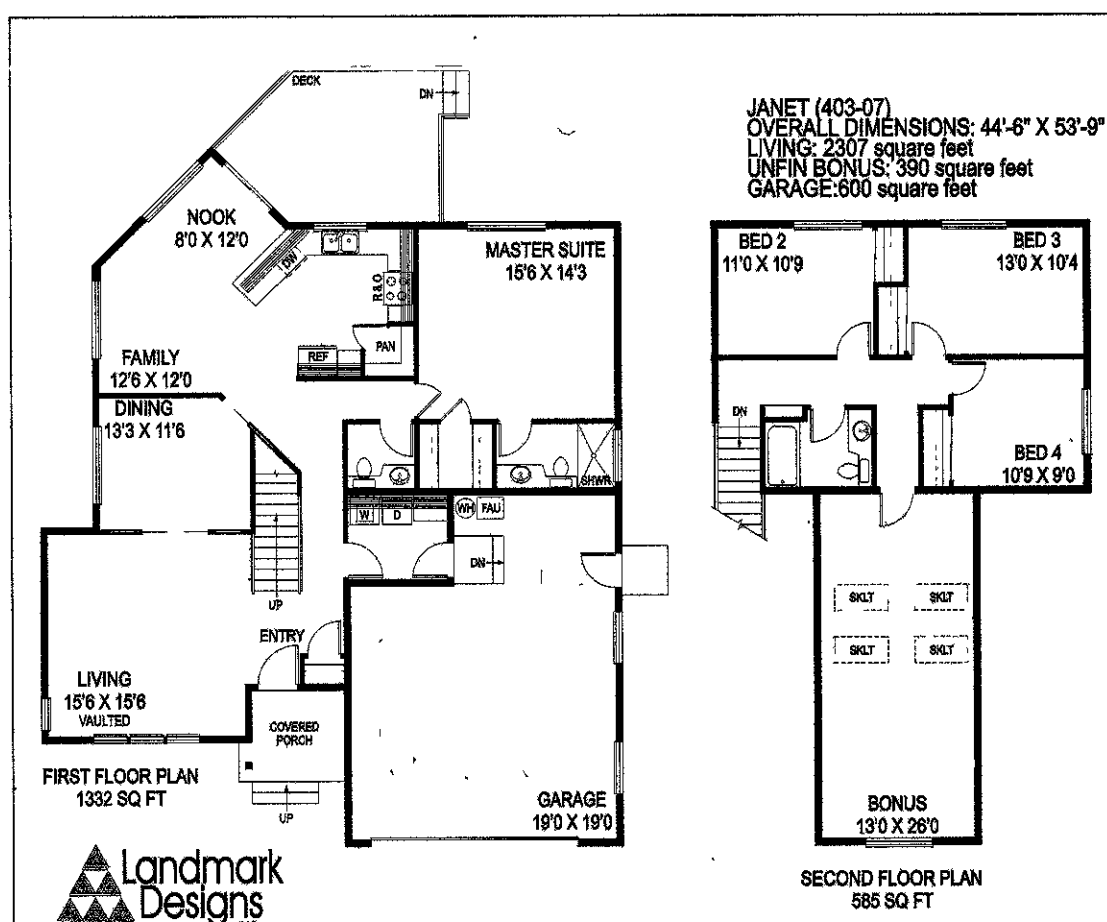


ments cupboard space, and more cabinets line the wall over the washer and dryer in the nearby laundry room. The utility room provides access to a two-car garage with extra storage or workbench space at the back.

The master suite is large, but modest in its amenities. Features include a walk-in closet and an oversized shower.

An open stairway directly in front of the entry leads to the second floor where three bedrooms share a bathroom outfitted with a combination tub and shower.

