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One safe town

Canton ranks first in county,
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BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

When the numbers were released last week, they confirmed what many Canton residents already know: Canton is a safe place to live.

Last week Kansas-based research group Morgan Quitno Corporation ranked Canton as the 20th-safest community in the nation.

"That's really huge," said Public Safety Director John Santomauro. "Not just Canton's numbers, but when you look at Canton along with comparable communities in Wayne County."

Canton's crime rate is 18 crimes per 1,000 residents, which is not only safe by Morgan Quitno's standards, but even safer than Canton was in 2003, when the rate was 22 per 1,000 residents.

Canton's ranking as one of the safest communities in the country is based on the FBI 2004 crime statistics of communities with populations exceeding 75,000.

The methodology used for determining America's Safest Cities involves a multi-step process. For communities with a population of more than 75,000, Morgan Quitno gathers figures reported to the FBI for six crime categories including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. These totals are then plugged into a formula that measures how each community compares to the national average in each of the six crime categories.

The Canton Police Department did an internal analysis using the same FBI fig-

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Tammy Moyer and Joe Krogman of the Salvation Army loaded Cheer Club donations at the Observer office last year. This year, donations should be taken directly to the Salvation Army headquarters on Main Street.

Program aims to bring holiday cheer

Plymouth and Canton residents once again have the opportunity to bring a little holiday cheer to needy families and children in the area by donating to the Cheer Club.

Cheer Club is a partnership between the Plymouth and Canton Observers and the Plymouth Salvation Army, which services Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

The idea is to provide non-perishable food and other household necessities, along with new, unwrapped toys, for the Salvation Army's pantry and Christmas adoption program.

That program has helped provide a Christmas for hundreds of needy people over the years who might not otherwise have been able to provide one. Last year, some 2,000 toys were collected.

"The Christmas program is

an integral part of our outreach effort," said Kelly Boelter, the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign coordinator. "The items we receive from the Cheer Club are a key factor in being able to do what we do."

Operation of the Cheer Club has undergone one change: Items to be donated should be taken directly to the Salvation Army, rather than being dropped at the Observer offices on Main Street.

The change was designed to get the donations into the hands of those who need them faster.

"We're honored to partner with the Salvation Army on the Cheer Club," Plymouth Observer editor Brad Kadrach said. "We felt making this change would make the program easier to manage and

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DIVISION 1 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth High School student Jackie Londberg and Canton's Marie Stuebben cheer for Canton during the Chiefs' 31-21 loss to Rockford in Saturday's Division 1 state championship game.

A season to remember

BY BRAD KADRACH
STAFF WRITER

Early on in Saturday's Division 1 prep football state championship game between Canton and Rockford, fans in the area wanted the Chiefs' student cheering section to sit down. Since that wouldn't be Chief-like, the hundreds of students wearing red-and-white did the next best thing: They moved to another section at Ford Field.

And stood. And cheered. Then cheered some more, even in the waning minutes, when it became evident the Rams were going to deny their beloved Chiefs their first state championship. Rockford won the game, 31-21.

"Doesn't matter," said Canton senior John Donaldson. "It's tradition to stand up and cheer as loud as you can, no matter how it's going. This is our school."

Judging by the noise levels, that's how the thousands of Canton fans



Canton's student cheering section is used to standing during games. They were sent to the end zone so other fans' vision would not be blocked.

felt. The cheering was loud at the start of the game, it got louder still when Canton took its only lead, 14-7 with 5:41 left in the first half, and it was still loud as the final whistle sounded and the Chiefs' faithful had to watch Rockford fans celebrate their second straight title.

Ric Lang, whose football career ended when he broke a hand as a freshman at Canton High School in 1977, sat in his fourth-row seat — when he wasn't bouncing out of it to cheer — and watched his team battle. Except for a stint in the military, Lang said he hasn't missed many games since graduating in 1981. On Saturday he

and his wife, 1983 Canton grad Trina, hoped to see the school's first title.

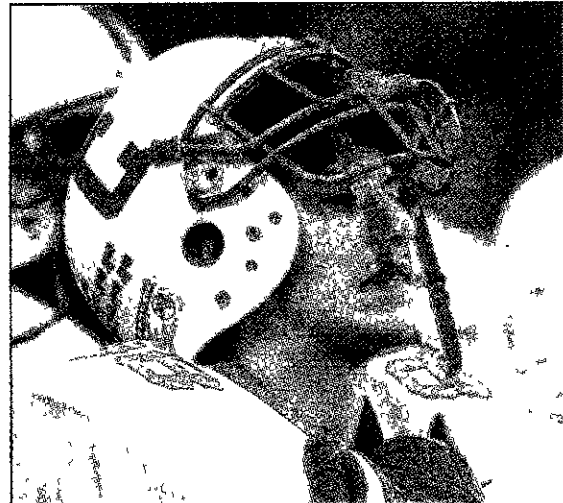
It didn't happen, but that didn't dim Lang's enthusiasm.

"I love being with this team, whether they win or lose," Lang said. "I'm a big supporter of the team and the community. It's great they got here."

That's what Canton wrestlers Brian Brubaker and Ryan Schnettler thought, too. They were among more than a dozen wrestlers who painted their faces — Schnettler tried painting his arms, too, but it didn't quite work out — to support the football team, which also carries several wrestlers.

"We go to all the games, but we added the face paint for today," Brubaker said. "Those are our teammates out there."

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Canton's Anthony Recendiz gnaws on his helmet strap watching the final minutes of play.

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Compost pickup

Canton residents are reminded that Wednesday, Nov. 30, is the last day that Canton Waste Recycling (CWR) will be picking up compost for the year. For more information, please call (734) 397-5801.

Canton Goodfellows

There will be a number of activities in the next several weeks that will benefit the Canton Goodfellows. The group will be offering photographs with Santa at Keller and Stein Florists (located on Michigan Avenue near Lilley) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. Children and pets are welcome. On Thursday Dec. 8, everyone who eats lunch and dinner at Max & Erma's and turns in a coupon for the Goodfellows, will restaurant will donate 20 percent to Goodfellows. Coupons will appear in the Goodfellow Newspaper, which will be sold throughout the community on Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The group still needs lots of paper sellers. Those who would like to sell papers are asked to come to the Canton library at 9 a.m. on Dec. 3 to pick up papers and a collection canister. Coupons



Queen for a day

Grand Valley State University student and Canton resident Elizabeth Bonnell, 21, was named the school's homecoming queen during the Lakers' Oct. 29 football game against Northern Michigan University. A 2002 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, Bonnell is an English major at GVSU, and is involved with numerous clubs and activities, including the sorority Alpha Omicron Pi and Eyes Wide Open, a sexual assault advocacy group. She was nominated for homecoming queen, and then selected by her fellow students. Here, she poses with the school's mascot.

will also be available at Showroom of Elegance and the Canton Public Library. Pizza night for the Goodfellows is on Thursday, Dec. 15 at Pizza Hut on Ford Road in Canton from 5-7 p.m. A percentage of the sales will

be donated to the Goodfellows. The Goodfellows will use all proceeds to provide Christmas gifts to local needy children. For more information, contact Nancy Spencer at (734) 397-8975.

Nutcracker shows

In the long-standing Holiday tradition, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company to present Tchaikovsky's classic fairy tale, Nutcracker Ballet. The performances will be presented at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

Symphony officials have engaged 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe to introduce each performance with a heartwarming reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Following the 11 a.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday performances, the Plymouth Symphony League will host the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria. Tea tickets are available for \$5.

These performances are made possible through the generous support of the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the Symphony office via e-mail at info@plymouth-symphony.org or by calling (734) 451-2112. More information please visit our Web site: www.plymouthsymphony.org. Tickets are also available at Children's Dance Theatre in Plymouth; Dearborn Music, Evola Music, Dancewear Gallery, and Joanne's Dance Extension in Canton; or through the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company.

Holiday gift fair

United Home Health Services, a non-profit home care company located in Canton, is hosting a Holiday Gift & Craft Fair 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at their office located at 2200 Canton Center, Suite 250. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to United's Patient Support Fund, which is designated for their home care patients who need basic items such as food, clothing, or emergency medications or medical equipment such as walkers, canes, or commodes that they just cannot afford. This fund is also used to pro-

vide home care for patients who do not have medical insurance. All are welcome to attend. Donations to this fund are also being accepted. For more information, call (734) 981-8820.

Holidays with the Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers, a social, civic, and charitable organization designed to acquaint area residents with others in the Canton area, are looking for new members. The group will be hosting its annual Holiday Dinner Meeting at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Sunflower Clubhouse, located at 45800 Hanford Road (west of Canton Center, between Woodmare and Weathersfield - set back off the road) in the Sunflower subdivision in Canton.

For more information about the club, call Karen at (734) 737-0755 or visit their Web site at www.newcomers.angelcities.com.

Holiday concert

The Canton Concert Band will hold its second-annual holiday concert, "Gather Round the Tree: A Family Christmas," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. The stage of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be transformed with trees, sleighs and all the sights of the holidays. The band will play traditional and holiday favorite music. Sing along as the sounds of familiar carols bring back your favorite Christmas memories. Tickets are \$8, and are available at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460. For more information about the concert or the band, call director Jim Blough at (734) 495-1608, or go to www.cantonband.com

Youth orchestra

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

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

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

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

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

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Power and performance

Fitness center caters to the motivated athlete

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Walk inside Velocity Fitness Center and you're not going to find the amenities you would find in the typical health club. There's no juice bar. No sauna. No comfortable lounge with tasteful mood lighting.

But then again, the athletes who come to Velocity aren't looking for your average workout.

"We focus on power and agility, and sports performance," said Gary Staub, owner of Velocity Sports Performance.

The 10,700 square foot facility, located upstairs in the Arctic Edge building on Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville Road, is designed specifically for the intensive training required by young athletes who want to improve their performance on the field,

on the ice, or on the track. The facility is quipped with a 30-yard turf area (not just for football players, but also for exercises which help soccer, basketball and baseball players), a 50-yard indoor track, and a full complement of free weights.

Power, speed and agility are the goals of the Velocity trainers.

"Hitting a machine just is not the same movement as you get in real life," Velocity performance coach Dave Ziemba said. "We focus on more dynamic movement that requires balance and coordination as well as strength."

When Velocity opened earlier this month, a trainer who has worked with professional athletes was there on the job.

Dennie Taft, a former Detroit Tigers' strength and conditioning coach, left his job with the ball club in exchange

for working in the community where he lives.

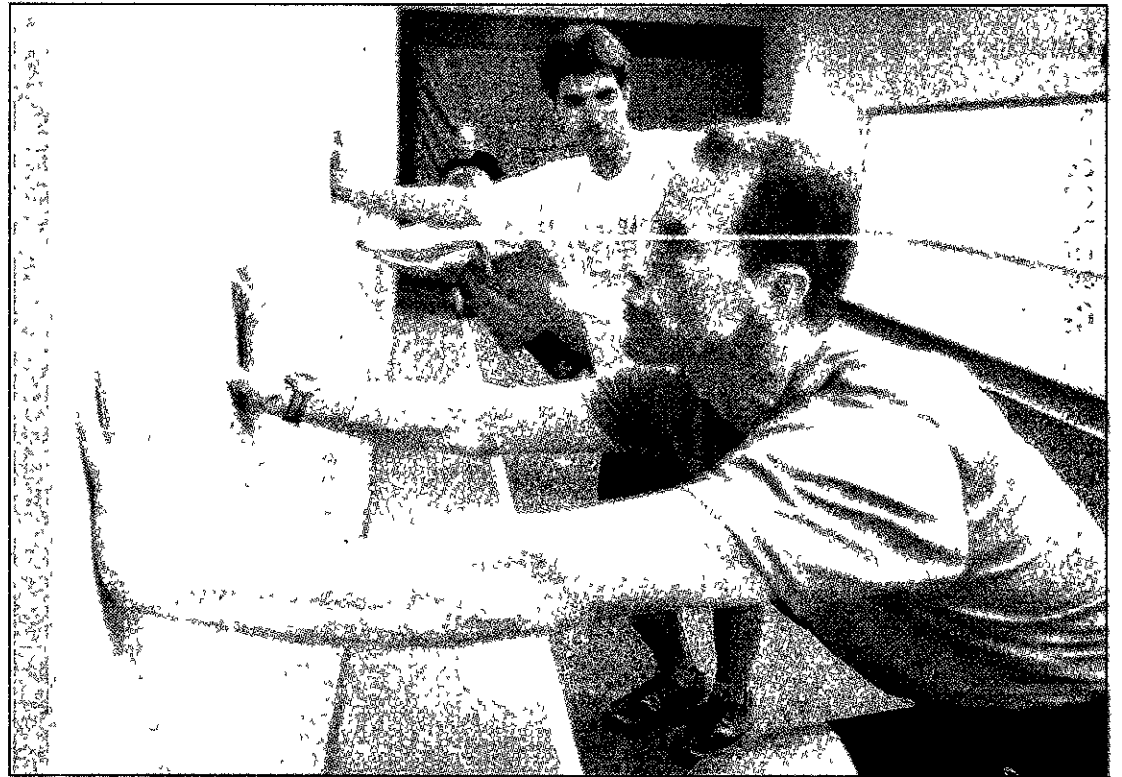
"Working for the Tigers was a good job but it took a lot of time from my family, and I had to travel so much," Taft said. "When I started looking for something out there, I came across Velocity, and their philosophy is so well meshed with my beliefs that I felt comfortable making the move. We want to work with kids and develop them to be not only better athletes but also better people."

One of the philosophies of the program is a guarantee that a young athlete will be faster upon completion of the program.

"Any athletic activity requires speed," Staub said.

All of the coaches at Velocity are certified and have college degrees.

"That's what differentiates us from the rest," Staub said. "We



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Velocity Fitness Center trainer Dennie Taft (right), a former Detroit Tigers' strength and conditioning coach, works with Mike Warner, of Ann Arbor, and other Gabriel Richard High School athletes.

really look for trainers who have trained athletes professionally. We try to hire the best of the best."

In the mornings, ice skaters and semi-professional and professional athletes work out at the center. The evenings are generally slotted for youth and

adult classes. Velocity is also hoping to attract fire fighters and police officers to sign up for classes that are specialized for them, Staub said.

"We can train a very young athlete in what's really like a specialized gym class, all the way through to the professional athlete," Staub said.

Prior to opening Velocity, Staub was in management at Domino's Pizza headquarters in Ann Arbor. As a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School, who was a football player and later went on to coach at his high school alma mater, Staub always had a passion for sports.

"I was looking for a franchise where I could apply my passion for sports," Staub said.

So about 14 months ago, he found information on Velocity. He considered a few locations, but chose Canton due mainly because there was space available within a regional sports complex.

About half of Velocity's clientele is made up of young athletes, age 12-18, though the center will work with children as young as 7 years old.

It's a reality of life that every young athlete must do more

and go to extra lengths in order to compete, Taft said, but it's also a reality that in order to avoid sports related injuries, athletes of all ages need special training they often don't get at team practice.

"Are we promoting elitism? Absolutely not," Staub said. "I just think we've become such a closed-door society and kids don't get the same kind of activity they used to. We also know so much more about the science of sports and performance and injury prevention."

The education comes at a price, with the average class running \$20-\$30 per client per session. But when Taft considered the immense benefits that come with sports ability, he said it's worth every cent.

"When a child is physically active, you create success in the rest of his or her life," Taft said.

Velocity Sports Performance is located at 46615 Michigan Avenue in Canton. For more information call (734) 485-2561.

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Trainers Dennie Taft (left) and David Ziemba work with Mike Wagner, Jeff Little and Andy Chmielewski at Velocity Fitness Center.

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 Baker, 86, of Troy, died Nov. 22.

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 Broadbent, 86, of Mulberry, Fla., died Nov. 22.

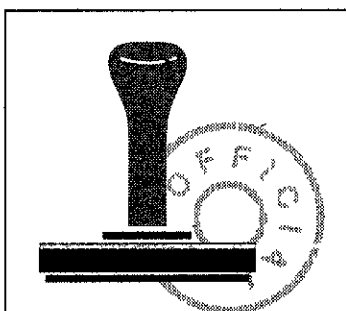
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 Mungula, 76, died Nov. 19.

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 Potoczak, 65, of Freeman Township, died Nov. 8.

Carole Pray (nee Wall)
 Pray, of Saugatuck, died Nov. 25.

S
Ruth Louise Hemp Smith
 Smith, 89, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 16.

V
Brent C. Verrot
 Verrot, 46, died Nov. 19.



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W
Leonard "Leo" Wagner
 Wagner, of Clarkston, died Nov. 21.

Canton Development update

The Canton Planning Commission acted on the following items during its meeting on Monday, Nov. 21:

■ **Fab Investment rezoning** - Consider request to rezone R-3, Single-Family Residential, to O-1, Office. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road. Planning Commission recommended approval.

■ **Canton land/Costco rezoning** - Consider request to rezone from GI, General Industrial and LI-2, Light Industrial to C-3, Regional Commercial. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Belleville Road. Planning Commission recommended approval.

■ **Costco planned development district** - Consider request for a PDD. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Belleville

Road. Planning Commission recommended approval.

■ **Cherry Hill Village planned development district amendment #2** - Consider request to amend the PDD. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and west of Denton Road Roads. Planning Commission recommended approval.

■ **Hidden Creek Subdivision and variance to the subdivision ordinance** - Consider tentative preliminary plat and variance to the Subdivision Ordinance. Property is located on the east side of Beck and south of Saltz Roads. Planning Commission recommended approval.

■ **Canton Christian Fellowship** - Consider site plan and special land use for a religious institution. Property is located on the southwest corner of Joy Road and Ronda Drive. Planning Commission recommended approval.

BY CAROL MARSHALL
 STAFF WRITER

Some time next year, Canton residents will start paying more for their water. It's inevitable, according to township officials. It's just a matter of phasing in the increases now or waiting for the increases to come all at once in a few years.

The township hired consultants to report on the water billing structure in the township when it became clear that Canton couldn't charge what it charges, maintain its sewer system, and allow for capital improvements of the system.

"It's obvious that we can't do nothing. If we do nothing we're going to be in an awful lot of trouble in the very near future," said Trustee Melissa McLaughlin at a board of trustees meeting earlier this month. "Having a reasonable plan to maintain the base, and maintain the infrastructure, only makes sense. When something happens, and it will, the cost is going to be huge. This is a systematic structure at a reasonable rate."

Plante and Moran consultant Frank Audia said what happens in communities that don't change their water and sewer rate structure is a "rate shock," in which rates jump 50-60 percent suddenly.

"Tomorrow I have to go to one Downriver community that is going to have a 22 percent rate shock this year and will have similar increases over the next few years to get it right," Audia said.

That community did not allow for increases in its rates to cover the cost of infrastructure improvements. Often those communities subsidize such improvements or even the water and sewer charges from the regional provider, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), until there is a dangerously low - or empty - water and sewer fund balance, Audia said.

Currently, 65 percent of the money Canton bills for water goes directly to DWSD. But by 2013 the percentage will be 76 percent, said Mark Beauchamp, a consultant with Utility Financial Solutions, a

firm which was hired by Plante and Moran.

In order to avoid the rate shock, Canton will phase in its additional water and sewer charges.

Water consumption charges will not increase for 2006, according to Municipal Services Director Tim Faas. But after the Township Board of Trustees adopts the new structure, rates will increase by 7.75 percent per year for five years.

"That will help us offset the expenses that Detroit charges us, plus the money we need to run the system," Faas said. He added that Canton has not increased the rate since the summer of 2003.

Sewer rates will also increase, from \$3.15 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.30 per 1,000 gallons, and then 9.5 percent increases each year for five years, Faas said.

The township recently approved a \$45 million sewer improvement and detention plan, which is being designed now.

Another component of the

planned rate changes is for home owners who live in houses built before the 1980s, Faas said. Some 10,000 of such Canton homeowner are still connected to the township's sanitary sewer, rather than to sump pumps. As a result storm water from their property runs directly into the sewers, and creates an additional need for capacity in Canton's sewer system. Those customers will be charged an additional \$2.18 per month, if the plan is approved by the board.

The average Canton household uses 9,000 gallons of water each month, said Finance Director Tony Minghine. A user who uses 9,000 per month will be paying an additional \$5.70 per month, starting later in 2006, after the plan is implemented. Those who are still connected to the sanitary sewer will pay an additional \$2.18 per month on top of that.

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It's official

After much speculation, Costco announces it's coming to town

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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The parcels of land, just west of the Canton Center and Michigan Avenue intersection, had been designated light industrial, and the board approved a change to the future land use map to designate them general commercial.

Canton township has officially begun to pave the way for the latest in a lineup of national retailers that are making a home in Canton. The Canton Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved an amendment to the township's future land use map for the site that will be the new Costco location.

The parcels of land, just west of the Canton Center and Michigan Avenue intersection, had been designated light industrial, and the board approved a change to the future land use map to designate them general commercial.

The night before the board approved the amendment, the planning commission also

lot of commercial activity," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

When the planning commission recommended the amendment to the future land use map, there was no citizen comment, and the recommendation passed unanimously.

Costco is purchasing property from two current businesses, Best Block and Mobil Lounge. According to municipal services director Tim Faas, Costco also has the option to purchase an adjacent parcel of property for the development of the new warehouse store.

