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An emotional coach Tim Baechler congratulates the team on their victory.

Chiefs earn 1st title shot

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Linda Manni of Plymouth might have been wearing her blue Salem Rocks sweatshirt at Saturday's Division I prep football state semifinal game between the Canton Chiefs and Macomb Dakota.

But she was definitely bleeding Canton

And the support paid off big when the Chiefs, shooting for their first chance at a state football championship, used a dominating second half to down the Cougars, 35-21. The win puts them in Saturday's state championship game against Rockford.

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"We're a family, we're a community," said Manni, mom to Heath Parling, a freshman football player at Salem. "My sons' friends are on (the Chiefs). We support each other."

It looked like the support wasn't going to help when the Cougars jumped out 14o in the first quarter. But it was all Canton after that, with the Chiefs crowd coming to their feet with every exciting turn.

More than 100 students crammed the student section, and Canton fans turned the grandstand at Troy Athens High

School into a sea of red as the Chiefs

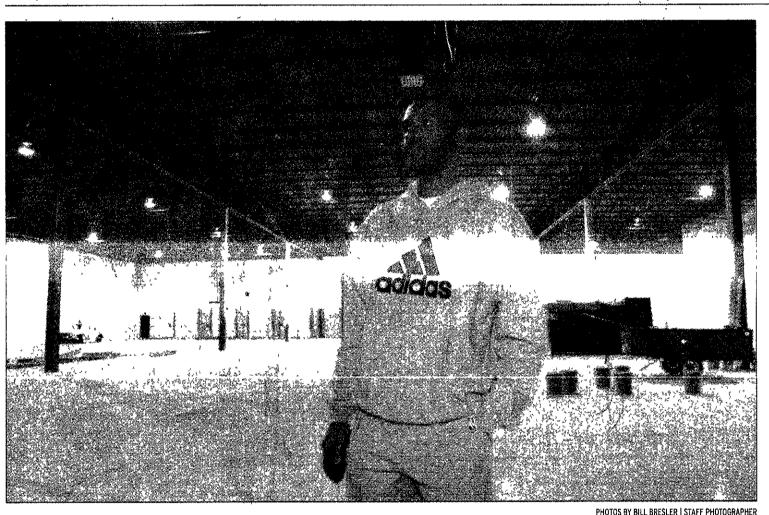
stormed to the first final in school history. Lori Peck doesn't have a child in the football program — hasn't since her son played in 1999 — but she still calls herself the Chiefs' No. 1 fan, and she was proud to see what they accomplished Saturday. "I love high school football," said Peck, a

Plymouth resident. "I know a lot of the kids, and I love supporting them. "The boys have done an awesome job,"

she added. "They should be proud of what they've accomplished. It's been an awesome season."

With one more week to go.

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Will Vance stands in an area that will have four full-size basketball courts, two training courts and a toddler's court.

Basketball lover looks to build new planet

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Sounds echoed from the cold walls in the empty 47,600-squarefoot building. The heat wasn't yet working and the lights were off until crews of workers arrived late in the morning to continue with renovations. But instead of the dust and the bare concrete drywall what Mike Cenit saw was a whole new world.

A planet, in fact. What Cenit, of West Bloomfield, saw was hundreds of basketball enthusiasts, gathering for training and pickup games and socialization

in what he describes as an uncommonly luxurious private basketball club. If all goes according to plan, the vision will come to life by the end of January, and the new club, Basketball Planet, opens its doors.

Though basketball has always been a passion for Cenit, it hadn't occurred to him to make it his business until he met Jamey Petree, a basketball trainer who had been working with Cenit's daughter, Carly, starting just before her freshman year at Andover High School.

"She's athletic, but not a naturally gifted athlete, but the things that Jamey

did for her game were just incredible," Cenit said. "She's got such confidence, and is a selfassured player and person. I was impressed."

Petree and Cenit would talk from time to time when Cenit brought his daughter to Lifetime Fitness in Novi, where Petree was training other young ball players.

After a few months of talking, the pair hatched an idea to build a private club, dedicated to the sport they both love. They brought in a colleague of Petree's, Will Vance, and one day almost two years ago, the three went to a restaurant to dis-

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, A4



Mike Cenit of West Bloomfield sees hundreds of basketball enthusiasts, gathering for training and pickup games and socialization at his new business, Basketball Planet.

Board adds pool to May bond proposals

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education voted last week to ask residents to approve SiP a. Pion in bood projects next May, the co-chair of last year's \$109 million bond for major renovations - which passed with 71 percent approval - was a bit surprised the newest effort didn't include a swimming pool for Plymouth High School.

Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township led a group of students, parents and community groups to a special board meeting Wednesday, asking trustees to reconsider their twoquestion bondussia next May and include a pool to relieve the overcrowded practices that come with three high school swim teams sharing two pools.

This is another time for us, as a community and as a

PLEASE SEE BOND, A4

Canton girl designs Thanksgiving balloon of the balloon, which she

STAFF WRITER

This Thanksgiving is going be a big day for Canton thirdgrader Aroma Ahmed Naeem. It's the first time she'll trek downtown for America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit, but it's also going to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for her to be in the parade as the designer of one of the balloons featured in the

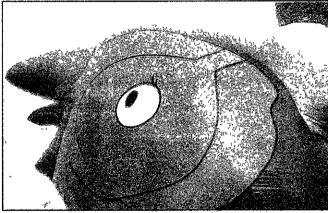
festivities. "It's very big," Naeem said

designed as part of an art project at Crescent Academy International in Canton, where she attends school. "It takes a lot of people to hold it down." Ten people, to be exact,

according to The Parade Company, which organizes the annual Thanksgiving parade in Detroit.

Her art teacher asked students to draw designs, and

PLEASE SEE PARADE, A6



Canton third-grader Aroma Ahmed Naeem picked a peacock as the theme for her Thanksgiving balloon because she thought it was the most colorful.

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Canton vet among Wall honorees

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Seven military heroes, among them U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Gerald A. Towler of Canton, were honored Veterans Day at the VA



Ann Arbor Healthcare System's combined Veterans Day/Wall of Heroes recognition program.

The veterans, whose

time in service range from World War II through Vietnam, each "made distinguished and heroic contributions during their military tours," VA officials said in announcing the honors..

Towler, who served in Vietnam, earned several honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Bronze Star; Air Medal with "V" Device and 10 Oak Leaf Clusters; the Presidential Unit Citation; the Vietnam Service

The Wall of Heroes displays framed photographs of the veterans and a description of their deeds in the VA **Medical Center's clinical** addition building at the Ann Arbor facility.

Medal; the Vietnam Campaign Medal; and the Senior Army Aviator Badge.

According to his citation: "From November 14 through 17, 1965, during the battle of the Ia Drang Valley, Chief Warrant Officer Gerald Towler was repeatedly exposed to heavy enemy fire while flying his helicopter in 10 combat assault sorties in support of Cavalry Regiments being overrun by two Battalions of North Vietnamese. Chief Warrant Officer Towler landed his loaded aircraft repeatedly

amidst enemy weapons fire, mortar bursts, artillery fire, and aerial bombardment. He also volunteered to fly an emergency night sortie to evacuate wounded. Aided only by an infantryman's flashlight and in spite of his aircraft receiving numerous hits, Towler landed his aircraft and remained fixed on the ground while his crew loaded eight wounded soldiers on board. Chief Warrant Officer Towler's bravery and service to his fellow veterans and his nation reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army."

The nominations of Towler and the other honored veterans were reviewed by veterans service organization representatives, who also made the final selections.

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AROUND CANTON

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.

Toy drive

Mel's Golden Razor sponsors its 26th annual toy collection for needy families and First Step.

Owner Mel Bobcean will accept toys and cash donations, which he then turns into food and clothing for needy families. The drive runs through Dec. 20.

Mel's Golden Razor is located at 595 Forest in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 455-9057.

Santa welcome

The Plymouth community gets a chance to welcome Santa back to town when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the jolly elf at 5:45 p.m. Friday. Nov. 25 at the band shell in Kellogg Park.

The crowd will be led in Christmas carols, and Santa's arrival is scheduled for 6 p.m. Following the welcome, Santa will begin accepting visitors in Santa's House, set up on the perimeter of Kellogg Park on Main Street.

The visits will continue on weekends through Dec. 23. Visiting hours are 5-8 p.m. Fridays and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. There is also the opportunity to have pictures of pets taken with Santa. Proceeds will then be donated to the Michigan Humane Society.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

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

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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 "Bé 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.

Holiday fair

Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is holding a Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tri-City Christian Center is located at 3855 Sheldon Road (Just 8 north of Michigan Avenue) More than 75 crafters will be selling their wares. There is a \$1 admission. There will also be refreshments available and a bake sale. For more information, contact Cindy at (734) 495-3363.

Christmas production.

The Plymouth Uptown 🧀 Players and the Plymouth Community Arts Council pres ents "Too Wrapped Up for Christmas" on stage at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts. This children's' theater group, made up of first-through fifth-grade actors, will perform Dec. 2 at 7 p.m., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldor Rd Plymouth or by 1 110 (27)



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Shop keeps owner in holiday spirit at Rebecca's



BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

The 65-degree, sunny weather outside was by no means frightful but inside, surrounded by Christmas ornaments and fuzzy stuffed reindeer Rebecca Hale hummed along to "Let it Snow."

Hale can't help but be in the holiday spirit. It's her business.

Hale and her husband, of Westland, at the end of August opened their Canton store, Rebecca's Collection Inc. a home decor and holiday accents shop. Working midnights through one of Michigan's hottest summers in 100 years, Hale had visions of happy customers dancing in her head.

The store, though brand new, has been six years in the making. It started when the Hales were newlyweds and expecting twins. They needed a way to earn extra income, but they couldn't let the work interfere with their full-time jobs. They started crafting vases from exotic woods and selling their wares at weekend art shows.

"Then we found a holiday line and started selling Christmas items," Hale said. The business grew and evolved, and eventually the Hales beganselling artwork, as well.

"We were looking for art for our daughter's room and it was so expensive," she said. So she found several vendors with art that she liked, and started selling it herself.

"We don't rely on the usual markup to make our sales,"
Hale said. "We rely on volume.
So one area that we just can beat is in our prices. We sell for far less than other people."

But that doesn't mean that Charlethe goods are cheap. Rebeccased carries art items that cost any This where from \$2 (yes, just \$2 for the small prints) all the way up to 3 \$400 for some of the lacquer of the same is true of others home decor items, with some of the wire art costing less than \$10, and vases up to \$200.

"We really do have something here for everyone," Hale said.

Rebecca's store hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. For more information call (734) 578-3755 or e-mail rebeccacol ect@sbcglobal.net, or visit online at www.rebeccashomedecor.com.

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Rebecca Hale and her husband, of Westland, opened their Canton store, Rebecca's Collection Inc., at the end of August.

Rebecca Hale sells household and holiday decor from her shop, Rebecca's Collection Inc.





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Armstrong, 76, of Brighton, formerly of Livonia, died Nov. 14.

Daniel C. Barker

Barker, 52, of Rochester Hills, died Nov.

Robert J. Badenhoop Badenhoop, 27, of Munith, died Nov. 16. Richard Darrel "Richie" Bevins Bevins, 28, of Clarkston, died Nov. 16.

Mildred E. Brogren Brogren, 83, of Farmington Hills, died Nov. 16.

Rev. Leo M. Cornelli

Cornelli, 93, of Oxford, died Oct. 27.

Lawrence "Andy" Devine Devine, 86, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 9.

Robert Gladfelter

Gladfelter, 90, of West Bloomfield, died

Gail Ann Green Green, 72, of Owosso, formerly of

Northville, died Nov. 16.

William J. "Bill" Hall Half, 69, formerly of Birmingham, died Nov. 14.

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Hopkins, 71, of Oakland, died Nov. 9.

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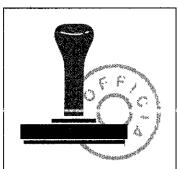
Ruth E. Leitch Leitch, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Nov.

Helen Lekas Lekas, 67, of Pontiac, died Nov. 6.

Pamela Loprete Loprete, 56, died Nov. 6. Arthur Townsend Lougee Lougee, of Parsonsfield, Maine, died

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Nov. 6



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Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

Malson, 26, of Rochester Hills, died

Harry Carl Markle Jr. Markle, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 12.

Dorothy I. Pavlik

Pavlik, 91, of Bloomfield Hills, died Oct.

26. Evelyn M. Primeau Primeau, 84, of Richmond, died Oct.

Beatrice C. Rutkowski Rutkowski, 89, of Macomb, formerly of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 27.

Helen M. Siewert

Siewert, 82, of Rochester, died Oct. 26.

Vera M. Valade

Valade, 88, of Farmington Hills, died

Nov. 3.

Catherine A. Van Hartesveidt Van Hartesveldt, 79, of Bloomfield

Hills, died Nov. 15. Louis C. Venegoni

Venegoni, 82, of Rochester Hills, died

Carol J. Voytas Voytas, 51, died Nov. 15.

Jessie Jane Williams Williams, 84, of Rochester, died Nov. 6.

Karen Zoltowski

Zoltowski, 58, died Nov. 14.

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BASKETBALL

cuss their dream. Shortly after that, they put together a business plan and started looking for a location in earnest about 14 months ago.

They looked at a location in Southfield, then at another in Canton, one which they nearly bought. But finally opted to take out a long-term lease on the former Circuit City repair building on Haggerty Road in Canton.

The business plan has always hinged on a few simple ideals,

Cenit said. One is that the trio, who has also gathered about nine other partners and financial backers, never wanted to build the club from the ground up - at least not the building.

"In order to provide the kind of opulence we have in mind, we never wanted to make the investment in brick and mortar. We needed an existing structure," Cenit said.

Another key to success, they believe, is private membership to the club. Though hosting tournaments can be exciting and prestigious, it's the monthto-month customer that will be Basketball Planet's bread and butter. And it will take 3,000 members before the club becomes profitable. The club is also relying on corporate sponsorship for its profits, and has been deliberating with several major companies interested in advertising at the club.

Another key element is noholds-barred luxury. From the custom slate floors in the entry lobby, to the touch-screen member sign in, to the Internet store, the upscale coffee shop, comfortable stadium seating instead of bleachers, and a glassed-in lounge outfit-

ted with state-of-the-art video equipment, Cenit said much of the \$500,000 investment into the club has been in little comfort-driven details.

The club will have four full courts, two practice courts, a toddler court, and member-

ships will run \$40 per month. "I can tell you we've never seen anything like this," Petree

said of the club. For more information, visit

online at www.thebasketballplanet.com.

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FROM PAGE A1

school district, to pass a bond that has everything that is needed, and I really believe a pool is needed," said Eggenberger, who has two teenage daughters on swim teams. "Sharing is really good in theory. In reality, it can be a big problem. This is a chance to build a pool for the next generation.

After hearing from some of the dozens of people in attendance, and receiving nearly a hundred e-mails, the five board members present voted to reconcile the second bond question to include an \$8.5 million swimming pool for Plymouth High School.

"The first bond will be addressing the academic needs, and the second bond gives people the option if they want a theater and a pool," said board President Mark Slavens. "It's obvious, from what we've heard in the community, that we have a very crowded situation with the two pools servicing the three schools."

The net gain for the bond issue will be \$3.5 million, as trustees also voted to eliminate \$5 million from the proposed career and technical center at the Park by deleting welding, HVAC and CAMM

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(computer aided manufacturing and machining) courses.

Plymouth High School swim coach Doug Schade knows about the overcrowded conditions. His teams always have to swim in the evening hours, when Canton and Salem are finished with more convenient afternoon practice schedules.

"It's hard for the kids to maintain a semblance of a normal life," said Schade, "to get home and eat dinner, and pay attention to their homework and concentrate on academics.

"I'm concerned that our kids don't have the opportunity, if they choose, to join a club or go to whatever social events are happening on campus, and take part in the great life the Park provides," he said. "We have a lot of great kids and they work hard, and they deserve the same opportunities as Salem and Canton (high school) kids."

Trustee Tom Wysocki said it's about time the construction of a third pool at the Park is put before voters.

"My disappointment was way back, when we first passed a bond to build Plymouth High School and it wasn't there," said Wysocki. "A new pool will enhance the district's reputation, which will help maintain the value of our community."

The first bond issue will ask voters to approve - in preliminary numbers - \$97 million for a \$27 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; a total of \$24 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

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million for an auxiliary gym at Salem High School; and \$1.3 million for Canton High School athletic fields.

If the first bond issue doesn't pass, the second become void, even if it receives enough votes. Patricia Brand, assistant

superintendent for business services, said she will know next week the final numbers on the bond issue. "The total amount will be less than \$123 million, which

represents construction costs less anticipated interest," Brand said. "If both proposals pass, it will cost the owner of a median value home in the district (\$275,000) approximately \$100 a year." Eggenberger said she

believes Plymouth-Canton voters will approve another bond proposal, despite the fact it comes within 20 months of the last bond issue. "I think we have communi-

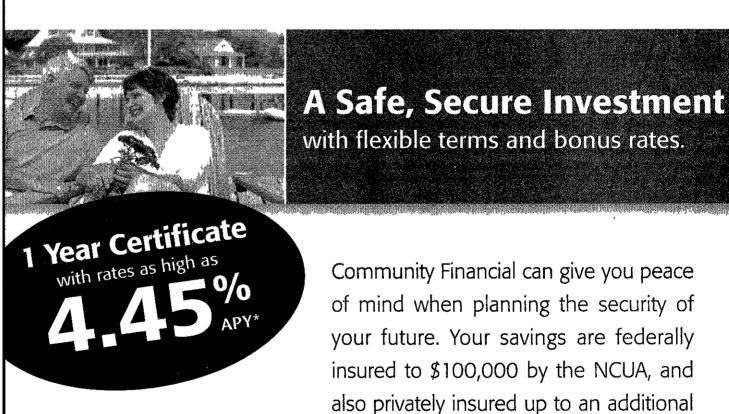
ty support," said Eggenberger. "People understand they have a good school system, and they want an opportunity to improve it. They understand how

important education is, and they want their kids to get a good education," she said. "That's why they go to Plymouth-Canton Schools."

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Wake-up call

Plymouth man heeds dad's plea to take care of himself

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Weight has been a lifelong struggle for Dave Woods.

He was bigger than all the kids in elementary school. When he graduated from Canton High School, the 6foot-7 Woods weighed 356 pounds. He hit his peak at 472 pounds, and he let it affect relationships with family and

The epiphany came in July, when his ailing father told him, "You have to take care of yourself and your wife first, and worry about other people afterwards."

Two days later, cancer claimed his father's life and Woods woke up.

"It really affected me," said Woods, who runs Juicin' Up, a company that distributes 100percent juice to day-care centers. "I'd found myself in a position I never thought I'd be in, letting my weight dictate my relationships. I was going through life with blinders on, and they were put there by me."

Like most people battling their weight, Woods tried diet after diet. Once, using a fat-free diet and simply cutting down on his eating, Woods dropped all the way to 223 pounds. But, at 6-foot-7, many people told him he "needed to eat."

He took them up on it and, with "my body telling me 'we need this, old habits started kicking in," Woods said. The weight went right back up.

It was taking a toll on him in a lot of ways. Woods would avoid parties, avoid people. The physical toll was even worse. A part-time bartender at Doyle's Tavern in Plymouth, Woods would work his Wednesday shift — they call it "Woody Wednesdays" at the bar — then go home and ice his ankles. which were bearing the brunt of his weight

He was also hard on his wardrobe, going through two pairs of shoes every couple of months because his feet kept breaking through them. When his father was ill, Woods had to go to Southfield to find a suit.

That killed me, because I had to leave me dad to do it," Woods recalled.

A doctor's appointment confirmed another fairly common occurrence in overweight people: High blood pressure. At the age of 29, Woods was already on medication. But it was also part of his wake-up

"It's not that I was surprised," Woods said. "It was just the reality of it."

With his weight at 472 pounds, Woods finally sought



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Dave Woods holds a 45-pound weight to represent the first 45 pounds he lost in his journey to shed 200 pounds.

help. After seeing the sign for Rejuvenation Personal Training, he consulted with owner Terry Pratt, who agreed to help Woods lose his personal goal of 200 pounds.

"He has such a big journey," Pratt said. "For him, it's really a marathon."

Pratt and partner Jeremy Daum had to start slowly with Woods, who couldn't do a lot of physical activity. The 30minute sessions sometimes included as little as sitting still and passing a large ball back and forth, and have since graduated to include 30 seconds of DONEDE. tine and cardiova

Woods size alakes nim a unique case.

"We have to minimalize the amount of activity he does with his legs," Pratt said. "It's all about how he feels, it's not just about lifting. In time, he'll move even more."

Pratt and Daum also immediately set Woods up with a nutritionist through the Canton health and wellness department at the Summit.

Woods was told that, to maintain his body at his current weight, he was probably putting some 8,000 calories a day into it.

"I've always been the classic emotional eater, and I realized I was putting food in my mouth that I didn't need, Woods said, "(The nutritionist) sat me down, gave me an idea where I need to be. What I learned is not to eliminate anything from my diet. You have to have balance."

He's getting there. On a diet that cut him to 2,400 calories a day, Woods has lost more than 50 pounds, with a target weight of 200 pounds. He wants to weigh 272 or less by November 2006.

His trainers figure Woods' struggle — and his fight — can help others.

That's so inspiring to me, seeing this guy who can be an inspiration to people." Daum If that's the case in sigher

but Woods is taking his fatner's advice and worrying about himself first. He felt better after the first week, and he's feeling even better now. If other overweight people can learn or be inspired from his battle, all the better.

"I think most people who are heavy would rather be thin; it's not like they're happy about it," Woods said. "It's important for people to know they're only a week away from feeling better. That first week for me was so huge."

And now? Woods smiles

"I don't mind hanging out with myself any more," he said.

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DDA approves new look for Ford Road

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

The Canton Downtown Development Authority has approved a new look for Ford Road, though members are still trying to figure out exactly how to market it. But one thing is clear about the colorcoordinated new look along the township's main business corridor: The most important color in the marketing plan is no longer blue, even the hue is IKEA blue.

'What we want to avoid is everything in our community being tied to IKEA. IKEA is not the only horse on the team," said Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin.

Since IKEA announced it will locate on Ford Road, the DDA has discussed the potential for the Swedish furniture store to bring millions of people to Canton's primary business district.

Before the announcement, however, the DDA began developing plans to unify Ford Road and to make it more inviting to shoppers and people looking for entertainment. as well as make the busy road easier to navigate.

On Nov. 10, the DDA met in a special meeting to discuss a community branding and coordinated signage plan, which

would include color-coordinated signs along Ford Road, and an updated leaf motif and variation on the township's traditional tree logo. But it's still unclear when the plan will be implemented and how much it will cost. It's also unclear to business owners exactly how they will use the branding to help market their businesses.

In order to get business owners within the DDA on board with the plan, the DDA will host a series of seven town hall meetings with business owners after the holiday season.

Already, the DDA has attracted some "outside the box" marketing ideas, and will be receiving more. The DDA at its October meeting hired Canton based marketing consultants Karyl Niemi and Roger Gallerini to help businesses market themselves as the branding plan takes shape, and as IKEA (which is expected to bring some 2 million visitors a year to Ford Road) moves ever closer to its grand

opening. At the DDA's regular meeting Nov. 16, members heard a Smooth Jazz V98.7 radio station proposal to use the color theme for a "Canton Color Tour," a series of live performances in the DDA, but members were hesitant to dive into the plan until after they have

the opportunity to get feedback from businesses along Ford Road, and until after they approve the expenditure to implement the new signs and banners.

"This is a positive thing," said DDA member Tim Ford of the proposal. "But until we get the banners flying it might be premature."

DDA member Lisa Grasso added that because the station's proposal involves the use of the DDA's portable stage, a survey of DDA businesses would be necessary to determine which locations would welcome the stage and which would not want the stage on their property, for insurance liability, marketing restrictions by corporate offices, and traffic flow reasons.