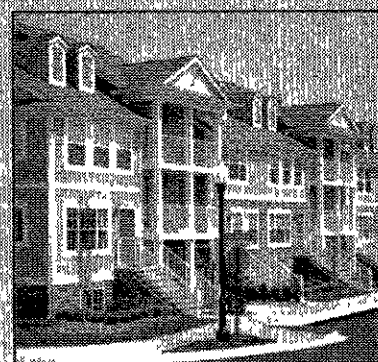
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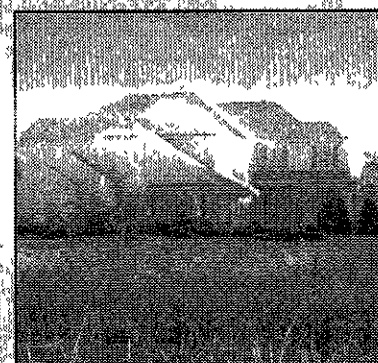
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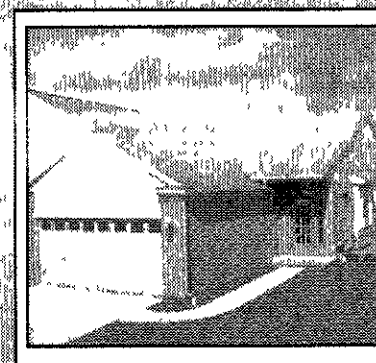
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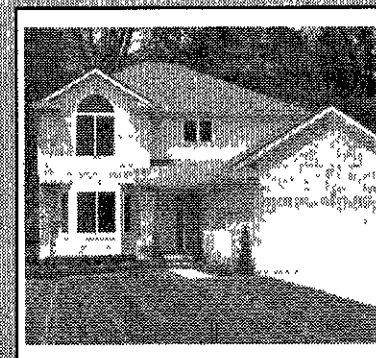
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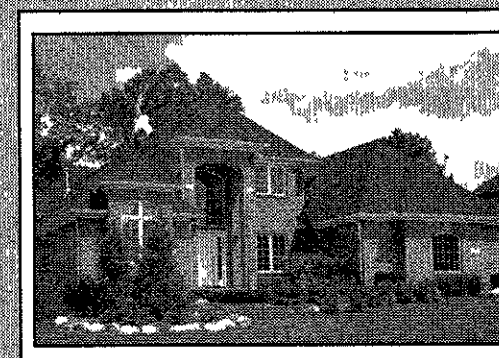
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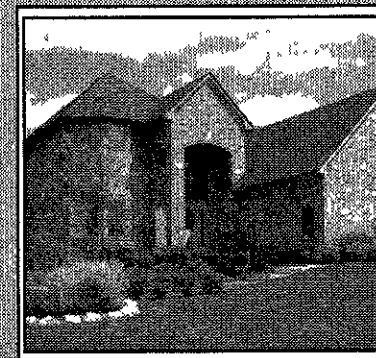
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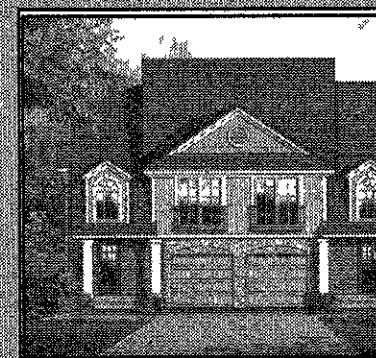
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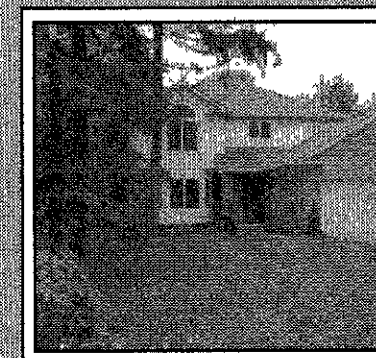
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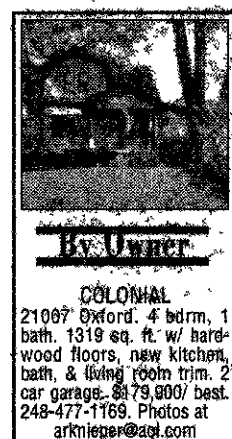
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"We are proud of the accomplishments of all our honorees," said Dominic J. Mocer, president of BIA. "These members help advance the professionalism of our industry, which ultimately benefits consumers in our area by giving them access to the highest quality homes and services possible."

Receiving the highest honor bestowed upon a member, Melvin Rosenhaus, of Uniland Corporation in Bingham Farms, will be inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame.

The Builder of the Year award will be presented to Sam and Buster Palazzolo of Palazzolo Brothers in Sterling Heights, for their dedication to the association and their contributions to the home building industry.