The Costco deal is a big win for the community and store alike, according to Trustee Karl Zarbo.

"When you talk about masters of marketing, Costco is one of those," he said. "You can't have a better target market than members who pay a fee every year to shop at your store. And of course this area provides an attractive demographic, in terms of income."

Costco designs each store specifically for its market. Zarbo added, something that will also benefit the community.

"Because it's a members-only store, it affords an opportunity to buy quality merchandise at an off-price," Zarbo said.

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RETIREE REUNION

A Christmas party for former employees and retirees of Wayne County General Hospital will be held 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Golden Corral buffet restaurant on

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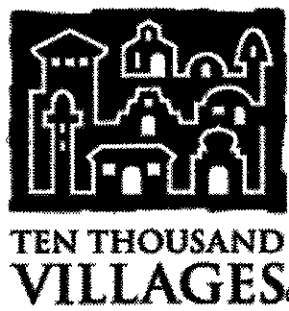
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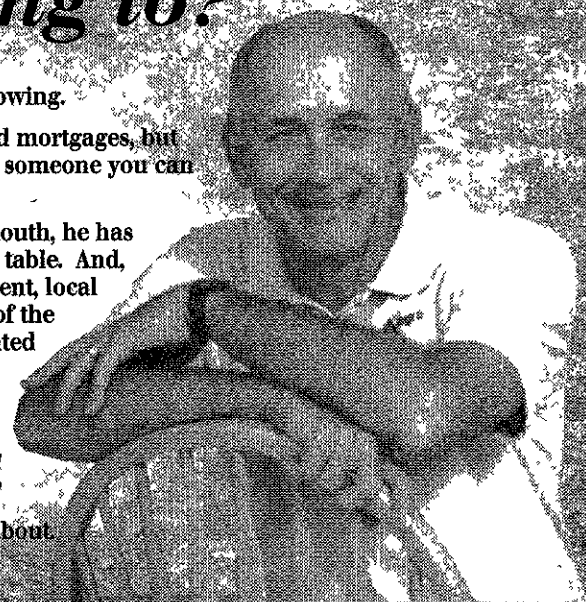
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Side by side

Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra play along side Orchestra Canton last Sunday during the 'Peter and the Wolf and Other Family Favorites' concert at the Village Theater. The CYO played Sibelius' Finlandia, and will perform it again at their CYO Winter Concert 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Village Theater. For more information about the show, see Around Canton on page A2. The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony, and is comprised of two ensembles - the Celebration Strings and the Celebration Sinfonia. The group debuted in fall 2003 for orchestral musicians ages 9 and up.

CHEER

FROM PAGE A1

encourage donors to give." The program is simple: Drop off new, unwrapped toys; nonperishable foods including canned goods; and household necessities such as paper goods and toiletries at the Salvation Army headquarters, 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. The Army is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

A donor sheet will be maintained; donors who list their name and community will be listed in the paper at the end of the campaign.

Cheer Club continues to be a popular target for the generosity of the people in the community, including residents, businesses and student groups. Last year, for example, one class at Plymouth High School alone donated 479 toys.

"The generosity of the people of this community never ceases to amaze me," Boelter said. "In a year like this, where there have been hurricanes and a war, people continue to give from the heart. We're very blessed to be in this community."

For more information on the Cheer Club, e-mail Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or call the Observer at (734) 459-2700.

SAFY

FROM P1

Communities with populations of 50,000-100,000 residents. Seven communities were examined for crime against property (burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, arson), and crimes against persons (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault).

Each community's population was used to determine the crime rate per capita in each of the seven communities. Canton ranked most safe in crimes against property, crimes against persons in overall crime.

Also making Morgan Quitno's list was the city of Troy, which was named the sixth-safest city in the country. Troy Police Chief Charles Craft said that safe cities require a collaborative effort between police and the schools, volunteers and social service organizations, along with the residents themselves. "I think it starts with the community," Craft said. "(Residents) have an expectation of having a high quality of life here. You add it together, it amounts to a really great town."

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WAYCOUNTY CRIME RATES

The following are the 2004 crime rates for seven Wayne County communities:

Community	Population	Crime per 1,000 residents
Canton	83,818	18.44
Livonia	99,809	24.83
Dearborn Heights	57,559	29.46
Westland	85,778	33.52
Redford	50,778	36.23
Taylor	65,801	47.76
Dearborn	96,983	61.46

Source: 2004 Year-End Report



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- 4. Two ways to get your drug coverage**
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 - A Prescription Drug Plan
 - A Medicare Advantage plan with a PDP
- 5. New guides for changing Medicare plans in mid-year**
In the past, you could change Medicare plans at different times during the year. Beginning in 2006, the new Federal law generally allows you to make only one change during the year - the kinds of changes you can make are limited.

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Sounds of the holidays

Community chorus set for Christmas concert

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

For many, the holiday season kicked off with Thursday's Thanksgiving celebration.

For the Plymouth Community Chorus, it starts Dec. 10-11 with the chorus' concert, "Great Joy" at Northville High School.

The concert performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The chorus, with more than 130 voices, will be performing both popular and sacred music to "fill your hearts with the poignant message of Christmas."

Tickets are on sale for \$12 for the Christmas concert. Tickets can be ordered by calling toll-free (866) 924-4276 from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; print out the order form on the chorus Web site at www.plymouth-communitychorus.org or calling (734) 416-9885.

The Christmas concert is the latest performance for the chorus, founded by Bill Grimmer in 1973. From its original 12 singers, the chorus has grown to nearly 130 members.

Singers, roughly two-thirds of them women, come from as far away as Warren and Howell, with the majority filling the ranks from nearby Plymouth, Canton and Northville. They bring a variety of talents to the group, forming a chorus that sings an eclectic mix of contemporary and gospel music and even some show tunes.

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How eclectic are they? The chorus even opened its annual Spring concert with the little-known Barry Manilow tune, "One Voice."

"Our guiding principle is entertaining the audience," said Michael Gross, who has been the group's director since 1979. "I program music based on what I think the audience wants to hear. The majority of the music (the audience) will know, but I throw some things in there they definitely do not know."

The self-supporting group performs two major concerts a year, one at Christmas and the other in the Spring. They also perform with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and make appearances at events like the Plymouth Fall Festival.

The chorus also funds a scholarship program, established in May 1984 to help students pursue studies in the field of vocal music, an applied vocational career in the field of vocal music, academic study of voice or the study of voice for the purpose of organized recreational or community singing. Some recipients have chosen The Academy of Popular Vocal Arts, Interlochen and The Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

The group's funding comes from two primary sources: ticket sales and patron donations. They also make smaller amounts of money with efforts such as a refreshment booth at University of Michigan football games.

Operating on an \$84,000 budget, the chorus only has two paid positions - director and accompanist. And the director's salary hasn't changed since 1984, when the chorus closed down the office it rented in downtown Plymouth and redirected that money to the director's salary.

That's OK with Gross, though, because he isn't in it for the money. Gross, the vice

Troy, is in it - as are the unpaid singers - for the love of music.

"I've always loved choral music," Gross said. "When I pick music, I pick music I think will touch someone. It's reactionary."

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Mike Gross leads the Plymouth Community Chorus in the group's annual Christmas concert Dec. 10-11 at Northville High School.

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(From left) Norm Kindred (bass), Jeanne Martin (alto) and Cindy Gross (alto) are among the more than 130 voices set to perform in the Plymouth Community Chorus Christmas concert Dec. 10-11.

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Shoppers get quick holiday start in search for bargains



Tabitha and Theresa Quinn take a noontime break after shopping since 7 a.m. Friday at Westland Shopping Center. The mother-daughter team is from Garden City.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Unlike millions of Americans, Julie Garlit of Plymouth generally spends her day-after-Thanksgiving decorating her Christmas tree, rather than risk the crowds pushing through local stores getting an early start on holiday shopping.

But this year, Garlit had seen something she wanted, so she braved the cold and the crowds of downtown Plymouth and left the tree for later.

"There was a coat in one store I didn't want to be gone," Garlit admitted, though she said she wound up passing on the coat. "And, of course, I stopped in every shop after that."

Shopping was fairly brisk, even in a struggling economy, for many of the stores in Plymouth's downtown shopping area.

Sharon Cross has been at Plymouth's Maggie and Me for 27 years, and she said business Friday was "pretty good."

"This year's a whole different year because of the economy," said Cross, who does a "little of everything" at Maggie and Me. "So far, though, it's been pretty good."

It was pretty good all around the area, where the sounds of the season are already flowing through area shopping malls, creating a soundtrack for the buying frenzy. Christmas carols fill shops, restaurants and corridors, and places like Livonia Mall and Westland Shopping Center even offer live entertainment to brighten the experience.

"I think it brings about the festive atmosphere," said Bobbi Gelman, marketing director of Livonia Mall. The

mall brings in jazz groups and school groups to entertain shoppers.

"When people come in, we want them to get that warm, fuzzy feeling that makes them want to come back," said Gelman, adding the mall offers easy in-and-out access. "Baby it's cold outside, but it's warm in here."

Denise Mills, marketing director of Westland Shopping Center, noted that The Phil Gram All-Stars jazz band have a standing performance on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 20 and Thursday, Dec. 15 at the mall, followed by a strolling barbershop quartet - Three D's & W's - who will make the rounds on Wednesday Dec. 14, 21 and Friday Dec. 16 and 23.

"The two entertainment groups have been coming to the mall for a number of years now," said Mills. "Not only do the merchants ask 'When are they coming back?' but the shoppers do also."

That's just one way to draw in shoppers. Another invokes the spirit of giving.

Westland Shopping Center, located at 35000 Warren Road, also functions as a drop-off center for new, unwrapped gifts meant as local Toys for Tots donations. In addition, mall visitors can stop by the Salvation Army's Giving Tree to find out what children in need might like for a holiday gift. Then, those gifts can be left at the security department for delivery.

The Community Hospice of Westland has placed a Tree of Memories at the shopping center, in remembrance of those who died this year. Purchase a gold angel at the mall or by calling (734) 522-4244.

And then of course, there is the requisite visit with Santa Claus.

The jolly old elf set up residence at Westland Shopping Center on Nov. 12 and will stay until Christmas eve, of course.

Kris Kringle's arrival at Livonia's Laurel Park Place came with much fan-fare. Santa was escorted by U.S. Army National Guardsmen on a Chinook helicopter when he showed up Nov. 5 at the mall, at Six Mile and Newburgh roads.

The stunt was part of a holiday effort to raise money for service members from Selfridge Air National Guard base and their families. Laurel Park Place is asking those who bring their kids to see Santa to bring a gas card, phone card or money to donate to the cause.

Across town, Livonia Mall offers visits with Santa from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Children receive a free gift with any visit. But they aren't the only ones expected to pose with the man in the red velvet suit. This year, Livonia Mall is bringing back its popular pet photo night. Pet owners can set up an appointment to bring in their dogs to have a photo taken with Santa on Monday, Dec. 5.

The mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads and caters to clientele from nearby cities, including Redford Township and Detroit. Gelman said the mall is proud to cater to a wide demographic of shoppers in a family-friendly environment.

"We're full for the holidays," said Gelman of the mall itself. "I think people will be pleasantly surprised. We have decorated and we have lots of holiday tenants."

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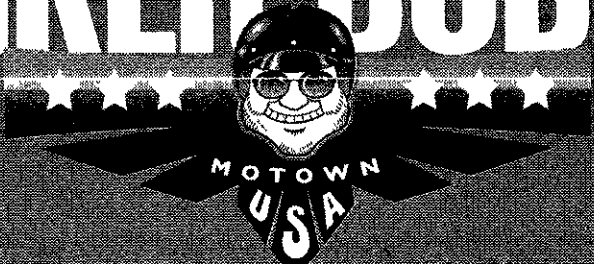
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The Metro Detroit Police and Fire Pipe and Drum Corps performs at the unveiling of the Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial in Pontiac.

New memorial pays tribute to fallen police, firefighters

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of police officers and firefighters from communities all over Michigan came to Pontiac Monday to witness the unveiling of the Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial on the north end of the Oakland County administrative campus.

The memorial features a firefighter and police officer, cast in bronze, kneeling before granite tablets engraved with the names of police and firefighters lost in the line of duty since 1864.

There are currently 761 names on the memorial and more will be added on an annual basis as more pass away and more are discovered historically. Since the unveiling of Phase I of the project in September of 2002, 19 police officers and firefighters have been added to the list.

The event, emceed by WOMC deejay Dick Purtan, featured prayers, remembrances by families of the fall-

en, a 21-gun salute by Oakland County Sheriff's deputies and a performance of *Amazing Grace* by the bagpipers of the Metro Detroit Police and Fire Pipe and Drum Corps.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said his years as a prosecutor and as the county's lead administrator has given him many opportunities to meet and interact with police and firefighters in Michigan.

"I've witnessed firsthand the courage of public safety officers," he said. "Everyday these men and women place themselves in harm's way. The people of Oakland County are proud of the quality of life here and that is enhanced by the police and fire departments serving here."

Equal to their courage, he said, is that of the families left behind by the tragedies inherent to public safety work.

Oakland County Sheriff's Chaplain William Waldmann said there are a number of support groups for families of the fallen both on the local and

national level.

"They take care of one another," Waldmann said. "When the incident is new they're very tight and they keep in touch throughout."

Eton Rapids Township Supervisor Linda Wilbur came to the unveiling Monday. Her husband, township Fire Chief Richard Wilbur, died in the line of duty nearly two years ago. She said the monument in Pontiac was a great tribute to him and others like him.

"I had been to the state (firefighter's) memorial in Roscommon and the national memorial (in Maryland)," Wilbur said. "This is nice, it's certainly a lot closer to home."

She said she's received a lot of support from groups connected with the national and state survivor's groups. Since visiting the national memorial, she's been talking to others via e-mail.

"It's nice to know you're not the only one having the same problems and feelings," Wilbur said.

WSU supports 'Kalamazoo Promise'

Wayne State University announced that students who enroll for fall 2006 at the university under The Kalamazoo Promise program will be offered a 50 percent reduction in their room costs in the WSU residence halls.

The offer will be good for four years to participating students providing they remain eligible for and are in receipt of a tuition scholarship from The Kalamazoo Promise.

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CANTON 21

State Football Finals — Division 1



Chiefs battle to the end

Big second half helps
Rockford defend title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Rockford successfully defended its Division 1 football title Saturday afternoon at Ford Field, but not before it was pushed to the absolute limit by never-say-die Canton.

The Rams (12-2) walked out of Ford Field with the championship trophy for the second consecutive year after outlasting the Chiefs, 31-21. Canton's most successful season in school history ended with an 11-3 record.

"Even though the season didn't end like I wanted it to, I'm very proud of this team," said Canton senior quarterback Shawn Little. "It was great playing with all these guys. No one ever quit. These guys are like my brothers and this team is like a family."

Canton coach Tim Baechler said his team wasn't intimidated by the Rams' impressive credentials.

"We thought we were going to win this game," Baechler said. "They came in with a lot of braggadocio and flair, but I guess they earned that. We didn't think they were as good as they thought they were, but it turns out they were."

The game's turning point unfolded mid-way through the third quarter when Rockford's defense stuffed Canton running back Deshon McClendon on a fourth-and-1 play at the Rams' 34.

Less than two minutes later, Rockford converted a fourth-and-8 play from Canton's 41 on a middle screen pass from quarterback Jon VonEschen to Callan Sherd that went to the Chief 25. Three plays later, VonEschen scrambled in from 21 yards out to give the Rams a 21-14 lead.

"We had to go for it on fourth down," Rockford coach Ralph Munger said. "We came here to win, not lose. The kids made a big play when we needed it."

Rockford padded its lead to 24-14 on Mark Schlaudt's 23-yard field with 7:48 left in the game. The kick was set up by Jeremy Jones' 43-yard punt return to the Canton 27.

The resilient Chiefs rebounded with an 11-play, 71-yard scoring drive to slice their deficit to 24-21 with 3:31 left. Sophomore running back Dalton Walser finished the drive with a 15-yard run on an option play.

Canton's onside kick on the ensuing kickoff was recovered by Rockford at mid-field. Two minutes later, Zach Breen sprinted in from 11 yards out to seal the win.

Canton outgained Rockford, 300-289, in total yards and won the first-down battle, 16-12.

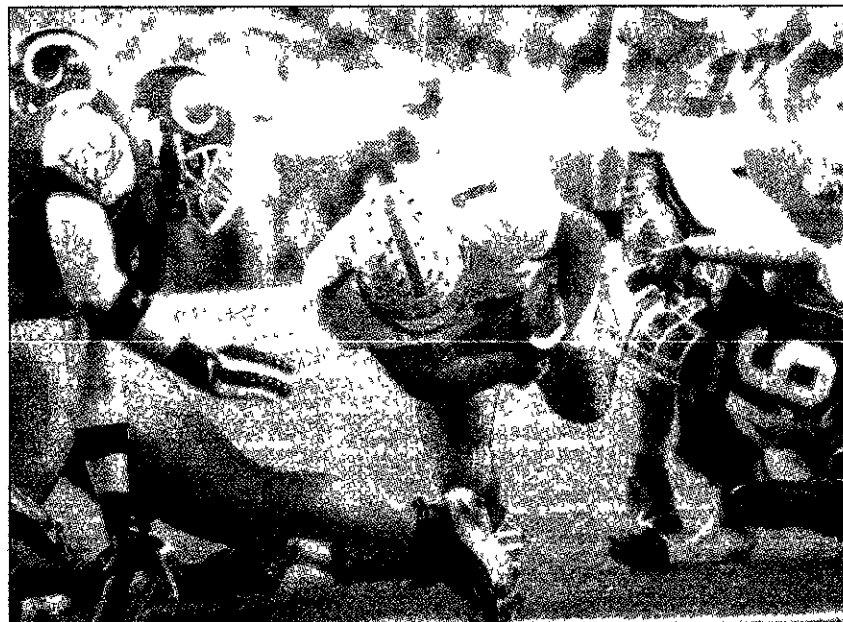
"Canton's line was huge and physical," said Rockford linebacker Charlie Haglund, who finished with 15 tackles. "That was the most physical high school football game I've ever played in."

McClendon, the Chiefs' leading rusher, picked up 89 yards on 20 carries and a pair of touchdowns. He also hauled in two Little passes — one a 41-yarder to set up



Canton's Andy Lafata and Shawn Little embrace moments after the Chiefs' 31-21 loss to Rockford in Saturday's Division 1 final. Little, a senior, threw for 77 yards and rushed for 12.

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Canton running back Deshon McClendon scores the Chiefs' first touchdown on a 1-yard run with 11:12 left in the second quarter.

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21	Rockford	31

Bennett's engine runs non-stop

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't difficult locating Salem's Jake Bennett on the soccer field this past fall.

He was the mid-fielder sprinting sideline-to-sideline in pursuit of the ball and any opposing player who may have possessed it.



Prep Profile

The tireless Bennett defined the phrase "non-stop competitor" as he was one of the main components in the Rocks' spectacular 14-6-4 season.

"Jake covered the most ground of anyone on our team," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, referring to his four-year letter-winner, who was named to the 2005 All-Observer boys soccer team. "He was all over the field. When the game was over, there was no doubt which player on the field had worked the hardest. It was



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem soccer player Jake Bennett is a high-energy, highly skilled competitor who covered a lot of ground as a mid-fielder for the Rocks the past four years.

PLEASE SEE BENNETT, B5

Richters named top soccer coach for '05

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

In many ways, Lars Richters is the face of Livonia Stevenson High boys soccer.

As a player, Richters played on back-to-back state championship teams in 1985-86 during his junior and senior years. In 1984, the Spartans were runner-up his sophomore season.

Richters went on to play at Yale University where he earned All-Ivy League honors as a defender his senior year followed by a seven-year stint (1991-98) in the indoor professional ranks with the Detroit Rockers.

He returned to his high school alma mater as varsity coach in 1998 where he replaced Walt Barrett and has continued the tradition of fine soccer compiling an impressive eight-year mark of 137-21-11.

This was Stevenson's most successful season under Richters as the Spartans finished 23-1-1, losing only to eventual state champion Warren DeLaSalle in the Division I state semifinals.

During the regular season Stevenson was ranked No. 1 and earned both Lakes Division and Western Lakes Activities Association championships, as well as winning both the district and regionals. For his efforts in 2005, the 36-year-old Richters has been selected by the Observer sports staff as Coach of the Year.

"We had a high level of character and above all else we came together as a team this season, maybe better than some in the past," said Richters, an English teacher at Stevenson. Richters spends his off-season coaching club soccer with the Michigan Wolves, along with his family, wife Amy (Trunk), a former soccer standout at Farmington High and University of Massachusetts; son Lukas, 5; and daughter Maia, 3.



Lars Richters
Stevenson coach

See All-Observer Boys Soccer team on Page B2.

Sidelines

Jaskot shines

Former Salem basketball player Kelly Jaskot turned in an outstanding performance for the University of Detroit Mercy in U of D's Nov. 22 game against the University of Kansas.

Jaskot tallied a team-high 19 points in just 20 minutes in the Titans' 70-68 loss to the Jayhawks. The senior was 4-for-8 from three-point range and 3-for-3 from the charity stripe.