According to DDA Director Kathleen Salla, the cost of the banners is not yet known, but is in the process of being investigated by the consulting firm Hamilton Anderson.

Hamilton Anderson is the firm which developed the concept for the DDA, and had also proposed a "parkway" theme for the DDA. The parkway idea has been rejected by the DDA, which instead is marketing the district as "Canton's Ford Road," said

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1st of 3 defendants pleads guilty in delivery robberies

pizza delivery workers in

Daniel Garrett, 21, of Canton already is serving four to 15 years after pleading guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to an armed

Garrett also is serving a two-year term on felony firearm charges stemming from that holdup and a similar robbery that occurred six days earlier at Ravencrest Condominiums, on Newburgh near Marquette.

Garrett was accused of providing the .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun and driving a injured.

Details of his guilty plea came from Westland police and online state prison

Before he was sent to prison, Garrett had been jailed in lieu of a \$500,000 cash bond - the highest of the three defendants - partly because of threatening

"He had made threats that he would have shot police offiSgt. David Heater has said.

the threats, Heater said. The final outcome still is pending for two other defen-

Christopher Lee Allen, 19, of Westland was charged with two counts of armed robbery and two counts of felony firearms. He is accused of

Brandon Myers, 19, of Canton was accused of one count of armed robbery and one count of felony firearms. He was charged only in the Ravencrest robbery, amid accusations he called in the fake pizza order, allowed his vehicle to be used and accompanied the gunman to the delivery worker's car,

PARADE

FROM PAGE A1

The Skillman Foundation applies its resources to foster positive relationships between children and adults. support high quality learning opportunities and strengthen healthy, safe and supportive homes and communities.

Naeem picked her Peacock theme because she thought it was the most colorful. The teacher submitted the drawings to The Skillman Foundation contest, in which two students' designs were chosen for inclusion in the parade. The other winner was Emma Cox, a fourth-grader who is homeschooled in Auburn Hills, who designed a float with the theme, "Five Little Monkeys

peacocks because they have so saw some at the Detroit Zoo

Naeem, her parents, and her 6year-old sister will attend the parade for the first time. Originally from Pakistan, the family moved to the United States when Aroma Naeem was a preschooler. Though she is new to the tradition of Thanksgiving, she already knows what she likes the

adding that the balloons are her favorite thing about the parade. "And the food."

"We are so proud to once again partner with The Skillman Foundation to help kids express their imagination and gain a greater interest in the arts while watching their drawings turn into larger-than-life creations," said Debbie Dingell, president of the parade company. "We invite students to be a part of this great tradition and help create new memories for our parado. It is wonderful to see so many students want. ing to be involved in a truly cherished Detroit community tradition and we are excited to have these additions to America's Thanksgiving Parade."

The Skillman Foundation is a resource for improving the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit. The foundation applies its resources to foster positive relationships between children and adults, support high quality learning opportunities and strengthen healthy, safe and supportive homes and communities. The Foundation was founded in December 1960 by Rose P. Skillman, widow of Robert H. Skillman, vice president and director of Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, and has an annual grantmaking

Established in 1984. The Parade Company is a Detroitbased not-for-profit organization responsible for production of America's Thanksgiving Parade and the International Freedom Festival, including the Target-

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Jumping on the Bed." "I read some books and liked "I like the parade," she said,

many bright colors," she said. "I and thought they were pretty."

best about the holiday.

Naeem saw the balloon for the first time this week when it was unveiled at The Parade Studio in Detroit.

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STAFF WRITER

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County to area: Election check is in the mail

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The check is in the mail. Well, almost. Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said the City of Plymouth and Canton

Township will soon receive the

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BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

them for holding elections in August, despite not having a local ballot question.

Nineteen Wayne County communities, including Plymouth and Canton, were required to hold an election in August so voters could cast ballots for a Wayne County parks millage, which was

approved by voters.

City officials asked for reimbursement of \$13,057, while Canton billed the county \$55,459

Wayne County sent the communities checks for only partial amounts because the charges were more than what the county's Office of

Management and Budget determined.

City officials expressed their dissatisfaction with a letter sent by its attorney. After submitting a revised bill, which Helmkamp said was \$100 less than the original, the county will send the city

the balance of \$1,783.

than they requested, and will soon get a check for \$12.568. "By asking for all the com-

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munities to recalculate, we were able to save taxpayers \$5,000," said Helmkamp.

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Canton officials will receive a

COMING UP

vate is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

MILITARY NEWS

Naval grad Navy Seaman Recruit Rick C. Bernard, son of Fran M. and John M. Bernard of Canton, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training

Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Bernard completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

* The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment, Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Bernard is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth Canton High

TAG screening

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are screening students for admission to the district's Talented and Gifted program for the 2006-07 school year.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the P-CCS district boundaries and be in grades 2-7. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms

need to be back to school principals or counselors by Dec. 23. Nomination forms also are

available online at www.pccs.k12.mi.us. Nominations for non-public school students should be returned to the TAG Office at Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing, including the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test.



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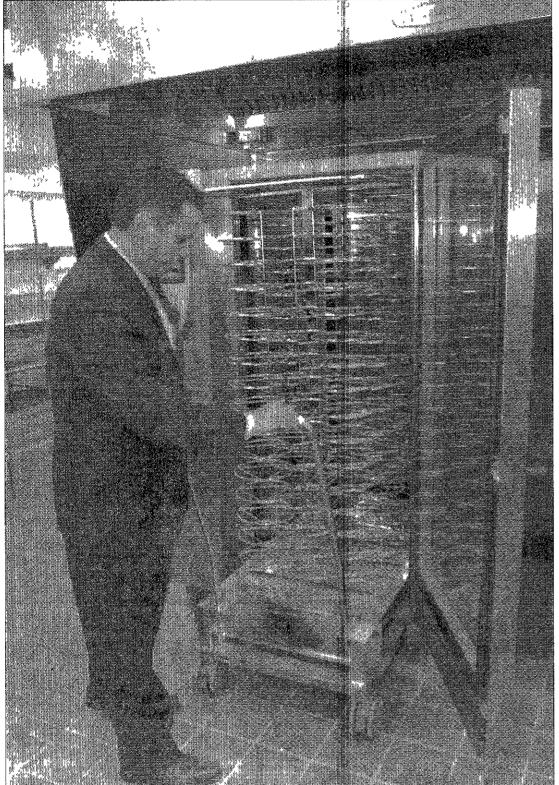
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'Super' stretch run

St. John's hotel project set to wrap up in January



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BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The new Inn at St. John's has already sold out for four nights of the week when the Super Bowl comes to town in February.

So it's a good thing the inn, being added to the St. John's Golf & Conference Center, is scheduled to open on time in mid-January. Workers are moving along on the plans for the sevenstory, 118-room structure that will allow the center to service the residential needs of people using it for weddings and other gatherings.

"The hotel portion has always been in the master plan for the center," said St. John's general manager Paul Wegert. "There's a huge demand from a wedding standpoint for one-stop shopping, and there's also a big demand on the corporate side."

The property, a former seminary owned by the Archdiocese

of Detroit, reopened in the late 1990s as a conference center. Developers back then hinted they'd eventually be putting a hotel on the property.

"We've been somewhat limited to local meetings and oneday events," said Ron Wilson, CEO of Hotel Investment Services Inc., the firm that runs the complex. "The hotel will allow for significant increase in business in both the corporate market and the social market." Expanding its ability to host

large conferences and weddings has been a big part of the game plan at St. John's. Next up on its to-do list is the opening of the Grande Ballroom, a converted gymnasium that will now be able to hold some 450 people.

Wegert said that adjustment alone will allow St. John's to expand its offerings.

That will certainly allow us to have weddings over 400 people," he said. "We've been

turning that business away by the week."

The hotel is also going to include a new 80-seat restaurant, Five, which St. John's officials say "makes a statement ' with its inspired, innovative on and eclectic American cuisine," crafted by new executive chef Tom MacKinnon, best known for MacKinnon's restaurant in Northville.

The restaurant will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and features a martini lounge.

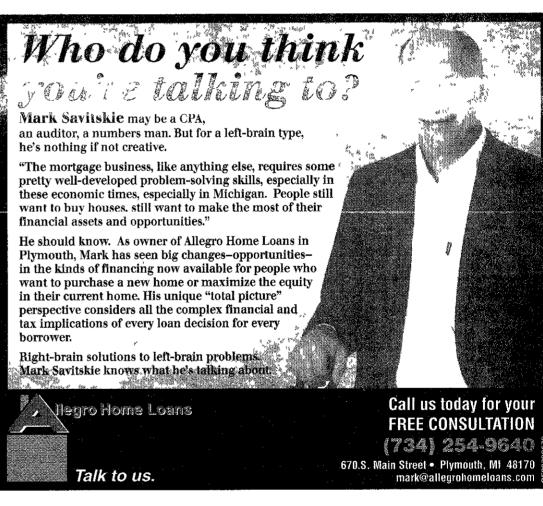
The 118 rooms will range from deluxe guest rooms to several suite options, including a two-story Presidential suite option that puts the sleeping quarters upstairs. All the rooms will offer wired and wireless Internet capabilities. 5.5

"We really wanted to cater to the business class," said Tawnya Johnson, St. John's director of sales and catering.

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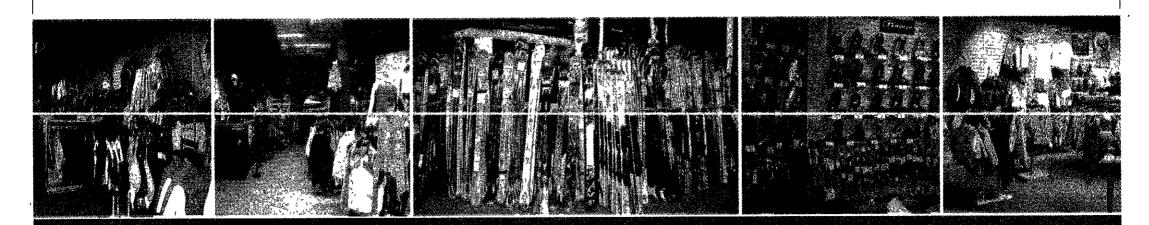


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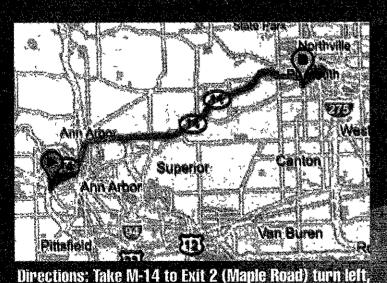
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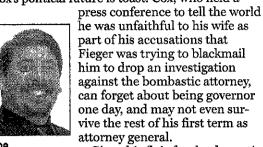
There are no likely winners in the | Michigan needs bold plan to continuing Cox vs. Fieger debacle

That's the only way to describe the political circus enveloping state Attorney General Mike Cox and flamboyant Southfield attorney ... Geoffrey Fieger.

eoffrey Fieger. And while Fieger and Cox remain the center of the maelstrom, expect a few more prominent politicians to be sucked into the eye of the storm.

By the time this whole sordid affair has worked its way through the legal system, the biggest loser in the political arena likely could be the state Republican Party, which runs the risk of having the political future of three of its rising stars seriously damaged.

The general feeling among area politicos is Cox's political future is toast. Cox, who held a



Given his flair for the dramatic, Bauman I am surprised Fieger has not suggested that Cox prosecute himself for adultery, which technically is still a

crime in the state of Michigan. Fieger still faces potential criminal charges over his financing of a campaign to unseat a state Supreme Court justice. And even though no charges were brought in the alleged blackmail scheme, he still could face disciplinary action by the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board.

But anyone who has followed Fieger's career knows he won't let Cox — who he has announced he will challenge in next year's election - off the hook with just political egg on his face. You can bet that Fieger will spend a considerable amount of his political and financial capital in an effort to force Cox to resign in disgrace.

Which brings us to Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca. It was Gorcyca who held his own press conference to announce that, while he was sure that Fieger and his sidekick, Lee O'Brien, did in fact conspire to blackmail Cox into dropping his investigation of Fieger, there was not sufficient evidence to actually bring charges.

I found it a bit odd that Gorcyca could look into the television cameras and so confidently proclaim that Fieger was the horrible person that Cox claimed, but that his office just couldn't prove it. He also warned Fieger he was not out of the woods yet, saying he had no reason to gloat.

In my business, we don't name a suspect until that person is formally charged with a crime, for fear of facing a big fat libel suit. Something tells me that Fieger still may have something to say regarding Gorcyca's behavior and accusations.

It has been suggested that Core a who himself has aspirations of a ab post each is

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wanted no part of a battle with Fieger, not even to save the hide of fellow Republican Cox. And with Cox out of the picture, the Republican Party would need someone else to run for attorney general next year, say an ambitious county prosecutor, for example.

One person who has not been heard from in this saga is Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard. It was Bouchard's office that investigated Cox's allegations against Fieger.

Typically, when an investigation is concluded the law enforcement agency presents its findings to the prosecutor with a recommendation of what charges, if any, should be brought. We don't know what charges, if any, were recommended nor how the sheriff felt about Gorcyca's decision not to bring charges.

Bouchard, who spent the early part of the week up north hunting and far away from the mess, faces his own uphill battle in his campaign for

The sheriff put his fellow Oakland County Republicans in a tough spot by announcing he was running, then pulled out of the race, only to change his mind again and re-enter the campaign after many of his friends had endorsed the Rev. Keith Butler for the seat.

If for some reason the sheriff department's $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\}$ investigation is called into question as to why charges against Fieger were not brought, it certainly will not help Bouchard's efforts to unseat U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, and could further fracture the Republican Party.

The next likely chapter in this soap opera is whether a special prosecutor will be appointed to complete the investigation into whether Fieger violated campaign finance laws by anonymously bankrolling an ad campaign aimed at defeating state Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman in 2004.

Cox, it seems, would be hard-pressed to argue his office can remain impartial in the case, given all that has transpired in the past couple of weeks. And the attorney general might be happy to distance himself from Fieger and the case now that the matter has blown up in his face.

If the heat gets turned up on Fieger, it's a pretty good bet he won't go down without another fight, and this time he likely will have more than just Cox in his sights.

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thrive in new economic reality

he come-from-behind victory of Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick can be viewed as a metaphor for our region and state, Michigan leads the nation with the worst rates of employment, racial integration, literacy and high school graduation, among a number of other troubling statistics. Challenges from within and without call attention to our deficits. Yet others triumph our strengths.

The metropolitan region and the state need a campaign and a champion who will lead a collective effort to develop a shared vision and common agenda to bring Michigan to the vanguard of innovation

and productive change. After all, we led the way to putting the world on wheels.

We are living in a rapidly changing, technologically driven, disruptive global economy that defies predictability. This fact is driven home by the restructuring taking place at Delphi, General Motors and Ford.

The impact is being felt in our schools, government and other workplaces. These changes will also be felt by our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and neighbors throughout the state.

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These changes will be seismic in scope and as disruptive as the discovery of the printing press; the transition from sail power to engine power; and the progression from the agricultural age to the industrial age. What we once knew is now ancient history. A new reality is upon us. What we make of it is up to us.

We have a moral obligation and a social and economic mandate to help our fellow citizens cope with the transition to this new reality. We are living on borrowed time. Without bold action and decisive leadership we will teeter on the brink of something resembling third-world status.

We must move to not just survive, but to thrive in this new reality. If we do nothing, we will surely be engulfed by this transformational sea change. With the tide of change rising, it is time for us to learn how to surf. The plan must be strong and as bold as it is visionary.

Similar to the transformational, disruptive historical changes we have experienced, there is no road map to guide us into the future. Times like these call for a leader to emerge to inspire Michiganders to become pioneers — like Rosa Parks, Max Fisher, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison rather than settlers

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base if he still has his foot firmly planted on first base. Neither can Michigan leap into the 21st century by holding onto a past that is long gone. In a world flattened by technology, instant communication and the emergence of billions of new capital. ists, work will flow to locations with workers who produce high quality for the lowest cost. This is not a phenomenon that is only taking place in Michigan. China is losing textile workers to the industrious and lower-cost environs of Bangladesh. Mexico is losing its manufacturing work to China

Like it or not, this is the new world order and, consequently, Michigan's new reality The wave put into motion by these changes will not be stopped by political boundaries or political rhetoric. The siren has sounded and an economic tsunami is on its way. It is sure to sweep over cities and suburbs. carrying with it black, white, red and yellow as well as Republican and Democratic

We need a plan that mirrors the intensity and purpose of a political candidate who is 20 points down with two weeks left until election day. It will require collaboration cooperation and many sleepless nights to create and implement. Yet without this plan, leadership, intensity and sense of urgency, Michigan citizens will surely sink.

There has been talk in political, social, civic, labor and business circles regarding a "summit" to discuss racial issues in our region and state. While a discussion about race is important, it is at least equally important to integrate a discussion of our economic state — or we risk losing that race for all of our sakes.

It has been said that people will attend a party because of who sends the invitation, Who is the leader that will call together diverse constituencies throughout Michigan to lay out a plan of action that will propel us into the future? Fractional suburban, city, Republican or Democratic plans will not suffice. We need a Marshall Plan for Michigan. The plan of action must come from within Michigan or loss of hope

will result. Who will be the 21st century Rosa Parks who will spark a revolution for the people of Michigan? The tide is rising and the bus has left the station. Michigan, with leadership and hard work, can make a comeback. The only question that remains is: Will

Our election day is fast approaching.

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Ford Field next stop for surging Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT

The biggest stage in Michigan high school football awaits Canton following the Chiefs' stirring, come-from-behind 35-21 victory over Macomb Dakota Saturday afternoon in a Division 1 semifinal game played at Troy Athens High School.

Canton (11-2) will be making its first-ever appearance in a state final football game
Saturday at 1 p.m. at Ford Field against defending Division
Ichampion Rockford.

The biggest win in Canton's 32-year history came nine short weeks after the Chiefs dropped their second consecutive game, dropped out of the state rankings and dropped out off the state championship radar

"I've been coaching 17 years, and you always talk about something like this happening, and now it's here," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, moments after his team's big win.

While Canton's Wing-T offense was its usual self, racking up 307 total yards, it was the Chiefs' defense that stepped up and made several big plays to help wipe out a 14-0 first-quarter deficit. Junior defensive backs Chris Bogdanski and Deshon McClendon recorded



Canton's Shawn Little ran for 57 yards and passed for 111.

clutch interceptions while the Chiefs' front seven sacked Dakota's prolific quarterback James Stallons four times. Stallons entered the game averaging 158 yards passing.

The Cougars finished with just 289 yards in total offense and amassing over 200 in the first half alone.

"Our defense really stepped up in the second half," Baechler said. "At halftime we made some adjustments and decided to come after them. Our defensive coaches — Scott Dickey, Casey Randolph, Jeff Powers and Dave Smilo — deserve a lot of credit."

Canton quarterback Shawn Little out-shined Stallons, both with his arm and his legs. Little rushed for 57 yards on nine carries and completed 3-of-6 passes for a season-best 111 yards.

McClendon rushed for 96 yards on 19 carries and three touchdowns, including a 55-yarder that gave the Chiefs a 35-21 lead with 3:25 left.

Andy Rossow grinded out 32 yards on seven carries and hauled in two huge receptions—a 41-yard TD that knotted the game at 14-14 with 8:40 left in the first half and a 14-yarder on fourth-and-three from the Dakota 15.

Dakota scored on its first two possessions on a pair of 1-yard runs by Ron Vigneau.

Little cut the gap to 14-7 when he sprinted in from 12 yards out to cap an 11-play/87-vard drive.

Less than a minute later, Bogdanski made a diving pick of a Stallons' pass, giving Canton the ball at the Cougar 30 Two plays later, Little hit a wide-open Rossow coming out of the backfield for a 41-yard score.

After Dakota rebounded to grab a 21-14 lead, McClendon's 1-yard dive sent the Chiefs into the half with some momentum.

Canton's go-ahead TD came with 11:58 left in the game when McClendon finished off a 11-play/53-yard drive with a two-yard run. He then iced it

with his 55-yard dash.
Jeff Piper, Rossow, Marwan
Faraj and Matt Sweda notched



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Canton's Andy Rossow is hauled down by Dakota's Josh Jarvie during Saturday's semifinal victory.

First-place Whalers fall to Kingston

The Kingston Frontenacs scored twice in a span of 1:53 early in the third period and went on to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 7-5, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 3,352 fans at the Compuware Sports Arena.

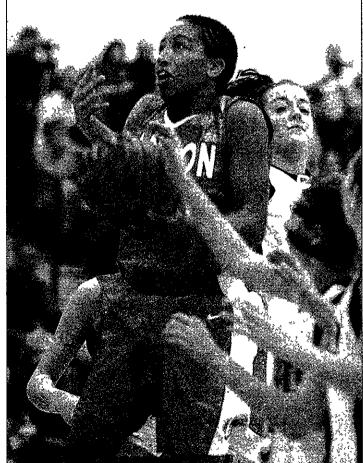
The near-sellout is the best crowd of the season for Plymouth in 12 home dates. In spite of the loss, Plymouth (12¹⁷7-1-1) did not lose any ground at the top of the OHL's West Division as Saginaw lost, 5-3, to Brampton on Friday. Plymouth and Saginaw are on top of the OHL West with 26 points each.

Cory Emmerton led the Kingston attack with two goals and an assist as the game's first star. Former Michigan State player Peder Skinner scored twice and was voted the game's second star. Todd Griffith, Andrew Wilson and Radek Smolenak added singles for Kingston. Dan Collins led Plymouth with a pair of goals and an assist and now has a team-leading 18 goals on the season. Andrew Fournier, Vaclav Meidl and John Vigilante all scored single goals for Plymouth.

After Collins scored a power-play goal to open the scoring at 11:09 of the first period, Kingston scored a pair of power-play goals later in the first by Griffith and Emmerton.

Fournier tied the game at 2-2 for Plymouth at 0:23 of the second, but Kingston came back at 1:51 of the period on Wilson's first OHL goal. Canton 41, Novi 38

Heart of a champion



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPH

Canton's Ja'nee Morton goes up strong with a shot during the first quarter of Friday night's district final basketball game against Novi. Morton scored 11 ppints in the Chiefs' 41-38 victory over the Wildcats.

Chiefs overcome adversity, Novi for district title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

During Friday night's district final girls basket-ball game against Novi, Canton had a three-word response for the mountain of adversity that seemed to grow with every tick of the second-half clock: Bring it

With two of their top three scorers on the bench for most of the second half, the Chiefs withstood several Wildcat rallies to pull out a 41-38 win in a game played at Novi High School.

The inspirational victory earned Canton (19-4) a berth in Monday night's first-round regional contest against West Bloomfield (19-6). Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Northville High School.

"We've had 57 practices so far this season, and there hasn't been one practice when every girl on this team didn't come to compete and play hard," said first-year Canton coach Brian Samulski. "That's why I never doubt them when we face tough situa-

tions like we did tonight."
Canton built a 19-16.
halftime lead thanks in
large part to the play of
juniors Beeci Houdek and
Janee Morton, who combined to score all but two
of the Chiefs first-half
points. However, Morton
played just four minutes of
the second half due to foul
trouble and Houdek left
the game for good 38 seconds into the fourth quarter when she injured her
arm after hitting the floor
hard while coming down
with a rebound.

with a rebound.

Instead of crumpting, the Chiefs tunned to the depth and clutch play that helped them capture the Western Lakes Activities

Association tournament title last week and a second-place finish in the

PLEASE SEE CHAMPION, B2

P-CEP hockey

A meeting for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Hockey Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of current and potential players, and anyone with an interest in the PCEP hockey program are invited to attend.

Contact Neva Nahan Werda at the following a mail address: neva1255@aol.com

Youth lacrosse

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer youth lacrosse for the spring 200 season for boys and girls who are in the third-through eighth-grades. The program is designed to be instructional at the beginning with competitive scrimmages added as the course goes on.

The season will run from mid-April through mid-June with all practices and games played on mid-week nights only.