Other honors at the banquet include special recognition as BIA's 2005 President to Dominic J. Mocer, Mocer Companies, Auburn Hills; AAM's 2005 President to Sheldon Gordon, Gordon Management Co., Royal Oak; Young Builder of the Year to Richard Kligman, Superb Homes, Plymouth; Developer of the Year to Paul Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township; Development of the Year to Novi's Bellagio by Cambridge Homes, Novi; Thomas Ricketts Annual Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official to Don Saven, City of Novi; Remodeler of the Year to Bob Johnson, Johnson

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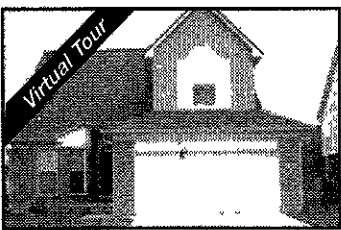
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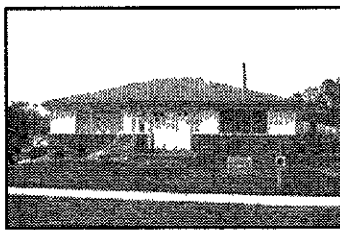
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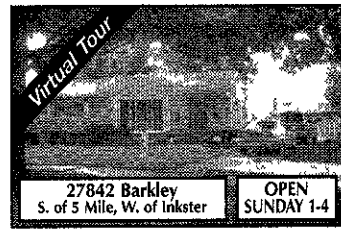
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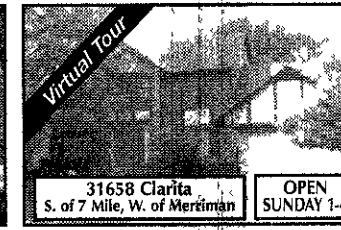
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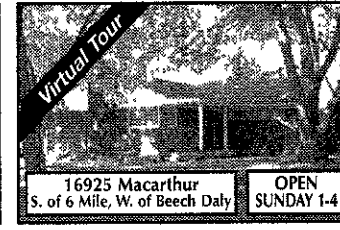
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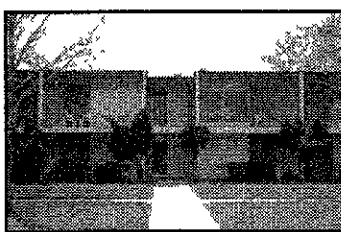
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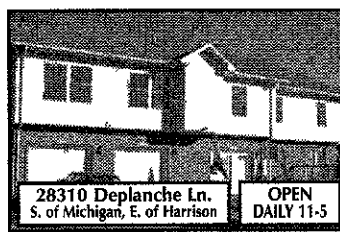
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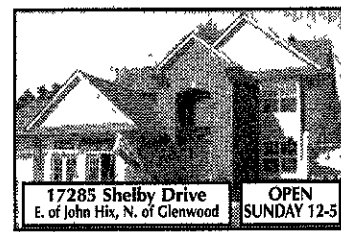
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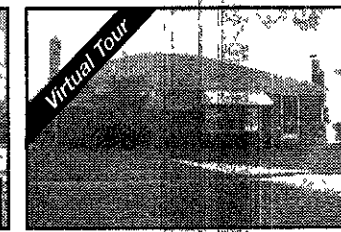
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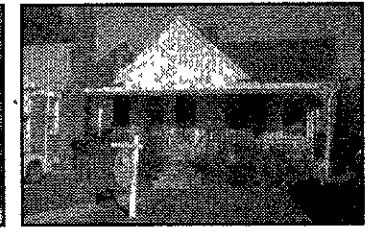
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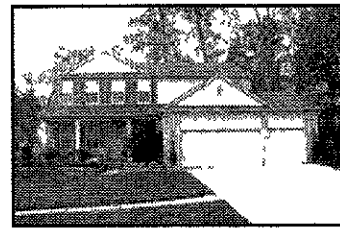
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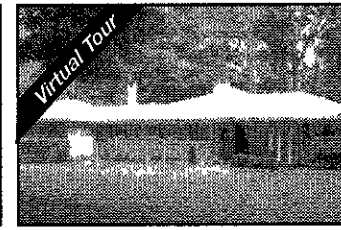
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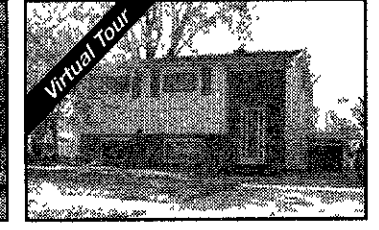
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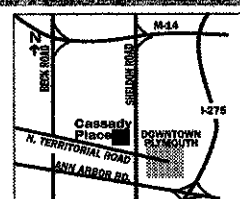
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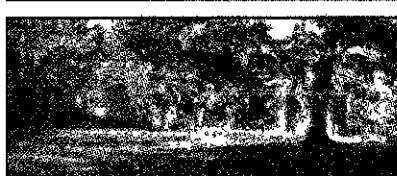
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP Spectacular Location
Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with views. Private cul-de-sac on main lake. Heated underground pool. Newer kitchen, baths, seawall and roof. MBR with sauna. Two fireplaces, patio, deck, tiki bar. 3 car garage. Finished LL walk-out. (B92RAV) 248-524-1600 \$749,900