The loss dropped U of D to 1-2. Kansas improved to 2-0.

Lady Ocelots No. 1

The national polls are out and there's plenty to shout about for Schoolcraft College players, coaches and fans.

That's because Schoolcraft's women's basketball team is ranked No. 1 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II basketball poll, following a 3-0 start to the season.

According to Lady Ocelots assistant coach Marty Simmonds, it is believed to be the first time Schoolcraft's women cagers landed on top of the list.

"Both myself and (head coach) Karen (Lafata) aren't sure we're the best team in the country yet," Simmonds said. "But we are off to a great start and thrilled to be ranked No. 1."

Schoolcraft is at the top of the poll with 60 points, followed by Genesee (N.Y.) Community College (56 points), Kirkwood (Mo.) CC (52), Mesa (Ariz.) CC (48) and Carl Sandburg (Ill.) College (44). Kalamazoo Valley CC is ninth with 28 points.

Simmonds said the highest previous ranking for the Lady Ocelots was No. 3 in a 1998-99 pre-season poll.

S'craft men No. 7

In the NJCAA Division I men's poll, Schoolcraft (4-0) is ranked No. 7 with 48 points, trailing first-place Chipola (Fla.) College (142 points), Indian Hills (Ia.) CC-Ottumwa (108), Cochise (Ariz.) College (92), Coffeyville (Kan.) CC (71), San Jacinto (Tex.) College-Central (62) and Mineral Area (Mo.) College (54).

Wrestling club

Practice for Salem's 2006 Team Chippewa begins Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Salem High School wrestling room. Team Chippewa will be participating in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY) season, which begins in January. Registration for the team is free. Kids 15 and under are eligible to compete.

For more information, call (734) 239-2922. Richard Jers will be led by a trio of local skaters, the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard hockey club defeated Fremont, Ohio, 5-3, Monday night at Yost Ice Arena. Freshman Nick Forbes' first goal of the season ignited the Irish, who also received a pair of goals from Jordan Niemann and Shaun Walters.

Spartans' quartet headlines All-Area boys soccer team

FIRST TEAM

Mitch Hildebrandt, Jr., GK, Liv. Stevenson: The junior, a first-team All-Area pick last year, finished the year with a 19-1-1 record, including 11 shutouts and only 11 goals-against, third all-time on the Stevenson charts.

"Mitch definitely has special qualities as a goalkeeper and as a person," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said of the first-team Division I All-Stater. "He's able to do special things like in our game with Ann Arbor Huron in the regional final when had shut them out and scored the game-winner (in the shootout)."

"We're fortunate to have him come back another year because he has the opportunity to go out as one of the best keepers every in this area."

Erik McKee, Sr. Def., Canton: McKee is a two-time first team All-Observer performer. He earned All-WLAA kudos for his hustling, always-around-the-ball efforts for the Chiefs' defense. His talents were so highly respected by coach George Tomasso that he was moved up to forward during the closing minutes of Canton's 1-0 loss to Saline in the district tournament. Only an outstanding save by the Hornets' goalie prevented McKee from tying the game at 1-1.

"Erik has a high level of talent combined with a lot of soccer knowledge," Tomasso said. "He's probably the most knowledgeable when it comes to our defensive system (flat four) of anyone on our team. He's a great leader and he will be missed next year."

Derek Herrmann, Sr. Def., Redford Thurston: The Eagles' team MVP and co-captain "managed the field" exceptionally well from his sweeper position, said head coach Kevin Spier, whose squad finished second in the Mega Conference's Blue largely thanks to solid team defense (1.0 goals-against average).

"He's a great tackler, he's got great speed, he clears the ball, passes well and he's excellent in the air," Spier said. "We only had one goal on a corner kick scored against us all year because he was always heading the ball out."

Beyond that, Herrmann's determination and leadership skills were outstanding. "He inspired other players to improve their game and he was the heart of the team."

Herrmann, an All-Mega Blue first-team selection, contributed two goals and two assists on the offensive end.

Joe Halewicz, Sr., D, Salem: Halewicz anchored the Rocks' an-

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GK-Mitch Hildebrandt, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
D-Erik McKee, Sr., Canton
D-Derek Herrmann, Sr., Red. Thurston
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MF-Jake Bennett, Sr., Salem
MF-Jason Gillow, Sr., Liv. Churchill
F-Bobby Merritt, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
F-Colin Rolfe, Soph., Plymouth

SECOND TEAM

GK-Ricardo Sanchez, Sr., Westland Glenn
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D-Eric Zach, Jr., Canton
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COACH OF YEAR
Lars Richters, Liv. Stevenson

HONORABLE MENTION
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crossed mid-field. His combination of speed and power made him a tough obstacle to overcome for opposing forwards. Halewicz, who also plays basketball for Salem, was voted to the WLAA All-Division team and to the All-District squad.

"Joe was a prototypical central back for us," McCarthy said. "He was a hard, aggressive tackler who could also help out our attack. He scored three goals off re-starts, so he was an all-around threat."

Kyle Thom, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The two-team All-Western Lakes pick and 2005 honorable mention All-State selection has been a three-year stalwart for the Spartans.

Thom finished with three goals and five assists this fall, but that's only part of the story.

"Kyle has been very unselfish and has been an admirable player because he'll do anything to help the team win," Richters said. "He's a quiet player who was the back-

varsity player earned second-team All-State honors in Division IV along with being named first-team All-Metro Conference.

Ramthun finished with 12 goals and eight assists.

"Kyle is the kind of guy wherever you put him, he's the best player in that spot," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "He can create opportunities in the midfield, yet he can be our best central defender or play up-front."

"He's a well-disciplined player who understands the game."

Garrett Fishaw, Sr., MF, Canton: Fishaw followed up an outstanding junior season (nine goals and 10 assists) with a stellar senior year. He was outstanding at possessing and passing the ball and he had the speed to turn any rush into a potential scoring opportunity. Fishaw was highly respected by opposing coaches and was named to the WLAA's All-Conference squad.

Luke Knochel, Jr. MF, Liv. Stevenson

finished the year with 25 goals and 18 assists.

"Luke made some incredible strides this year," Richters said. "He had an incredible year in terms of goals and assists, but he's not concerned about personal glory. As good as he is, his consistency and value to the team can only be measured in his selflessness."

Jake Bennett, Sr., MF, Salem: A four-year letter-winner, Bennett was an All-WLAA performer who also earned honorable mention All-State status. He scored six goals and racked up eight assists from the mid-field position.

"Jake was our central mid-fielder and he was probably best defensive player in the mid-field," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He also provided a lot of offense from the mid-field. He was a high-energy player and a workhorse for us. He was also our hardest-working player."

Jason Gillow, Sr. MF, Liv. Churchill: The senior center-midfielder earned All-Western Lakes and honorable mention All-State honors in Division I.

Gillow finished the year with 13 goals and six assists.

"Jason was the captain, the quarterback of our team," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "Everything came through him. He was our MVP and offensively was our most dangerous player. He made things happen."

Bobby Merritt, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The senior, who scored an area-best 29 goals and added 15 assists, earned All-WLAA and second-team All-State honors in Division I.

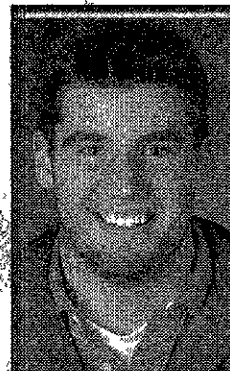
"Bobby was one of the most dangerous one-on-one players in the area and state this year," Richters said. "He greatly improved his finishing ability and it allowed him to have a good senior year."

"He's getting interest and he'll end up at a Division I school."

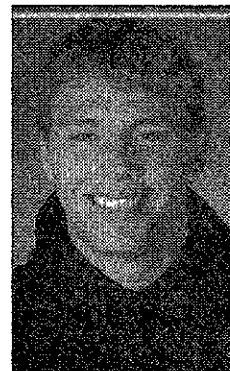
Colin Rolfe, Soph. F, Plymouth: Only a sophomore, Rolfe was the Wildcats' leading scorer, tallying 10 goals and six assists. Rolfe's efforts earned him several post-season honors, including WLAA All-Division, All-District, All-Regional and honorable mention All-State.

"Colin has tremendous skills on the ball," said Plymouth coach Jeffrey Neschich. "His knowledge of the game and the experience he has acquired from playing for his club team and the ODP (Olympic Development Program) brought a lot to our team."

"He improved tremendously from his freshman season. He would draw so much attention from the other team that it would



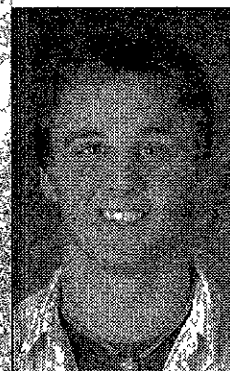
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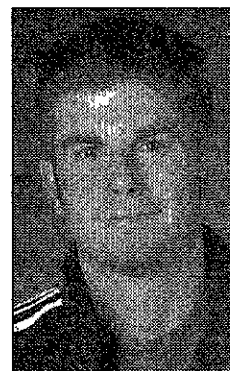
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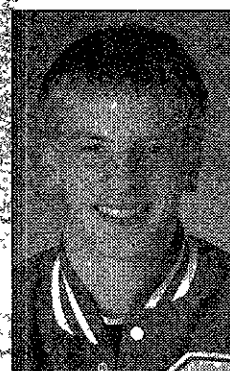
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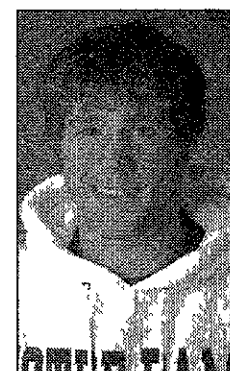
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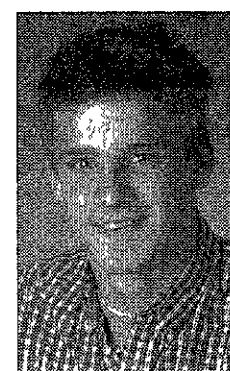
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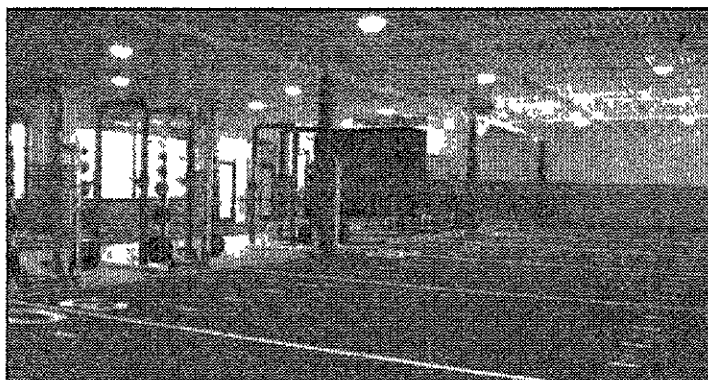


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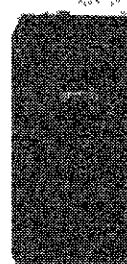
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Outstanding OLCG

The 2005 Our Lady of Good Counsel girls varsity soccer team recently completed a successful season that saw it finish 8-0-2 and earn a CYO Division G championship. The team outscored its opponents, 62-9, and recorded eight shutouts. Pictured are (kneeling from the left) Jenna Mizzi, Olivia Switala, Lauren Peters, Kirsten Salter, Alyse Calcaterra, Margaret Murphy (second row from left) Noelle Kirchmer, Megan Yanek, Molly Grady, Abigail Gorzalski, Paula Green, Sara Wright, Alyssa Garbarino, (back from left) Assistant Coach Dennis Clarke, Meghan Clarke, Morgan Huetter, Sydney DeLosh and Head Coach Dave Wright.

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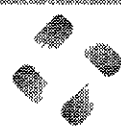
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Canton's Dalton Walser escapes the grasp of Lucas Galganski (15) as Andrew Bilski closes in. Walser finished with 70 yards rushing on 11 carries.

BATTLE

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Canton's first touchdown. Walser sprinted for 70 yards on 11 carries.

Little completed 4-of-12 passes for 77 yards. Two of his arials went to junior tight end Brandon Fender, who extended Canton scoring drives with both his catches.

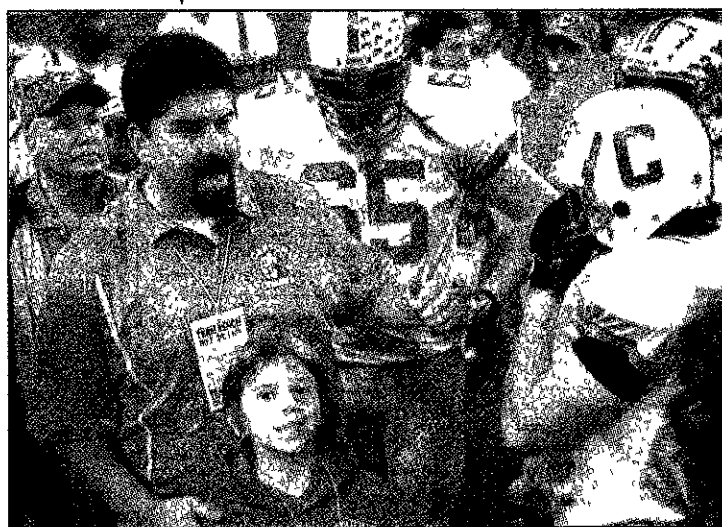
Breen led the Rams with 118 yards rushing on 17 attempts. VonEschen completed 7-of-14 throws for 129 yards.

Rockford scored first with 3:11 to go in the first quarter when Breen found an opening in the middle of the Canton defense and rumbled 52 yards to paydirt. Schlaudt's extra point made it 7-0.

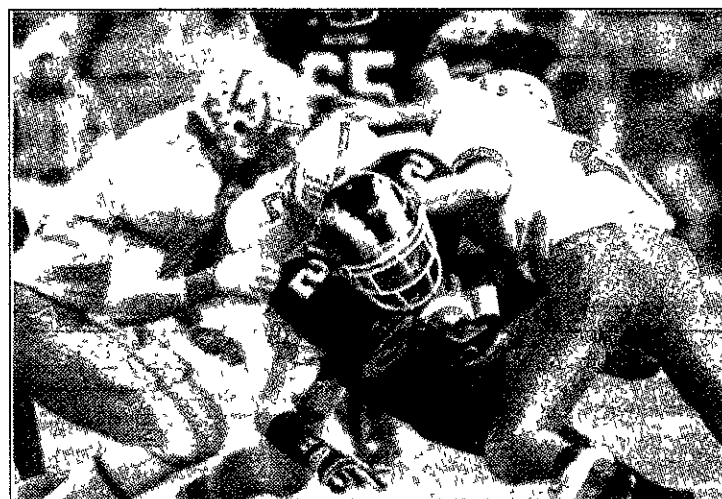
Canton scored on its next two possessions to take a 14-7 lead. McClendon scored both TD's — the first a 1-yard dive on fourth down with 11:12 left in the first half, and the second on a 29-yard run up the middle with 5:41 left in the half.

Rockford made it 14-14 with 2:54 left in the when Sherd scored on a 53-yard pass.

The Chiefs' defense was led by senior Andy Rossow and McClendon, both of whom were credited with seven tackles.



Coach Tim Baechler tells the Canton team of the pride that he feels at their winning season.



Canton's (left to right) Matt Sweda, Marwan Faraj and Chris Woudstra converge on Rockford receiver Callan Sherd during Saturday's Division I final game at Ford field. The Rams defended their title with a 31-21 victory.

A look back at Chiefs' golden season

Listed below is a game-by-game recap of the Canton football team's 2005 season.

■ **Week 1: Canton 42, Ann Arbor Pioneer 12** — The Chiefs open with a statement-making victory over highly respected Pioneer. Led by junior Deshon McClendon's 127 yards, Canton rushed for 370 yards and threw for 48 more.

■ **Week 2: Canton 24, Walled Lake Central 20** — Playing in their first game in over two years without senior quarterback Shawn Little, the Chiefs withstand a late Central rally to improve to 2-0. The game wasn't sealed until senior linebacker Marwan Faraj pounced on a fumble with just over a minute to play with the Vikings driving.

■ **Week 3: Walled Lake Western 21, Canton 14 (OT)** — The loss was the first WLAA setback for the Chiefs in over three years. Canton moved the ball, entering the "Red Zone" five times, but could not finish drives.

■ **Week 4: Livonia Franklin 13, Canton 7** — The Chiefs fell behind the resurgent Patriots 13-0 before linebacker Jeff Piper returned a fourth-quarter fumble 51 yards to make it close. However, Franklin's swarming defense hung on for the win.

■ **Week 5: Canton 55, Wayne 7** — The Chiefs took out their frustrations on the overmatched Zebras, sprinting to a 41-0 half-time lead.

■ **Week 6: Canton 35, Northville 0** — The Chiefs improved to 4-2 with a thorough white-washing of the host Mustangs. Little and McClendon both had big nights for the Chiefs offense while Faraj, Piper and Sweda made several big plays for the defense.

■ **Week 7: Canton 42, Plymouth 7** — In a much-anticipated showdown with cross-campus neighbor Plymouth, McClendon rushed for 144 on 18 carries to lead the Chiefs to their third straight win. Canton led just 7-0 at the half before scoring TD's on its first three drives of the second half.

■ **Week 8: Canton 41, Walled Lake Central 33** — The Chiefs trailed 27-7 at one point in the first half before storming back to

overtake the host Vikings. The victory improved Canton's record to 6-2 and clinched its sixth consecutive playoff berth. After a 1-yard TD run by Little and O'Shaunessy's extra point gave the Chiefs a 34-33 advantage, McClendon sealed it in the final minutes when he bolted 55 yards to paydirt then picked off a Central pass in the end zone.

■ **Week 9: Canton 33, Salem 12** — Two of Canton's smaller players — 5-foot-8 Chris Woudstra and the 5-6 McClendon — put up big stats against the cross-campus Rocks.

Woudstra rushes four times for 54 yards and hauls in a 76-yard TD pass from Little, and McClendon tallies 136 yards rushing and three TD's.

■ **Playoffs (round 1): Canton 42, Monroe 34** — The "Comeback Kids" overcome an early 20-7 deficit to rally for a thrilling victory. The Chiefs rolled to 429 yards on the ground and did not throw a pass.

McClendon had his most productive night of the season, gaining 255 yards on 20 attempts. Matt Sweda had a huge night, too, rushing for 116 on just seven carries. Canton led for the first time — 21-20 — when Sweda

found the end zone from 13 yards out and O'Shaunessy drilled the extra point with 1:47 left in the first half.

■ **Playoffs (round 2): Canton 63, Detroit Cody 34** — The Chiefs' offensive juggernaut was in high gear against the Comets as Canton racked up 508 total yards. Rossow was the main man, picking up 138 total yards and three scores.

■ **Playoffs (round 3): Canton 48, Detroit King 21** — The Chiefs earned the school's first Division I semi-final berth when they handily trounced King thanks to 450 yards on the ground.

Canton's defense — led by Jeff Piper, O'Shaunessy, Konrad Konsitzke and Rossow — shined, containing King's high-powered offense for most of the night.

■ **Playoffs (round 4): Canton 35, Macomb Dakota 21** — The Chiefs orchestrated their third impressive comeback in five weeks when they overcame an early 14-0 hole to earn a berth in the Division 1 state final game against Rockford.

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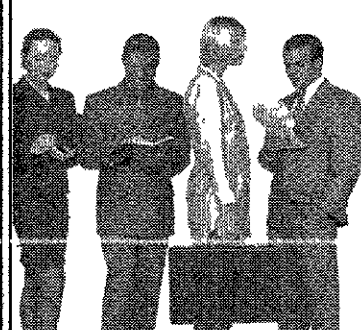
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Madonna softball team to host hitting camp

Madonna University head softball coach Al White and his staff is hosting a three-hour softball hitting camp 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday, Dec. 11, followed by two sessions of a fundamentals camp in January-March.

The Dec. 11 session is \$30 per girl, ages 7-18. For more information, call (734) 432-5783.

Meanwhile, the two sessions of MU's fundamentals camp — also for girls ages 7-18 — are slated as follows: Session 1: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Session 2: 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 12.

The price to participate in one of the four-week funda-

mentals camps is \$150. Checks should be made payable to Madonna Softball, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150-1173.

In a flyer distributed by White, 2004 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference coach of the year, the fundamentals camps are "designed to provide the player with specialized instruction covering all phases" of playing fastpitch softball.

Madonna coaches and players will work with the girls, who should bring a glove, bat and gym shoes.

For more information about the clinic, please call (734) 432-5783, (734) 495-3719 or (734) 771-1732.

BENNETT

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always Jake."

While Bennett can dribble the ball with the best of them, he could also get physical when the situation demanded physicality.

"One of Jake's best attributes is his aggressive style of play," McCarthy said. "His defending skills are outstanding."

IN THE GENES

Bennett inherited his toughness from two main sources: his brothers and his wrestling background. Both of Bennett's older brothers, Geoff (Salem '98) and Andrew (Salem '02) were high school wrestlers. Their passion for the sport rubbed off on their younger brother, who has excelled on the mat since his freshman year.