Registration will run throughout the month of January. For more information, visit the City of Plymouth Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.usy or call (734) 455-6620 (extension 304).

Gymnastics event

The Euro Stars
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"People who show me a Whaler autograph – received that night or any time during the season – will receive 20 per cent off their bill," Bannatz said. "We want everybody to have fun when they come in on "Whalers Wednesdays."

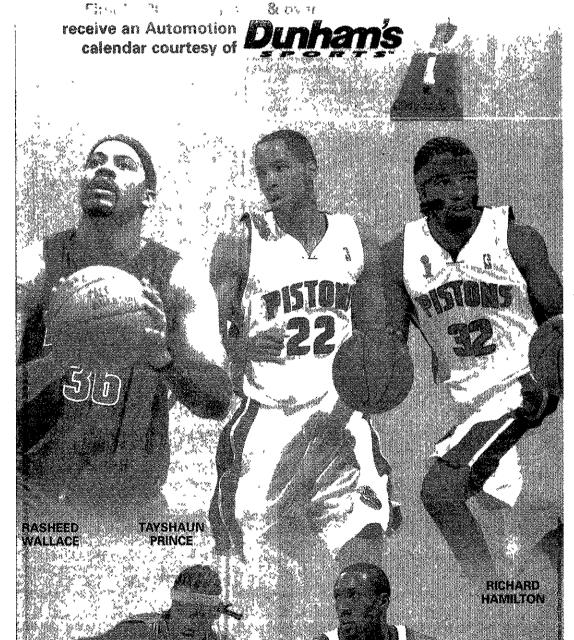
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CHAMPION

FROM PAGE B1

WLAA regular-season stand-

"I've never played on a team that showed more intensity and heart than this one," said Canton senior captain Lisa Ealy, who tallied nine of her 11 points in the pivotal second half. "This game showed how a team is supposed to work.

"Everybody stepped up when they had to. Marie Martin made a huge shot in the fourth quarter, Leslie Olech stepped up and played great defense, Lauren Delapaz made some big plays and Kelsy Zemanski hit a huge shot. I can't tell you how proud I am to be a part of this team."

During the game's early moments, it looked as though Canton was still riding the momentum it collected in Wednesday's 37-25 semifinal victory over Salem. The Chiefs jumped out to a 9-2 lead behind six points from Morton, but Novi came back to cut the lead to 11-8 after one quarter.

Houdek opened the second quarter with a long triple to put Canton up 14-8, but the resilient Wildcats battled back to narrow their deficit to 19-16 at the half. Novi senior forward Rachel Folino, who is taking her talents to Niagara University next year, scored seven of her team-high 13 points in the opening 16 min-

Ealy's put-back following an offensive rebound with 4:08 left in the third quarter extended Canton's lead to 26-20, but one minute later Morton was forced to the bench when she committed her fourth foul.

The Chiefs' largest lead of the second half came with 2:56 left in the third when Zemanski drained a pair of free throws to put Canton up, 28-20. Undeterred, Novi stormed back behind Folino and fellow senior Nicole Stephen to narrow the gap to 30-27 with eight minutes left.

A few seconds after Houdek left the game with her injury, Martin hit a 15-foot jumper to give Canton a 32-27 lead. The Wildcats Jessica Casiorek answered one nimute later when she swished a long three to cut the Chiefs' lead to 32-

With Canton leading 36-32 at the 4:21 mark, Morton reentered the game, but she fouled out a few seconds later after fouling Taylor Graybiel, whose one-and-one basket brought the Wildcats to within 36-34.

Novi, which never led in the game, knotted the score at 38-38 on a pair of Stephanie Crawford free throws with 1:11

That set the stage for Zemanski, who calmly swished a wide-open 15-foot jumper with 41.3 seconds remaining to give her team a 40-38 lead. Zemanski struck again on the Wildcats' next possession when she intercepted a Novi pass with 28 seconds left.

"I was nervous, but I knew I had to shoot because nobody else was open," said Zemanski, recalling her game-winning basket. "On the steal, they had been running that same play all night, so I figured it was



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Lisa Ealy drives to the basket for two of her 11 points in Friday night's 41-38 victory over Novi.



The Chiefs celebrate their Division 1 district title a few minutes after upending Novi, 41-38, Friday night.

about time we stopped it. "It was great tonight the

way everybody stepped up with Becci and Ja'nee out. Winning the district is a great feeling."

Ealy sealed the district title when she out-hustled the Wildcats for a rebound with 18 seconds left then managed to zip a pass to Delapaz, who moved it up-court to Olech. The closing seconds of the

game bordered on bizarre. As Olech prepured to shoot has free throw at Wileco who the free at the short nical foul due to an illegal substitution. All of the players were ordered behind the halfcourt line except for Ealy, who split the two technical-foul shots to give Canton its final

three-point advantage. After Olech missed her second free throw, the Chiefs took the ball out-of-bounds. Ealy secured the in-bounds pass with 2.6 seconds left then pushed the ball up-court as the game-ending buzzer sounded.

"Novi kept making pushes, but they never led, which says a lot for our kids," Samulski said. "They're a great team and they never quit."

Ealy finished with six rebounds to complement her 11 points. Morton also had 11 points despite her limited minutes.

Houdek netted nine points and five steals and Olech was solid, contributing four points and six boards.

Gasiorek and Crawford both finished with seven points for the Wildcats. Stephen netted five points and seven

CHIEFS' CLUTCH PLAYS

There were several key fourth-quarter plays in Canton's thrilling 41-38 victory over Novi Friday night. Here are the five biggest preceded by the time that was left when they occurred:

7.05. Marie Martin cans o cort or reput conton tied 32-27. The

shot comes seconds after Becci Houdek leaves game with injury. 5:30: Leslie Olech buries

baseline jumper to extend Canton's lead to 34-30. 41.3 seconds: Kelsv

Zemanski hits 15-foot jumper to give Canton 40-38 lead.

28.0 seconds: Zemanski steals Novi pass with Canton leading 40-38. ■ 18.0 seconds: Lisa Ealy grabs rebound of Novi missed shot to help seal

rebounds in her final high

win."

school game. Both teams handled their opponent's half-court pressure defenses well, committing just 11 turnovers each. Novi, which finished 15-8, out-rebounded Canton, 25-21.

Patriots excel under Mato's guidance

See All-Obsekver Boys Golf Team on page B5.

> BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

In his 13th season as coach, Steve Mato obviously didn't worry about any superstitions as he guided Livonia Franklin's boys golf team to new heights.

Mato's Patriots pulled off a big surprise by capturing their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association tournament after going 6-5 in dual meets.

Franklin also won the Livonia Public Schools Invitational for the first time in school history, along with the Western Wayne Invitational and Fellows Creek Cup.

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"A majority of the players have been with me since their freshman year," said Mato, who was named Coach of the Year by the Observer sports staff. "And this year the key was that they started believing in them-



Steve Mato

Coach of Year Western Lakes (the Patriots were tied for second based on their dual and league meet finish). They went above and beyond those goals."

selves. I knew they had the

beginning of

one was to be

among the top

three in the

the season and

"We set a lot of goals at the

talent.

Mato also credits the team's 2005 success in part to his assistant coach, Kyle Gierada, a 1998 Westland John Glenn graduate who played at Wayne State University.

"Just having him around with me with was a big help and the kids also took a liking to him," Mato said.

The 45-year-old Mato has been with the Livonia Public Schools for seven years and currently teaches Special Education at Riley Middle

School. Prior to that, Mato spent 22 years as Director of Golf at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton (where he still works part-time on Sundays).

After graduating from Glenn where he played baseball, the Eastern Michigan University alum began playing golf in col-

"I played for my PGA card a couple of times and missed, that's when I felt I was more suited for coaching," Mato said.

Franklin loses two All-Area players in seniors Steve South and Ryan Leidal, but the Patriots' coach remains optimistic about the 2006 season thanks to the return of four players including WLAA medalist Austin Stillman and All-Division player Alex Chisholm, along with Justin Adams and Tony Semonick.

"We've got a core of kids who can step up and be competitive," Mato said. "I expect a lot out of next year's team."

Canton hoop captains get 'A's in team chemistry

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

There were no test tubes, beakers or lab coats anywhere to be found in the Wayne Memorial High School gymnasium on the night of Nov. 9, but there was some serious chemistry taking place.

Team chemistry. With their team facing a 13point halftime deficit in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, Canton girls basketball chemists, er, captains Lisa Ealy, Leslie Olech, Kelsy Zemanski and Becci Houdek relied on the team chemistry they had established over the previous two seasons to help lead the Chiefs back to a memorable 32-29 victory over

Walled Lake Central. The on-court cohesiveness and strong leadership qualities the foursome utilized along with their teammates in the face of adversity that night have been ongoing traits this season for the Chiefs, who have rode their captains' strong play to a 19-4 record and district championship.

FOLLOW THE LEADERS

"All four captains — Lisa, Leslie, Kelsy and Becci - are all great leaders in their own way," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "But they all work together to make sure the team is in a position to win. If one of the captains or someone else on the team is down, the other three will do whatever they can to pick them back up again.

During halftime of the Walled Lake Central game, all of the captains remained positive. They kept saying, 'We can still win this. We can still win this.' And they're not only great basketball players and leaders

- they're great kids, too." The seeds of the friendship for Ealy, Houdek and Zemanski were planted six years ago when they played on the same premier soccer team. Olech and Zemanski — who live in the same Canton neighhorhood - became fast friends matter with me of my Borns . Middle Shel

The first time all four captains came together on the same team was last fall when they helped lead the Chiefs to 18 victories and a Western



Canton's four captains provide the team with a strong mix of chemistry and talent. Pictured (clockwise from left) are

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Kelsy Zemanski, Lisa Ealy, Leslie Olech and Becci Houdek.

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Probably the biggest reason they share good chemistry is because they're not just teammates — they're good friends.

"We hang out a lot together," Ealy said. "We go to (Canton) football games together on Fridays and sometimes we get together before our games and watch Disney movies. We have a lot of fun together.

"The best thing about the team this year is that everyone gives it their all every minute they're in the game or at practice. A lot of people didn't think we'd be as good as we are this year because we lost Katie (Cezat). But I think we've exceeded expectations because of how hard we work and because we all work together." Olech said each of the four

the semor said. I like to talk to the players who maybe aren't playing as much as they would like to and offer them encouragement. Becci and Lisa are

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the more vocal leaders and Kelsy leads more by example."

When you've played and practiced together as much as the four Canton captains have, a sixth sense develops on the court.

"We know what the others are going to do in different situations," Zemanski said. "If one of us gets in trouble with the ball, we know where to look for the others."

"I think we work well together because we've played together for so long," Houdek said. "They know what I'm thinking and I know what they're thinking."

DIVERSE SKILLS

While all four are outstanding leaders, they possess different strengths on the court. Ealy and Houdek — along with junior forward Ja'nee Morton are the Chiefs' + 1-to players

tournament with a 12.2 pointsper-game scoring average. She has also pulled down a teamhigh 7.2 rebounds per game. Houdek has proven to be

multi-faceted, averaging 8.6 points, 4.4 assists, 4.2 steals, 5.0 rebounds and 1.5 blocks.

Olech averages five points and four rebounds a game, but her biggest asset is the defensive intensity she brings to the

"Z (Zemanski) is great at pressuring the ball," Samulski said. "She doesn't get as many steals as Becci, but her ball

pressure leads to some of Becci's steals. We usually put 'Z' on the other team's top guard."

Although the season is wind.

guard." Although the season is wind ing down and the captains' time together grows shorter, they're all going to keep in

touch down the road.

"It's going to be really sad once we play our final game together," Ealy said, "but I'm happy knowing that I got to play with them for the past couple of years. Becci will be a we'll all come back and watch her play, just like last year's seniors have come back to watch us."

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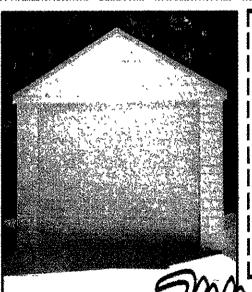
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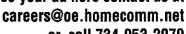
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Boys Golf team members shine on course, off

FIRST TEAM

Matt Talbot, Jr., Plymouth: Talbot earned a trip to the Division 1 state meet after shooting a solid 80 at the regional meet. The three-year letter winner sculpted a team-best 38.5 nine-hole average while leading the Wildcats' to a stellar season.

"Matt put in more practice time than anybody on our team," said Plymouth coach Chris Moore. "Some nights, he'd stay a couple hours after practice to work on his game, so this honor is well-deserved.

"He's very accurate and he hits the

ball a long way for his size, too."

Tommy Lucko, Jr., Liv. Churchill: The junior co-captain and three-year letter winner averaged 37.2 for nine holes and sported an 18-hole tourna-

ment average of 76.6.

He was medalist in the Division I district tourney, winning in suddendeath playoff after shooting a 69 at Whispering Willows.

Lucko shot 76 at both the Pinckney and Brighton invitationals, along with an 80 at University of Michigan regional. He also shot 82 in the Western Lakes tourney.

"Tommy is the consummate golfer," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "He was very tough on himself, wanting to excel for the betterment of the team."

Richard Wyman, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: The junior co-captain and team MVP averaged 38.54 during the dual-match season and 77.3 for 18hole tournaments.

Wyman earned medalist honors an impressive 11 times out of 16 matches.

He tied for first in the Western Lakes tourney at Pheasant Run with a 73 and also shot a 1-under 72 to capture the Pinckney Invitational. Wyman also added a 77 each at both the Western Wayne and Huron Valley invitationals.

In the Division I district at Pontiac Country Club, Wyman shot an 85 to qualify for the regional at Dunham Hills in Hartland where he just missed the state cut by only three strokes with a 79.

"This season Richard not only improved his scoring average, but learned to control his emotions and focus on being a positive force on the team," Stevenson coach Jason Delo

Mike Lawton, Sr., Liv. Churchili: The senior co-captain and three-year letter winner earned Churchill's MVP honors as he averaged 38.5 in nine-hole dual matches and 77 in 18-hole tourneys.

Lawton took third at the Division I district with a 72 and carded a 79 at the regional. He also tied for 14th at the Brighton Invitational (76) and fired a 79 at both the Princkney Invitational and WLAA tourney

(earning All-Division honors).

He was medalist in two dual matches and co-medalist in another during the regular season.

"Mike's demeanor was his strength as he showed great resolve and patience on the course, which led to his consistent and excellent play this season" Worley said. "Mike's leadership and integrity will be missed."

Steve South, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior averaged 39.3 per nine and earned All-WLAA honors with a 75 at Pheasant Run.

at Pheasant Run.
At the Division I regional at U-M,
South fired a 78 and just missed
qualifying for the state finals in a
playoff. South added a 76 to lead
Franklin at the district tournament
and tied for third in the Western
Wayne Invitational sith a 72. He
also shot a 73 at the Fellows Creek

"Steve had a great senior year," Franklin coach Steve Mato said.



Matt Talbot Plymouth

Mike Lawton

Churchill



Tommy Lucko Churchill



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Ryan Leidal Franklin



Matt Howe Garden City

It's a four-year varsity player and developed into a true number one guy. He's got great hands and a great short game. He really worked over the summer, playing tournaments, and developed some length on his drives. He's got an all-around good game."

Adam Grady, Sr., Salem: A transfer student from Redford Catholic Central, Grady was one of the Rocks' steadiest players, compiling a nine-hole stroke average of 40.5 and an 18-hole average of 79.5. The senior's best round of the season may have been the sizzling 79 he fired at the Division 1 district meet at Whispering Willows. Grady was one of the key components in the Rocks'

late-season run to the D1 state meet.

"Adam was a great teammate from
the first day he joined our team after
transferring," said Salem coach Rick
Wilson. "He was probably our most
consistent player and he provided
the team with a lot of valuable lead-

ersmp skills. I thank be has the ability to play in college at a DII or DIII school."

SECOND TEAM

Eric Frankowicz, Sr., Garden City. Consistent excellence was his trademark, said

Cougars head coach Ron Pummill.
Frankowicz averaged 39.2 per nine, 81.6 per 18 and was team and match medalist four times each.
Down the stretch, he registered an

80 at the U-M regional.

"He's been a pleasure, a four-year varsity player, one of the few ever at Garden City and all-league for three years," said Pummill, noting the player's ability to keep the ball in

Others might hit the ball longer off the tee, but Frankowicz is described as a "sneaky" hitter by his coach, averaging about 240 yards

per drive.

Another example of his consistency: Frankowicz was the No. 2 golfer in the Mega White (regular season

he got there, he shot two rounds in the 70s, which was great."

Jimmy Vicek, Jr., Plymouth: Vlcek had an eye-opening junior year, compiling stroke averages of 40.5 for nine holes and 78.0 for 18. His most

impressive effort was a school record 69 in the Division 1 district tournament at Whispering Willows. He also owns the Wildcats' record for lowest nine-hole round (32).

"Jimmy worked hard this past summer playing the junior tours

and tournament play combined) for

Tyler Jeleniewski, Soph., Salem: Only

a sophomore, Jeleniewski played a

pivotal role on the Rocks' state-qual-

ifying squad. He compiled team-best

scoring averages of 40.0 (nine holes)

and 79.5 (18) and he earned All-

Division honors at the Western

Lakes Activities Association league

'game' of anybody on our team,"

Wilson said. "He hits the ball a long

way and he's solid from tee to green.

He was one of the main reasons we

made it to the state meet, and once

"Tyler probably has the most

the third consecutive year.

"Jimmy worked hard this past summer playing the junior tours with Matt Talbot," Moore said. "He's grown a lot since last year and he hits the ball a lot longer. He's one of those kids who always hits the ball in the fairway."

Travis Dodson, Jr., Garden City: Dodson made great strides in his junior season, averaging 38.3 per nine and 80.2 per 18 while nabbing all-league honors. "Travis had an awesome year,"

Pummill said. "He just pounded it off the tee."

But the fact he drives the ball more than 250 yards is only one reason why he was a team and match medalist three times each or was the fourth-best Mega White golfer (regular season and tournament play combined).

Pummill said Dodson is a complete player who "manages his way around courses. He has a really good short game."

Dodson capped off his year by shooting 79 at the league tournament, 76 at the districts and 87 at

the U-M regional.

Ryan Leidai, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior averaged 39.8 per nine and was consistent throughout the year shooting a 79 at the U-M regional, 82 at the WLAA tourney and 79 at the Western Wayne Invitational.

His only high score was an 88 at the district tourney.

"Byzn's the Rodney Dengerfield of

"Ryan's the Rodney Dangerfield of our team," Mato said. "He's never won a tourney, but he's shoots a solid number every time out.

"I never had to throw his score out. He doesn't have the prettiest swing, but his swing is real effective. Just a nice kid, too."

Matt Howe, Sr., Garden City: The

third member of the Cougars to make the second team, Howe (No. 7 in the Mega White) earned team and match medalist honors four teams each while averaging 39.4 per nine.

Howe, also an all-league team member, finished off his season in style by shooting 84 at the districts and 79 at the regionals at U-M.

In addition to his steady play, Pummill cited Howe for providing team leadership that helped the Cougars capture the division championship.

"His determination and leader-

2005 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM

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ship from a team standpoint really helped us have the season we had," Pummill said.





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Penguins fly high in opener, 10-0

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For previews on local prep hockey teams, please see Thursday's Observer.

> BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls high school hockey team picked up where it left off last year when it humbled Farmington Hills Mercy, 10-0, Tuesday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. The game was the season-opener for both teams.

"It's always nice to start the season with a win," said Penguins' coach Lori Callahan, whose team finished third last year in the Metro Michigan Girls High School Hockey League with a 14-5-1 record. "We lost our two pre-season scrimmage games, 3-2 and 4-2, to Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, so we needed this win to fuel our confidence."

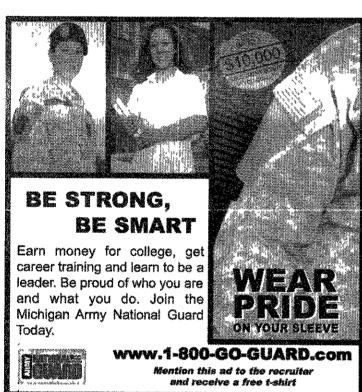
The Penguins led 2-0 after one period and 7-0 after two. Sophomore goal-keeper

Kristie Kowalski notched the shutout and recording six last season. Offensively, PCS was paced by senior defenseman Kelli Bargowski, who netted three goals. Emily Patton, Adrienne Cercone and Kristen Schwan all found the back of the net twice for the winners. Freshman Kelsey Nikkila also scored a goal for the Penguins.

Earning multiple assists were sophomore Ashley LaBlanc (three), Nikkila (two) and Amy Coleman (two).

Patton and Nikkila spearheaded the Penguins' victory by scoring first-period goals.

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Crusaders' title hopes dashed, 1-0

Madonna University's successful women's season ended Friday with a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Concordia University (Ore.), in the second round of the 2005 NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship in Olathe, Kan.

Concordia's Samantha Smith scored on a header past Crusaders goalkeeper Brittany Cervi (Canton) in the 76th minute of the match to break a scoreless tie and enable the No. 8 Cavaliers (18-4-0) to reach Saturday's quarterfinal against top-seeded Martin Methodist College (Tenn.), 22-1 overall.

Despite three starters out for

Schoolcraft College rolled to a

98-45 men's basketball victory

Wednesday night over the vis-

"We had some guys come

late to practice and not doing

their schoolwork," Schoolcraft

weren't doing what they were

supposed to do and you can't

change your philosophy as far

as doing the things you're sup-

coach Carlos Briggs said. "They

iting Rochester College JV

disciplinary reasons,

squad.

posed to do."

The Crusaders were outshot in the match, 14-4.

Ashley Stoychoff and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year Kelly Japowicz had the only shots on goal for the Crusaders. Other shots were

taken by Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson) and Tessa Adkins. Caitlin Boyak (Stevenson) was served a yellow card, one

of 15 fouls by the Crusaders to Concordia's 13. Concordia had five corner kicks to MU's three.

Cervi made a total of four

Short-handed Ocelots oust Rochester

Guard Darryl Garrett, a

Derrick Coleman and

Donnell Patterson finished

with 14 and 12, respectively.

Jarred Axon finished with 11.

the Rochester JV, 40-19, as

Coleman, a transfer from

footer from Minneapolis

Schoolcraft outrebounded

Oakland University, grabbed a

team-high nine. Davis, the 7-

Wallace Hall added 15 points

apiece, while James Davis and

Michigan, led the Ocelots (3-0)

transfer from Eastern

with 17 points.

saves for the Crusaders, while

Kali Smith posted the shutout in goal for Concordia.

MU, the No. 9-seeded team and an at-large qualifier, finished the season with a record of 16-2-4. Other Saturday quarterfinal matchups had No. 12 Westmont, Calif. (11-3-3) vs. No. 4 Houghton, N.Y. (20-0-1); No. 3 Azusa Pacific, Calif. (17-0-4) vs. No. 6 Simon Fraser, Wash. (11-4-3); and No. 7 Lee. Tenn. (18-4) vs. No. 2 Graceland, Ia. (15-2-2).

The semifinals will be 6 and 8 p.m. Monday followed by the championship match 7 p.m. Tuesday (CST).

(Minn.) North, added six.

with three steals.

point range.

cent).

Marcus Jenkins dished out

six assists, while Hall finished

The Ocelots shot 57.3 per-

cent from the floor (39-of-68),

including 7-of-17 from three-

Schoolcraft was 13-of-19

from the foul line (68.4 per-

Rob Fragoso (Catholic

time, with 11 points. Steve

Steucher added 10.