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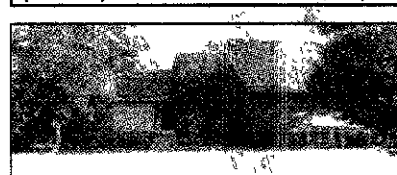
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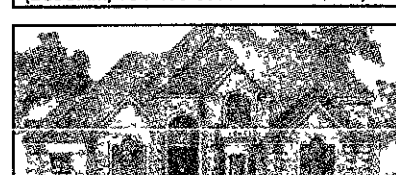
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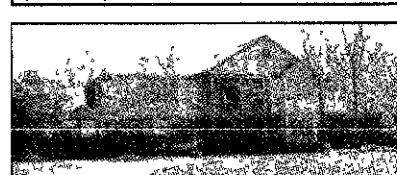
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TROY New Construction With Troy Schools
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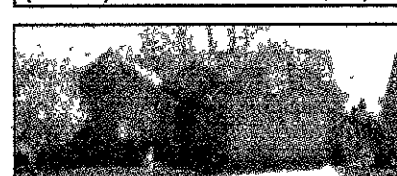
BIRMINGHAM Fabulously Restored
Five bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod with first floor master bedroom suite, fab remodeled kitchen with stainless steel appliances & natural fireplace. Spacious lot with patio and professional landscaping with circular drive. (B81LIN) 248-642-8100 \$558,900



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TROY Backs To Woods
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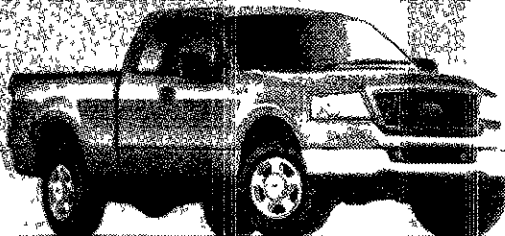
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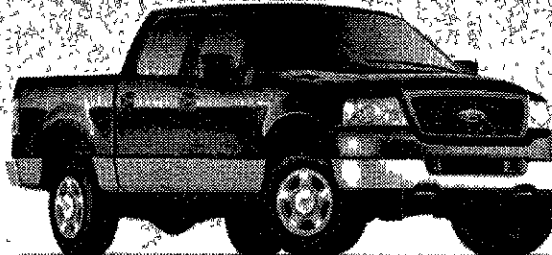
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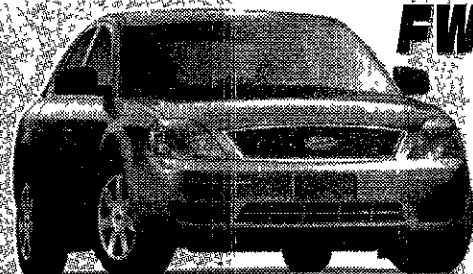
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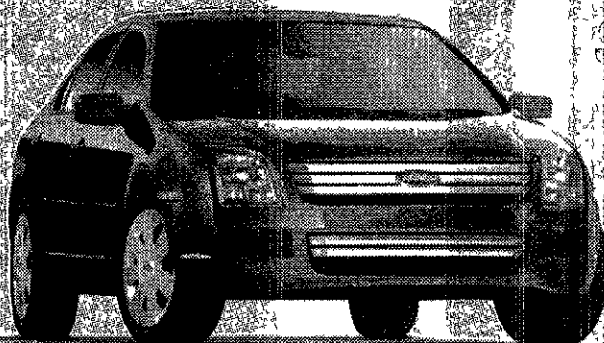
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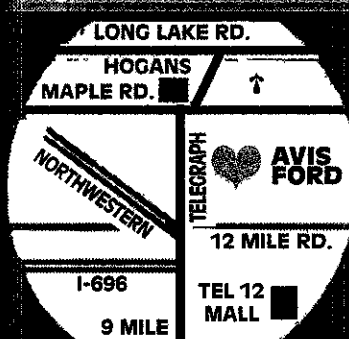
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When you're the oldest, you're the one that's supposed to "know better." You're the one who gets in trouble for hitting your brother, even when he started it. You're the one that should have kept your sister from breaking the lamp; you're supposed to know better and act older. You, my friend, are the victim of expectations.