Last year, he was within one victory — and a single point — from advancing to the Division 1 state meet.

"I work at the school store and there is a lot of food around, so it's going to be hard keeping my weight down this year," Bennett joked. "Having two older brothers in wrestling really got me interested in it. If they wouldn't have been involved in wrestling, I don't know if I would have got into it."

Bennett wrestled at 145 last season, but said he will be dropping to 140 this year.

Although he thoroughly enjoys seeking pins and full-nelsons during the winter months, soccer is still No. 1 in his athletic book. He picked the game up as a second-grader growing up in Indiana and has never stopped playing.

"I love soccer more than anything," he said. "I like it so much, I plan on playing in college."

PRODUCTIVE FRESHMAN

Bennett caught the Rock coaches' eyes early on in his high school career. After starting his ninth-grade season on the

Salem junior varsity, he was promoted to varsity around the mid-season point. It turned out to be a memorable half-season for the 14-year-old.

"We made it all the way to the state final game against Rochester that year," Bennett said. "That was probably the highlight of my career at Salem. I got to play in all the district, regional and final games. There aren't a lot of freshmen who can say that."

Bennett posted huge offensive numbers for a mid-fielder, tallying eight goals and 10 assists.

"I thought we did all right this year," Bennett said. "We didn't lose any of our big games, except for the district game to Huron (1-0)."

Bennett shared some unusually strong chemistry with one of his teammates this season — his brother, Tom, who is a junior.

"I played mid-field and he was a forward, so I had to give the ball up to him a lot," Bennett said, chuckling. "It was fun, though, being on the same team with my brother. It gave us a chance to talk a lot."

THANKS, MOM

Sheryl Bennett, mother of Jake, Tom, Geoff and Andrew, is one of the hardest-working soccer moms he knows, Bennett said.

"She deserves a lot of credit," he said.

"With four boys, she was always taking one of us to a game or something, especially when we were younger. We still have a calendar hanging up that shows who's playing where and when."

Bennett's academic skills match his athletic prowess. He's earned a solid 3.4 grade-point average and is "70 percent sure" he's going to attend the academically challenging Kalamazoo College next fall.

"They've already offered me a chance to play soccer there, so I'm definitely interested," he said. "I have some friends who go there now and they've told me good things about the school."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOCKEY CLINICS

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

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GCYBSA NEWS

As it prepares for the 2006 season, the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association has developed a short survey that it would like residents to fill out so that it can get feedback and suggestions for the upcoming year. The survey can be found at the following Web site: csc.canton-mi.org.

Mail-in and walk-in registration for the GCYBSA's 2006 campaign will begin Jan. 16 at the Summit on the Park and the Canton Sports Center. Two general mass registrations will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. and on Sunday March 12 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Summit.

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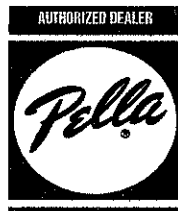
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Whalers acquire Cunningham

Plymouth Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci announced the acquisition of center Evan Brophey and defenseman Wes Cunningham — along with a fourth-round draft choice in 2006 — from the Belleville Bulls in exchange for center Cory Tanaka and Plymouth's second-round draft choices in 2006 and 2007.

"It's tough trading Cory," Vellucci admitted. "He is a great hockey player and a quality individual. In making the trade, we had a chance to acquire two of our needs — a number one center and another experienced defenseman. You have to give up quality to get quality."

"I can speak for our entire organization that we will miss Cory. We wish him the best."

The 19-year-old Brophey is Belleville's leading scorer with nine goals and 17 assists in 22 games. Originally selected by the Barrie Colts in the second round (37th overall) in the 2002 Ontario Hockey League Draft, Brophey was acquired by Belleville last season and has scored 63 goals with 85 assists for 145 points in 213 career games in the OHL. Brophey was taken in the third round (68th overall) by the Chicago Blackhawks in the 2005 National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Brophey could return to Plymouth next season as an overage player.

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Whalers president Mike Vellucci

Cunningham, 18, was originally drafted by Owen Sound in the second round (23rd overall) of the 2003 OHL Draft and acquired by Belleville last season. Cunningham, who has two goals, four assists and 26 penalty minutes this season, has four goals, 26 assists and 138 penalty minutes in 140 career games in the OHL.

Tanaka, 17, was selected by Plymouth in the second round (29th overall) in the 2004 OHL Draft and scored 10 goals with 11 assists for 21 points and 49 penalty minutes in 67 games last season. This season, Tanaka has two goals with three assists and 20 penalty minutes in 21 games.

Whalers win on Collins' goal

Dan Collins' team-leading 19th goal at 2:05 of overtime capped a comeback for the Plymouth Whalers as they defeated the Sarnia Sting, 4-3, in overtime in an Ontario Hockey League game played Wednesday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth (13-7-1-2) rallied from deficits of 2-0 and 3-1 to come all the way back for the victory. The loss was the six straight for Sarnia and dropped its record to 10-13-0-0.

John Vigilante and James Neal recorded one goal and one assist each for Plymouth. Steve Ward scored the other Whalers' goal while Vaclav Meidl chipped in with three assists. Richard Clune, Jamie Fraser and Chad Painchaud scored single goals for Sarnia.

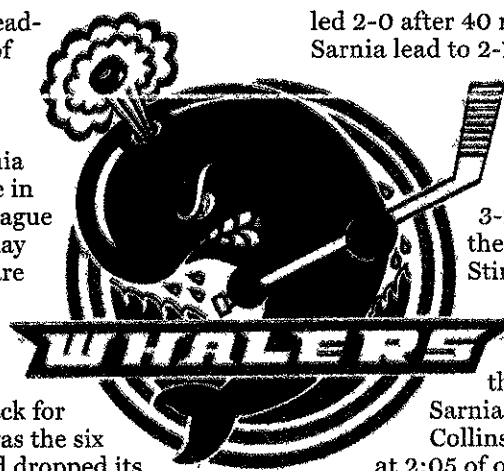
Following a scoreless first period, Sarnia got goals 1:34 apart in the second period from Clune (left wing in tight at 10:08) and Fraser (snap shot from the slot at 11:42). The Sting

led 2-0 after 40 minutes. Vigilante cut the Sarnia lead to 2-1 at 1:18 of the third period, but Painchaud scored on a short-handed breakaway at 5:39 to improve the Sting's lead to 3-1.

Neal cut the Sarnia lead to 3-2 when he roofed a shot from the right wing doorstep of the Sting goal at 9:09 and Ward scored 1:41 later at 10:50 of the third period when he wristed a loose puck through traffic in front of the Sarnia goal to tie the game at 3-3.

Collins gave Plymouth its only lead at 2:05 of overtime when he took Meidl's pass on the left wing in the Sarnia zone and best Sting goaltender Parker Van Buskirk with a shot from the lower rim of the left circle.

The game marked the debut of two new Whalers — center Evan Brophey and defenseman Wes Cunningham — acquired on Wednesday from Belleville along with a fourth-round draft choice in 2006 in exchange for center Cory Tanaka and two second-round draft choices. Brophey and Cunningham played regular shifts and did not score.



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Despite graduation losses, Canton icers are optimistic

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Graduation hit the Canton hockey team like a steam-rolling check into the boards during the off-season.

But the absence of several of the Chiefs' key players from last season's solid 15-7-3 effort — Mike Kondratek, Brian Wioncek, Reece McCabe and Tony Hylko, to name a few — hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of this year's young and inexperienced team, according to second-year head coach Mike Behen.

"We lost 90 percent of our minutes and 90 percent of our scoring from last year's team to graduation," Behen said, "but the kids we have returning are very motivated and they are working very hard. We're very young, but we're

getting better every day. I expect us to be very strong by the end of the season."

Leading the Chiefs onto the ice for the 2005-06 season will be a trio of senior captains: Brett Giacomino, Kevin Tollison and Kyle Kowalski. Giacomino and Kowalski will help pace the Canton offense while Tollison will anchor its defense.

"Brett Has great offensive instincts," Behen said. "He will provide us with a lot of our goals this season. He's a good leader, too. He was a big part of organizing our off-season program."

"Kevin is going to have a giant year, absolutely giant. He has to in order for the team to do well. It's his time to shine. We moved him to defense this year and he played great in our first game (a 4-2 loss to Chippewa Valley). He's a good captain, too, because he's all for the

team.

"Kyle was voted captain by his teammates and it was well-deserved. He's one of our hardest workers and he does a lot of the little things that players need to do to win."

Leading the Chiefs' offensive lines will be seniors Pat Gallagher, Andy Barylski and Sean Ruman; juniors Brad Barath, J.P. LaFontaine and Jesse Plepsch; and sophomore C.J. Wies.

Plepsch and LaFontaine are both first-year players who should have an instant impact in the scoring department.

"They've both been pleasant surprises for us," Behen said. "Jesse is one of those kids that looks like he could be a prospect."

"Brad Barath is one of those kids that comes to every practice ready to work. He gets better every day and I'm expecting a lot out of him."

And Pat is going to have an enormous year for us."

Replacing Hylko in front of the net for the Chiefs will be senior net-minder Nick Basel and sophomore Kevan Swanberg, who will split the No. 1 duties, Behen said.

"Nick has only played goalie for about a year," Behen said. "He'll stop the puck, but he's still learning technique. Swannie is a gamer. I've been very impressed with him. He's one of those kids who, by the time he's a senior, will be an All-State type of player, or at least All-Conference."

Among those players manning the blue line for the Chiefs will be senior Shane Roring and freshman Donnie Barlow.

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Salem wins opener of holiday tournament, 3-2

The final game of the 2005 Salem Thanksgiving Invitational hockey tournament will have some hometown flavor.

The host Rocks advanced to Saturday's championship game when they dispatched Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 3-2, Friday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Salem will take on Chippewa Valley, which ousted Canton, 4-2, Friday afternoon. Due to deadline restrictions, the results from Saturday's title showdown will appear in Thursday's edition of the Observer.

Salem, which improved to 2-0 with the win, broke a scoreless tie when Kris Brant scored on an assist from Steve Heisler at the 10:42 mark of the sec-

ond period. The Rocks doubled their lead to 2-0 with 57 seconds left in the period on Heisler's goal. He was assisted by Evan Meibers and Jason Sharrow.

Northern knotted the score at 2-2 with third-period tallies from Luke Swardenski and Ben Biondo, but Salem won it with 3:16 to play when senior captain Dave Carey found the back of the net. Brant and Heisler assisted on the game-winner.

Ralph Aspenwall earned the victory in front of the net for the Rocks. Last week, Aspenwall was sensational in the Rocks' season-opening 1-0 victory over Troy.

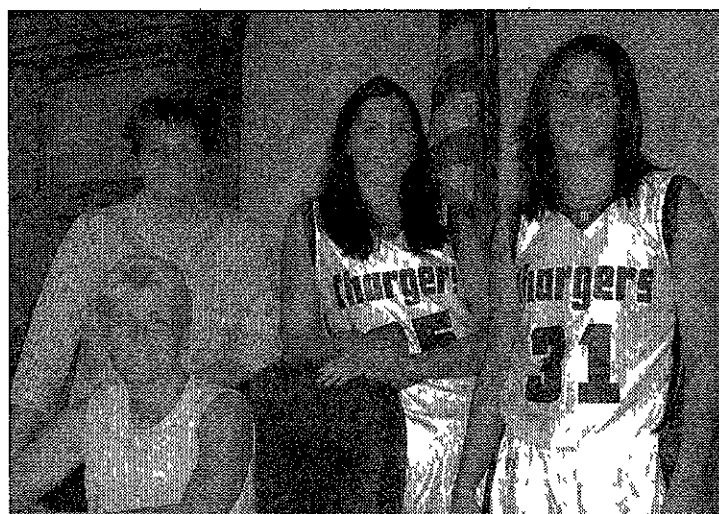
CHIPPEWA VALLEY 4, CANTON 2: Brett Giacomino scored both goals for the

Chiefs, who dropped their season-opener in the first round of the Salem Thanksgiving Invitational. Pat Gallagher and Kevin Tollison assisted on Giacomino's goals.

Sophomore net-minder Kevan Swanberg suffered the defeat in goal for the Chiefs. Canton out-shot Chippewa Valley, 29-23.

"I thought we played well, considering it was our first game of the season," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "We played hard, but we had a hard time getting things going offensively."

The Chiefs had two goals disallowed — one because it was ruled to be batted in the net while the other came a split-second after the referee had blown his whistle.



The next level

Former Canton High School basketball standout Katie Cezat (second from right) has taken her talents to Hillsdale College. Cezat graduated from Canton as the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. She is pictured above with (from the left) head coach Claudette Charney (seated), assistant coach Tracy Bruno and incoming Hillsdale freshman Claire Aubrey.



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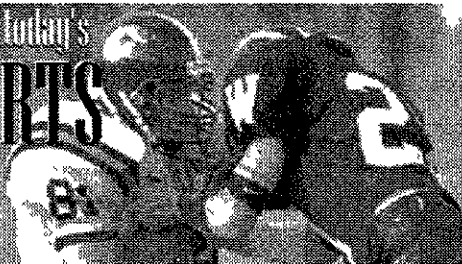
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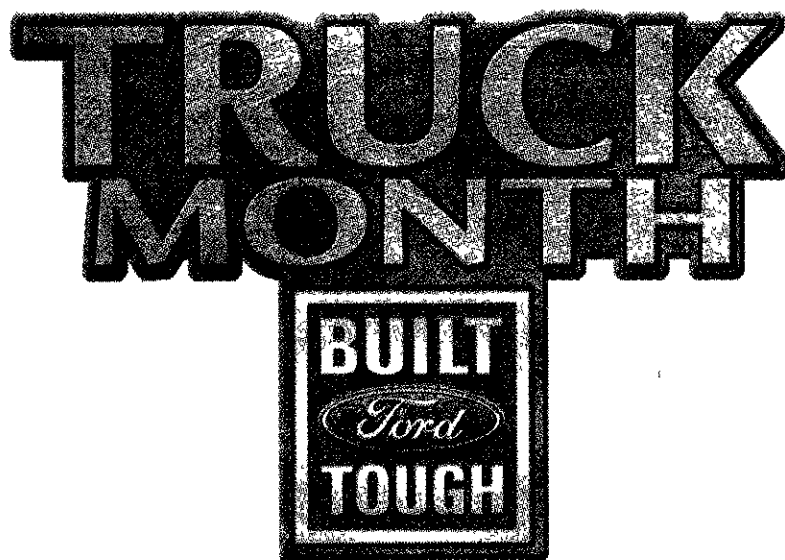
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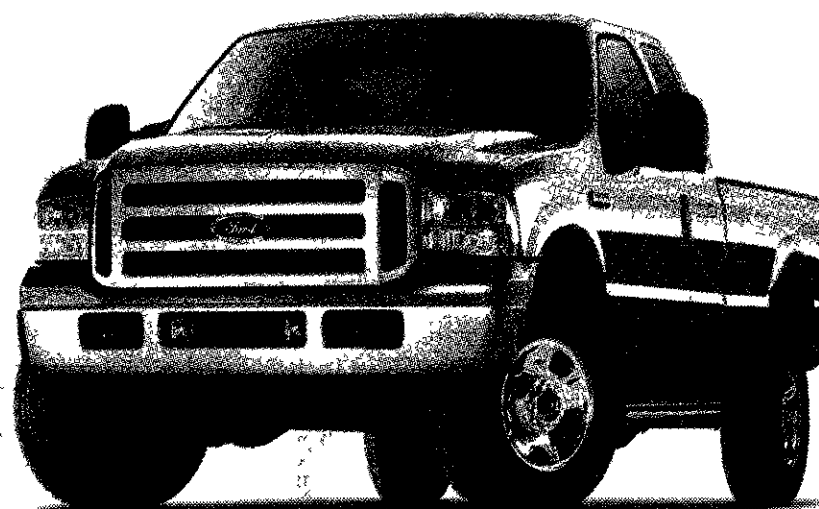
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On Parenting

Terry Wilamowski

Respect privacy of your child

My wife and I are fighting about our jobs as parents. It all started when my 12-year-old daughter left her diary on her bed and I began to read it. When I told my wife what I had done, she was furious and accused me of being a spy on our own children. I don't think that what I did was so terrible. I found out some things about my daughter that I wouldn't have known otherwise. I did not read anything that made me feel angry or worried, in fact, I am really proud of the things that she wrote and how she is maturing. Still, my wife wants me to confess to my daughter and promise to never do it again. I don't want to do this and I can't say that I will never read it again because I found it very comforting to know these things about my daughter. Who is right on this one?

Al, Dearborn Heights

I do not doubt that you gained valuable insight into your daughter's thoughts and feelings by reading her diary. After all, she probably views her diary as the one place in the world where she can express herself without fear of anyone else intruding on these personal writings. Your unwillingness to confess your actions to your daughter suggests that you know that you were in the wrong. By reading her innermost and private thoughts, you invaded her space and deprived her of trust and respect. How can she develop a sense of privacy and respect for others if she cannot experience these things for herself? As a parent, it is your responsibility to help her develop these qualities and this cannot be accomplished if you are not willing to set an appropriate example. I am a firm believer that a child has a right to privacy.

As an adult, there are times in which trust is superceded by concern, such as when there are significant safety or health issues, but these are the exception rather than the rule.

You seem to be impressed by your daughter's maturity and thoughts and feel that there is no other way for you to gain access to this information. I can think of a much more effective and healthy way: talk with her. If you want to know what she thinks and feels, ask her. She will probably never confide all of her secrets to you, but the interactions will provide each of you with enough information about one another to foster a positive relationship. One last point needs to be made. I know that this will be difficult for you but I think that you do need to confess to your daughter. She will be angry with you, and she has every right to be, but it will be the first step on the way toward building greater trust and respect.

My nephew is 4 years old and has recently been diagnosed with ADHD. I don't think that he is old enough to be diagnosed in this way. What do you think?

Pam, via Internet

I agree with you, Pam, in most situations a 4-year-old is too young to be diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. It is just too difficult to differentiate between problematic childhood behaviors and developmentally appropriate ones. To add to the confusion, a preschooler often lacks the verbal skills necessary to describe his own concerns and relies heavily on his behavior for expression.

Terry Wilamowski is a therapist specializing in the treatment of children and families at Davis Counseling Center in Farmington Hills. Questions can be sent to parents@daviscounseling.com.

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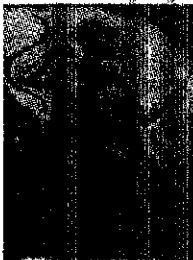
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Villainous role

Rat Kings take a stab at Nutcracker

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER



Martha Johnston

David Rivera clutches his chest then dies on the floor. Dancing the Rat King role in The Nutcracker is no piece of cheese. As the villain he's a marked man – but that's what makes it so much fun. Rivera, a Southfield resident, is just one of the local dancers drawing their swords for a climactic duel in Tchaikovsky's classic tale. Lauren Jones of Westland is dragged off stage by mice after meeting her match in the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company production Dec. 3-4. Farmington Hills dancer Janelle Jonna dons a purple flowing cape with the Livonia Civic Ballet Company Dec. 10-11. Rivera joins Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet for performances Dec. 16-18, at Groves High School in Birmingham. All three are thrilled to be performing in the ballet about Clara, a little girl who dreams of a nutcracker doll coming to life. And after all, the Rat King isn't totally evil. He has a soft spot in his heart as protector of the mice.

"It's a good role. I like working with the little mice," said Janelle Jonna, who began her dancing career 12 Nutcrackers ago as a mouse. At age 3 she was among the youngest to play the role. Since then she's gone on to study at her mother's studio, Suzanne's Main Street Dance Centre in Milford. In addition to taking 12 to 15 classes a week, she performs with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.

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Ian Smith of Canton is one of the mice in the Plymouth-Canton Ballet's production of The Nutcracker.



From left, David Rivera, Janelle Jonna of Farmington Hills and Lauren Allen say 'cheese' as they pose as Rat Kings in local productions of 'The Nutcracker.'



Lauren Allen (top) protects all of the little mice in the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company's production.

Artists show off their talents at St. Mary Mercy Hospital

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Eileen Reddington doesn't want to draw attention to herself. She just wants to make sure everyone knows about the works on display at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia exhibition at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

The 81-year-old painter is especially proud of her country scene with a red barn, but is quick to mention that Livonia artist Audrey Harkins won the Briget Mair Award for her watercolor Where Have All the Followers? – and Morand Zimmer took first place in

the exhibit presented by the hospital's Committee for the Establishment of a Healing Environment.

It's obvious Reddington admires her artist friends whether they belong to VAAL or the Farmington Artists Club of which she is a member.

Reddington, who studied watercolor with Edie Joppich and Marge Chellstorp, majored in art at Madonna University where Sister Angeline taught her how to paint in oils. In Reddington's early years, she studied at the Toledo Museum of Art and Toledo University. Later, she exhibited at many fine

art shows including the one sponsored by Canton Project Art.

"I like competitiveness," said Eileen Reddington, a Livonia resident who's been painting for more than 30 years. "I did Purple Harvest from a still life set up at Audrey's house. I take photos and paint from them or exaggerate an illustration in a magazine. It's impressionistic. I make it to represent a tree, but not exactly."