Central) paced the Rochester

JV, which trailed 50-14 at half-

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

GET TO KNOW ME

SBF, 39, 5'6", provides care for the elderly, N/S, loves action, mystery, and suspense movies. Seeking man, 25-45, for friendship, possible romance. 5853842

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SWE 42. Aries smoker never

married looking for companionship Seeking good hearted, nard working SWM, 30-50. 2819435 LIKES TO HAVE FUN

SWF, 40, 5'2', 125lbs, Sagittarius, N/S, very sexy, seeks SWM, 38-40, smoker, with no children and no trouble in his life. \$2836662

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

SWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent, kind-hearted, young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling, camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean), music book stores, and laughter. 2759907

LONESOME

Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy. Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! 27449585

DOWN-TO-EARTH HOMEBODY SBF, 37, 5', 160lbs, single mom of 2, nice smile, hard-working, N/S, seeks teddy-bear type SBM, 37- N/S, kids a+, for friendship, maybe LTR. 27848200

READY FOR CHANGE SBF, 37, 5'9", 170lbs, no children,

N/S, outgoing, trustworthy, fun-lovseeks SM, 31-52, for new ing, seeks SM, 31-5∠, 101 Hew agventures, quality time and LTR. **28**844970

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes outdoors,

bicycling, walking, family. 2115795 SHALL WE DANCE? l am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attracive, intelligent, creative, articulate,

seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kindhearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. 2812098

SOULMATE SEARCH Sim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, suc cessful JM, between the ages of 54-

, please respond. ☎589875 **ASIAN MAN WANTED** Pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 55, plusstzed, warm and bright, seeks

intelligent, handsome man for dating. Troy area. 🕿827007 **LIKE HAVING FUN?**

5', 112lbs, blonde/green, looking for a romantic guy, 20-25, who is tall, handsome, nice and knows how to treat a lady. 2845044

SBF, 48, Aries, N/S, seeks man, 45.60, who loves movies, plays, and dining out. Let's spend some time together. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$853245

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bidge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. 271793

GOOD MAN WANTED

active SBF, marriage-minded, SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive , average build, 40, Capricorn, N/S. seeks BM, 40-51, N/S, to enjoy life and more. 2692032

RESCUE ME! SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman.

a service of people people

73408635 LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE Active, sociable SWF, 44, 5'4", size 10 auburn/green mother, home/

Dusiness on an energy norror foreign films Migale-Eastern cuisine the beach, reading, dancing, cycling Seeking romantic, sociable, happy man open to life/love. \$\overline{10}746704

VERY OLD-FASHIONED like to meet a very nice man to be my good companion. 2837276

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50. **7**481293

BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE SF, 47 years young, 5'5", very outgoing, loves family, fun, life. Would like to spend time with someone, 40-60, who loves jazz, concerts,

aways. 2208051 **COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?** Are you a big, tall, handsome man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to share life together. 2443339

movies, dinners, weekend get-

A KIND HEART

SBF, 56, mother, enjoys dining in/ out, swimming, horseback riding, camping, picnics. Seeking sociable, honest, fun, employed man, N/S, to share happiness, friendship and possible LTR. ☎780769

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. 2600106

59 YEARS

OLD ENTREPRENEUR Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. 2592074

WILDFLOWER SWF, 63, 5'6", average build, Aries, N/S, enjoys dancing, dining out, seeks WM, 58-75, N/S, with a sense of humor, for friendship,

possible romance. 720594

TALL BRUNETTE SWF, 51, marriage-minded, N/S, has a great smile, likes romantic comedies, music, plays, outdoors, seeks SWM, 49-60, N/S, for LTR. **5**790785

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE Refined, full of life, easygoing, welldressed, professionally employed, affectionate, romantic, kind, early very youthful 60s, 5'3", feminine, shapely, fit, enjoys dining, travel, music, theatre, dancing, family and friends. Seeking a handsome, educated, college graduate gentleman, over 50s, N/S, with a youthful passion for life. Serious replies only.

7652360 **CUTE AND CLASSY**

gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. 2574342

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP Loving, attractive SWCF, 74, trim, fun, N/D, N/S, homebody type,

seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s. Let's talk! \$\frac{1}{2}794040 **GREAT COMPANION**

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about

you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. \$\alpha\$633527 **HAPPY & SECURE** DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man,

58-75, for LTR. 25669606 SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. **☎**548938

GOOD LOOKER

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school mus-ic, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laugh-ter, good times and LTR. \$725001

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S. \$672174

CALL ME

Attractive, charming ex-business woman, 60, loves movies, plays, concerts, dining, dancing, traveling, financially comfortable, gourmet. \$\alpha\$743556

KIND HEART Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60. 2742466

I WON'T GO BREAKING... your heart. SWF, 19, 5'7", long blonde hair, N/S, loves baseball. Seeking WM, 19-22, N/S, also into sports, to hang out with. 757592

LOVING LEO Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/ brown, N/S, nursing home activities

coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. \$\frac{1}{2}759316

MUST BE SWEET SBF, 27, likes bowling, movies, long walks, concerts, dancing, dining, more. Hoping to meet a sin-

cere, sweet, honest BM, 26-40, to share happiness with. \$\infty\$839851 CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH? Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music dining, walks, travel golf Seeking good-humored SM

Seeking good-humored w/similar interests, for companion ship 2962703 THICK AND HEALTHY

kids, employed. Seeking nice-look- enjoys most activities, yet open to N/S for friendship, possibly more. \$\opposs534802\$ HOMEBODY SBF, 63, 5'8", 155lbs, retired (but

does work part-time), very honest and caring, Scorpio, N/S, seeks BM, 58-65, honest and caring. **2**553674 I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. **☎**639272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HAPPY DAD

Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbe-cues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. 7715711

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook.

☎642092 TIME FOR A CHANGE? SWPM, 5'8", brown/blue, fit, enjoys biking, jogging, being outdoors, music, movies, reading,

concerts, good conversation, being with friends and family. Seeking emotionally available SWPF, 28-44, who is passionate about life. **☎**611391

MUSCULAR GUY

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/ blue, college grad, enjoys working, reading, travel, dancing, sports. Seeking outgoing SF, with similar interests, for friendship and more. **2**431926

YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE SWM, 58, 5'10", 175lbs, N/S, employed, business manager, kind, considerate, seeks SF, 50+ N/S, who enjoys the simple things in life. Race unimportant. Wood-

WHAT'S UP, LADIES? SBM, 26, 5'10", 180lbs, athletic, Libra, N/S, independent, training to be a truck driver, seeks woman, 22-34. Coffee? 2853741

LOOK ME UP

land Beach, Ml. 2506600

SM, 23, likes music, reading, writing, quiet walks, relaxing at home. ISO nice, creative, cute, affectiontalks and fun. Possible LTR. **28**54991

SHARE THE FUN

SM, 34, driver, enjoys family time, playing sports, hockey, playing pool, fine dining, good movies, WLTM a nice woman who likes the same. Friendship first, possibly more later on. \$\alpha\$854879

TRY ME

SM, 23, 6'4", 155lbs, works construction, likes bowling, bars, time with friends. Looking for honest, sexy SF, tanned A+, to get to know, date and the who knows? **☎**854896

HOPE YOU'RE THE ONE

SBM, 23, 5'8", 130lbs, N/S, no kids, hazel-brown, black hair, dark complexion, loves comedy films. Seeking sweet, reliable, understanding, kindhearted, down-to-earth, good woman to share friendship, fun, laughs, possible LTR. 2855494

SMILE WITH ME I'm a tall, professional SJM, 51, fit, handsome. Seeking fit, affection-

ate SJF, under 45, who is smart. monogamous, down-to-earth, for LTR. 2829549 COULD IT BE YOU?

SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes ☎798519

A GENTLEMAN SWM, 39, N/S, works in the construction business, interested in sports, art, likes to have a lot of laughs, seeks SWF, 27-37. ☎808365

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Independent, self-sufficient DWM. 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. \$\frac{1}{2}\$855207 HANDSOMELY HUMBLE

SBPM, 43, 5'11", 215lbs, H/W proportionate, respectful gentleman, looking for professional SF, 30-45, N/S, for LTR. ☎578139

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WM, 6'2", 220lbs, loves working out, dining out, sports, more. Looking for an attractive WF, 33-45, for dating, possibly leading to

more. 2853146 OOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark hair, moustache, father of one, loves children, outdoors. Seeking SWF, 35-46, to enjoy life together. I want to know your inner soul. I'll treat you right. **☎**266345

WELL, HELLO SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7" 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and

easy to get along with, enjoys blking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. \$\alpha\$597126 MAN WITH PIZZAZ.. Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy, cultural events outdoor activities,

for friendsnip and possible relationship. 25517123 **OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING** SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46,

ideas and advent

seeking witty pretry SWF, 35-55,

spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. 2547524 **GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL** Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and

relating. 2210772 SOFT-SPOKEN

HM, 35, 5'6", 170lbs, muscular build, very open and honest, has strong family values. Want to meet a smart, energetic female, 18-40, who know what she wants. 2842238

SWM DESIRES SBF Call me if you desire a nice shape, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs. Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance.

☎777324 **CUTE TEDDY BEAR** SWM, 29, 5'6", 180lbs, a lot of curly brown hair, looking for SWF,

21-35, who likes to talk and is a night owl. 2836249 LET'S TALK SBM, 37, 6'3", Gemini, smoker, likes to fish, bowl, hunt, seeks nice

SWF, 37-45, who wants to talk and have fun. 2840203 **SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL** Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41, 5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S, easygoing, enjoys movies, music, travel, dining. Seeking very attractive, pretty SH/AWF, 28-39, friendship, possible

relationship. \$760359 LET'S TRY IT OUT Just call this friendly, social, easy-

going SWM, 40s, humorous, optimist, seeks kind, sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. 2513284 SHARE THE SUNSET

SWM, 47, 6'1", 210lbs, N/S, religious, likes to do things outdoors, seeks SWF, 38-54, N/S, who likes to have fun and enjoy life. \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}781471

ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY SWM, 46, 5'10", athletic build, Libra, smoker, enjoys walks on the beach, cabin getaways, wants to

meet SWF, 39-48, for friendship,

possible romance. \$\overline{\sigma}836810

SEEKS SPECIAL LADY SWPM, 49, tall, dark/dark, N/Drugs, N/S, seeks attractive, sensitive, kind-hearted, good-natured SF, 42-52, N/S, N/Drugs, who ate girl to share good times, dates, enjoys home-cooked meals, nights on the town or home, for dating, possible LTR. ☎765893

NEED 2 BE TREATED LIKE... a lady? I'm your man. DWM, 49, 6', 190lbs, easygoing, fun-loving, seeks romance with 30-50-yearold woman. Don't miss your opportunity to be treated the way you

deserve. 2781311

LET'S TALK!

SM, 47, employed, secure, easygoing, fun-loving, homeowner, looking, all-purpose SWM, 49, has enjoys sorts, weightlifting, fishing, boating, keeping active. Seeking health-conscious, energetic with similar qualities and interests. **2818838**

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who

enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. 2692418 LOOKING FOR WHAT...

195lbs, brown/hazel, good-looking, Libra, N/S, loves to keep fit. Seeking woman, 18-60, N/S. **WELL-BALENCED MAN** healthy Emotionally/physically healthy SWM, 52, Sagittarius, N/S, enjoys

I've been missing. SWM, 32, 6',

travel, weekend getaways, theater, concerts bicycle riding, and karaoke. Seeking WF, 38-54, N/S. **☎**848173 **MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC** SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/

blue, degreed, outgoing personali-

ty, enjoys outdoors, workout, new

activities, seeks friendly age/location open. \$\infty\$531308 **GREET AND MEET**

SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active, enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports. Seeking easygoing, friendly, light-hearted SWF, age open. 2241526

ARE YOU OUTDOORSY? SM, 35, 6', 180lbs, athletic build, enjoys biking, rollerblading and more outdoor activities. Looking for a female, 30-40, H/W proportionate, for dating. 750433

WEST SIDE GUY Easygoing SWPM, 46, brown/brown, tall, slim, enjoys arts, museums, outdoors, more. Seeking slim WF, 35-47, for summertime fun and LTR. 2749445

ROMANTIC BIKER SWM, 40, 6'1", 155lbs, brown/ hazel, N/S, loves the beach, shooting guns, and dining out. Seeking woman, 18-45, for friendship, possibly leading to more. ☎758605 **EASY ON THE EYES**

Well-maintained SWM, 56, who

enjoys keeping in touch with cur-

rent events, heart-to-heart talks

and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. 259844

CUTE & CUDDLY Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else. would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops. ☎478746

ADVENTUROUS SWM, 41 seek SF, to become friends, maybe more. She must be

smart, have SOH. I love friends, family, music, life. If you want to share these, please call. \$\infty\$595394 SENSE OF HUMOR! Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, very laidback and family-oriented, likes din-

Seeking SF, 20-45, race open, H/W proportionate, for friendship, possible LTR. 2822912

ner, movies, and going to Canada.

KIND OF QUIET Tall, easygoing BM, 51, would like to meet a WF, 45-65. I enjoy the park, sports and more, Call me soon. 27843175

SEEKING GOOD WOMAN SBM, 30, looking for a warm, sensitive, caring woman, 25-40, who has a good heart and is honest.

20843614 **REAL GENTLEMAN** BM, 51, would like to meet a nice, classy, respectful lady, 30-45. If

vou're that person, please get in touch with me. ☎847591 SINCERE REPLIES ONLY BM, 6'1", 185lbs, muscular build,

brown eyes, looking for a loyal, truthful female for dating, possible LTR. 2846110 LET'S GO Good-looking SWM, 27, into music,

concerts, outdoors, road trips. In

search of good-looking, fun-loving woman for dating. 2847643 LET'S MEET

SBM, 22, 5'7", 170lbs, dark brown eyes, looking for a female who enjoys the finer things in life. Race open. 27852488

TAKE A DIP W/ME DWM, 44, 6'1", 195lbs, educated, professionally employed, well-trav-

eled, enjoys cycling, beaches, and swimming. Seeking woman, 36-46, for LTR. ☎837199 IN A GOOD MOOD SWM, Capricorn, N/S, likes the

spice of Mexican cooking, finds music to be very important, seeks woman, 18-50, for possible romance. 22840070 **BODYBUILDING BOXER**

Very handsome SM, 30, Sagittarius, smoker, looking for a pretty woman, 25-30, smoker, with dark or blonde hair. ☎844859

LOOKING 4 THAT ONE... special person. SM, 50, kind, sincere, attractive, looking for that one honest, commitment-minded special female, H/W proportionate, kind and sincere, to spend the rest of my life with. 2855158

JUST PLAIN TALK A strong shoulder to lean on! Nice-

looking SWM, 43, kind, considerate, romantic, seeks feminine lady friend. 2733275

Ready to meet great new people? WHY NOT CALL???

Your sweetheart is waiting! Gooda plan if he's your man, so why not call??? 2358502

I'LL HELP YOU...

finding true love. Cynical, yet hopeful SWM, 43, seeks attentive WF, for caring relationship. \$\infty\$568641

JUST SAY WHEN...

Willing to go anywhere in the tricounty area, SWM, 44, articulate, friendly and gentle. Enjoys art, nature, dancing and romancing. Seeks sincere lady companion. **☎**604683

STARTING ANEW WITH..

just me and you! Sociable, gentlemanly SWM, 40, likes to go to interesting places. Seeking nice female companion, LTR ok, no marriage right now. \$\infty\$660062

I REALLY BELIEVE...

Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM, easy to talk to, active, adventurous, seeks pleasant, playful SWF, 35-50. \$\infty\$686509 **FATHER OF ONE IN LIVONIA**

Handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure SWM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs, w/daughter age 11, enjoys reading, biking, running, family activities! Seeking positive, fit SWF for great relationship! 7711245

and have fun while getting acquainted? Good-natured, goodlooking SWM wants to meet inter-

I PREFER KINDHEARTED... with a lady's touch. SWM, 45. seeks good friend and true partner. Looks and age not that important. I just want someone real! **☎**783752

SIMPLE REQUEST WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, LOOKING FOR SEXY WOMAN SBM, 33, 185lbs, 5'10", slim to

medium build, no kids, N/S,

enjoys most activities, yet open to

I'm 50 years old DWM, 5'7" 170lbs, N/S Sagitar us hazel eyes, likes water sports movies dinner Seeking pretty female, 45-51, 5'-5'8", N/S, for LTR. 2812505

SECURE WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking,

☎828139 **NICE GUY** SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufac-

turers' representative. Libra. N/S. works out, enjoys movies, restau-

ONE-WOMAN MAN SWM, 50ish, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds,

friendship, maybe more. 2548455 **NEW DREAM TEAM?** Spend some time with this bright,

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, read-

ing, youthful, light-hearted, eniovs doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. \$\frac{1}{2}730508

THE QUIET STORM SBM, 33, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, works out on a regular basis, seeks single woman, 22-35, N/S. 7740487

50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's share life, romance, and laughter. ☎480718

sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out movies, for serious relationship, maybe marriage. 255073

SWM, 28, 5'6", 160lbs, shaved/ hazel, moustache, goatee, loves music, art and more. In search of SBF, 22-32, with the same interests, who wants an honest man.

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Winners: Lady Ocelots impress in Owens Tourney

STAFF WRITER

Hitting shots from the floor at a record-shattering pace, Schoolcraft College won last weekend's Tip-Off Classic Women's Basketball Tournament in Toledo, Ohio.

Connecting on nearly 60 percent of their shots over the weekend, the Lady Ocelots routed the Ohio State University Club Team 95-53 on Nov. 11. They came back the next day to win the tourney championship with a 100-70 drubbing of Owens

Community College. Schoolcraft's field-goal clip of 59.3 percent against OSU Club (38 of 64) broke the school record of 58.1 percent. The Lady Ocelots eclipsed the old mark on Saturday, too, making 58.4 percent from the floor (38 of 65) including six of 17 three-point attempts, said SC assistant coach Marty Simmonds.

"I'd love to think we'll be shooting the ball well" all season, said Simmonds. "It's a good start. This team probably will shoot about 40 to 45 per-

The hot shooting helped the Lady Ocelots break out to 46-29 halftime advantage.

Leading the SC barrage against OSU Club (1-1) was sophomore guard Tomica Hodge, who made seven of 10 field-goal tries and finished with 18 points.

Chipping in with 17 points (six of 11 from the floor) was sophomore forward Charlese Greer, who led the Lady

Ocelots with six rebounds. Also in double figures were sophomore guard Mikkio Williams (14 points), freshman forward Maricka Seay (14 points on a seven-for-seven night from the floor) and freshman forward LaShanda Thomas (11 points).

Briggs sits down trio, *<u>Úcelots roll</u>*

Despite three starters out for disciplinary reasons, 98-45 men's basketball victory Wednesday night over the visiting Rochester College JV squad.

MEN'S HOOPS

"We had some guys come late to practice and not doing their schoolwork," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "They weren't doing what they were supposed to do and you can't change your philosophy as far as doing the things you're supposed to do."

Guard Darryl Garrett, a transfer from Eastern Michigan, led the Ocelots (3-0) with 17 points.

Derrick Coleman and Wallace Hall added 15 points apiece, while James Davis and Donnell Patterson finished with 14 and 12, respectively. Jarred Axon finished with 11.

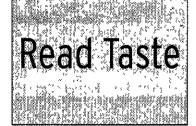
Schoolcraft outrebounded the Rochester JV, 40-19, as Coleman, a transfer from Oakland University, grabbed a team-high nine. Davis, the 7footer from Minneapolis (Minn.) North, added six.

Marcus Jenkins dished out six assists, while Hall finished with three steals.

The Ocelots shot 57.3 percent from the floor (39-of-68), including 7-of-17 from threepoint range. Schoolcraft was 13-of-19 from the foul line (68.4 percent).

Rob Fragoso (Catholic Central) paced the Rochester JV, which trailed 50-14 at halftime, with 11 points. Steve Steucher added 10.

Rochester JV made only 29.1 percent from the field (14-of-48), including only 3-of-18 from beyond the arc (16.6 percent), to go with 53.3 percent from the foul line (14-of-24).



WOMEN'S HOOPS

Hitting all seven of her shots from the floor was freshman forward Maricka Seay (14 points).

Schoolcraft then improved to 2-0 on the young season against Owens (1-2), following the same recipe for success.

It was 49-27 at the break, again thanks to field-goal proficiency and solid defense which Simmonds said contributed to a number of turnovers and transition bas-

Greer scored 25 points, along with seven boards, while Williams hit seven of eight from the floor on the way to a 16-point game.

Thomas helped out with 15 points and seven assists and Seay pulled down 10 rebounds while dropping in eight points. Contributing 10 points was freshman center Lauren

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m In}$ the MCC-WHAC Challenge Friday in Marion, Ind., host Indiana Wesleyan (7-0) handed Madonna University (3-3) its worst defeat of

Brooke Amstutz led Indiana Wesleyan with 14 points off the

bench. Liz Howerth and Stephanie Culp added 12 and 11, respectively. Indiana Wesleyan shot a blistering

66 percent from the floor (33-of-50)

and 17-of-24 from the foul line (70.8 percent).

high 11 for the Crusaders, who

trailed 46-20 at intermission. MU made just 13-of-45 shots from the floor (28.8 percent) to go along with 24 turnovers.

Schoolcraft's Charlese Greer lifted the Schoolcraft women's basketball team to a pair of wins in the Owens (Ohio) Classic.



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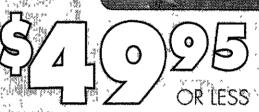
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Talking out problems does help

think everyone has had this experience—You are distressed about something and think, "If only I could talk to someone." In this scenario, you happen across a friend who perceives your distress and says, "Is something troubling you?" Just by being asked, you feel some relief. Then you talk. You "spill your guts."

"spill your guts."
Recently I worked with
David Kesler, who worked
with Mother Teresa and
Elizabeth Kuebler-Ross,
experts in listening. He
recently authored a book
called On Grief and Grieving,
further describing how he
thinks talking helps.

He said there is something about taking the inner thoughts of your mind and speaking them out loud to another person that helps put things in order and gives structure to shapeless, unspoken thoughts.

Sigmund Freud was first to coin the term "talk therapy." In the field of mental health today, there are many varieties of "talk therapy." Behavioral therapy, cognitive therapy, gestalt therapy, hypnosis, exposure therapy, life coaching, counseling, and eye movement desensitization therapy are but a few examples. Many of these forms of therapy are presented by their practitioners under the generic term of "psychotherapy." This can be confusing.

However, these various forms of "treatment" have some things in common.
They intend to use talking and listening in order to help a person in distress to feel better. They utilize a person-to-person relationship towards this goal. They all hope to "lighten the load" of the distressed person and they all share the belief that "two heads are better than one" when it comes to solving problems.

I think that a helpful, distinct description of "psychotherapy" is needed and can be helpful to people considering entering into "talk therapy." From my experience, I think that psychotherapy is a professional, working relationship between two people. The patient is motivated to seek out the psychotherapist because of distress

Typically this distress will be in the form of anxiety or depression. The goal of the talking and listening together in psychotherapy is to help the distressed person learn more about him or herself, including the underlying conflicts of his or her deeper, personal experiences of themselves. It will eventually become the task of the patient, or learner, to utilize what is gained in psychotherapy outside of the therapeutic room and the psychotherapeutic relationship to solve his/her own life problems.

In psychotherapy, as defined above, there is a beginning phase, a middle phase, and an end or termination phase. The beginning is characterized by the establishment of rapport between two human beings and the emergence of a therapeutic

relationship.

Throughout the middle phase, strides are made to identify personal patterns or styles of life including conscious and unconscious origins, motivations, or "ingredients" which contribute to

distress.

If you are considering getting help, you may want to ask if the therapy will resemble the description of psychotherapy above: increasing self-knowledge, utilization of same to solve one's problems and stages of a beginning phase, middle phase and termination phase.

L.J. McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a consultant at Broe Rehabilitation Services in Farmington Hills.