Expectations that everything you do you'll do a bit better. Here comes my point - Lexus has put out so many quality cars and SUV's that it could be getting to the point where another great car is really no big deal. After all, Lexus is supposed to put out great vehicles, right?

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There's a lot inside the cabin, too. There's plenty of head and leg room, even for tall drivers. The heated power seats easily adjust to a good driving position and are comfortable with good support. The instrument panel has been redesigned for 2006; new aluminum facings and special glass make the instruments easily readable in all lighting conditions. There's plenty of wood and leather, too. One feature I'm not-so-wild about is the drop down panel that holds some of the less used switches and buttons. It's located on the left side of the steering wheel and hold the mirror adjustment switch, the fuel door release button, trunk release, headlamp washer, odometer/trip reset, rear sunshade and interior lamp controls. It's just a personal preference, but I like all my switches out where I can see and use them.

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including dual zone climate control system, Bluetooth technology, power locks and windows, cruise control, power tilt steering wheel, steering wheel audio controls, memory system for front seats, theft-deterrent system and rear window defogger. Rain-sensing wipers with headlight cleaner, clearance sonar, moonroof, ventilated seats, and GPS navigation system with rear camera and voice commands are all optional.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/cassette/six-disc CD changer system with 10 speakers automatic sound levelizer and 134 watts of power. You can upgrade to the Mark Levinson system (available only with the GPS system) that gives you 14 speakers, 330 watts of power (at 0.1% THD - Total Harmonic Distortion), and DVD audio and video capability. It's a very impressive system, and had better be, for \$4000 (for both the GPS and audio system). An integrated XM satellite radio is also available, but don't forget that it requires a monthly subscription.

That system provides the soundtrack while you enjoy the power and handling of the GS 430. The standard engine is a 4.3 liter double overhead cam 32-valve V8 that produces 300 hp at 5600 rpm and 325 lb.-ft. of torque at 3400 rpm. It does require premium fuel and EPA rates it at 18/25 mpg. The engine is mated with a six-speed automatic with a sequential manual shifting mode. I'm fine letting the car do the work, but I know some like the control that the auto-stick system can give you. Shifting is smooth and sure, and there's plenty of power for merging, passing (which you'll be tempted to do a lot in this car), and getting off the line (0-60 in 5.7 seconds).

The ride is quiet and comfortable, thanks to what Lexus calls Adaptive Variable Suspension (AVS). Standard on the GS 430, AVS allows you to select the type of shock absorber dampening you prefer. I like the setting which takes away the bumps along the road; others like the road feel. Either way, you're OK.

Anti-lock brakes are standard, and perform very well. The GS 430 also offers an option we hope never to have to actually use. It's a Pre-Collision System (PCS) that can help reduce the possibility of a collision or to reduce the severity of an imminent impact. It uses a millimeter-wave radar sensor to help detect obstacles in front of the car and feeds the information to a computer with vehicle speed, steering angle and yaw rate inputs that help to determine in advance whether a collision is unavoidable. It then switches the AVS to "Sport" mode, preemptively retracts front seat belts and pre-initializes Brake Assist so that increased braking is applied the instant the brake pedal is depressed. The GS 430 also comes with knee airbags for the driver and front passenger as well as front and rear side-curtain airbags as standard equipment.

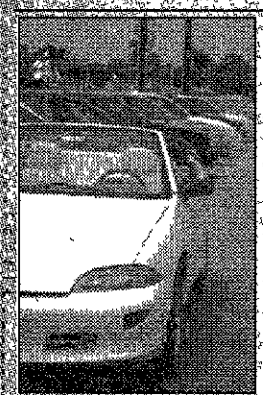
The 2006 GS 430 starts at about \$51,000. Add the GPS, and upgraded sound system, rain-sensing wipers, moonroof, and G-Spider alloy wheels and you're in the neighborhood of \$59,000. Not cheap, but you get a great driving experience for the money.

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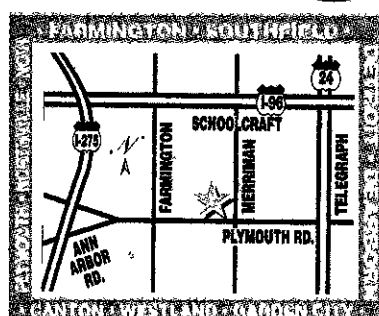
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