In addition to being a member of various art clubs, Reddington is active in Livonia Friends & Neighbors, a group that takes over where the Welcome Wagon leaves off.

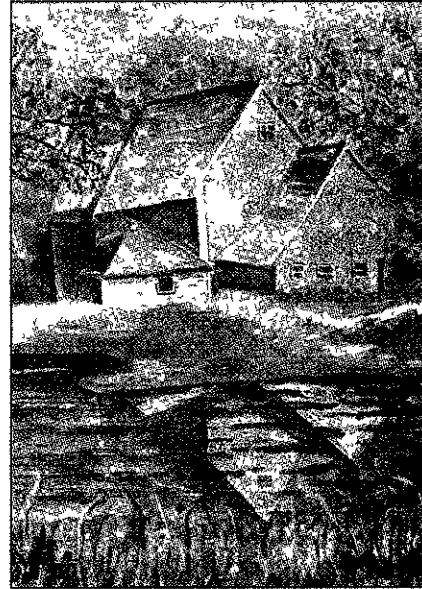
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The VAAL exhibit continues to Dec. 2, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan.

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Eileen Reddington of Livonia painted this barn scene, one of the works in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia exhibit at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

NUTCRACKER

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North Farmington High School.

"The mouse is always their first role," said Jean Newell, Livonia Civic Ballet artistic director. "He's a rat and he's a king. He comes to life because of the little mice. The Rat King has to be energetic and acrobatic. We want it to look dangerous."

"But we don't want anybody getting hurt," adds Dawn Greene, Plymouth Canton Ballet artistic director.

NO TENSION

Although dancers are competitive people, it's obvious there's no tension between the companies. Each has been doing their version of Tchaikovsky's tale for more than 20 years, and each is different. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, provides the music for the Plymouth-Canton Ballet. All of the companies use more than 50 dancers to create their spectaculars.

"Our mice throw cheese at the Nutcracker," said Greene who's especially proud of one of the mice, her grandson Ian Smith, 7. A Canton resident, he's been taking ballet, tap and jazz since age 4.

Lauren Allen of Westland

first played a mouse at age 8. She's now a 16-year old Rat King in the Plymouth-Canton Ballet production. A student at Churchill High School in Livonia, she takes 9 classes a week at Encore Dance Academy in Westland.

"It's a new part for me," said Allen, who's been a cheerleader and played girls basketball at Churchill. "I like lots of challenges. It's a long scene. I prepare by making sure I know my part, make sure the Nutcracker and I are on cue so no one gets hurt."

David Rivera learned about taking safety precautions long before he danced the Rat King role last year, so he's not worried. Now 12, Rivera took fencing lessons three years ago at the Detroit Renaissance Club. What does keep him up nights is wondering if the little mice will be able to drag his body off stage, and whether he'll be able to light the flash paper for the pyrotechnics that mark his entrance. Last year, the flash paper and lighter didn't work the first two times.

"Last year it was difficult at 80 pounds for them to drag me off. This year I weigh 110 pounds," said Rivera, "but it's a lot of fun."

While Rivera enjoys participating in competitive sports, he wasn't quite sure about taking on the role of the Rat King. His sisters Sara, 14, and Bethany, 9,

both hounded him until he did. Both have roles in the Nutcracker and study at Birmingham Dance Academy. "My sisters were telling me why I should be Rat King, but I couldn't dance," said Rivera, who did learn the moves necessary to play his part.

FAMILY AFFAIR

All of the productions have nagging sisters and doting parents playing roles or working behind the scenes. Eric Johnston's wife Martha did all the art for the Detroit Ballet production. Francis Allen, Lauren's mother, makes sure she's on cue to add dry ice to the fog machine for the Snow scene. She is quick to downplay her part.

"Lauren was only 3 when I asked her if she wanted to do ballet and started taking lessons at the Y in Westland," said Frances Allen. "Every year she'd ask, 'mom can I do lyrical, can I do hip hop, can I add one more class.' She's competed since the age of 6."

Greene is equally quick to add that her daughter Dawnell Dryja is returning to the Sugar Plum Fairy role with the Plymouth Canton Ballet, but only for the Canton performances. Afterwards, Dryja returns to the Grand Rapids Ballet as a dancer and teacher. Dryja's husband Calin Radulescu, a professor at Grand Valley State University, plays the Cavalier.

The Livonia Civic Ballet brings in Olivier Munoz and Ana Lobe, both formally with the Cleveland/San Jose Ballet, for the production staged by Newell and daughter Arnell St. Juliana.

Eric Johnston, on the other hand, believes only in featuring dancers from his schools - Birmingham Dance Academy and Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills.

"It's our schools that are performing. Old alumni come back and perform. We have a few college kids, moms coming back and we have a new Sugar Plum Fairy, Sara Rivera, who's danced with me since age 4. That's especially meaningful," said Johnston, a 49 year old Farmington Hills resident. Johnston's been dancing in Nutcrackers since he was 17. Over the years he's had roles in Cincinnati Ballet, National

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Ballet of Mexico and London Ballet Theater productions. This year he dances as the Cavalier.

"What special for me is seeing my young dancers doing the same parts that I did when I was a young professional and that they're from Detroit and doing as good a job as anybody around the world. You don't have to go to Chicago, New York, London or Paris to have an artistic evening. It's a great opportunity for people to go to theater and see ballet. Everyone is doing it on different levels, the same ballet that pulls at heart strings. You can see it live the way ballet should be."

Plymouth-Canton Ballet performances run 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 children, \$5 for Sugar Plum Tea tickets after matinees. Call (734) 451-2112.

Livonia Civic Ballet, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$15 adults, \$11 seniors (55 and older) and students, \$9 ages 5-9 and groups of 12 or more, free for children 4 and under. Call (734) 427-9103 or visit Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington, Livonia.

Detroit Ballet, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 16-17, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Groves High School, 13 Mile and Evergreen, Birmingham. Tickets \$4. Call (248) 642-4292.

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Take precautions to prevent sexual assault

Rape is an unpleasant subject - even more so in dating relationships. We don't want to think about it. Please review the information below very carefully, and then discuss it thoroughly with your teen.

Although this crime is most often committed against women and girls, teenage boys are vulnerable, too. Most people find it unbelievable, but boys are at great risk because they do not even consider it a possibility and have no idea what to do. Young men are also less likely to report a rape because of the shame involved.

Not all rapes can be prevented, but taking some precautions can reduce the risk. Teach your son or daughter these rules:

■ Know what your sexual limits and values are.

■ No always means NO. It doesn't matter what the circumstances are. No means NO. It is never OK to force yourself on someone.

■ Speak up immediately! Silence can be misinterpreted as consent. State your feelings clearly and firmly.

■ Stay alert. Drug and alcohol use, besides being illegal, reduces a person's ability to evaluate potentially dangerous situations.

■ Do what it takes to stay safe. Scream, yell, or get angry if you must.

SELF-DEFENSE STRATEGIES

Your teen's gut feelings about a situation may be the most important self-defense tool he or she has. Discuss these points:

■ If a situation feels unsafe, it probably is. Stay calm, and do not panic.

■ If at all possible, get away to somewhere safe and seek help immediately. Never stay in a situation that makes you uncomfortable, whether that is on a date or while walking home alone.

■ Always have enough money for a phone call and a bus or cab fare home.

■ Talk to the attacker about family and parents. You may make him see you as more than an object.

■ Make a scene. Shout, "This man is bothering me!"

■ Fight back. Fighting may stop the assault and create a moment to get away, or it



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

may increase the attack. It is worth a try.

Do not let shock, anger, or embarrassment keep you from getting your teen immediate help. You can call a 24-hour crisis line for help. Check your yellow pages under "Crisis Intervention," "Hotlines and Helping Lines," or call your local hospital.

1. Report the assault to the police in the city in which the crime occurred. This step should be taken with your teen's consent as soon as possible after the attack.

2. Seek medical attention. Avoid letting your teen bathe or shower until after the exam, and bring the clothes that were worn during the assault to the hospital.

Most insurance policies will cover the medical exam. If you are uninsured, you may be eligible for crime victim compensation. Your local rape crisis program or prosecuting attorney's office can help you file a claim.

Put this column in your teen's wallet, after discussions.

Resources for parents: *What Parents Need To Know About Dating Violence: Learning the Facts and Helping Your Teen* by Barrie Levy and Patricia Griggans (Seal Press, 1995, \$12.95)

Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges of Young Lives by Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D. (Bridge Communications Inc., 2000, \$14.95) Excellent chapter: "Teens and Violence."

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at

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

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

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Entertainment books

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

■ The Plymouth Optimists are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books, with all proceeds helping children throughout southeastern Michigan. Price is \$25. Books are available at Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth, or home delivery is available. Call (734) 453-8253 for details.

■ The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities. The book offers 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts on restaurants, travel, recreation, hotel stays, entertainment and sporting events. The book is being offered at a special fund-raising price of \$25, and can be delivered, if the purchaser desires. Order books by calling Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6829.

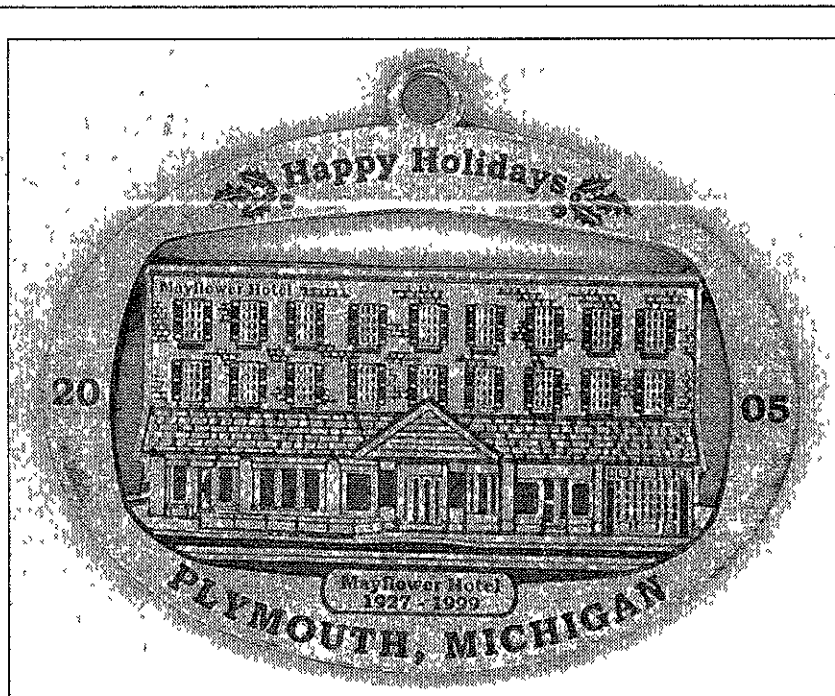
■ Members of the Plymouth Symphony League are selling the 2006 entertainment book, offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The books is priced at \$25, with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony. Books can be picked up 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.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. We will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. The next CLC training sessions are from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 14 and Jan. 21 at the Canton Public Library. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Youth theater

Northville Youth Theater presents "The Princess and the Pea" at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 and 2:30 and 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main in Northville. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale now at the Recreation Center at Hillside (700 W. Baseline). Call (248) 349-0203, Ext. 141 for more information. The program is presented by Northville Parks and Recreation and Ever



Ornamental offering

The Plymouth Symphony League is introducing their 10th and final Pewter Ornament, "The Mayflower Hotel." Ornaments are \$8 each and can be purchased at Sideways, The Village Shopkeeper and the Plymouth Symphony Office. For more information on the PSO's 60th Anniversary "Diamond Jubilee" season, or to purchase tickets, contact the PSS office by phone at (734) 451-2112, by fax at (734) 451-3458, e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org or in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18, Plymouth.

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Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 12th-annual Cookie Walk is Dec. 10. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut and poppyseed rolls, and over 50 different assortments of ethnic (kiefle, kolachy, 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 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at the Northville Senior Center, located at 303 W. Main Street in Northville. Speaker will be St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Darlene Doude, 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 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 hand-spinning 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 florals, stained glass, seasonal items includ-

ing Christmas decorations, jewelry, wood items and clothing. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Dec. 9; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 11. Admission is \$2; no baby strollers. For more information, call (248) 459-0050.

Genealogical societies

■ The Livingston County Genealogical Society hosts its holiday meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at its new location, First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. Speaker Mary Ellen Ahmad, owner of Aria Booksellers, will talk about Christmas books, stories and historical tidbits. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

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

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 e-mail at tim@phillipshq.com or call (734) 451-8267.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice

monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe (734) 458-8143 or Martina (734) 464-0481

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president, Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com

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Sisters' craft is 'delicious' candles

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

"They look good enough to eat," Gerolyn Ellington and her sister, Terrell Belcher, both of Southfield, have heard that so many times that they are thinking of changing their home-based candle making business slogan to "good enough to eat." Their yummy looking products resemble pies, jars of jam, tarts and other delectables.

"We have to change our hook," said Ellington with a laugh.

Currently, their Mood Swing Candles name and slogan reflects another delicious thing about their product - the fragrance. "It will change your mood," they advertise.

"We have over 200 scents," says Ellington. "We have some that smell like gingerbread, pound cake, strawberry, vanilla."

"Our favorite and biggest seller is mixed fruit. I think it kind of takes people back. It's so friendly. You feel like you are at a park eating watermelon in the summer."

They will sell the candles when they co-host a show next week with several other area vendors of products and services.

The Pre-Christmastime Bazaar is 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. A caterer will provide refreshments; there is no admission fee.

The candles cost between \$5 to \$30 and make great holiday gifts, she said.

The pair started making the candles in 2003 and they soon became popular with friends and family. "It started as a hobby and became very big for us."

Ellington mixes the fragrances to make unique scents. "My sister calls me the mad scientist," she said.

"I've studied enough to take it as far



They may look like pies, jellies and jams but these are actually fragrantly scented candles. The Mood Swing Candles will be sold at a show at the Southfield Civic Center next weekend.

DONNA THOMPSON

as I can with the scent. A lot of people leave the scent on the top.

"The scent in my candles is all the way though. I take my time, I study. We always say, we put a lot of love into them."

Their products include gel and soy candles.

Ellington enjoys gel candles because items can be placed in them to make them look like a beach or a fruit jelly, and they last longer.

"For people concerned with anything in the air, the soy candles burn clean. Cancer patients like them," she said.

"The scent from both is incredible." As for Ellington, her personal favorite is a "raspberry lemonade that I call 'Sweetheart.'"

For more information on Mood Swing Candles, call (248) 357-9211 or e-mail moodswingcandles@aol.com

ENGAGEMENTS

Bouck-Kirby

Kathleen Bouck of Farmington announces the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Brian Charles Kirby of Farmington Hills.

Jennifer is a 1993 graduate of Farmington High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in public health education and her master of administration, both from Central Michigan University. She is a public health educator at Oakland County Health Division.

Her fiancé, Brian, is the son of Verne and Marie Kirby of Canton. He is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and his master of administration from Central



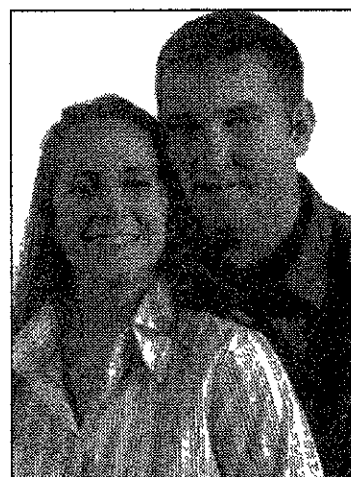
Michigan University. He is a senior payroll specialist at Paychex, Inc. Brian and Jennifer are planning an April 2006 wedding at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

Davis-Sternfels

Gary and Mary Anne Davis of Brownstown announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth, to Jon Sternfels of Redford.

Amy is a graduate of Woodhaven High School and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by Flagstar Bank as a quality assurance manager in the customer relationship management department at the company's Troy headquarters.

Her fiancé, Jon, is the son of John and Kathy Sternfels of Brighton. He is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School. He is the owner of Jonboy Landscaping.



Jon and Amy are planning an April 2006 wedding at Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church.

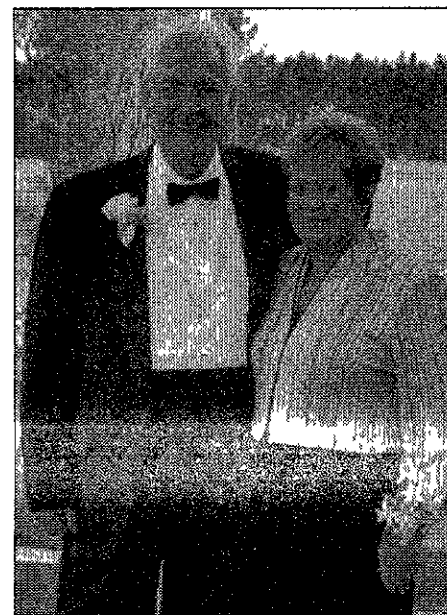
ANNIVERSARY

Perugi 50th

Robert D. and Sylvia J. (nee Fenech) Perugi of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 1. They were married Oct. 1, 1955, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Detroit. They have lived in Livonia since 1960.

A dinner reception was held in their honor at the Farmington Hills Golf Club on Oct. 1.

Robert and Sylvia have five children, Sherry (Jeff) Duntley of Petoskey, Michael (Kathy) Perugi of Northville, Joann (Mark) Morse of Livonia, Elaine (Joe) Ciaramitaro of Farmington



Hills and Amy Perugi of Warren; and seven grandchildren.

NEW VOICES

Raymond William Kuczewski

Kurt and Jean Kuczewski of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Raymond William, on Oct. 14, 2005, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township.

Raymond's grandparents are Dan and the late Pam Kuczewski of Northville, and Jack and Cindy of Tampa, Fla.

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CAROLE PRAY, (nee: Wall),

November 25, 2005, in her home in Saugatuck, Michigan. Born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, Carole spent most of her life in the Detroit area. After meeting her husband Hal at Western Michigan University, they married and raised six children in the Birmingham area while Carole enjoyed a successful career in real estate. Carole is survived by her husband of 43 years, Hal, her six children and their spouses, Christopher (Tricia), Trisha Pray (Katie O'Shea), Michael (Karen), Meaghan Kelly (Brian), Melissa O'Brien (John), and Sarah Pray Plunkett (Jim), her brother, Steven Wall, her two beloved pugs, and her "precious angels," her seven grandchildren. Among her many accomplishments, Carole will be remembered above all else as a loving wife, an exceptional mother, and a doting grandmother. Her warm and generous spirit will be missed by the many people whose lives she has touched. Family will receive friends Sunday from 6-8 PM, and Monday from 2-8 PM at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver). Funeral Mass Tuesday 11:30 AM at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills. Visitation at church begins Tuesday at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Loyola High School in Detroit. View obituary and share memories at: DesmondFuneralHome.com

MARY LOU MUNGUIA

Age 76, November 19, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Rafael V. Dear Mother of Randy, 12 nieces and nephews including former San Antonio Mayor and HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros. Wide circle of friends and many cousins. Graduate of St. Mary of Redford and University of Detroit, Board of Directors Bloomfield Hills Republican Club, 1985 Republican Woman of the Year for Michigan. Employed by Pan Am World Airlines - Air France. Visitation Sunday Noon-4:00 and 6:00-9:00 pm with Rosary at 7:00 at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills, Monday at 11:00 am. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorials to Brother Rice.

ELIZABETH WHITE BAKER

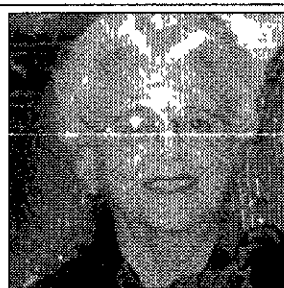
Age 86 of Troy, passed away on November 22, 2005. Child of God, our wonderful mother, devoted grandmother, great grandmother, forever friend and God's gift to us. Words cannot express how much she was loved and how much she will be missed by her children Gail (Stuart) Wallgren of Grand Rapids, Reid (Susan) Baker of Dallas, TX and Wendy (David) Clarke of West Simsbury CT, six grandchildren, Jeff, Sarah, Alex, Katie, Russell and Kelsey, 3 great grandchildren, 1 sister Rose Glines of GA, and sister-in-law Marion Siewert of WA. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband Howard T. Baker and brother James Meldrum. A memorial service will be Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 2:00 PM in Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 West 14 Mile Rd., Beverly Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 303, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or the American Cancer Society. The family is being served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service, Grand Rapids.

MR. ANGUS JOHN BROADBENT

Muskegon, MI. Formerly of Port Sanilac, MI and Mulberry, FL. Mr. Angus J. Broadbent, age 86, died Tuesday, November 22. SURVIVORS: Wife of 55 years, Marjorie; son, John (Janet) Broadbent of West Olive, MI; 3 grandchildren, Meghan, Jillian and Paul. Mr. Broadbent was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Pearl Horning and Margaret Murdoch and a brother, Edward "Ted" Broadbent. SERVICE: A funeral service was held Nov. 26, 2005 at Clock Funeral Home, Grand Haven. MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, 1383 E. Laketon Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442, the Port Sanilac Lions Club or Hospice of Muskegon Oceana. You may sign the online guest book at: www.clockfuneralhome.com.