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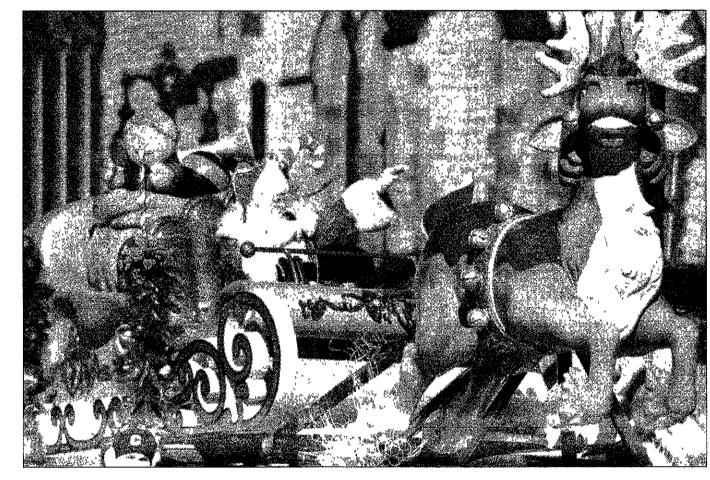
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Volunteers keep floats rolling out for Thanksgiving tradition



Santa Claus waves to the crowd at the Thanksgiving Day Parade down Woodward.

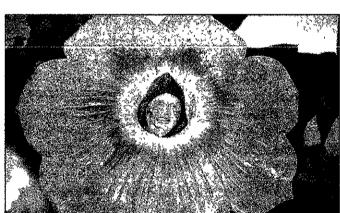
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN " STAFF WRITER

hursday is going to be a long day for Denise Zinkivach, but she doesn't mind. If the Canton resident can make just one child smile as they watch the Thanksgiving Parade floats rolling down Woodward Avenue, she will be happy. "It's the effect on the adults and children. When you see the children's faces it's worth getting up at 3:30 a.m." said Zinkivach, who will be unit marshal for the float her husband Mark walks alongside. The Good Ship Lollipop is sponsored by Northwest Airlines for which he is an employee. During the year the couple works at events hosted by The Parade Company, the Detroit-based nonprofit which produces America's Thanksgiving

A lot of work goes on before the 79-year-old tradition rolls out at 10 a.m. Some 4200 volunteers are needed to put on the parade every year – among them Dance Electric from Farmington Hills. Although the young dancers won't be in the parade this year, they performed at the Parade Preview Party on Nov. 3.

"There are a lot of meetings and a week ago I had to dress as a Munchkin and do a fashion show of new costumes. The cat walk was a yellow brick road from the Wizard of Oz. We had 21 brownies at the

PLEASE SEE PARADE, C2



Livonia resident Theresa Zakrewski has been everything from a flower to a turkey in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit.



Redford resident Bob Waite is a volunteer with The Parade Company. In past years, he has performed as a clown in the Thanksgiving Day Parade. In addition to volunteering with The Parade Company, he clowns for various charities. Once a year, he puts on his makeup to appear with the Royal Hanneford Circus to raise money for nonprofits.

'I have six children and I'm making **Thanksgiving** dinner. I put in the turkey before I leave and then they take over. I've done this in all kinds of weather. It's the interaction with the people that keeps me going.'

Theresa Zakrewski

Walter Reuther's daughter carries on his liberal tradition

What: Elisabeth Reuther Dickmeyer talks about her father, the late UAW president Walter Reuther, sponsored by the Livonia Historical Society When: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28 Where: Livonia Senior Center Card Room, Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Cost: Free and open to the public

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Elisabeth Reuther Dickmeyer was 22 when her parents, Walter and May Reuther, were killed May 9, 1970. The small plane they were flying in crashed on approach to the Pellston Airport killing the Reuthers and three others.

At the time Reuther, then president of the UAW, was the best known labor leader in the country and a leading advocate for liberal causes. Officially the crash was attributed to a faulty altimeter that caused the pilot to misjudge his altitude for a safe landing.

Dickmeyer believes that the crash was no accident and that her father's liberal activism made him a target for right wing enemies.

"The findings of the investigation were never revealed," she said. "There was an article in *The New York Times* that said no sabotage was found in the crash, but at my age I knew there was sabotage. I made a vow that I would follow through and find the truth about the accident."

The accident is just a small part of her memoir about her father, Putting the World Together: My Father Walter Reuther: The Liberal Warrior, first published in 1989 and revised and expanded in 2004. Dickmeyer will discuss her book 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at the Livonia Historical Society meeting at the Livonia Senior Central Card Room, Farmington

Road just south of Five Mile Road. The talk is free and open to the public. Her book can be ordered for \$20 plus shipping through the Web site www.puttingtheworldtogether.co

At her modest older home in Lake Orion, Dickmeyer talks about her father's accomplishments with a sense of awe.

"Many people today don't realize what my father did," she said. "For one thing, he gave President Roosevelt the idea of 500 planes a day that transformed Detroit's auto plants into the Arsenal of Democracy during World War II. He gave President Kennedy the idea of the Peace Corps. He was



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Elisabeth Reuther Dickmeyer at her PLEASE SEE **TRADITION**, **C3** home in Lake Orion.

Many teens are in violent relationships

wenty-five years ago, violence programs addressed high chool students.

Eventually, presenters found that teens were as tied to violent relationships as married couples. Presenters heard stories of date rape, emotional abuse, explosive jealousy and control by boyfriends.

The fact is that an estimated 28 percent of young people experience violence in a dating relationship, about the same rate as adult domestic violence. It happens in all communities, regardless of ethnicity or class, whether urban, suburban or rural. Lesbian and gay teens experience violence in intimate relationships at about the same rate as heterosexual teens do.

The National Center for Victims of Crime at the United States Department of Justice further defines the problem:

"Approximately 1 in 5 high school girls reports being abused by

a boyfriend." "40 percent of teenage girls ages 14-17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend."

"50 percent to 80 percent of teens report knowing someone

involved in a violent relationship." #"33 percent of teenage girls report experiencing physical violence

at the hands of a dating partner." Tyoung women, ages 16-24, expeTeens in 2005

> Alice McCarthy

rience the highest rates of relation-

ship violence." "Date rape accounts for almost 70 percent of the sexual assaults reported by adolescent and college age women; 38 percent of those women

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

are between 14 and 17 years old."

"Victims may remain in an abusive relationship for many reasons, including: fear of the perpetrator, self-blame, minimization of the crime, loyalty or love for the perpetrator, social or religious stig-

ma, or lack of understanding." "Sexual assault victims experience more anxiety, depression, and thoughts of suicide than non-victims."

"Initial reactions to rape and sexual assault include anger, depression, embarrassment, and guilt,"

If you suspect your daughter is in an abusive relationship, here is a simple set of questions developed by the Texas Women's and Gender Equality Resource Center at Texas A&M University

(www.tamu.edu/women-genderequality): Does your partner have a quick temper?

Are you afraid to disagree with your partner?

■ Do you apologize for your partner's

violence? Have you been hit, kicked, shoved,

or had things thrown at you? ■ Do you not see friends or family or do things because of your partner's jealousv?

Have you been forced to have sex? ■ Do you have to justify everything you do and every place you go and every person you see to avoid your partner's

■ Does your partner use intimidation to get you to do things you don't want to

Dating violence can occur at school, in the hall, the classroom, parking lot, on the bus, during after school activities, at a dance, or at your daughter's home.

A close relationship with both mother and father can save your daughter much grief and perhaps her life.

Next week, Teens 2005 will discuss teen dating and sexual assault, self-defense strategies, and what to do if your teen is assaulted.

Resources for daughters: Call Common Ground at (800) 231-1127 to talk with a counselor or be referred to a shelter. Call the Lighthouse, an

Oakland County shelter, at (248) 920-6000. Read In Love and Danger: A Teen's Guide to Breaking Free of

Abusive Relationships by Barrie Levy (Seal Press, 1998, \$10.95) Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health, and health publications.

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function. One little girl was enthralled by the pink boa. I said, do you want to try on the feathers. I asked her to be in the fashion show and showed her how to strut," said 42-year old Denise Zinkivach who owns a housekeeping business and volunteers on the side. "Life gets so complicated. When you see the children and the little girl like Gwen, life becomes so simple and so enjoyable. As adults we tend to forget the true meaning of fun or the holidays.'

Theresa Zakrewski has kept the holiday spirit alive by volunteering to be a costumed marcher in the parade for the last 20 years. On Nov. 24, the Livonia resident and her friend Sister Mary Ann Markel, an IHM from Detroit, will don strawberry costumes. Zakrewski has been everything from a flower to a turkey.

"If you want to be a costumed marcher you must give 25 hours of your time," said Zakrewski who's done a variety of tasks from patching papier mache heads to washing the floats. "You have to be there on the street by 8:30 a.m. to get to your float then march in the

That won't be easy for the 76-year-old Zakrewski who had hip surgery in spring after falling.

"I have six children and I'm making Thanksgiving dinner," said Zakrewski. "I put in the turkey before I leave and then they take over. I've done this in

all kinds of weather. It's the interaction with the people that keeps me going.

John Japenga doesn't have to worry about walking. He'll be driving one of the floats while wife Bonnie Tucker-Japenga navigates. The Garden City couple have volunteered with the parade since 2001. The first year they wore papiermache heads of the Grinch. The second year they handled the penguin balloon. This year on Oct. 1 they began dusting off and preparing the floats at The Parade Company Studio in

"We kind of enjoy it," said

John Japenga, 56. "It's something we can do together. Parade Day is our favorite part when everything comes together and people come out. Our first year it was 52 degrees and we were sweating because we had to be in the heads by 9 a.m., caught our float at 11 a.m. and had them on till 1 p.m. We said no more of that. We became qualified float drivers, went to float school and had to qualify. We listen to commands from spotters who walk in front of floats to guide the driver. There are fewer float drivers

Bonnie, 58, makes sure drivers not only stay on the parade route and get back to the warehouse safely, but that they reach their destination on roll-out the day before. This past weekend she was sculpting plastic foam stars for centerpieces on tables at the Hob Nobble Gobble, the gala that takes place 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. Call (313) 923-7400.

because economic times are

bad."

"Until I can't walk or talk anymore I think I'll be doing this," said Bonnie Tucker-Japenga. 'It's so much fun."

Like her husband, Bonnie worries about the need for volunteers.

"Usually the studio opens in late September when the majority of work is done on new floats, but throughout the year there's the fireworks downtown and other events that you can get involved in. On Thanksgiving Day you just have to layer up to keep warm. The roll-out last year there was sleet, rain, hail. By the time we got done about 7 p.m. we were the cubes We were tired, cold and hungry. That's what

makes it all fun."

Bob and Velma Waite plan to have plenty of fun fixing breakfast before the parade for the Distinguished Clown Corps, a group of business and community leaders who pay for the privilege of marching in the parade. The Redford husband and wife have been dedicated volunteers for the last 4 years. Each worked more than 600 hours in 2004.

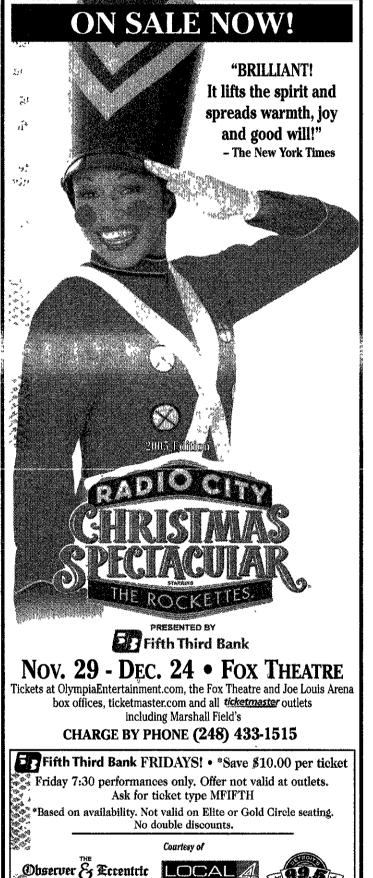
"We do everything from creating the framework of floats from chicken wire to sweeping the floors and running the souvenir store selling clown pins, caps and clothing," said Velma Waite, 75. "This morning we'll be working in the store and getting ready for the tours. Students, seniors, Brownies, Cub Scouts and Red Hat Societies come through during the week and/after the parade the studio is open to everyone." America's Thanksgiving

Parade doesn't just thrill children and adults on one day of the year. A number of activities occur before and after like the Holidays on Parade Nov. 26-27, and Dec. 3-4, at the studio at 9500 Mt. Elliott. The open house gives a behind the scenes look at the parade. Admission is \$5. For more information, visit www.theparade.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"Last year we were on the float of clowns who handed out the candy," said Bob, who has appeared in the parade under the name Patches. A retired accountant from Marathon Oil, Bob took a 10-week clowning course through Livonia Public Schools to learn how to act the part. In addition to volunteering with The Paradé Company, he clowns for various charities including the March of Dimes, Make-A-Wish, Karmanos Cancer Center, and Gilda's House. Once a year he puts on his makeup to appear with the Royal Hanneford Circus to raise money for nonprofits.

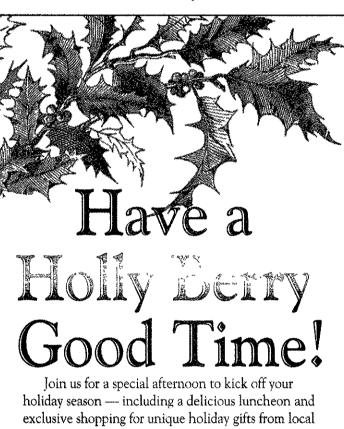
"I don't have money so I contribute time to pay back to the community," said Bob Waite, 74. For more information on volunteering, call Donna Taylor at (313) 923-7400, Ext. 239.

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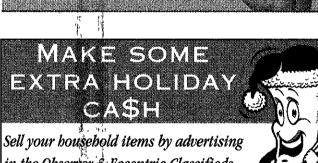
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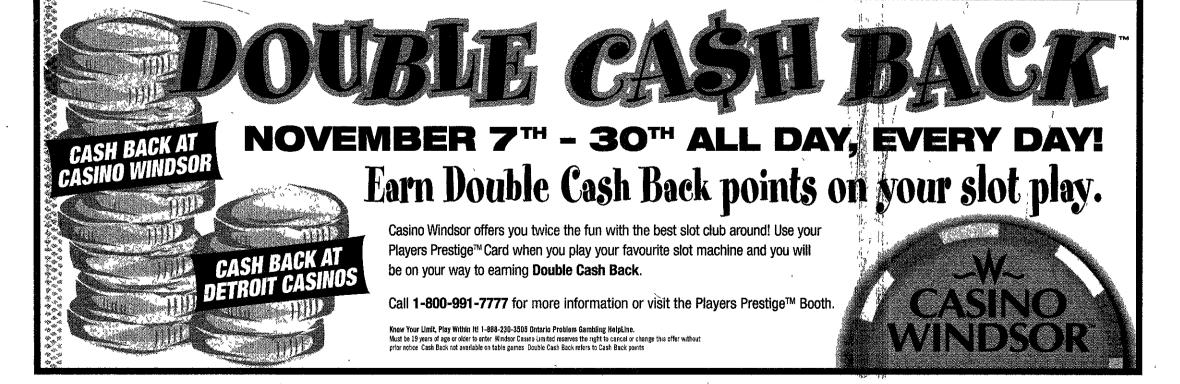
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influential in getting Kennedy elected."

HAUNTING MOMENT

Dickmeyer's book combines personal reminiscences of her parents with a biography of Reuther's colorful life and dynamic ideas, but begins with an incident that has continued to haunt Dickmeyer. In 1948, someone shot a gun through the window of Reuther's modest east side Detroit home. The bullet shattered the bones in Reuther's right arm and the sense of security for his family. After that, Dickmeyer and her older sister, Linda, would be surrounded by bodyguards, guard dogs and high fences. Dickmeyer was just nine months old at the time.

In her book, Dickmeyer writes: "One day, when I was older, I approached my father while he was building a table and haltingly asked him about the assassination attempt. He explained that the investigation afterward had been partially successful, but that the witnesses had disappeared.

"You see Lisa, when you are\ fighting for human dignity, it is inevitable that you have enemies. And sometimes your enemies are the very people who are supposed to uphold law and order.

Reuther took a leading role in fighting for civil rights alongside Martin Luther King Jr., for the environment (he was a key supporter for the first Earth Day), for universal health care and many other causes. The UAW parted ways with George Meany's conservative AFL-CIO because of its commitment to social issues in addition to labor

contract issues. "That was unionism to him, called social unionism," Dickmeyer said. "That was the basic premise of his life, whatever you negotiate at the bargaining table you not only give to the members but to the

whole community. His vision was social unionism. He was working for the whole community and the whole world."

ANTI-COMMUNIST

But Reuther was also well known for his opposition to communism. In the early 1930s, Reuther and his brother, Victor, traveled through Europe and worked for a time in

Russia. "He said that communism is a dehumanizing system that doesn't value the worth of the individual," Dickmeyer said. "Although some of its ideals may be good, it fails in so many ways. Daddy believed that capitalism could work but he believed that unionism was the conscience of capitalism."

Dickmeyer said her father and mother were "soul mates" who shared the same strong liberal views. May Reuther had organized teachers before meeting Reuther in the mid-

Dickmeyer's home is adorned with paintings and objects reflecting her devotion to Krishna through Bhakti-yoga, which became a solace following her parents' death.

"After the plane crash, I sensed my parents' presence still. I sensed something that didn't die," she said. "I read the Bhagavad-gita and it explained it clearly ... the soul goes into another body after death."

She said she has chanted the Hare Krishna chant every day for the past 30 years as part of her devotion.

Dickmeyer and her husband, Bruce, have three adult children. She continues to champion her father's liberal ideals and his deep integrity.

"Ethics gives you tremendous power and I think that's where my father got his power. He had an ascetic nature. He didn't drink, he didn't smoke. He was someone who understood the value of living a simple life," she said.

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At the Gala (from left) are: Al Muskavito from WOMC 104.3; AJ Wagner, president of Ford Credit North America; Christine Bodie, Gala chair and board member of Habitat For Humanity of Western Wayne County; Mark Bealafield, president and board member of the affiliate; Alice Dent, executive director of the affiliate; and the Rev. John Hagan, pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville.

Habitat cause gets boost from Gala

Some 255 revelers helped the cause of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County during the 2005 Gala Nov. 12.

"It was a great event and it was to help a great cause," said Christine Bodie of Plymouth Township, event chair. "We were glad to honor our volunteers.

The Gala was held at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus. Keynote speaker was Jim Vella of Ford Motor Co.

"It's our largest fund-raiser for the year," said Bodie. The total raised isn't in yet, but it's about halfway to building a home "wherever we're building next."

The Habitat affiliate, based in Plymouth, earlier this year finished up work on a home off Ford Road in Canton and is involved in building other homes for lower-income resi-

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This was the third year for the Gala, which featured international stations for dining. Entertainment was by the Keith Malinowski Jazz Band with special guest Odessa Harris as vocalist.

Master of ceremonies was Big Al Muskavito from 104.3 WOMC radio. We had a silent auction and a live

raffle," Bodie said. She praised Yazaki, Ford Credit and the many other spon-

By Julie Brown

Joyful sound

Chorus offers bounty of yule performances

Add a nice note to your holiday experience by catching the sounds of the Livonia. Civic Chorus at one of their public appear-. ances this season. A traditional part of the community's holiday happenings for morethan 40 years, the chorus will be spreading harmony around the town again this.

Some of the local venues where you can ... catch the chorus doing some of their sears sonal serenading include the Northville Christmas Walk 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20; Greenfield Village 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 and Wednesday, Dec. 21; Greenmead Historical Park 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, and 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, and Laurel , ", Park Mall 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

There is also the opportunity to do some, caroling with the chorus at the annual City Tree Lighting Ceremony which takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Livonia City

The Livonia Civic Chorus presents "A Christmas from the Heart," its annual holiday concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Churchill High School Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission with proceeds helping to fund vocal music scholarships for local students.

Additional information can be found on the chorus' newly revamped Web site, www.livoniacivicchorus.org, or by calling (734) 591-0978.

The Livonia Civic Chorus is a nonprofit organization sponsored in part by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation. The chorus exists to cultivate the cultural enrichment of the community and contribute to its civic pride by supporting and providing opportunities for choral music experiences that are accessible and enjoyable to participants and audiences.

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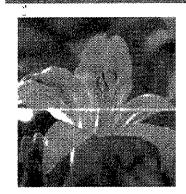
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Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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ROBERT J. BADENHOOP

Age 27, of Munith, Michigan, died November 16, 2005. Funeral Monday, November 21, 2005 at 1:00 PM from the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge. Visitation Saturday from 6-8 PM, Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM.

Dr. BRENDA CAROL CHURCHILL

Age 53, died Thursday, November 10, 2005, in her home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Dr. Churchill was born September 1, 1952 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Her family moved to Michigan in 1956 where she grew up in Huntington Woods. Brenda graduated from Wayne State University Medical School in 1988 and after finishing her residency in Internal Medicine worked within the Providence Hospital system as a primary care physician. She was also an attending physician for Applewood Nursing Center and Medilodge of Monroe. In 2000, Dr. Churchill opened her private practice office in Livonia where she continued to work until her battle with cancer forced her to retire.

Brenda was a loving wife, devoted mother, and a good friend. In her private life, she enjoyed breeding and showing Tennessee Walking Horses, and training and showing dogs. She loved music and movies and spending time outdoors on her farm. As a physician, Dr. Churchill touched hundreds of lives and her legacy will live on with each and every one of the

patients she cared for. Brenda is survived by her daughter, Adrian Michelle Schoenherr, brother, Raymond Earl Whitlock, parents, Roy Earnest & Sarah Jane Whitlock, exhusband and friend, James Kenneth Churchill, and countless other friends family members and colleagues who will remember her with love. Her daughter asks that cards and wellwishes for the entire family be sent to: 4775 Victorian Square East Canton, MI 48188.



GAIL ANN GREEN

Age 72, of Owosso, formerly of the away Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at her daughtor's random at her daughter's residence in Owosso after a courageous battle with cancer.Gail was born March 22, 1933 in Saginaw, Michigan, the daughter of Lesley and Ann (Sonderman) Bemish. She graduated from Northville High School and attended Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University. Gail retired from the State of Michigan in 1997. In 1955 she married William L. Green in Northville, Michigan. They had two daughters Gail was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, the Shiawassee Arts Council, and the Owosso Historical Society. She enjoyed taking watercolor classes and spending time with her grandchildren.Gail is survived by her 2 daughters, Lisa (Garry Collins), of New York City, and Sara (Thomas) Edwards, of Owosso; her beloved grandchildren, Dylan, Abagail, and Maya Edwards; brother, Lawrence (Eugenie) Bemish, of Northville; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents. A memorial service will be held 10 am, Monday, November 21, 2005 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 770 Thayer Blvd., Northville, Michigan. Friends and family will gather immediately following the service at the Bemish home, 8800 Napier Road in Northville.Online condolences may be sent to the family at:

www.nelson-house.com

69, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and Waynesville, North Carolina, passed away November 14, 2005 after a long illness. He was born and raised in Detroit and Birmingham, Michigan, the son of the late Harold J. and Alice (Smith) Hall. Bill was involved at a young age in his family's electrical contracting business, Hall Engineering Company, until he started his oil & gas exploration business, Hallwell, Inc. In the mid-1970s he relocated from Bloomfield Hills to Palm Beach County, Florida where he owned WGMW Radio and various other enterprises. He was an avid deep sea sport tournament fisherman and past commodore of the Old Port Yacht Club. He and his adored bride of 17 years Gisella ("Gigi"), nee Helten (formally of Bad Neuenahr, Germany and Toronto, Ontario), spent their time together enjoying numerous activities, including gardening and golfing, as well as their many international traveling adventures. Bill will be lovingly remembered by his wife Gigi, his children Kristin (David) Sliwicki of Lake Forest, Illinois and William ("Bill") J. Hall, Jr. (Debi) of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; his beloved grandchildren Jon and Ryan Hall and Andrew and Amy Sliwicki; his brother Harold J. ("Jim") Hall, Jr. (Betty) of Surprise, Arizona and the many friends he made over the years. Memorial services are planned for Waynesville and Palm Beach Gardens, details to be announced at a later time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to (1) Haywood Regional Medical Center Hospice, 560 Leroy George Dr., Clyde, NC 28721 (828-452-8292) or (2) the charity of your choice.

PAMELA LOPRETE

Age 56, died at home after a long illness on November 6, 2005. Mother of James and Lauren LoPrete of Troy, Michigan, daughter of the late Stanley and Pearl Hergenroeder, sister of Penny Hergenroeder and lifetime friend of Robert Michalka. Known for her quick wit, laughter and humor. She will be missed. Memorial to be held on November 23rd at her sister's residence in Bloomfield, Michigan.



ARTHUR TOWNSEND LOUGEE

Arthur Townsend Lougee, an influen-tial art director at the Ford Motor Company in the 1940s and 1950s and an outspoken conservationist, died November 6, 2005, at his home in Parsonsfield, Maine. Mr. Lougee served from 1946-61as the Executive Editor and Art Director of the Ford Fimes magazine. He was also the Art Director of other Ford publications including the Lincoln-Mercury Times Ford Truck Times, New England Journeys, and annual Ford cookbooks and almanacs. During his 15 years at Ford, he commissioned thousands of articles on America and Americana by writers who celebrated their country and regions in articles and literature among them William Faulkner, J. Frank Dobie, Wright Morris, John Steinbeck, William Saroyan, John Gould, Edmund Ware Smith, Stewart H. Holbrook, John Updike, and E.B. White. Mr. Lougee also purchased for Ford over 7000 works by regional artists, publishing and mentoring a number of important and well-known painters, including, among others, Charles Harper, John Holmgren, Paul Sample, William Barss, and Maurice Day. He founded and directed the Ford Times Collection of American Art, which was displayed in over 30 national exhibitions and at least a dozen international exhibitions, through the USIA. His honors were numerous. Mr. Lougee was President of the Art Directors' Club of Detroit in 1951-52. In 1953, he was named Art Director of the Year by the National Society of Art Directors, which he also served as President of from 1959-63. In 1959, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Line Arts by Colby College Mi Lougee was born June 9, 1913, in Limerick, Maine, the son of Arthur Fogg Lougee and Berneice Dow Townsend Lougee. He attended Phillips Andover Academy and later studied and taught at the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts and other art schools in Boston. He was also a freelance artist, designing and illustrating a number of books Mr. Lougee married Laura Henderson Barr on June 12, 1937. While at Ford, he lived in Birmingham, Michigan. When he retired from Ford in 1961 he moved back to his ancestral farm in southwestern Maine. Throughout his life, Mr. Lougee was a staunch conservationist, and in 1965, he became the first Executive Director of the York County (Maine) Regional Planning Commission. Survivors include a sister: Jane Lougee Bryant of Limerick, Maine; three children: David G.

wife, Laura, predeceased him in 1997. RICHARD "MIKE" SCHWARTZ

Lougee of Palo Alto, California

Eleanor Lougee Chapin of Steep Falls

Maine, and Arthur James Lougee of

Parsonsfield, Maine; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. His

Mike Schwartz formally of Redford passed away Friday.he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.Mike was born May 15, 1960. The son of Richard and the late Josephine Schwartz. After graduating from Redford Union in 1979 he moved to Sarasota FLA, whare he did construction work. Mike leaves to cherish his memory father & stepmom Patty, sister Dawn (Randy) Burkey of Ohio, stepbrothers, Mike & Duane, stepsister Linda Linder and special friends Judy & Chancellor. Services pending.

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HAZEL F. SPENCE

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Amy Beth Adams and

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Amy is the daughter of Jim

Plymouth. Her grandparents

Krieger of Hobart, Okla., and

Michael is the son of Marie

grandfather is Lawrence Setter

Michael Brace spent their hon-

eymoon at the Grand Canyon

and Sedona, Ariz. They are

making their new home in

Campbell. Michael's father is

married Aug. 21, 2005, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. A

and Connie Adams of

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Brace Campbell and Bill

the late, Frank Brace. His

The new Mr. and Mrs.

of Dearborn.

Plymouth.

Bradley Adams, of Hobart,

Age 90, went to be with the Lord on October 31, 2005. Born May 21st, 1915. Hazel enjoyed a life of wonderment, having had the opportunity to see our world's many achievements in her lifetime. A resident of Westland, MI, she spent many years volunteering at Garden City Hospital, loved caring for children, watching basket-ball & playing the ukulele. Preceded in death by her parents: Edwin & Jessie Harvey, brother, John (Jack) Harvey. She is survived by her daughter Sandra Armstrong; grand-children Tracy Serbick (Ron), Todd Gypsy) Armstrong, Jeffrey Armstrong, Heather Armstrong & five great-grandchildren. A Private Service will be held upon interment at St. Marcus Cemetery, Clear Lake, MN. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the Senior Alliance (especially Linda), their Transporta-tion Department & Meals on Wheels for helping Hazel to maintain her independence & dignity.

VERA M. VALADE

Age 88, November 3, 2005, of Farmington Hills. Beloved wife of the late Merle. Dearest mother of Sharon (Rudy) Golla, Susan (Michael) Bur, Mary (Philip) Levin, Alan (Kris), David (Sandy), Laura, and the late Jerry, Brian, and Gregory. Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral liturgy was celebrated on Saturday, November 5, 2005, at St. Patrick Church in Brighton. Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchin Fathers, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207-3496. Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home, 248-553-0120

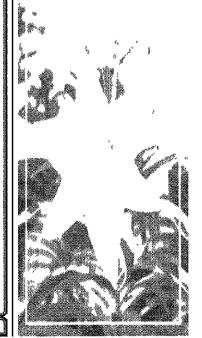


CATHERINE A. VAN HARTESVELDT (nee. Pennanen)

ovembe: Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of Paul E. for 56 years. Dear mother of Lois A. Fraser (Brent) and Peter J. (Allison). Sister of Ruth Payton (Jack). Funeral services were held privately. Memorial tributes to The American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

CAROL J. VOYTAS, M.D.

Died November 15, 2005 at Rose Arbor Hospice. Dr. Voytas was born December 18, 1953 in Ann Arbor, MI the daughter of Joseph and Joan (Karr) Voytas. She was a medical doctor specializing in Family Practice. Learn more about Carol, view her Life Story Film and visit with her family and friends today from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes, Kalamazoo, 1-800-822-7594, where a prayer service will be held tonight at 7:30 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Kalamazoo. Following the Mass, family and friends are invited to a time of food and fellowship in the Bennett Building. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, Whittaker, MI. Dr. Voytas was preceded in death by her mother, Joan in 1997. Members of her family include her father, Joseph Voytas of Kalamazoo; three sisters: Catherine Voytas-Schmidt of Paradise, Mi, Contance Voytas of San Diego, CA, and Christine Stout of Royal Oak, MI; one brother, Paul Voytas of Springfield, OH; four nieces and nephews. To read Carol's Life Story, archive a memory, order flowers, or contribute to Family & Children Services, Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, or Covenant House, please visit her personal web page at www.lifestorynet.com.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robbins-Davidson

Roland and Felicia Robbins of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Annette, of Northville to Alan Edward Davidson of Livonia.

Cheryl is a purchaser with PSI Repair Services.

Her fiancé, Alan, is the son of Jon and Pat Davidson of DeBary, Fla. He is a truck driver with PVS Chemical. Alan and Cheryl are planning an April 2006 wedding.



Ransome-Metz

Nicolle Lee Metz and Peter Frederick Ransome were married Sept. 17, 2005, in Charleston, S.C., before the Rev. Kenn Cobb, brother-inlaw of the groom. A reception was held at The Charleston Place.

Nicolle is the daughter of Raymond and Sandra Metz of Livonia. She is a graduate of Churchill High School and Walsh College. She is employed by Sprint Business Solutions as an account manager.

Peter is the son of Richard and Dorothy Ransome of Walpole, N.H. He is a graduate of Vermont Academy and Keene State College. He is employed by Active Date Systems as executive vice president and chief marketing offi-

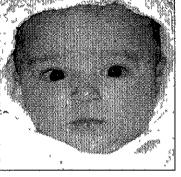
The bride elect was attended by her sister, Michelle Simpson, as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jalen Timmis, Cynthia Todaro, and the bride's niece, Courtney Simpson. The bride's niece, Brittney Simpson, was her flower girl.



The groom elect was attended by Tom Boyle as best man, Arun Singh, and Fred Baybutt.

Readings were by Tom Simpson and Kathleen Ransome.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ransome spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. They are making their new home in North Carolina.



Lynette Medrek Cipolla David and Lindsay Cipolla of

illy mouth announce the birth of their daughter Lynette Medrek Cipolla, on Aug. 31, 2005, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces, and was 20½ inches

Lynette's grandparents are Jerry and Renée D'Ortenzio of Livonia, and Frank and Jan Cipolla of Canton. Her greatgrandparents are Sam and Mary D'Ortenzio of Phoenix, Ariz., Vivienne Melnik of Livonia, and John Cipolla of Beaverton, Mich.



McCue-Proctor

Tanya Proctor and Michael McCue were married Oct. 8, 2005, at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. A reception was held in the barn at Lazy J Ranch in Milford.

Tanya is the daughter of Max and Myrna Proctor of Farmington Hills. She is a graduate of North Farmington High School. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and art from Madonna University. She completed a master's program at Marygrove College. Tanya is an art teacher in the Rochester Community School District.

Michael is the son of Norman and Elizabeth McCue of Farmington Hills. He is a graduate of Redford Union High School and received his bachelor of science degree in business administration with a marketing major from Wayne State University. He is the manager of a Pet Supplies Plus store in

Waterford. The new Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCue are making their new home in Farmington

Lyons-Bewersdorf Karrie Bewersdorf of Livonia

and Evan Lyons of Livonia were married April 29, 2005, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church before the Rev. Tom Eggebeen. A reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Karrie is the daughte, of

Gary and Diane Bewersdorf of Livonia. She is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2001 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is a fourth grade teacher in Farmington Hills at Highmeadow Common Campus in her fourth year of teaching.

Evan is the son of Venez and Debbie Lyons of Livonia. He is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School. He is an iron worker for American Steel.

The bride elect was attended by matrons of honor, Jenny (nee Nowak) Eckerman and Lisa (nee Castelli) Rigley; bridesmaids, Kelli Wills, Gina Bewersdorf, Missy Schiller, Tina Fischer, Sarah Humphry, Erin Lyons, Jill (nee Nowak) King, and Jill Pelto; and flower girls, Olivia Hauser and Micaela Rigley.

The groom elect was attended by best man, Erik Lyons; groomsmen, Grant Bewersdorf,



Ryan Bewersdorf, Steve Desjardin, Mike Friedland, Adam Sulek, Dale Rykse, Tom Pichler, Jim Rogers, and Don Miller III; and ushers, Walter Dietz and Bill Hanes.

The bride's entire class of then third graders sang during the lighting of the Unity Candle, as their present to teacher and her groom.

Karrie and Evan have been friends since first grade at Hull Elementary School. They didn't

date until after college. The new Mr. and Mrs. Evan Lyons spent their honeymoon

at Playa Car, Mexico. They are making their new home in Livonia, in the same neighborhood where they both grew up and both sets of parents are presently living.

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Moon-dusters

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218_Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties. For more information, call Joe Castrodale, (248) 968-5197.

Bethany Suburban West ■ Monthly Dinner - Thursday, Dec. 1, at De Lucas, corner of Warren and Inkster Roads. Call Kathy for reservations (734) 513-9479.

Monthly Dance - Saturday, Dec. 3, at

Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246, 31117 Plymouth Road just east of Merriman, Livonia. Call Michele (313) 996-8644. Advent Mass - Sunday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. at the Felician Sisters Mother House, Madonna College, Newburgh Road entrance. Breakfast to follow.

Call Judy for details (734) 261-5630. Monthly Breakfast Meeting Saturday, Dec. 17, 9:30 a.m. at Leon's, Ford Road across from Kmart. Call Kathy for details (734) 513-9479.

Mew Years Eve Party - Saturday, Dec. 31. Hors d'oeuvres, catered dinner, beer, wine and other refreshments. Music, dancing and champagne toast at midnight. Advance tickets \$45. Call Michele for details, (313) 996-

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Dances

MSP dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d' oeuvres (8-9:30 p.m.) and door prizes. Admission \$5/members, \$9/non-members, unless otherwise noted. Attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes) unless otherwise noted.

Trips Trip information meetings and sign-up

Sunday, Monday, Dec. 5, in the main lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River, east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Las Vegas 6:30 p.m., Cozumel 7 p.m., Punta Cana 7:30. Cozumel - Jan. 7-14, 2006. "All inclusive" plan includes accommodations, all meals and snacks. A pre-trip meeting will be 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets' twice monthly from September-May,

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issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is

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Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth

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The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-

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month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who

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Members participate in community

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schools and community service. Call

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the

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Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the

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AROUND TOWN

Crafters needed

The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. Admission is \$2. For information, contact Sue or Paul a (734) 844-3128.

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 Midhigan. 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 is 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.

Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 12 Annual Cookie Walk is Dec. 10. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut and poppyseed rolls, and over 50 different assortments of ethnic (kiefle, kołachy, rugela, koulourakia, biscotti, linzer) and traditional cookies and candy will be for sale. Doors open at 8 a.m., and the sale starts at 9 a.m. and lasts until it is sold out. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile Road (south side), 3/4-mile east of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

St. Mary's class

St. Mary Mercy sponsors a presentation, "Surviving the Season ... Coping With Holiday Stress," from 10:30-1130 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 Dariene Doute advanced practice nurse in psychiatric mental health nursing Registration is required, call the Northville Senior Center, (248) 349-4140.

Handspinners fair

Holiday shoppers and collectors of fiber art will find much of interest at the 17th-annual Handspinners' Holiday Fair Friday, Nov. 26, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. In addition to handspun yarns, the sale features knitted, woven and felted



Gowns galore

A visit to the Plymouth Historical Museum's Four Centuries of Bridal Gowns was a big hit for Amanda Terranella (from left), Alaina Peerbolter and K.C. Sawyer from Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 1347. The visit included a chance to try on wedding dresses from Anna Lopez's collection of costumes. According to Lopez, 'even the mothers had fun trying on some of the dresses.' The girls plan to return for a visit to the Underground Railroad quilt exhibit in February.

garments, as well as hats, purses, jewelry, toys, dolls, ornaments and felted \wall hangings. Books, spinning wheels and related equipment will also be available. Demonstrations of handspinning and other fiber crafts will take place throughout the day. Sale hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free, and the site is wheelchair-accessible. Matthaei Botanical Gardens is located at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 769-1657 or (734) 475-2306.

Handcrafters show

Handcrafters sponsors its 23rd annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show Dec 9-11 at the Northville Hillside Recreation Center in Hillside Middle School, located at 8 Mile and Sheldon/Center. More than 90 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florais, stained glass seasonal items including Christmes decorations, jewelry, wood items and clothing. Show hours are 6-9 p mDec. 9; 9 a m.-5 p.m. Dec 10 and 11 a 114 in Dec 11 Admission 8.5 1 Por strollers For more info matron. (248) 459 0050

Genealogical societes ■ The Livingston Junty Genealogical Society hosts its hiday meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at its neliocation, First United Methodist Circh, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. Speler Mary Ellen Ahmad, owner of AnBooksellers, will talk about Christmasooks, stories and historical tidbits he public is

invited. For more infonation, 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.

Christmas Open House

The Moss Rose of Northville holds its annual Christmas Open House noon to 3 p.m. Nov. 20. The Moss Rose offers the experience of "stepping back in time", for their customers in the Victorian atmosphere of their circa-1874 storefront. Browse an eclectic collection of American antique furniture, antiquarian books, vintage sewing items, and antique jewelry. Sprinkled among the antiques are pillows, woven linens, heeswax candles, American primitive prints and a variety or American made goods that are unique During the Open House, you will see an array of beautiful Christmas ornaments and tabletop décor, holiday pillows, and a variety of goods perfect for gift giving. Colin Mehaffey carves St. Nick, Noah, and Uncle Sam figures, as well as crosses and relief carvings, in the store and will be on hand. As a special treat, Sandra Somers, American Primitives

artist, will be in house signing her prints and visiting with our guests. Music of the season, a surprise discount tree, refreshments, and fun await. The Moss Rose is at 124 E. Main in Northville. Call (248) 374-5586.

Holiday show

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

Wine event

The wine event "Taste Michigan" takes place 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-Metro Detroit. The Royal Park Hotel at 600 E. University Drive, Rochester, will host the Annual "Taste Michigan" - A Wine Event with hors de' oeuvres, musical entertainment and silent auction. The cost is \$125 per be son which includes tasting of severiteria esta Menjir wile est actifulant controllar d'oeuvres will be provided by The Royal Park Hotel, along with musical entertainment by Dr. Dave Bauer. This event also features an impressive silent auction, which will feature items from the tasting and other items. Sponsorships are still available at several levels from \$500 to \$5,000. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or sponsorships should call Jill

Katynski at the CF Foundation (248) 269-8759.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center-for Grief Support, or visit www newhopecenter net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Tim Phillips, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via email at tim@phillipshq.com or call (734) 451-8267.

MOPS meet

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FICTION

- 1. "Predator," Patricia Cornwell
- 2. "At First Sight," Nicholas Sparks 3. "The Camel Club." David Baldacci 4. "Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt,"
- Anne Rice 5. "Toxic Bachelors," Danielle Steel

NONFICTION

1. "The Year of Magical Thinking," Joan Didion

2. "Team of Rivals," Dis Kearns Goodwin 3. "The World is Flat,"homas

Friedman 4, "Driven from Within Michael Jordan 5. "The Truth (With Jos)," Al

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PARENTS' CHOICE

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to sbmit a bid for the purchase of 150-200 copies of Units of Stdy for Primary Writing for the PCCS Instruction Department. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning DanPhillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154, on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Dember 1, 2005. The Board of Education reserves the right to acce, and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the chool.

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Mistletoe Marketplace

Assistance League's annual Mistletoe Marketplace runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester. It features boutique shopping, raffles, and 12:30 p.m. luncheon. Exhibitors will sell holiday items, children's clothing, women's clothing, jewelry and more. The event last year sold out with 450 quests. All proceeds benefit Assistance League projects such as Operation School Bell, Assault Survivor Kits, Buddy Bears, Early



Road to Reading and Link to Creative Teaching, Tickets are \$75. For ticket

CRAFT CALENDAR

information, call Judy Preston at (248)652-6478. Gift Gallery

Paint Creek Center for the Arts' annual gift gallery includes a variety of art items, including glass, ceramics, paintings, fiber and more, Hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. Sale proceeds benefit Paint Creek Center for the Arts, located on Pine just south of University in downtown

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G-I before workouts

Jill from Union Lake has heard the term "G-I" buzzing around on various health-oriented shows lately and asks for information. "G-I" stands for "glycemic index," a measure of how fast . your body absorbs carbohydrates and increases blood sugar. It's best to avoid high G-I foods, such as jam and white bread, before working out. It's better to try to eat low G-I foods, such as wild rice, pasta or beans, because they give a slower, more sustained release of sugar. If you're concerned about

performance during your workouts, recent studies have shown that glycemic levels really have little or no effect at all. However, research indicates that focusing on a low G-I can provide long-term benefits.

Steve from Birmingham e-mails that he's ready to hire a personal trainer and asks for tips.

Anyone can call him or herself a personal trainer. Some of the best certification programs are: The National Strength and Conditioning Association, The American College of Sport Medicine, The American Council of Exercise and The ISSA. Some questions to ask:

- The name of the certifying organization.
- When was the certification
- granted? Is the trainer CPR certified? Does the trainer have liability
- insurance? Does the trainer give you a fitness evaluation?
- Can the trainer provide you with a list of clients? If you do your homework thoroughly, you should have no problem making the right

If you have a question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com Catch Peter daily on WDIV TV (Channel 4) and WWJ

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End of life

Angela Hospice reaches out to community

November is National Hospice Month, a time when hospice providers across the country are working to educate people about the range of issues regarding end-of-life care. But education is an ongoing goal for the staff and volunteers at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

"We make education a real priority because that is what helps to ensure that people will receive the best quality care as they face the end of life," said Carol Ann Laverne. Angela Hospice education coordinator. "Whether we're providing a field experience for medical students, teaching family caregivers to support their loved ones, giving a presentation at a local church or business, or informing seniors of the care options available to them - when we're getting the message out about hospice's special way of caring, we know we are making an impact on how terminally ill people will be cared

Angela Hospice's outreach is in line with the national campaign launched by National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization encouraging people to plan for the care they would want and to share their wishes with family and healthcare providers. One way to do this is by completing an advance directive. Just as important, however, is for people to talk about their wishes with family, friends

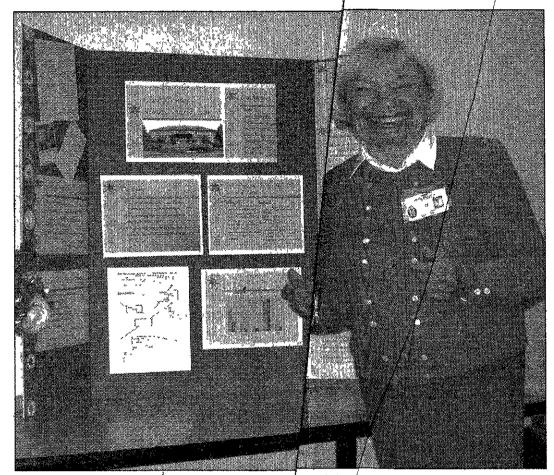
These are important steps for people to make sure their wishes will be honored should they face a serious or life-limiting illness.

To encourage individuals to take these steps, Angela Hospice offers talks on advance directives through its volunteer Speakers Bureau. The Angela Hospice Speaker's Bureau gives these presentations free-of-charge to groups throughout the community.

"We've presented to groups as small as 10 people or as large as 2,500 people," said Donna Kolodsick, Angela Hospice's Volunteer and Spiritual Care manager and coordinator of the hospice's Speakers Bureau. "We just hope to help open a dialogue about hospice and the options for end-of-life care."

Educational initiatives emphasized locally and nationally throughout National Hospice Month really center on encouraging communication among families and loved ones on a personal level.

The end of a life is never easy, but we can take steps to make sure our wishes are honored and that our families receive the support they need. The conversations we have with each other about our end-of-life decisions what we want and what we do not want, the care we choose to receive, and the caregivers who provide it bring up important question-



Volunteer Dort Burtch promotes education about hospice and of-life issues as a member of Angela Hospice's Speakers Bureau. The Speakers Bureau makes presentationse-of-charge to businesses and groups throughout the community.

Angela Hospice is committed to informing the community and local health care professionals about the benefits of hospice and palliative care, and the importance of advance care planning.

answer, regardless of age," said Donald Schumacher, president and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. "Talk now, before a crisis, to ensure that family conflict or no - mainty about and-of life treatment decisions don i

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even more compated."
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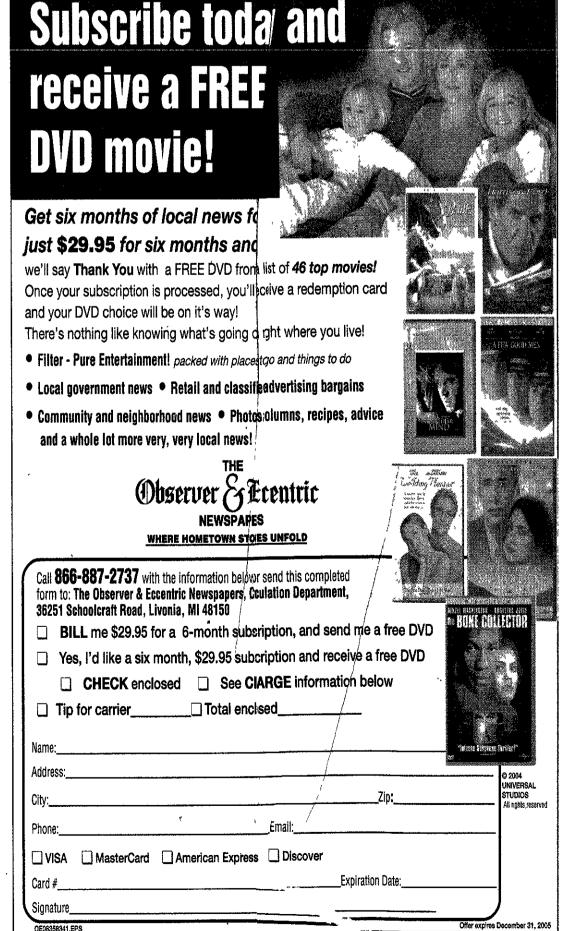
"As an organization our mission is to provide compassionate, comprehensive, and Christlike care to those we serve. We do everything we can to care for each person according to their wishes. But it is helpful for families to know and understand in advance how their loved one wants to be cared for. It eases the mind of the patient and the caregivers," said Kolodsick.