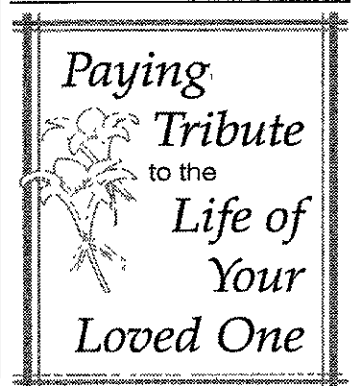
STEVE E. POTOCZAK

Age 65, passed away at his home in Freeman Township, Michigan, on November 18, 2005. The Potoczaks were former residents of Arthur St. for 37 years. Mr. Potoczak had worked for the Hydromatic Division of General Motors for 33 years before his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Beth, children Jennifer Potoczak and Steven and Sharon Potoczak, four grandchildren, Tyler Jessica, Halle, and Patrick, along with a brother, Donald Potoczak. Funeral services were held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville, on Wednesday, November 23, 2005, with the Reverend James Russell of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. The family wishes contributions be made to Mid-Michigan Hospice.



RUTH LOUISE HEMP SMITH

Age 89, of Rochester Hills (formerly of Clawson and Birmingham), died Wednesday, November 16, 2005 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was born November 20, 1915 in Highland Park, and graduated from Warren High School in 1933. Ruth was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. She also belonged to an Alzheimer's Association support group, The Red Hat Society, and the West Beverly Hills Garden Club. She was a homemaker who enjoyed being with her family. Ruth was predeceased by her parents, Wallace and Mabel (Penny) Drew, her first husband, Charles Hemp, her second husband Bruce Smith, son Richard Hemp, three brothers and one sister. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Ballard of Clawson, daughter-in-law, Kathleen Hemp of Royal Oak, grandchildren Cheryl Bellmore of Warren, Tamara (Kevin) Mooney of Royal Oak, Charles Hemp of Royal Oak, Deborah (Kevin) Seiter of Madison Heights, Michael (Christina) Hemp of Clawson, Dale (Leslie) Ballard of Troy, R. Drew (Donna) Ballard of Macomb Township, Dean (Holly) Ballard of Lum, Douglas (Ronda) Ballard of Clawson, Sheila (Charles) Locano II of St. Clair Shores, 19 great grandchildren, brother Wallace (Dorothy) Drew, sister Alene (R. Eugene) Vinson, and sister-in-law Joan Drew. She is also survived by 2 stepdaughters, 3 step grandchildren, and 1 step great grandchild. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 10:30am at the First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009. Arrangements by Price Funeral Home, 248-689-0700. www.pricefuneralhome.net.



CLASS REUNIONS

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

REUNIONS

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

Churchill High School

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A 10-year reunion is planned for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 5th Avenue in Novi. For more information contact Fran Yee at fyyee@sussmansikes.com.

Denby High School

Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. Contact Doreen (McClellan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

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

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A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Final activity will

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www.geocities.com/edsel50th. To contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com.

Epiphany Grade School

Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

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A 35-year reunion is planned for April 1, 2006, at Mama Mia Restaurant on Plymouth Road in Livonia. Contact Gordon Adams at (586) 949-7462 for information and reservations.

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YWCA of Western Wayne County announces contest winners

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is proud to announce the Grand Prize Winner and Honorable Mention recipients for its Week Without Violence Essay Contest. Lindsey Eveleth from Webster School in Livonia is the Grand Prize Winner. Emily Holdren from Blair Moody Elementary in Taylor and Jeni Bourlier from Webster Elementary in Livonia received Honorable Mentions.

Eveleth's essay discusses how violence is so prevalent in society today, and how more needs to be done to stop violence.

Her picture will be featured in the YWCA of Western Wayne County's 2006 calendar. She and her classmates will receive a pizza party in recognition of their work against violence in society.

Holdren and Bourlier will each receive award certificates for their participation and recognition in the essay contest.

The essay contest was part of the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the YWCA Week Without Violence. The Week Without Violence is celebrated the third week of October every year.

"These young ladies and their essays really show a positive glimpse to the future of society," said Karen Murphy, Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

For more information about the Week Without Violence, or any other program the YWCA of Western Wayne County offers, call (313) 561-4110.

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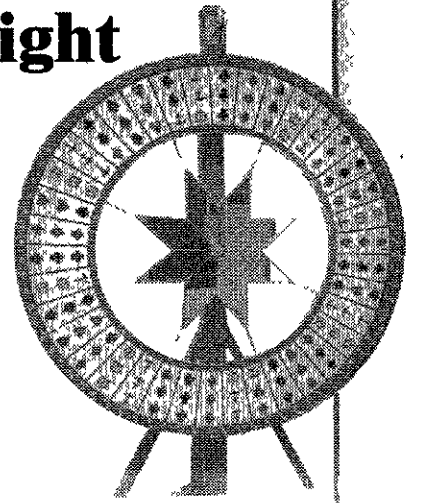
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FICTION

1. "Feast for Crows," George R.R. Martin
2. "Light from Heaven," Jan Karon
3. "Predator," Patricia Cornwell
4. "At First Sight," Nicholas Sparks
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NON-FICTION

1. "Team of Rivals," Doris Kearns Goodwin
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Auction to raise funds for art club

Thomas Kinkade fans this is your opportunity to bid on a print at Three Cities Art Club's fund-raising auction Saturday, Dec. 3, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road at the northeast corner of Lilley. There is no admission. Doors open at noon for a preview of auction items and early birds get first pick from bargain table items.

Donations will be accepted until the morning of Dec. 3. Contact Marilyn Meredith at (734) 397-2348 or send e-mail to threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com to make donation arrangements. Proceeds will help educate members, provide art show awards, promote the arts, and operate the club.

If you have never been to an auction, this is a great opportunity to learn how it works and

join in the bidding. The Kinkadee captures the romantic charms of a timeless Victorian village in "Autumn on Mackinac Island." Parkside Gallery of Plymouth, has generously donated this work of art valued at \$425 in their continued support of the arts and Three Cities Art Club.

Sharon Dillenbeck, owner of D & M Art Studio of Canton and a long-time member of Three Cities Art Club, has donated \$200 worth of art supplies. These items make great holiday gifts. You will have a chance to bid on valuable merchant gift certificates from FASTFRAME, Clearly You, Michigan Made and Compari's Restaurant, to name a few. Some additional auction items include original fine art-work, small appliances, art glass, and glassware. Bargain tables

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Canton Township recently named Three Cities Art Club "The Official Art Club of Canton". The club is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary. Members of all skill levels live in Wayne, Oakland and Livingston County. They meet monthly for classes, demonstrations, workshops, and social events for a nominal annual fee of \$20.

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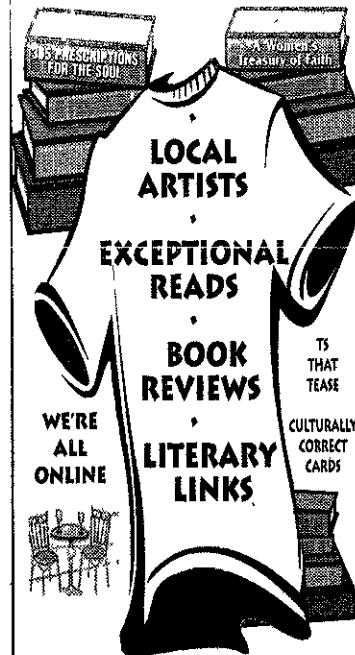
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Women in government eye 'Commander in Chief'

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

On ABC's *Commander in Chief*, President Mackenzie Allen is the first woman to hold that office in the U.S. Local women in government are watching the show and have thoughts on the possibility of a woman president.

"I do watch it," said Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli. "I think it's a great show." She finds the interaction between the president, played by Geena Davis, and foes such as Speaker of the House Nathan Templeton (Donald Sutherland) interesting.

"Sometimes politics can be very nasty," said Cicirelli, citing the fight between Attorney General Mike Cox and challenger Geoffrey Fieger.

Cicirelli expects U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York to be a contender for the 2008 Democratic nomination. It's a bit early to say for sure, added Cicirelli, whose office is nonpartisan. On the show, then-Vice President Allen was asked to resign by the dying president, causing a controversy over her presidency. Lyn Banks of Livonia, a former state and county legislator, believes a woman will be seriously considered in the next 10 years, citing both Clinton and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on the Republican side.

"Oh, absolutely," Banks said of watching the 9 p.m. Tuesday drama. "I never miss it. If I'm home, I never miss it." She's more partial to another presidential drama, *West Wing*, which she finds deals more with inside politics. On *Commander in Chief*, the president and her husband have teenage twins and a younger daughter. Banks, who's now working on the Phoenix Mill women's history project, believes a real-life woman president would be over 50 and either childless or with grown children. She noted that current U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow had younger kids when she worked in Lansing, but also represented a district close to the state capital.

On a recent episode, President Allen gave her husband a key



Cicirelli



Lyn Banks

post in the administration. Banks, a Republican, recalled how the country reacted to Hillary Clinton's involvement in the presidency.

"America did not want a co-president," she said. Banks is excited to find Americans watching a show about a woman leader. She recently spoke to a service club and was asked by one man why a museum on women's contributions to local industry was needed.

"It blew my mind," she said. Westland's Cicirelli has found people accepted her as that city's first woman mayor, following some initial uncertainty. She praises such pioneering women in government as County Commissioner Kay Beard and former state Rep. Justine Barns. Gov. Jennifer Granholm's current problems are more of an issue of party politics, she said, than gender. "Our governor has been accepted," Cicirelli talked to Granholm at a recent fund-raiser and found that *Commander in Chief* producers had contacted her and the governor's husband.

"I thought it was interesting that they contacted her and Dan Mulhern, the first gentleman," Cicirelli said. On the show, presidential spouse Rod Calloway struggles to find his own role.

Commissioner Beard, D-Westland, has been out the Tuesdays the show has aired. "I've been wanting to watch it," said Beard, who's seen clips. She's served 27 1/2 years on the commission.

"I think it's well past the time the American people should look at the possibility," Beard said of a woman president. She noted women have moved into many other jobs once considered off limits. "I think it's time we have a woman." She'd favor a run by Clinton or another woman.

United Way raises over \$63 million

United Way for Southeastern Michigan reported that \$63,453,858 has been raised in the 2005 Torch Drive campaign.

The announcement was made by 2005 Torch Drive Chair Dr. Dieter Zetsche, Head of Mercedes Car Group and chairman-elect, Board of Management, DaimlerChrysler AG.

The amount is 4.6 percent less than the \$66.5 million goal and 1.8 percent less than what was raised last year. More than 1,200 volunteers and contributors representing labor, nonprofits, individuals, and workplace campaigns gathered to hear the results. Emcee for the event was Steve Garagiola, anchor/reporter, WDIV Local 4.

Referencing disaster relief efforts as well as the difficult economic circumstances surrounding metropolitan Detroit employers and employees, Zetsche applauded supporters for their efforts.

"I am very proud of the incredible effort by every volunteer, every corporation and business, every agency and every investor who contributed to help us achieve more than \$63 million," said Zetsche. "Due to the challenging times, this amount could have been far different."

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Dieter Zetsche, head of Mercedes Car Group and chairman-elect, Board of Management, DaimlerChrysler AG, served as the 2005 Torch Drive chair. At the Nov. 22 Victory Celebration, he passed the torch to the 2006 chair, Richard E. Dauch, chairman and CEO, American Axle and Manufacturing.

demonstrates what a caring community we have." The event highlighted the work of volunteers and investors includ-

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Dieter Zetsche
DaimlerChrysler Board of Management

ing: reports from the DaimlerChrysler Corp., Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corp., organized labor, the Combined Federal Campaign, Leadership Giving and Major and Midsized accounts.

"Despite the many challenges in this year's campaign, today is a time to celebrate and give thanks for the commitment of thousands of volunteers and the incredible leadership of Dieter Zetsche," said Michael J. Brennan, president and CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Dieter has been an

The celebration also announced the launch of United Way's Holiday Online Auction.

The online auction is an opportunity to bid on unique items while benefiting the community. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the Torch Drive. Visit www.unitedway.cmarket.com. Bidding closes at 11:59 p.m. Dec. 11.

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BLUES

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11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at the Northville Senior Center. Registration is required. Call (248) 349-4140.

Doute is planning ahead to reduce her stress this holiday season. She's awaiting the arrival of a second child she's adopting from Guatemala. The Livonia resident believes children can make the holiday more fun when you're not feeling overwhelmed.

CHANGE TRADITIONS

"People get in to things called tradition and then it's not fun; they forget what the season is about," said Doute, who works in the hospital's community outreach department, which offers everything from weight management to programs for seniors. "They need to have a plan of what they want to do this holiday season, a positive family member or friend they want to spend time with, activities they don't want to do because it does cause stress. It's all what they imagine."

"Think about what we can do to spend less money. Maybe borrowing a child to take on the Hines Drive light tour, taking them to see Santa Claus, go light watching through the neighborhoods or, if they are by themselves, visit an old friend, visit someone who's more needy like at a nursing home."

Doute offers a list of helpful tips, including going on the Internet and doing a search on coping with holiday stress.

"Try to be realistic," Doute said. "Families change and grow and traditions may need to change as well. Open up your mind to new ways of celebrating, calling people, exchanging e-mails and video tapes, reminiscing. Try to set the differ-

Tips for beating the holiday blues

Dr. Robert Cohen, co-director of the Psychological Services Clinic at Madonna University, offers these tips for coping with holiday stress.

- Be sure to schedule some time for yourself so the holidays are not just "give, give, give."
- Take time to use stress-busters such as exercise, relaxation, yoga and meditation.
- Remember that you are not alone. Other people struggle during the holidays.
- Evaluate your support system and make use of it. Think of friends and relatives who might be helpful.
- If you have to attend events that are difficult, limit your time there and find ways to schedule something you enjoy to make the day more valuable.
- Try to keep in mind the religious and spiritual bases behind the holiday.
- Avoid getting caught up in the material/gift giving aspects of the holiday.
- Be aware of perfectionism: The idea that everything has to be done perfectly or the same way as last year, or the way everybody expects. Kids or relatives will appreciate it if you are happy even if you don't do Christmas the usual way.
- Practice relapse prevention. If you overdo it, don't give up your attempts to control drinking, eating. Some people make a mistake, and then give up all efforts to make improvements.
- Try to find people with whom you can talk about difficult parts of the holiday; losses, feelings about divorce, financial frustrations.
- Don't be afraid to seek help. Though some think that shows weakness, it's actually a sign of strength.

ences aside with those who tend to cause turmoil and set a budget and stick to it because that's more stress."

Doute has already completed her shopping. She starts looking for gifts the day after Christmas when items are 50-75 percent off, so next year she can relax and enjoy the season. This Christmas Eve, she'll have Santa over to cheer family and friends, but before then she plans to spend plenty of time with her 2 1/2-year-old son.

"Decide what you definitely need to do and avoid others that may just tip you over the edge," Doute said.

Adults grieving the loss of a loved one can find help at a workshop 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 4, at Angela Hospice in Livonia. A children's grief support group begins 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, and continues to March 2. Reservations are required. Call (734) 464-2683.

Angela Hospice provides groups and one-on-one counseling for all ages and situations. According to bereavement social worker Joan Lee, when someone loses a loved one before Christmas, they are almost numb and may need help. General grief support takes place the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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Women's sexual health

How to build and strengthen your relationship 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, in St. Mary Mercy Hospital's auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge but a \$10 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center program. Registration recommended. Bone density and blood pressure screenings offered 5:30-7 p.m. Call (734) 655-1182.

UPCOMING

Recovery Inc.

The group meets Dec. 2, and every Friday, in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-0027.

Benefit luncheon

For multiple sclerosis with keynote speaker Rochelle Riley, co-host of the PBS television show Am I Right, noon Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drives, Dearborn. The luncheon will be hosted by Alecia Harris, president of Walking with Faith, a team of volunteers who raise funds for research to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. Tickets \$50 (advance ticket sales only). Call (734) 397-2041.

Advocacy training

The program will advise participants in how to become better advocates to the media and legislators for promoting improved services for people with

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mental illness 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in St. Mary Mercy Hospital's auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Registration not required for this free program. For information, call (734) 655-5812.

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) 387-2788.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk

For arthritis Sunday, Dec. 4 starting at Northville Downs, and Sunday, Dec. 11 at Pierce Elementary in Birmingham. Both races have a Snowman Shuffle at 8:30 a.m. for children age 10 and younger. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., race at 9 a.m. Registration is \$30. Call (248) 649-2891, Ext. 232, or visit www.runmichigan.com or www.arthritis.org. This year the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports has endorsed the event. Because of this anyone age 18 or older who participates will be eligible to enter a lottery to be one of 300 people to participate in the Governor's Labor Day Run on Mackinac Bridge.

Baby Signs workshops

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-to-be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months. 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 rhw4962@aol.com for information.

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come-first served basis, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Parenting classes

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

Depression lecture

Darlene Doute, an adult psychiatric mental health nursing and clinical nurse specialist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, gives tips on coping with holiday stress 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at the Northville Senior Center. Registration required. Call (248) 349-4140.

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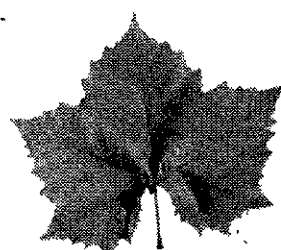
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Make your holiday 'glam plan' next week with PINK.

Holiday Dressing: Easy ways to wow

Photos courtesy of In Style. On newsstands now!

Outfit yourself for any holiday party with festive clothes and accessories selected by the editors of In Style. From funky frocks to sparkly cocktail rings, In Style shared ideas straight from the pages of its current issue with PINK.

Clothes that shine

Pick a pretty party dress—there's one for every figure. Slip into a swinging silk wrap dress, get flirty in strapless jacquard brocade or sparkle in embellished silk chiffon.

Dress it up, dress it down; an embellished cashmere cardigan goes everywhere.

Pull out last year's velvet jacket or invest in a new one.

Top off a little black dress or tailored pants with a lamé trench, the season's most bewitching wrapping.

Take a cue from him: Don a tuxedo shirt and you're dressed.

Mix it up with a tailored faux-fur blazer and a flouncy ball skirt.

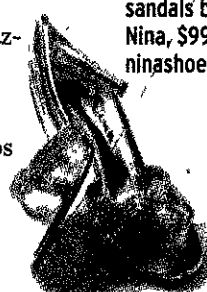
Slip a vintage-inspired camisole under a wool pantsuit for a look that's decidedly modern.

Tuck a white shirt into a full black skirt for instant elegance.

Sparkle at the holiday office party in a wool jacket with rhinestones that commands attention.

Dress up your jeans with a sequined tweed blazer that's a little jewel of a jacket.

Collect affordable tops in rich painterly tones as if they were ornaments for a tree.



Leather & rhinestone sandals by Nina, \$99 @ ninashoes.com

Shoes that Step Up

Lighten up a pair of ordinary black pants with colorful satin sandals edged in crystals.

Step lively—slip on a pair of colorful leather flats that are made for walking.

Channel Cinderella in rhinestone-studded shoes.

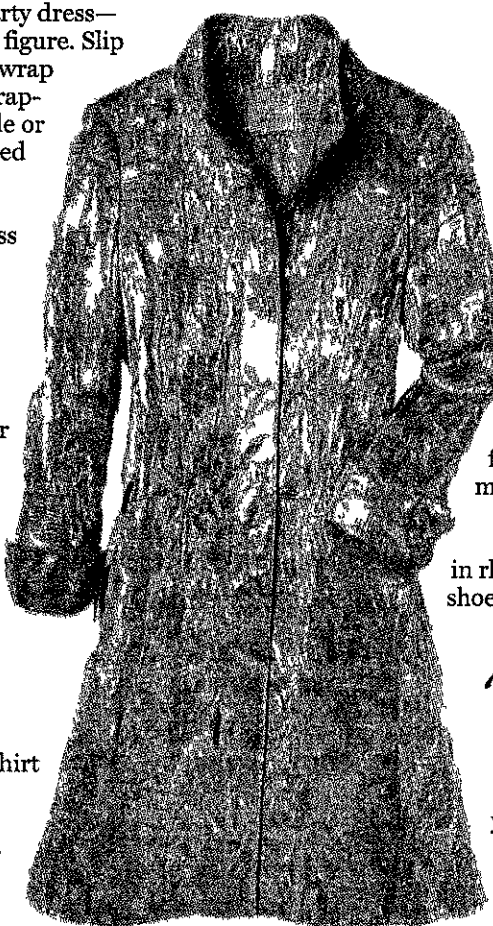
Accessories that Pop

Sweep back your hair with a jeweled velvet headband for a dash of drama.

Fill an open neckline with layers of crystal strands or a pearl bead or a pearl necklace with Swarovski crystals and satin ribbon.

Arm yourself with stacks of glinting bangles.

Raise a glass with panache—a big, bold cocktail ring does the trick.



Metallic wool-and-silk brocade coat, Torca \$495 at select Saks Fifth Avenue stores



Embellished silk chiffon, Temperley, \$1,100.



Stretch silk party top by Club Monaco, \$79.

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By Carolyn Clifford

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Faux fur

Don't Wear It!

Peasant

Tote It!

Anything oversized

Accessorize It!

Belts

Kick It!

High-heeled boots

See It!

Rent: The Movie

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Read It!

A Million Little Pieces by James Frey

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Carolyn Clifford leaves the house at 3:45 a.m. to anchor Action News This Morning on WXYZ.

Clifford

Even at this ungodly hour, the award-winning reporter always manages to look fresh-faced and fabulous. This week, the devoted mom and former dancer picks her favorites for PINK.

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Grand City Grill at the Fisher Building, opening in January

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Computer editing

Dream It!

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Pink diamonds

Love It!

J'Adore Perfume by Christian Dior

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The DIA's famed sculpture *The Thinker* by Auguste Rodin will come alive in Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 3, played by local actor Curtis Green. Stop by to win free tickets *Camille Claudel and Rodin: Fateful Encounter* at the DIA. Visit www.dia.org.

Chelsea Hometown Holidays

A rep. from Brighton Jewelry will help you select the perfect jewels for holiday events at The Pink Turtle, 314 N. Main St. in Chelsea, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat., Dec. 3. Call (734) 475-9590.

A Plymouth Christmas

Visit Santa in his house, enjoy costumed carolers and sample refreshments while you shop Plymouth's many retail stores 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Free carriage rides on Sunday.

Girl's Night Out

Grab your friends for an evening of shopping in downtown Northville. Merchants (including new shops like Rocco, La Petit Maison & Urban Blues) will offer refreshments, discounts and register-to-wins, 6-9 p.m. Dec. 1.

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Receive a special 7-piece holiday gift with a purchase of \$29.50 or more through Dec. 9. Call (734) 953-7513.

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Jewelry Liquidation Sale

After 95 years in business, Sidney Krandall & Sons will close due to the poor economic forecast, ending its reign as the oldest family-owned jewelry store in Metro Detroit. Wish the Krandalls well and browse going-out-of-business sales in Troy and Auburn Hills. Call (248) 855-6777.

Jujo Carroll Farewell

Julienne Carroll has announced her Birmingham boutique, Jujo Carroll, will close Jan. 10 due to the "very difficult economic climate which Southeastern Michigan has endured since early 2003." Visit Julienne to bid farewell and save 60-75 percent on wonderful Brazilian fashions. Jujo Carroll is located at 267 S. Old Woodward. Call (248) 593-6020.

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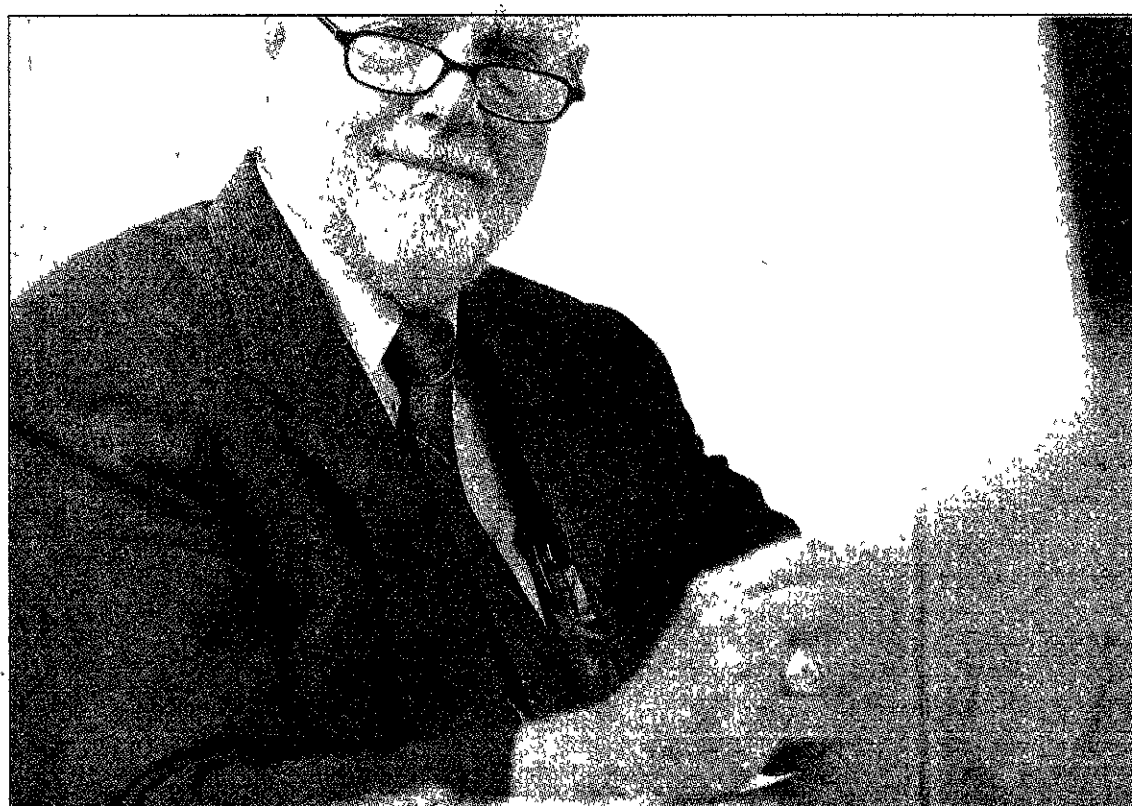
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Good news for employers: over-65 crowd staying on job

(NAPSI) — Believe it or not, by 2030, one in five Americans will be age 65 or older. That means a good deal of the population — mainly the baby boomers — will be retired and enjoying golf, embarking on travel adventures, spending time with the family or finally taking that long-awaited cooking class. Or will they? Recent studies show that many Americans are staying on the job longer and pushing off retirement until they feel more comfortable with what's in the bank.

In fact, a recent survey by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) revealed that 7 in 10 Americans plan on working past the age of 65. This is great news for employers because they won't have to worry about losing senior talent — those who have been on the job the longest. Also, employers looking to hire new employees will be able to pick from a more diverse and qualified talent pool.

However, two-thirds of the over-65 population will experience a disability, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Perhaps the most common disabilities are those related to eyesight, hearing and hand movement. Accessible technologies can help people with disabilities, whether slight or severe, to continue perform-



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ing on the job, send e-mail or search the Web, without a glitch.

"The maturing workforce is an important and talent-rich demographic that is unfortunately often overlooked by businesses," said Andrew J. Imparato, president and CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities

(AAPD). "With the help of accessible technology, workers can continue their career paths without worrying about age-related disabilities becoming a barrier for success."

To help support the maturing workforce and employees with disabilities, businesses are adopting innovative new technologies that can read aloud the

content on a computer screen or magnify computer text so it's easier for employees to read. For users with hand tremors, IBM has developed an adaptor for a computer mouse that is designed to help people with hand tremors better control their computers.

Another innovative technology, WebAdapt2Me, was devel-

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oped by IBM with the input of seniors. It allows computer users with fading vision to enlarge the size of the text of Web pages; reduce the clutter in the background; or opt to have the computer read the text aloud. It also makes the browser, mouse and keyboard easier to use.

Accessible technology is an important factor in driving employee productivity and equality within the workplace — a disability shouldn't be a roadblock in one's career. Through proactive legislative efforts and new accessible technologies, businesses can improve workplace life and empower the maturing workforce.

To learn more about these accessible technologies, visit www.ibm.com/able.

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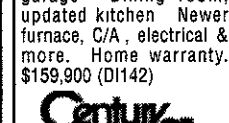
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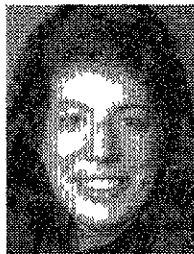
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2006 Range Rover Sport Supercharged

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Anne Fracassa

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If you're looking at an SUV, what exactly are you looking for? Some people just like a driving position that's higher than car height. Some want the extra room, some the extra towing power to pull their boat. And some actually want to take these "off-road" vehicles off-road. If you're in the first two groups, the 2006 Land Rover Range Rover Sport Supercharged (that's a mouthful) might not be for you, particularly if you're on a budget. On the other hand, if you're looking for something that puts the "sport" and "utility" in SUV, and can handle on- and off-road conditions, this might be for you.

Driving a Range Rover is not like driving most other SUV's. Sit inside the cockpit and you can see and feel the difference; it looks and feels more substantial. You know this one means business. The leather seats feature two level cushion heating, provide excellent driving position and are eight-way power adjustable. Instrumentation is complete and there's plenty of storage space in the front cabin. The Range Rover Sport Supercharged comes with a host of standard features - power sunroof, windows and locks, heated windscreen and washer jets, keyless entry, cruise control, integrated garage door opener, dual zone automatic climate control, and aluminum sunvisors. Surprisingly, the GPS navigation system is standard, as is the 550 watt, 13 speaker Harmon Kardon audio system. A rear seating area entertainment system and Sirius satellite radio are optional.

Outside, the Range Rover Sport just looks like it's made for more than a trip to the grocery store. It's tall, with nice lines and a boxy front end. Its



2006 Land Rover Range Rover Sport Supercharged. Vehicle class: Special purpose. Where built: Solihull, England. EPA: 13/18. Base price: \$69,750. Price as tested: \$75,150

single-piece tailgate design makes for a more rounded vehicle shape and allows for good aerodynamics. It comes with front and rear fog lamps, 20x9.5" alloy wheels, footwell and puddle lamps, and chrome exhaust extensions.

The power train is impressive. The Sport Supercharged comes with a 4.2-liter, 32-valve aluminum V8. It's rated at 390hp and 410 lb.-ft. of torque @ 3500 rpm (0-60 in 7.2 seconds). It's mated with a six-speed automatic transmission with adaptive mapping and it shifts very well on its own, although you can do it yourself, if you like. Proving this is really an off-road vehicle, the Range Rover Sport Supercharged comes with a redesigned oil pump and better oil sealing for wading.

Also proving its worth as an off-road vehicle, the Sport Supercharged comes with what Land Rover calls Dynamic Response suspension control. This system uses a computer to automatically senses cornering forces and acts to optimize body control and handling (and automatically decouples off-road for greater wheel articulation). It also features electronic air suspension with automatic load leveling and multiple modes, height-adjustable, cross-linked air suspension, monotube dampers, and four-wheel double wishbones. It

won't be mistaken for riding in a luxury car, but for what it's designed for, it's surprising smooth for city and highway driving.

There's danger, both on- and off-road and the Range Rover Sport Supercharged has a full complement of safety features. Four channel-terrain anti-lock brakes provide impressive stopping power, and the vehicle comes with Hill Descent Control, six airbags, and adaptive front lighting. Also, in the event of a crash, the vehicle goes into an "auto shut down mode" for the engine and fuel system, the doors automatically unlock, and the interior and warning lights come on automatically.

As I alluded to earlier, all this stuff ain't cheap. The 2006 Range Rover Sport Supercharged starts at just under \$70,000. Add the rear entertainment system, and satellite radio and you're at \$74,500. Not for the budget conscious, but if you've got the dough and you need something to take you just about anywhere you need to go - roads or not - you might want to take a look at the Range Rover Sport Supercharged.

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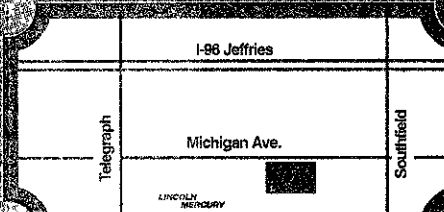
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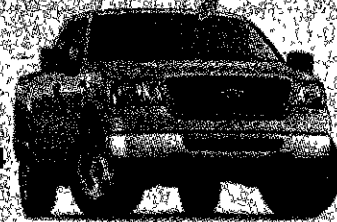
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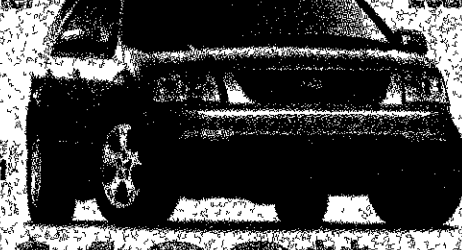
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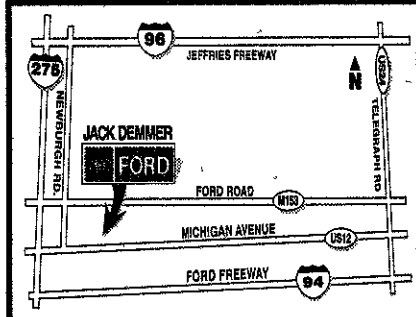


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- Approximately 21 percent of all home buyers are single women

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for a total of 1.7 million.

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- The single female segment of the home-buyer population accounts for 18 percent of all home buyers.

- More women (15.5 million) than men (11.8 million) live alone. Among these, women are more likely than men to own their homes (56 percent vs. 47 percent).

- Almost one-quarter of the nation's nearly eight million single mothers spend more than half their incomes on housing, compared with one-tenth of households headed by single fathers.

- Between 1994 and 2002, the number of unmarried females owning homes climbed from 13.9 million to 17.5 million.

"In today's climate, in which women are more career-driven, independent and financially savvy, they're recognizing what we discovered in our research—that is, real estate is the most viable investment a person can make. It's appreciable, leveragable, improvable and stable," said Dave Jenks, co-author of *The Millionaire Real Estate Investor* (McGraw-Hill).

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The book is a must-read for anyone at the moment making the "Myth" of real estate investing. It will determine some people from investing.

They include:

- Investing is complicated.
- The best investments require knowledge most people don't have.
- Successful investors are able to time the market.
- All of the good investments are taken.

According to co-author Jay Papasan, most of the investors interviewed identified with at least one of the following:

You can find the book at most bookstores and learn more at www.millionairesystems.com.

EDUCATION SEMINARS

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:

- 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 Remodelers 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,

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

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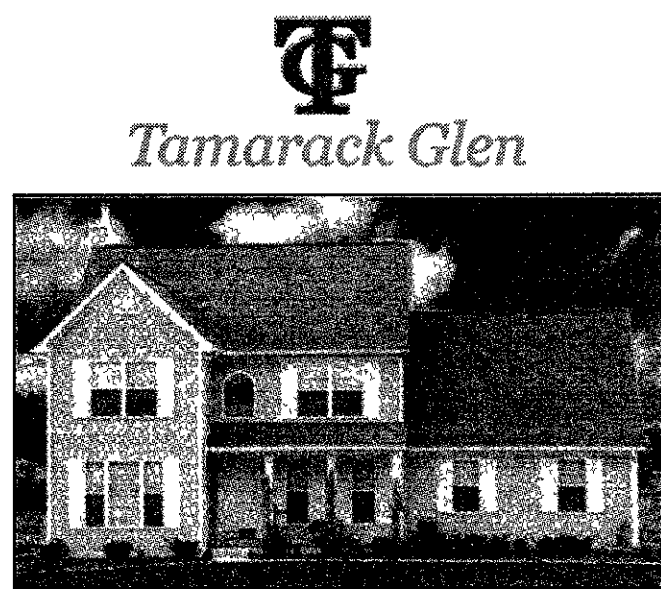
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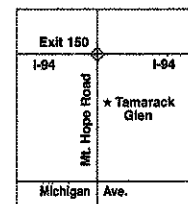
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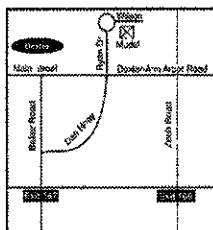
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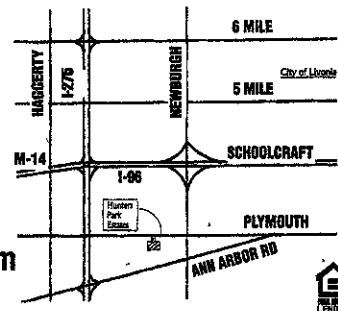


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Here are some tips on what to look for when buying a house for investment.

■ You need to start out with basic research. Begin by finding locations that you are interested in. Then research the homes

that are on the market. Some things you want to look for are: what is the average market time and what is the average price. You then need to narrow your search even more. To find this information use a Realtor who has access to this data. Find a particular subdivision and find out the market values of similar homes. What you are trying to find out is what homes are below market value. Once you find homes that are in this category you need to determine why.

■ One area investors look for are foreclosed homes. Banks are not in the business of selling homes, so often they price the homes below market value in order to get a quick sale. Usually the buyer's purchase agreement favors the buyer. However, when buying a foreclosed home the purchase agreement usually comes from the bank and therefore doesn't favor the buyer. There are also other hurdles to get through.

However, sometimes you can get good deals buying foreclosed homes

■ Often homes that are below market value need many repairs. It is therefore critical to carefully examine the repairs needed and the cost for doing them. It could be that the cost

of doing the repairs will outweigh any savings you may receive because the house is priced less than similar houses. I highly recommend having a professional private inspection done. A house is usually one of the biggest investments most people have, so don't save dol-

lars by not having a professional private inspection done.

■ Homes may also be below market value for a host of other reasons. It could be that the sellers are getting divorced and each party needs to quickly find a new home. Another reason could be that the seller died

and that the home is being sold by the estate.

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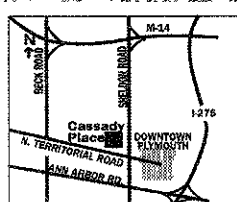
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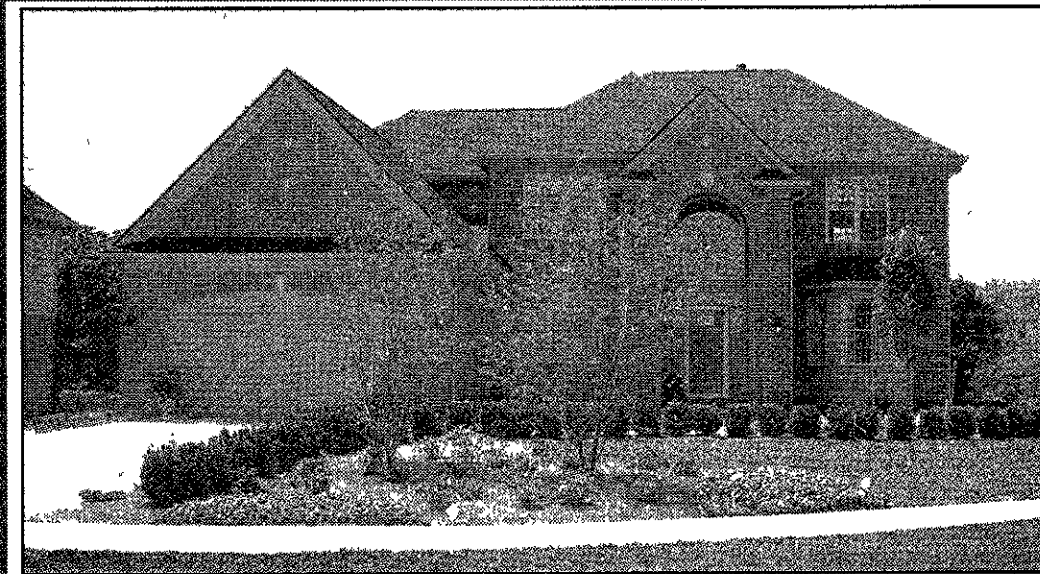
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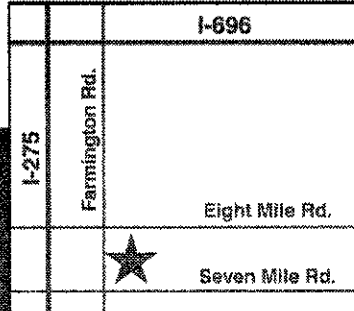
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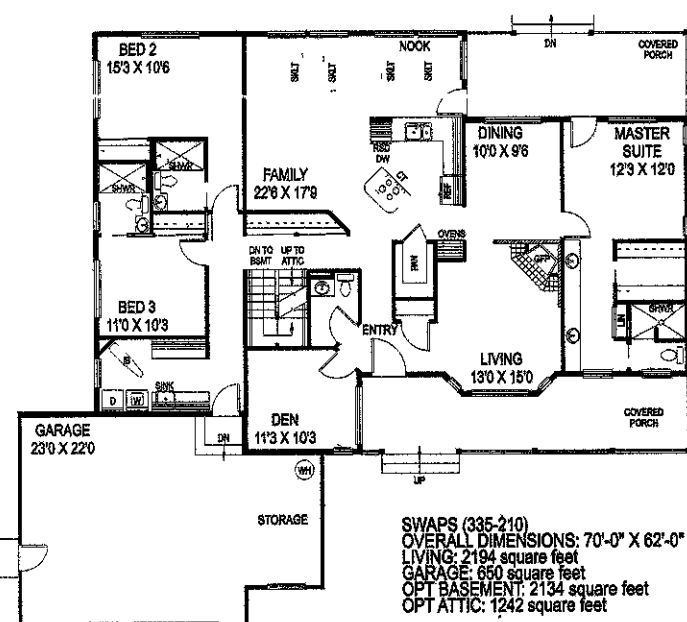
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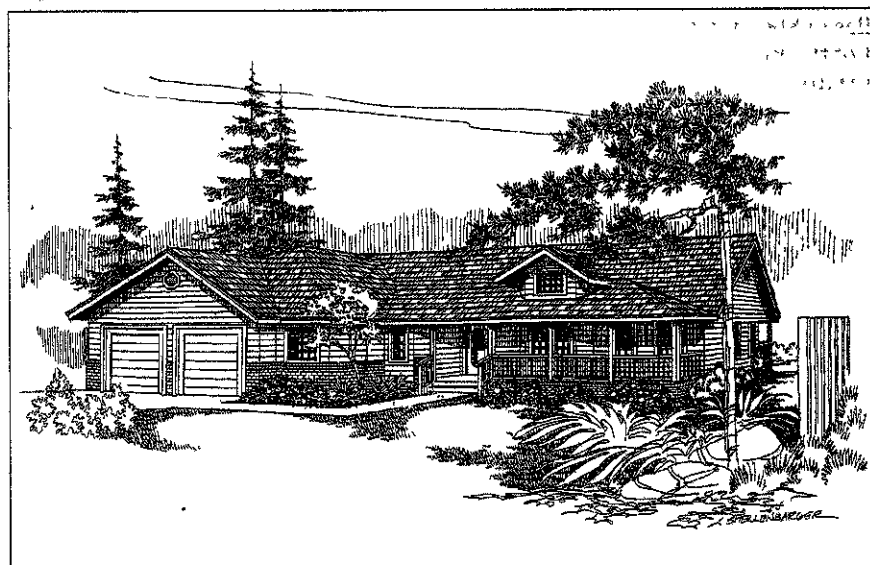
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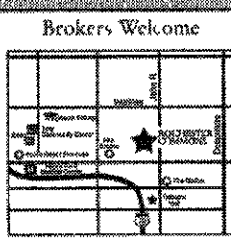
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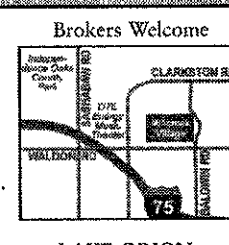