For more information about hospice care, or to request a presentation from the Angela Hospice Speakers Bureau, call (866) 464-7810. Information on advance directives is also available from NHPCO at www.caringinfo orgou from the Helpfane at (806, 656-8898.





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NOVEMBER

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Learn how you and your baby can communicate with each other before words develop by using simple and functional signs. The Parent Workshop is designed for parents-tobe and parents of babies from birth to 24 months. Parents will learn everything they need to know to start using Baby Signs at home including when and how to begin and easy ways to successfully incorporate signs into everyday life. The workshop is offered 2-4 p.m. on one Sunday each month at the Kaufman Children's Center in West Bloomfield. The next sessions take place Dec. 11, and Jan. 22.

The Sign, Say & Play class is a 6-week theme program for parents and babies ages 6-24 months to learn and practice simple signs in a fun, musical and play environment. The series begins Friday, Jan. 20. Both programs are appropriate for special needs children and their parents.

Pre-registration required. There is a materials and instructional fee. Call (248) 737-3430 or send e-mail to rhh4962@aol.com for information.

Caregiver support group

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-

Recovery Inc.

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.

Depression lecture

Darlene Doute, 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

Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443. Gala benefit

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America,

at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty,

between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads,

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Michigan Chapter holds its 28th Annual Gala Evening at the Movies on Monday, Nov. 28, at The Uptown Palladium Theater, 250 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. The event begins with a Pre-Glow at 6.30 p.m., movie premiere at 8 p.m. Funds raised by the event go towards research, programs and services of CCFA. Tickets are \$75. Opportunities for Movie Gala Souvenir Journal listings are available. Call (248) 737-0900 for tickets or more information. Jean and Howard M. Dubin of Bloomfield Hills are

the 2005 Honorees. More than 1.5 million people throughout the United States suffer from Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, known collectively as IBD. Both are painful diseases that affect the gastrointestinal tract.

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 email 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.

Lite 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 11:15 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 locations 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 for-

merly 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 arthrilis seif-management. Artimitis Foundation programs are suitable for adults of all ages with arthritis in its more than 100 different forms. The exercise programs also present a wonderful option for people who are seeking a gentle exercise alternative, and people who are new to exercise.

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

The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday - movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday, Qigong meditation 10 11.15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org. Donations.

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. 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. No charge, Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org.

Grief support workshops

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., at the Angela Hospice Care Center. The Loss of an Adult Child group addresses those who have experienced the loss of a child age 18 or over. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from 3-5 p.m. The Heartstrings group is designed to support parents and caregivers coping with the loss of a child through illness or disease. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 11.30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

All grief support groups take place at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia. Call Joan Lee at (866) 464-7810.

Is it the flu or something else?

The start of flu season in Michigan coincides with National Epilepsy Awareness Month in November. Some of the symptoms of epilepsy can masquerade as flu symptoms or even small strokes (TIAs). It's important to know the symptoms of epilepsy, as well as common conditions that can be mistaken for epilepsy.

The following symptoms may indicate that someone has epilepsy. A medical exam is advised if you or a loved one experiences one or more of these symptoms:

A convulsion (with or without a fever); odd changes in the way things look, sound, smell or feel; short periods of blackout, dazed behavior or confused memory; episodes of blank staring; occasional fainting spells where bladder or bowel control is lost, followed by extreme fatigue; episodes of blinking or chewing at inappropriate times; sudden stiffening or falls for no apparent reason; muscle jerks in the arms, legs or body - in babies, look for clusters of swift jerking movements; repeated movements that look out of place or unnatural; or sudden fear, anger or panic for no reason.

Some common conditions that might be mistaken for epilepsy include:

Seizures associated with high fever; migraine headaches; fainting; sleep disorders, such as nightmares, narcolepsy or cataplexy; psychiatric disorders including panic attacks; transient ischemic attacks (TIAs) which indicate brief interruptions of blood flow to the brain, or childhood breath-holding episodes.

Epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder in the U.S. after Alzheimer's disease and stroke. It strikes most often among the very young and very old although anyone can get it at any age. Epilepsy affects 2.7 million people in the U.S. and 50 million worldwide. In Michigan, approximately 100,000 people are affected by epilepsy, 30,000 of these

are children. To learn more, register to attend the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan's Midwest Regional Consumer Conference, being held Nov. 18-19, at The Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport. For more information, call (800) 377-6226, or go to www.epilepsymichigan.org.



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Prescribing drugs for joint pain often places your doctor in a hazardous position. As you may aiready know, the usual medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, Naproxyn, and Celebrex are known to cause side effects including GI distress, kidney insufficiency, irritation to the liver, and possibly, increase the risk of a heart attack.

Using narcotics to treat pain has a role for the short term such as after a fracture, but in most instances, arthritis poses a long term problem, a condition that may last for years. Besider codeine and its derivatives can cause loss of mental function, impaired coordination, and

One alternative to treating daily joint pain with drugs is topical treatment-rubbing an ointment or cream on a joint, or putting a medicated patch over the joint Proparations such as by Hot or Therapeutic Mineral Ice contain an ingredient, usually a form of salicylic acid, that causes local blood vessels to dilate, giving you a feeling of warmth Other preparation such as topical ketoprofen and capasaicin cream reach the joint by absorption and act as local anti-inflammatory

Lidocaine patches are for pain relief only The patch releases a steady dose of local anesthetic over a 12-24 hour period The area surrounding the patch becomes numb, much like a dental anesthetic relieves pain but does not treat the problem causing the pain

The topical medications have few side effect-usually at worse, redness and blistering at the site of application. The biggest problem with topicals is that they don't work well or for long

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Chocolate flows at New Hope event

The folks at New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville are putting a lot of faith in the restorative powers of chocolate as they host their annual holiday open house, "Evening of Elegance," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

The annual event will be done at this year's home, located in Novi's Asbury Park community off of 11 Mile, just east of Beck Road at a model home provided by Superb Custom Homes.

According to Sandy Prebenda of Plymouth, New Hope's outreach and special events coordinator, the highlights of the evening will include a tour of the model home, feasting on a broad array of appetizers donated by numerous local restaurants, and the music of guitarist Kris Kurzawa.

To soothe the sweet tooth of potential guests, the event will also feature a chocolate fountain, one New Hope officials figure could be renamed the "Fountain of Hope." The fountain was added for the first year last year, and Prebenda said it helped make the event a big success.

"Most of us think 'chocolate' around the holidays; my dad



Patti LaBurn (from left) of South Lygn, Mary Calhoun of Lathrup Village, Gwen Sawicki of Redford, Pauline Smart of Commerce and Jim Borton of Redford enjoyed the chocolate fountain at New Hope Center for Grief Support's 2004 holiday event.

always kicked off the season with a gift of Whitman's Chocolate sampler boxes," Prebenda said. "But I never really

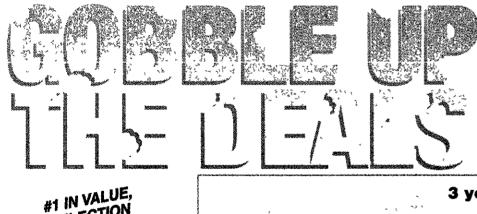
saw how it could cure more than a sweet tooth until last year when we added it to our holiday event. "Now, I have seen chocolate curing heavy hearts, even if only for a moment," she added.

Tickets for the event are \$35

per person. Proceeds benefit New Hope Center's services and programs, designed for those who are grieving, "which can be a very challenging process to negotiate with the pressures of the holiday," Prebenda said.

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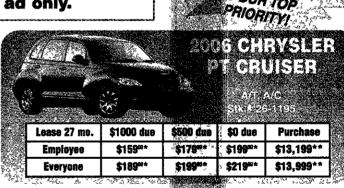
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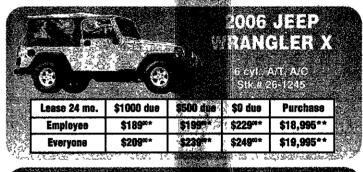
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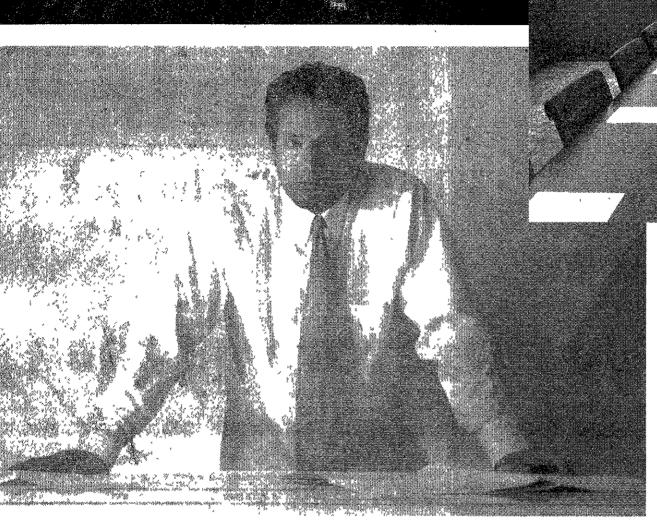


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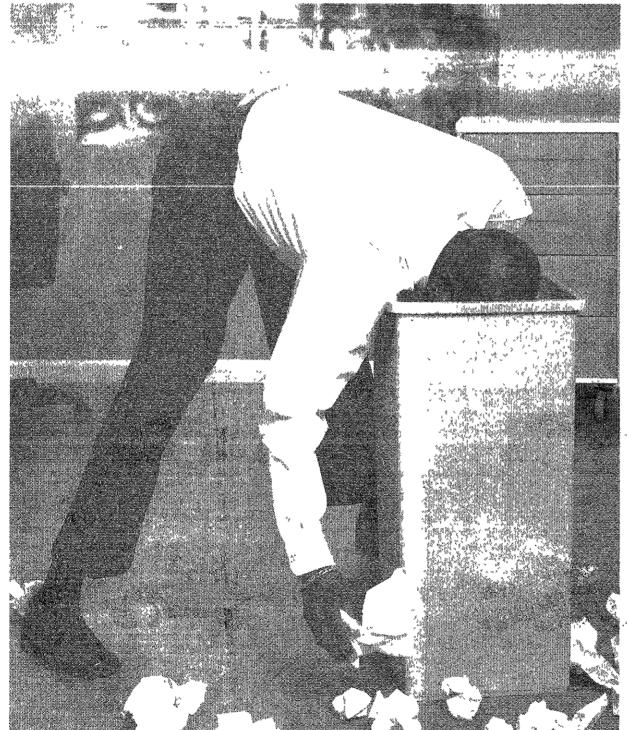
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Nutcracker gets help from local ballerinas

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Rachel Szopko admits to being a "bit nervous" about performing in The Nutcracker with the Moscow Ballet on Nov. 26. Even though the Livonia dancer has been studying ballet for nearly seven years, she's just 10. On Saturday, she joins more than 100 local children for 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. performances at Masonic Theater. Look for her in a red pajama-like costume as she twirls her way through the Russian dance number.

Szopko loves dancing. Five nights a week she takes classes in ballet, pointe, hip hop, and jazz at Dance Unlimited in Plymouth.

"It's not difficult," said Rachel Szopko. "There's no part where you can take a breather, but it is very fun."

John Szopko says his daughter, Rachel, is beside herself from the excitement. This is her first time dancing with the Moscow Ballet.

"She'd given up gymnastics and Tae Kwon Do to do ballet four nights a week," said John

Szopko. "That's her love." Donna Szopko agrees. She is grateful to the Moscow Ballet for giving her daughter this chance to dance in a profes-

sional production "She has a real passion for 'ser dance,' said Donna Szopko. 'What is so beautiful is that it has built her confidence."

Kathy Jones has seen her daughter Alia grow as a dancer as well. The young Plymouth resident will recreate the Chinese number.

"Because of the Moscow Ballet dance is much more important in her life," said Katy Jones. "She had to be more conscientious of her dance and take it more seriously. She always wanted to dance and loves it. We're excited to go next Saturday. She's been telling everyone and carries a fiver about the performances everywhere we go."

Alia takes three classes a week at Dance Unlimited in Plymouth. Both Jones and Szopko study with Barbara Raschke.

"I'm just a little nervous," said Alia Jones, a fifth-grade student at Bird Elementary. This is her first year with the Moscow Ballet. "The Chinese Dancer has to do some silly things. I've been doing ballet seven years and like my teacher, and you can do some really cool moves."

The mutual admiration goes both ways. Raschke is proud of her young dancers. 21 Dance Unlimited students will be in the Moscow Ballet perform-

Raschke is the local dance coordinator for the children who were chosen from an open audition by a member of the Moscow Ballet in September. Earlier this year, she had one of the Moscow Ballet dancers teach master classes at her stu-

"I had seen their performance last year in Ann Arbor and was impressed by the way the professional dancers worked with the children on stage," said Barbara Raschke, who's been teaching at her Pance Unlimited studio for more than 30 years.

Raschke has been working Hard as well with Alia Jones, Rachel Szopko and the local children including Kelsey Young, Madison Fifer, Macee Logerstedt, and Ashley Polydoras of Canton; Emily Keenan, Emma Boylan, Natalie Sheng, Rebecca Birman, Cara Gross, Grace Wine, Marguerite Wooley, Lydia Rund,

Christ Our Savior Church members aid community after reading book

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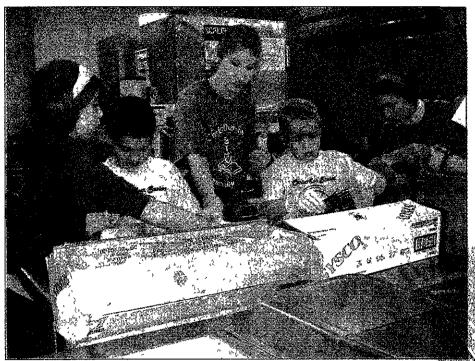
Linda Hollman calls it a spiritual growth campaign, but it benefited more than the members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. The series of projects helped seniors and the needy in the community.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, church members will celebrate their contributions by holding a worship service followed by a meal. Later families from congregation will make an advent wreath to take home for Christmas preparations. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

"It was based on Rick Warren's book 40-days of Purpose and was designed for the congregation after we met in small groups for Bible study a year ago. We were focusing on how we can improve our own individual growth as Christians," said Linda Hollman, director of outreach and the women's ministry.

We wanted to extend this beyond ourselves. There are 45 small groups from the congregation that are reaching out to do various projects."

Some of those projects included volunteering for the Wayne County Family Center, the Lutheran Home in Livonia, and Habitat for Humanity houses. Hollman estimates about 450 to 500 church members donated their time and



Members of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church recently packed food for families in the Detroit area. The project was part of a church effort based on Rick Warren's book 'Forty Days of Purpose's

"They did everything from working with a family in hospice care in Livonia to raking leaves for seniors and the disabled, and collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy in the Detroit area," said Hollman. "It's ongoing. We're going to have small

groups come up with community projects. It originally was just going to be the 40 days but members are willing to continue."

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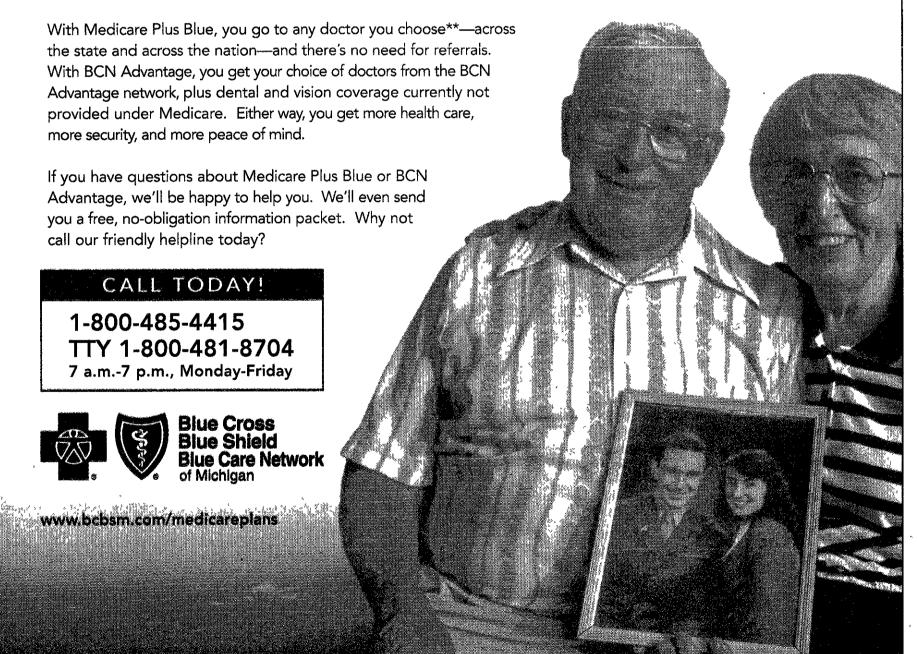
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Lack of faculty factor in nursing shortage

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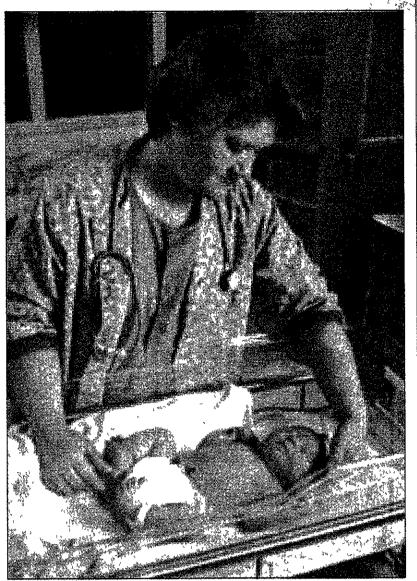
The nursing faculty shortage limits student capacity at a time when the health care system demands more. According to a Vanderbilt School of Nursing study, the nursing shortage is expected to approach more than 800,000 positions by 2020.

Recognizing the nursing shortage crisis and the need for more nurse educators, hospitals and universities are relying on help from unconventional sources, including corporations like Johnson & Johnson, which launched a campaign to strengthen the nursing work force by enhancing the image of the profession, recruiting new nurses and faculty and retaining nurses currently in the profession.

"Too many qualified nursing school applicants are being turned away due to lack of faculty," said Andrea Higham, director of the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future. "The numbers are staggering. The nursing profession needs assistance in recruiting educators, who will train and prepare new nurses, all in hopes of beginning to address the nursing shortage crisis."

To help raise funds for nursing school grants, scholarships and faculty fellowships, the campaign sponsors Promise of Nursing galas, which have raised more than \$7 million. By supporting graduate nursing programs, the campaign is helping to supply teachers and mentors to prepare the next generation of nurses.

The health and future well-being of the nation depends on nurses, so the faculty shortage must be a priority for health care officials, state and federal government and citizens, Higham said.



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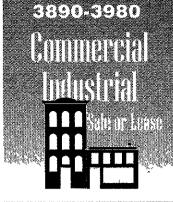










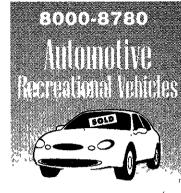












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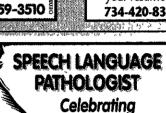


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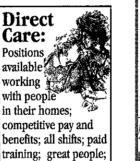
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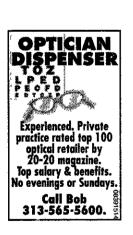
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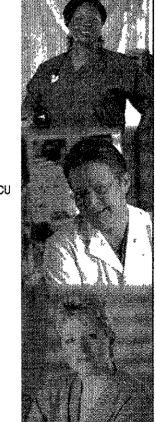
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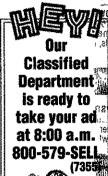
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Historic hotel latest addition to midtown residential boom

In January, John
Peabody and Matthew
Summers of Boulder
Development, LLC looked
upon three abandoned and
dilapidated buildings at the
corner of East Canfield and
John R. in Detroit's midtown area.

While many considered the area a blight on the community, in their eyes, it was a piece of history worth saving for a growing community. The result of that vision is Mid-Med Lofts, an \$8 million renovation of the 1927 Melrose Hotel and adjacent buildings.

Boulder Development turned to local architect John Gardner of Gardner/Niagara Murano to bring the project to life. The construction uses the existing architecturally detailed facades, yet integrates a newly constructed steel and glass building that will provide for the living space expansion and modern day amenities.

"There is something friendly and comforting in the old worn materials, kind of like an old baseball glove that you had as a kid that keeps on improving with age," Gardner said. "The joining of the old 'base' with the new above, is what I believe will give this project a bit of an enlightened twist and make this a project that people will relate to and enjoy."

Construction started shortly after purchase. The retail spaces broke ground in May, and the residential portion followed in August. Final construction is scheduled for completion next fall.

ing the nearby hospitals, and a copy/business center. Pre-sales of the lofts has been brisk, with more than 30 percent of the units already secured prior to last month's official grand opening

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The entire midtown region has been seeing an influx of investment.

Enhancing the growth are projects like UCCA's

Midtown Loop — a \$7 million project creating a two-mile walk/bike path, which will include public art, and serve as a connector between the educational, cultural and medical institutions in the area.

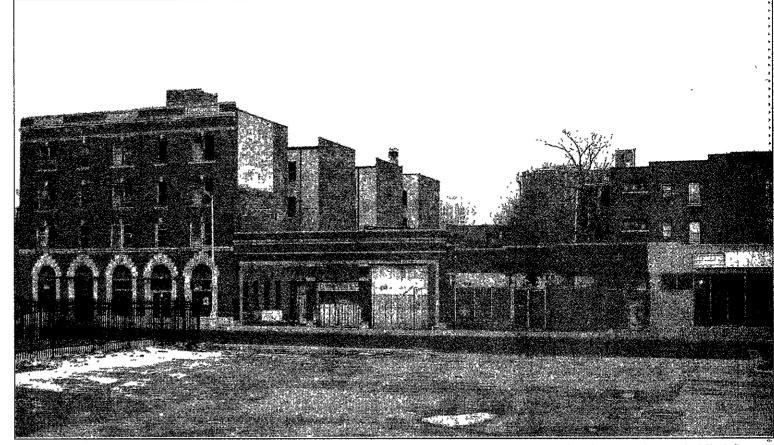
Peabody said such signs of economic growth combined with Detroit city tax incentives make the Mid-Med Loft project an attractive investment.

"Detroit is doing a lot of things right. Supporting growing economic centers like Wayne State and the D.M.C. is good for business," he said.

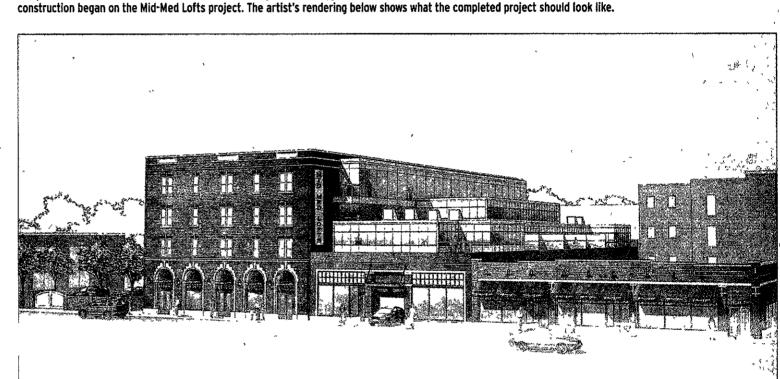
Mid-Med Lofts partner Matthew Summers agrees. "The opportunity to revitalize this neighborhood and save an old building, bringing all the masonry and craftsmanship back to life, makes sense on every level," he said.