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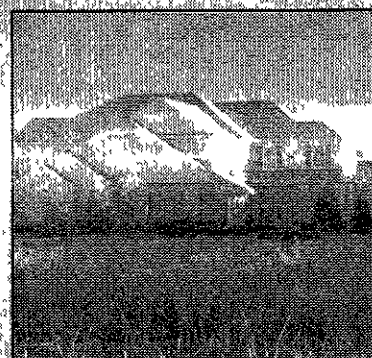


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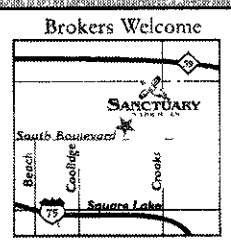


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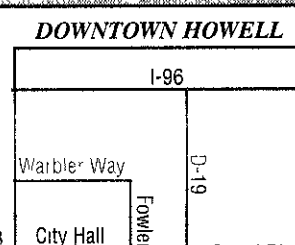


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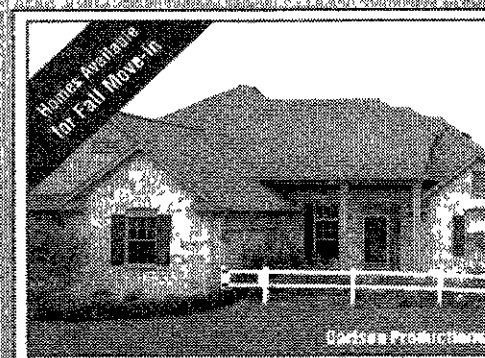


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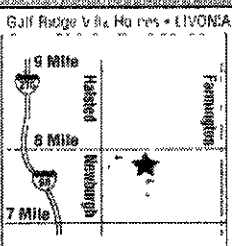
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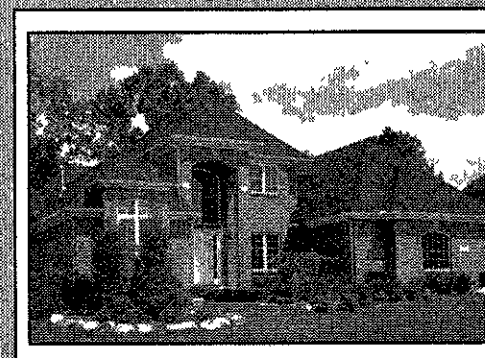
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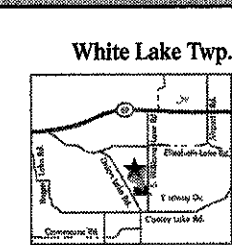
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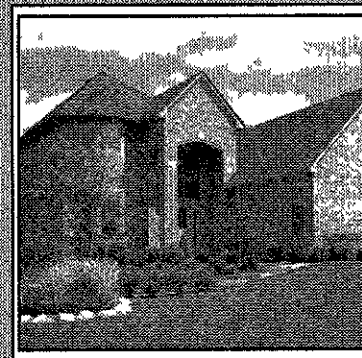
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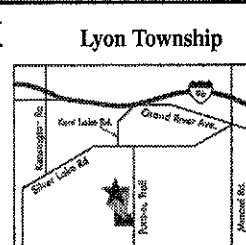
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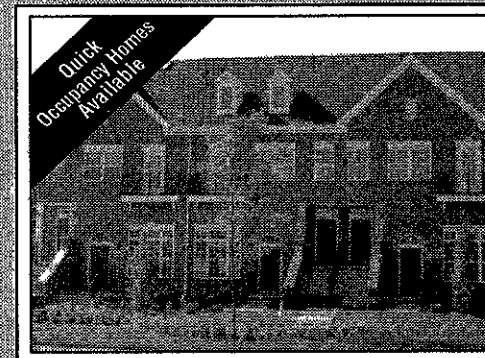
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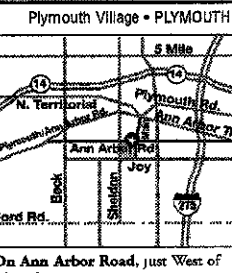
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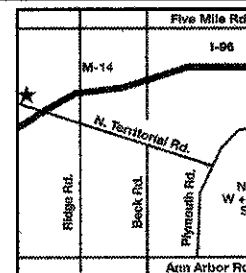
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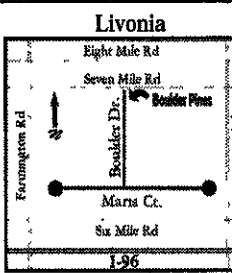
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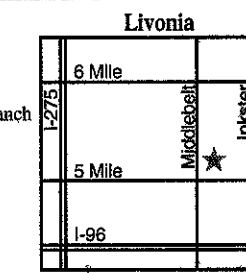
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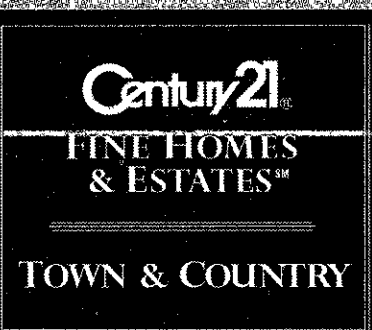
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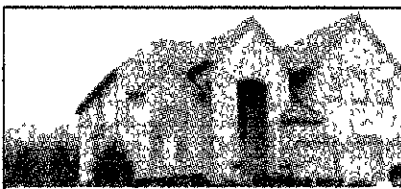
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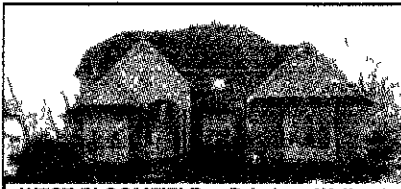
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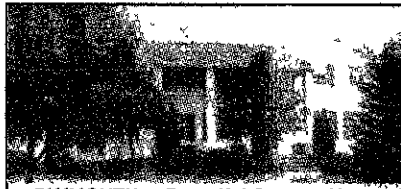
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5 bedroom, 4 bath 19th century colonial on approximately 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen and formal dining room. Pond, deck & gazebo. A must see!
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DRYDEN Custom Estate
With first floor master, on heavily wooded acreage. On paved road less than a mile from Oakland Twp. All glass living area with wet bar, in-ground pool, walk out basement, quality updated kitchen, hardwood floors
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HIGHLAND Newer Model Custom
South Bay Shore prestigious boaters community on Duck Lake. 2004 built, brick with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3+ garage, acre lot, the best of everything used in this home. A must see. Vacant lots available too
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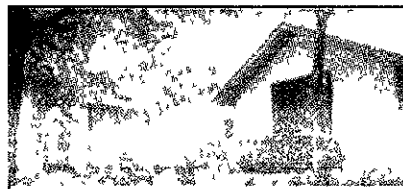
FARMINGTON HILLS Hickory Oaks
With 2 story foyer, great room, 9 ceilings and some hardwood floors. Kitchen and baths w/marble cabs. MBR ste, bridge overlooking foyer and GR. Finished basement, paver patio and 3 car garage
(B70BRA) 248-642-8100 \$719,900



NORTHVILLE Stately Colonial
4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial on approx 2.4 acres. Formal DR, FR, master suite w/frpic & balcony. 2nd floor laundry. lovely kitchen w/marble cabs, HWF, Corian counters, 2nd BR has private BA plus Jack & Jill BA for 3 & 4th BR
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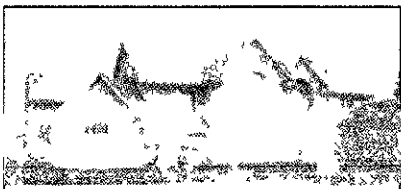
OXFORD 2001 Built Home
4 bedroom, 4.5 bath on approximately 10 acres. Hardwood and ceramic floors w/o. Two-story foyer, great room with gas fireplace, maple kit with stainless steel appls. MBR w/FP, Jacuzzi tub and shower. Orion schls
(B01IND) 248-524-1600 \$729,500



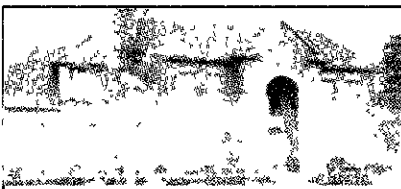
OXFORD One Of A Kind
Very private lakefront home located on approximately 2.5 acres. Property can be split. Major updates throughout. Kitchen done in 2004. Includes 3 bedrooms and baths, full finished basement, wrap around decking
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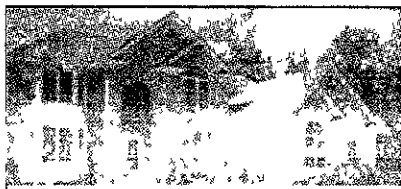
WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful 4 Bedroom Home
Open floor plan, extra high ceiling, double staircase, master suite w/tub & shower, granite kitchen w/hardwood floor spacious basement w/full bath, extra bedroom & office. Home backs to protected woodlands
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TROY Lovely
Lovely 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath contemporary home in beautiful sub. Open floor plan, finished basement w/full bath, BR and rec room w/wet bar. Private yard w/brick patio and 3 car attached garage. A real GEM!!
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NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat
Wow! Great floor plan - great location Northville Hills Golf Community. 4 spacious bedrooms, 3.5 baths and granite. Backyard features a private resort-in-ground pool - daylight. A must see
(B05MER) 248-349-5600 \$775,000



CLARKSTON New Construction
Colonial with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths dual staircase, two-story family room & foyer & walk out lower level. Gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances & granite counters. MBR with tray ceiling & jetted tub
(B07HID) 248-524-1600 \$569,900



BRUCE TWP. Peaceful
Nearly 5 acres only a quarter mile from Oakland County 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, paved roads, large pole barn, in-ground pool, Florida room, fireplace, updated windows, doors, furnace, kitchen, baths, carpet and flooring
(B01HEN) 248-652-8000 439,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Lower Level Walkout
Spacious 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 3 powder room, 2-way frpic in kit & FR. Formal LR & DR. Fin w/o features full 2nd kit, rec area w/frpic, BR w/BA. Impressive lot elevation & extensive landscaping. 3 car garage
(B17CHE) 248-626-8800 \$649,900



BIRMINGHAM Steps From Town
An entertainers delight. Gourmet kitchen, bright & cheerful great room, Brazilian cherry w/o 1st floor & MBR ste w/impresive spa bath. 2 car detached garage w/whole rm above. Private fenced yard. Smart house!
(B54CHE) 248-642-8100 \$549,000



SOUTH LYON Custom Built Showplace
Tanglewood Golf Community offers 4 bedroom, 5.1 bath colonial w/Brazilian cherry firs, marble, granite, cust. lighting, freshly painted w/o. Custom wood lib w/whit-in shelves. Quality & workmanship. Must see
(B78POI) 248-349-5600 \$799,900



HUNTINGTON WOODS Fantastic Home
Charming and updated, hardwood floors, crown moldings, wood trim, two bay windows. Updates include Corian counters, baths, copper plumbing, paint, custom blinds and more. Paver walkways, private yard
(B16SAL) 248-524-1600 \$499,000



ROCHESTER Desirable Sub
Bright 4 bedroom, 2.1 bath home with 2 story foyer open to living room w/window wall view of yard bordered by trees and boulder wall. 3 car garage, island kitchen w/cherry cabs. Clubhouse w/pool and tennis.
(B29KEN) 248-652-8000 \$415,000



WOLVERINE LAKE Vacation At Home
Lake frontage. Updated oak kitchen, carpet installed in November, very open floor plan. Wake up looking at Wolverine Lake. You will feel like you are on vacation every day of the year
(B73LAD) 248-626-8800 \$499,000



BIRMINGHAM Fabulously Restored
5 bedroom, 2.5 bath Cape Cod with 1st floor MBR ste, kitchen w/SS appliances and natural fireplace. Spacious lot w/patio and professional landscaping w/circular drive. One of a kind!
(B81LIN) 248-642-8100 \$539,900



NORTHVILLE Golf Course Community
4 BR, 4.5 BA colonial w/hwdv firs. Stunning kit w/granite counters & tumbled marble backsplash. Wow! LL w/built-in media cntrs/surround sound. Raised patio w/Pergola that backs to 1st fairway. Crown mldg
(B93RIV) 248-349-5600 \$659,000



ROCHESTER Impressive
Executive colonial with all the bells & whistles. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage & deck overlooking pond. MBR with 2-way frpic & Jacuzzi. Soaring ceiling and separate shower. Formal DR, lib, 3 car side entry garage
(B71TUL) 248-524-1600 \$529,926



COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront
Gorgeous 2 story colonial has most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood 2 furnaces, upstairs laundry, extra garage LL w/great room, 2nd kitchen and full bath. Sun room. This is a must see home
(B16DRI) 248-363-1200 \$859,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Pine Lake Front
Nestled on almost 1 acre deep tract lot with "Meadow" inspired backyard retreat. Lush gardens, pond. Estate-size great room with fireplace. Formal LR and DR w/wooded ceilings. Gourmet custom kit. Hwdv fir t/o
(B68ORC) 248-626-8800 \$899,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Thornridge Sub
4 bedrooms, 3.1 baths, 1993 built colonial. MBR ste, eat-in kitchen w/island, cherry cabs, hardwood floors & granite counters, FR w/frpic, library, LR, formal DR & FFL. Fin w/o bsmt; 3 car gar, brick paver patio & deck
(B64AYN) 248-642-8100 \$515,000



CANTON Exceptional Colonial
Fabulous 4 bedroom, 3 full & 2 half baths in this 2000 built home. Grand 2 story foyer, dual staircase, family room w/wall of windows, gourmet kitchen has cherry cabs, 2 frpics, 3 car attached garage, bsmt & lg deck.
(B76MAN) 734-455-5600 \$509,900



TROY New Construction
With Troy schools. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, ceramic laundry, foyer, kitchen, nook and powder room. Maple cabinets, granite counters, master ste w/jetted tub and separate shower. Formal DR, lib, 3 car side entry garage
(B89EVA) 248-524-1600 \$517,900



COMMERCE Quality - Lake Sherwood
Enjoy lakefront living in this gorgeous contemp. 5 BR, 3.5 BA, 2 frpics FF mstr ste w/Jacuzzi tub & sep glass block shower, Fin LL w/full BA, wet bar & kitchenette, 3+ att car gar. City water/sewer. Huron Valley Schls
(B01COM) 248-363-1200 \$839,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Custom Built Ranch
3 BR, 2.5 BA. Finest materials. Open fir plan. Hwdv firs, cath ceilings. Lib w/cherry blt-ins, lg oak kit w/tile cntps & fr. Lg MBR w/tile frpic, MBR w/marble fir, Jacuzzi, cul-de-sac. Lake priv on Upper Straight
(B50ROL) 248-626-8800 \$520,000



BIRMINGHAM Beautiful In Town
Craftsman style bungalow filled w/nooks and crannies. Two full baths, MBR ste w/WIC and many updates, loaded with charm. Gorgeous gardens in front and rear yards. One of a kind!
(B56WAL) 248-642-8100 \$449,900



CANTON Impeccable Colonial
This exceptional 4 BR, 3.2 BA home presents 3 car att gar, part fin bsmt, upgraded hwdv firs, gourmet kit, mstr ste w/cath ceiling, sitting area & glamour BA, frpic in FR, DR, lib, brkfst rm, butler pantry
(B71DEL) 734-455-5600 \$449,900



TROY Spacious Colonial
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and backs to the woods. Beautiful landscaping, two car attached garage and lots of updates. Freshly painted in neutral tones. Berber carpet. Award winning new Troy High School
(B04LAN) 248-524-1600 \$409,900



HIGHLAND Unbelievable Lakefront
Golf Community. Yes, you can have it all - fabulous house w/approx 5000 sq ft of living space, 3 fireplaces, all purpose rms, 3 car gar, over an acre of land leading to pristine Dunham Lake. Custom built walkout ranch
(B15ADD) 248-363-1200 \$799,900



NORTHVILLE Builders Own Designed
Custom home w/open floor plan and all the extras. Sumptuous 700 sq ft MBR suite w/whisperous bath, gourmet kitchen, finished daylight LL w/custom bar, 2-story breakfast rm. Northville schls. Home Warranty
(B39ROB) 248-626-8800 \$765,000



BIRMINGHAM Lovely, Well Built, Clean
4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Natural fireplace, hardwood floors under carpet, LL walkout & 2 car attached garage. Corner lot, brick paver walk & professionally landscaped yard. Newer furnace, A/C, plumbing & roof
(B65HIL) 248-642-8100 \$425,000



CANTON Gorgeous Colonial
Located on a cul-de-sac w/wonderful fir plan, grand foyer, oak banister, enhanced molding t/o, 3 car attached garage, full bsmt, FR w/sparce ceiling & gas frpic, all in this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home built in '03
(B85CAM) 734-455-5600 \$429,900



BLOOMFIELD TWP. Well Cared For
Colonial with popular floor plan 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement deck and private yard. Island kitchen with pantry, great room with vaulted ceiling, MBR with dressing area, tub and shower. Nice location in sub.
(B19HIC) 248-524-1600 \$480,000

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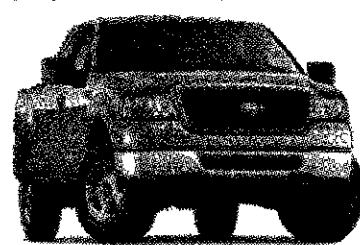


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With Sun & Sound



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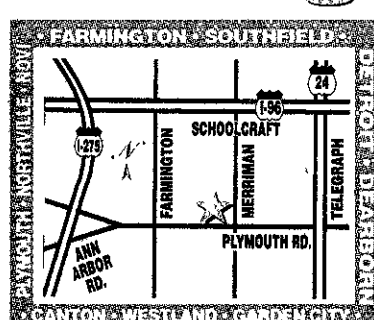


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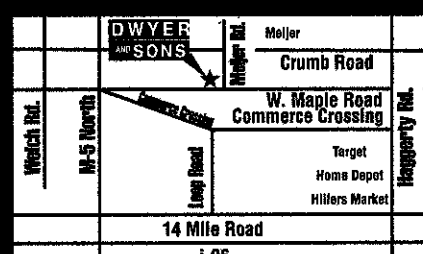
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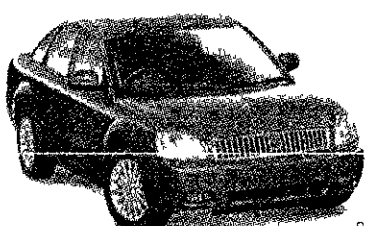
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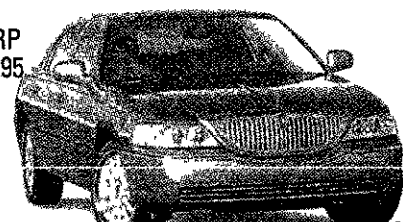


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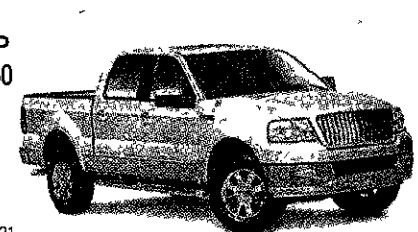
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