Summers said it's the building's unique historic features juxtaposed with the new construction that give the structure many of its distinct characteristics; glass light filled hallways, a fourstory glass pyramid, exposed original brick, private balconies, soundproof concrete, and with all units built to the newest code with fire suppression and universal access units available.

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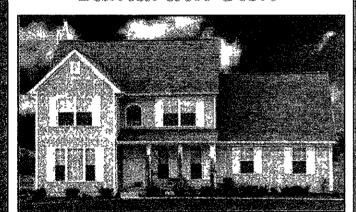


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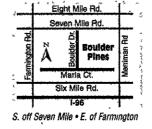
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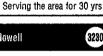
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■ The yard: Make sure that there are no weeds showing. The lawn should be nicely mowed. Put in plants that make the yard look more visually appealing.

Front entrance: This is the first thing that buyers see of the actual house. Make sure that the door unlocks easily. Little gives a worse impression then having a hard time trying to unlock the lock for the front door. Unfortunately, I have encountered this many times taking buyers on showings. Also, make sure that the front door itself is clean and looks freshly painted. And of course the doorbell should work.

■ Kitchen and bathrooms: Check that counter tops are clear. You can leave canisters and little things. Clean the microwave, stove, and refrigerator. If really dirty have the tub re-caulked and remove mineral deposits and grime. Bathrooms should be gleaming.

Closets: Take out clothing that is out of season. Organize your clothing and shoes. Remove the clutter.

■ Furniture. As a general

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rule the less furniture the bigger the rooms appear. However, you still want it to look homey.

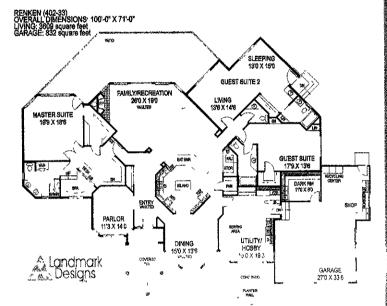
■ Cleaning: Have the carpet shampooed; wax the floors; wash the walls, drapes, windows, blinds, and lighting fix-

■ Try and add light into the house: Raise the blinds and open the drapes. Turn on the lights. Do everything you can to add more light.

■ The garage: Don't let your garage look cluttered. Throw out what you don't need.

■ Walk through the house as if you were a buyer: Examine anything that looks unkempt or dirty. Repair or replace anything that looks like a sore

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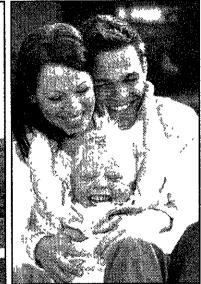
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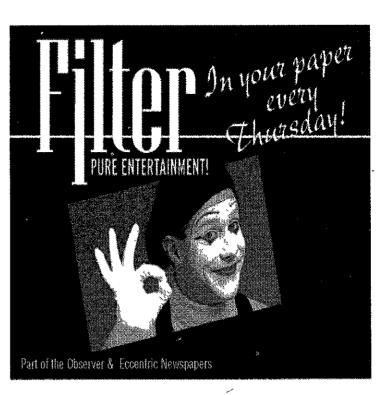
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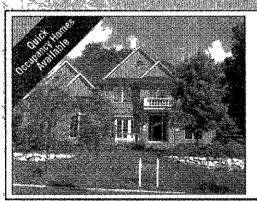
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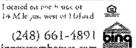




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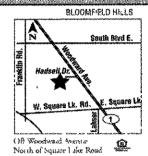




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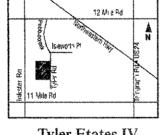
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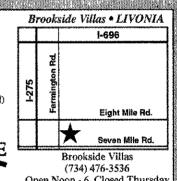
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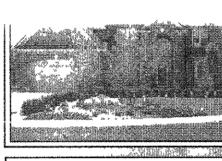
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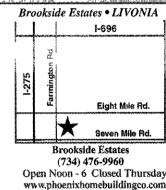


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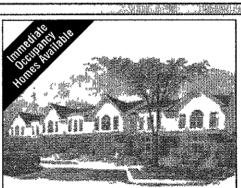
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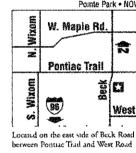


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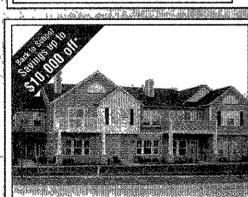
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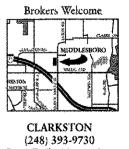
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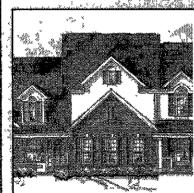
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Patrick E. Ryan Jr. has been appointed the position of vice president for RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. Formerly, he was sales manager and associate broker for Century 21 Town & Country in West Bloomfield. Ryan has been in real estate for 22 years and his experience in the field has proven him to be an asset to the RE/MAX organization.

Education seminars

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring

the following seminars: 🖿 8 a.m. noon Tuesday, Nov. 22 — "Budget Management and Cost Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 "Quality Construction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$140 for Remodelors Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 — "Condominium Nuts and Bolts: When To Consider Using a Condominium Format" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100,

Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, "Builder's License Preparation Course" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, construction drawings, codes, procedures, sample test questions and test tips. Registration is \$200. (248) 862-1033.

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

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

■ 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 8, "Codes and Quality Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern

Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group will discuss setting performance expectations, a superintendent's responsibili-ties regarding codes and will provide tips to enforce code compliance on the job site. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, "Managing a Business for the Long Term" seminar at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Richard G. William, CPA, of Polk and Associates, PLC will discuss strategic planning for the small to medium size business, exit strategies and business valuation. Registration is \$20 for BIA or AAM members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, "Managers Roundtable" discussion at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. The program is free for Property AAM, PMC and BIA members and \$15 for guests. Coffee and bagels will be provided. (248) 862-1033.

How to classes

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes.

■ Builder's Pre-License Class — This course will help those who want to subcontract the construction of their own home, real estate investors, developers and building trades peo-

Classes will be held 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 22 and Dec. 1, 6, 8, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, (248) 956-5000; 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 28, 30 and Dec. 5, 7, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Rd., Room 133, Bloomfield Hills, \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, (248) 433-0885; 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 28,

30 and Dec. 5 and 7 at Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, \$201 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, (734) 744-2602; and 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7, 12 &14, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, (313) 317-1500, \$189 for residents and \$208 for non-residents, plus a \$20 textbook and sample question fee; and 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Dec. 6, 8, 13 & 15, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 203-3800, \$190 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions.

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Canadian developer acquires Bob-Lo Island

Bob-Lo Island, has been acquired by Amico Properties Inc. of Old Castle (Windsor), Ontario, Canada. Bob-Lo Island was acquired as a result of a bankruptcy from the previous owner, John Oram.

The island will remain a residential community but will be positioned as a high-end marina resort community and will be developed under the name of Bob-Lo Development Inc. The 272-acre island is part of Amherstburg, Ontario, and is nestled between the shorelines of Canada and the United States. At the heart of community amenities will be a new marina featuring 500 boat slips, many for larger cruising boats as well as, a yacht and tennis club and a private beach.

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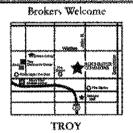


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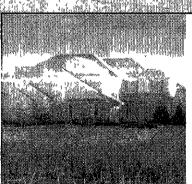
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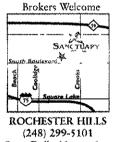
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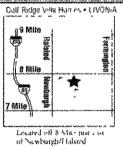


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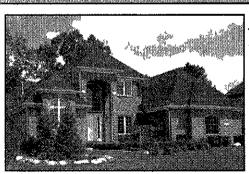
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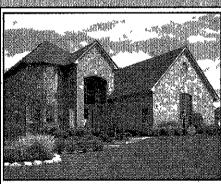
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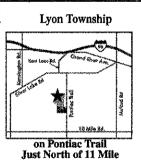
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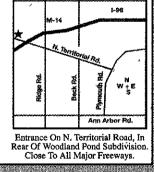
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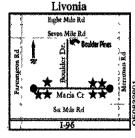


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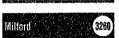
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Nice townhouse condo. 2

bdrm, 1.5 bath, 1 car attached garage. Unfin-ished

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has 80' private rd , 267' frontage, perked & sur-veyed & can be split into 4

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bedroom, 2.5 bath condominium, a newer

complex with pool, clubhouse with exercise

SALEM TWP. - Serenity! Ten woodland

acres with wildlife and pond frame.

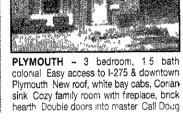
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PLYMOUTH - 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths.

Updates: oak kitchen cabs, roof, furnace,

vinyl windows, C/A. Built-in pool. 2 car

garage. Unfinished basement. Call Mark





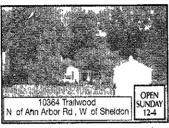
PLYMOUTH - 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial, loaded with updates - roof, furnace, A/C, HWH countertops, carpet, sod, landscaping, etc. Huge 3 season sunroom, Call Cathy Rakozy

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windows (except front), updated electric and baths, large deck for leisure living, for as

comes with newer appliances. Updated eat- little as \$219,900. Call Cheryl King.

313-570-5511 \$55,000



PLYMOUTH - Walk to downtown from spacious ranch loaded with updates in the last 5 years 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, family room, bonus room, Wooded lot etc etc Call Cathy Rakozy

CANTON - Just minutes from Downtown

Plymouth. New construction 2 or 3 bedroom

condo with 2 car attached garage. 2.5



walking distance to schools and downtown Flowing open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 25 baths, family room, 1st floor laundry Side entrance garage. Call Cathy Rakozy



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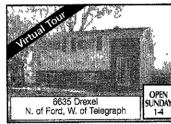
eat-in kitchen, 1st floor laundry and

fireplace. Call Sylvia Florence Albert

(L29745)

SOUTHFIELD - This 3 bedroom. 1.5 bath home is in great shape with lots of updates. Located in Southfield deep in a beautiful sub. This home even back to a park. Call Jim Donohoe.

\$192,500



WESTLAND - Perfect for downsizer or 1s

time buyer. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo

Freshly painted with new furnace, C/A,

in oak kitchen and bath and more. Call

(S1821)

Svivia Florence Albert

DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Huge new eat-in

more. Call Jim Donohoe.

(D6635)

kitchen with tons of storage in the new oak cabinets. Great open floor plan perfect for entertaining large groups of family and friends. Newer windows, roof, furnace and

DETROIT - 3 bedrooms, near expressways, fenced yard, basement. Sold as is. Call Cindy Evans



LIVONIA - Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch located in Green Brier Estates Sub. .5 acre lot with mature trees. Home also has a Florida room and a 2.5 car garage. Call Larry Hatfield.

(L15711) 313-622-8755 \$299,900 (M16810) 313-820-9711 \$231,500 (R30058)

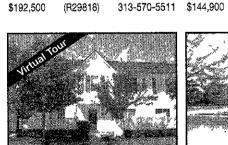


GARDEN CITY - Gorgeous tastefully decorated dream home. Living room with natural fireplace, dining room w/doorwall to large deck. Main floor laundry room, master bedroom with WIC, bath and much more! Call Larry Hatfield.

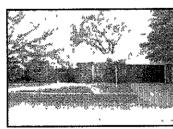


wet bar, MBR bath, fireplace! Photos and more under "Featured Properties" at www.doortodreams.com. Call Derek Bauer. 313-820-9711 \$259,900 (G30561) 734-678-4745

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WESTLAND - Great Starter Home. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, Livonia schools, walk to parks, schools and churches. Clean and neat neighborhood. Finished basement with wet bar and pool table. Large deck with hot tub. Call Denise



WAYNE - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Dutch colonial historical-home walking distance to parks. Hardwood floors throughout house, 2 fireplaces, old world charm. Call Denise Tatman.



LIVONIA - Open floor plan with cathedral ceilings. Hardwood floors in kitchen, dining room and foyer, designer patio with professional landscaping. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Call Denise Tatman.



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sink. Refinished hardwood floors, all new

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REDFORD - Nice affordable home in Redford 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch that has an attached Florida room. 1 car garage has heated workshop. All appliances stay. Home nicely landscaped on quiet street. Call Alana

REDFORD - A very neat and charming brick bungalow. Updated kitchen, bath, electric, plumbing, roof, newer carpet, hot

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WHITMORE LAKE - Beautiful newer condo development in Whitmore Lake. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, open floor plan with 1st

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CANTON - Check out great price and DEARBORN - What a great place to livel many updates. 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, dramatic staircase in great room. Master bedroom has 2 WIC. Bright kitchen has new floor and doorwall to patio, appliances stay. electric. 5 bedrooms and 2 full baths, formal 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage and



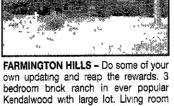
All the conveniences that Dearborn offers and close to all schools. Many updates, furnace, A/C, windows, roof, kitchen, dining room and rec room in basement. Call Mary Marinelli.

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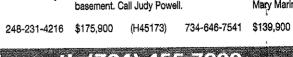
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(N28346)

with fireplace, family room, full basement, 2 car attached garage. Good condition and some updates. Call Marilyn

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TROY Sharp, Newly Built
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DRYDEN Majestic Country Estate
Regal 5 bedroom, 6½ bath home on approximately 13 rolling
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fireplaces, flinished walk-out lower level, 6 car garage

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OAKLAND Magnificent Estate
Situated on approximately 2.4 acres of beautifully manicured
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Your chance has come Beautiful setting highlights thus 3
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and pole barn Property features a spring-fed pond \$2,799,000 (B82GOL) 248-363-1200 \$599,000



COMMERCE TOWNSHIP All Sports Lakefront Lake Sherwood Lakefront Open layout & unique architecture, 3 bedroom, 3% bath, custom built has first floor master suite with deck overlooking water Large, high lot Sandy beach, over 120 feet of frontage Spectacular views (B21ECOM) 248-363-1200 \$550,000



OAKLAND Over Three Acres
Stone and cedar shake Cape Cod nestled in a natural setting
First floor master suite, gournet kitchen, bonus room, 4
bedrooms, 4.2 baths, finished walk-out with kitchen, full bath COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting
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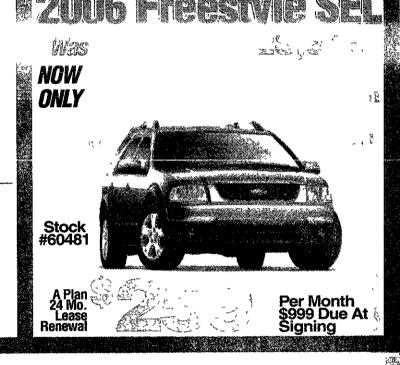
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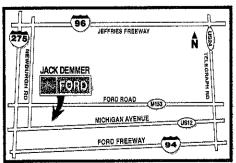


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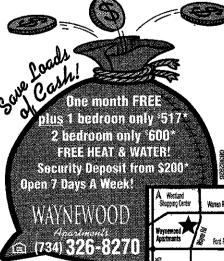
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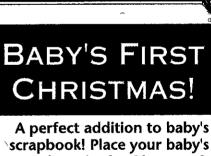
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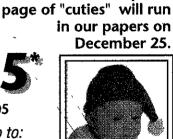
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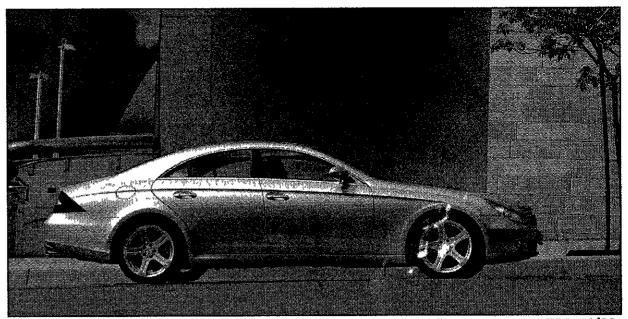
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There are certain things "everybody knows." "Everybody knows" that color is better than black and white, you're supposed to wait 15 minutes after eating before going swimming, and the Cubs will never win the World Series. And everybody knows a two-door coupe is always more fun to drive than a four-door sedan, right? While the first three are probably true (sorry, Cubs fans), we may have to re-think the last one. The 2006 Mercedes-Benz CLS 500 four-door is as fun to drive as

The CLS 500 is a sharp-looking car. The lines are sleek, allowing the CLS 500 to enjoy a drag coefficient of just .031, even with four doors. The front grille includes the distinctive Mercedes logo, and the headlamps look like a pair of wide eyes looking ahead for adventure. The optional bi-xenon headlamps (\$1,220, which includes headlamp washers) are self-leveling and actually turn slightly with the steering wheel to light up the approaching curve. This package also includes fog lights that turn on below 25 mph when the headlights are on and you use the turn signal or turn the steering wheel. This provides additional lighting around corners.

Powering the CLS 500 is a 5.0-liter V8 engine that's rated at 302hp @ 5600 rpm and 339 lb.-ft. of torque @ 2700-4250 rpm. In other words, it's quick (0-60 in 5.9 seconds). For those gearheads that may be with us, it uses a twin-spark/three-valve-per-cylinder arrangement, plus an electronic throttle with an "adaptive accelerator," which Mercedes says will respond to individual driving styles. If you like to punch the accelerator after stopping the throttle will start to open faster to give you more power early in the acceleration process. If you take things a bit easier, the throttle opens more slowly to save fuel. It's EPA rated at 16/22, takes premium fuel and will cost you an extra \$1300 for the Gas Guzzler Tax. The engine is mated with a seven -- (yes, seven) speed

automatic transmission that comes with the Touch Shift feature, allowing you to manually choose the gear you want. If you let the transmission do the work, you'll find



2006 Mercedes-Benz CLS 500. Type: Compact. Where built: Sindelfingen, Germany. EPA: 16/22 (Gas Guzzler Tax \$1,300). Base price: \$64, 900. Price as tested: \$77, 439.

it shifts smoothly and quickly to the proper gear. The engine never seems to over-rev or drag. Like the engine, the transmission also detects your driving style and attempts to adapt, finding the proper shift points to give you the best fuel economy while providing the power vou're looking for.

The CLS $\bar{5}00$ comes with power-assisted rack-andpinion steering that's speed-sensitive. It increases power assist at low speeds and reduces it at higher speeds for better road feedback. It's an impressive 2.8 turns lock-to-

The suspension is an Airmatic Dual Control air suspension system. It includes computer-controlled air springs, gas shocks with four-stage variable damping, and stabilizer bars. The system adapts to your driving style and the driving conditions, although you can still manually select from three damping settings, for a sportier feel. In addition, the CLS 500 comes with ESP, Electronic Stability Program.

Inside, the CLS 500 is full of wood, leather and standard features. Its cockpit-like setting provides a feeling of comfort and control. There's plenty of room and the 10way power leather seats provide good support. The dash features complete instrumentation, including LED fuel and temperature gauges. The center console features a flip-up switch which holds the switches for seat heating and ventilation, rear head restraints, hazard lights and central locking. I prefer all my switches out and within easy reach all the time, but this approach is streamlined and allows for a cleaner look.

The standard audio system for the CLS 500 is an AM/FM/single disc CD system with 10 speakers. You can upgrade to a Harmon/Kardon system that includes a sixdisc changer. Unfortunately, that package also comes bundled with the navigation system, heated and ventilated seats, and a power rear window sunshade. I say "unfortunately" because if you don't need the navigation system or care about the ventilated seats and sunshade, you stuck if you just want the upgraded audio. And it's a great audio system, but at an option package of over \$3,600, it would be nice if you could just pick and choose which parts of it you wanted. An integrated Sirius satellite radio is also optional (and will cost you a monthly

The CLS 500 also comes with the usual features you'd expect from a car in this price range: automatic climate control, cruise control, integrated garage door opener, electric adjustable steering column, power windows, central locking system, and power sunroof.

Another option package Mercedes offers for the CLS 500 is the AMG Sport Package. This will set you back about \$5000 and give you steering wheel gearshift buttons, AMG-design lower body work, 18" AMG wheels, and performance tires.

The 2006 Mercedes-Benz CLS 500 starts at about \$65,000 (gulp!). Add the lighting package, AMG package, upgraded audio, Sirius radio and the gas guzzler tax and you're at about \$77,000. A lot of coin, but if you've got it, you'll find the CLS 500 a fun car to drive. And "everybody knows" how important that is.

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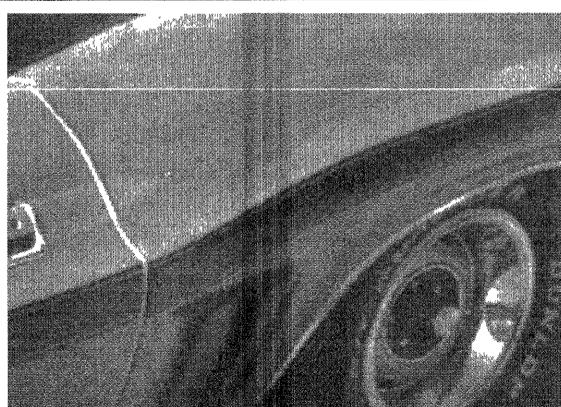
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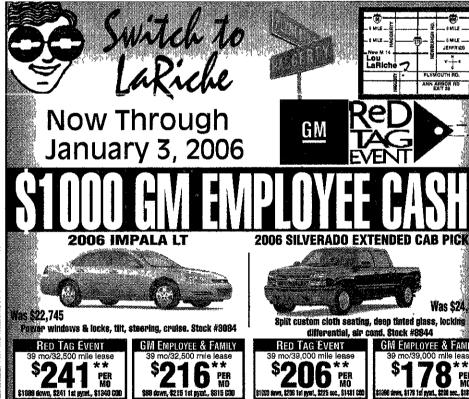
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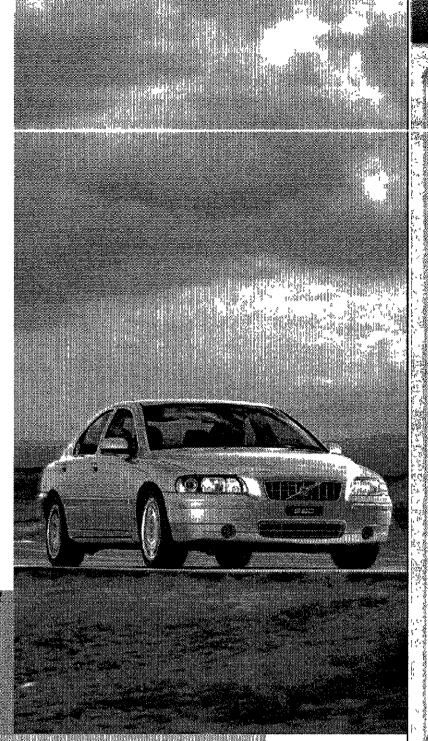
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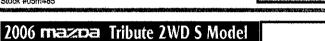
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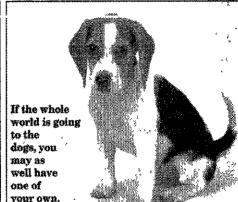
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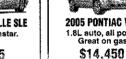




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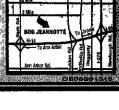






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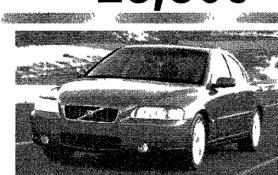
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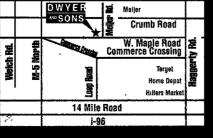


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