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Officials hope slowdown in housing market is temporary

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The numbers show a marked slowdown in Canton development. But builders and township officials remain confident in the township's housing market, even if homebuyers and sellers aren't quite as upbeat.

The number of housing per-

mits issued in Canton is significantly less this year than it was last year. The township issued 338 permits for single family residences in 2005, compared to 390 in 2004. There were permits issued for 96 multifamily buildings (467 units) in 2005, compared to 124 buildings and 803 units the year before.

Despite the decline in activ-

ity, developer Dick Lewiston said Canton's housing market is among the strongest in southeast Michigan, and possibly in the state.

"Canton is the very best, comparatively speaking," said Lewiston, one of the more active developers in the township. "Canton will suffer along with everything else in this economy, but it will probably

suffer less."

LOW INTEREST RATES

He credits the strong housing market to "fantastically low" interest rates from 2002 to 2004, which expanded the size of the home-buying market, but also to the township itself, which he said is "livable and very well-run."

Still, buyers and sellers

can't ignore bad news and the state economy's continued sluggishness.

"The malaise of the economy with Ford and General Motors making horrible announcements week after week has taken its toll," Lewiston said.

Municipal Services Department Building Official John Weyer is looking ahead

to several new residential developments like the Hamlet, one of Lewiston's development, located west of Denton Road and south of Proctor Road, to provide big numbers in 2006. The Hamlet is a multi-phase residential development that once finished will provide Canton

PLEASE SEE HOUSING, A5

Police nab Canton man for stealing charity jar

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Two men are facing multiple felony charges over the theft of a charity collection canister at a Garden City convenience store and expected to face additional charges.

Canton resident Thomas Neidzielski, who also uses the name Niedzielski, 26, and Damon Reagin, 25, of Dearborn Heights were both arraigned Friday in Garden City's 21st District Court on charges of larceny from a person and larceny in a building. Each also faces habitual offender charges - fourth-degree for Neidzielski and second-degree for Reagin.

Late Jan. 4, a clerk at 7-Eleven, 29331 Warren, called police to report a man had stolen a collection canister. She provided a license plate number and description of the vehicle in which the man fled.

The clerk told police that a man entered the store and asked to use the restroom. She initially said no since it was an employee-only restroom but relented.

The man exited the restroom and began looking around the store while she waited on two other customers, the clerk said. She said the man came to the counter and asked for a package of cigarettes. As she turned to get the cigarettes, the clerk said he grabbed the charity canister, pulling over a cash register monitor to which it had been attached.

Dearborn Heights police spotted the vehicle a few minutes later at Warren and Outer Drive and made a traffic stop. The two men in the vehicle were turned over to Garden City police.

Based on the information from the clerk and store surveillance video, Neidzielski was identified as the man who took the canister. After his arrest, Neidzielski told police that he and Reagin had been up for two days, smoking crack cocaine, and stole the canister for money to purchase more drugs.

Neidzielski also told police they had taken the cash to a Farmer Jack store on Ford and John Daly where they put the change through the Coin Star machine. The pair obtained nearly \$41 and had \$6.56 in Canadian coins. Officers recovered the canister, collecting donations for Education is Freedom, at Cambridge and Belton where the suspect said he'd thrown it out of the vehicle.

In addition, the suspect told police he committed similar canister thefts at businesses at Five Mile and

PLEASE SEE POLICE, A5



PHOTO COURTESY OF KARYL NIEMI

Canton DDA Director Kathleen Salla goes over IKEA blueprints with marketing consultant Roger Gallerini. The two recently met to prepare marketing strategies for Canton's current businesses once the popular home furnishings store opens on Ford Road.

Officials begin to solidify IKEA plans

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

No matter how much buzz Canton business leaders are generating about the upcoming arrival of IKEA this summer, the customers that matter most don't number in the millions and they aren't driving from locations far from Canton, according to marketing consultant Roger Gallerini. The No. 1 priority for Canton businesses is you, he says.

"It's not just about IKEA opening but how to get your current customers to visit you more often," Gallerini said is the message he's been spreading in the Canton business community.

Gallerini and marketing consultant Karyl Niemi, both of Canton, were hired by the Downtown Development Authority to formulate a marketing plan to help Canton's current businesses prepare for some 2 million new shoppers who will be visiting Canton every year after the Swedish furniture store opens this summer.

Gallerini and Niemi have already developed fliers about how to turn IKEA blue and yellow into green, as in the color of money, and will host a series of coffee meetings next month throughout the DDA area along Ford Road.

Though the new visitors to the township will be nice, it's the people who either live in Canton or who live nearby that many businesses will try to win over, Gallerini said.

"Generating new customers is the hardest of all, but once you have a customer,

PLEASE SEE IKEA, A6

Canton to throw weeklong birthday party for Summit

Summit on the Park is holding a week-long anniversary party, and everyone's invited. This week marks the township recreation center's 10-year anniversary. Events start Jan. 9 with a party in the Summit lobby from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday is also Membership Appreciation Day for people who have been members for two years or longer.

Tuesday, fitness classes and

child care are free. Classes and the child care center will fill up quickly, so the offer is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Summit will also host an "ask the personal trainer" session from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Jan. 11, the Summit will serve a light and healthy breakfast of fruit, bagels and fruit smoothies from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dietitian Diane Reynolds will be

on hand to answer nutrition questions.

On Jan. 12, every 10th guest entering the summit will receive a free guest pass. "The Top Ten Things I Love the Most About the Summit" contest entries are due that day by 10 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., Reynolds will host a "healthy snacks" class in the Oak Room at the Summit.

The week of celebration ends

Friday with another free fitness class and child care day on Jan. 13.

The Top Ten contest winners will be posted in the Summit, and visitors may enjoy a free five minute massage in the lobby from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call the Summit at (734) 394-5460.

By Carol Marshall



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Canton resident John Schimmel makes good use of the facilities at the Summit on the Park, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this week with a number of events.

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Coming Thursday in Filter



Super Bowl Glitz & Glamour
There are many parties happening - from the Hawaiian Tropic Girl events to elbow rubbing with Detroit celebrities.

Cookies for troops

It's that time of year again for Girl Scout cookie sales. Girl Scout Troop #433, based in Canton, has once again adopted members of the Michigan National Army Guard. These troops are currently serving in Iraq. If you do not wish to purchase cookies for yourself, please consider buying a box or two for our troops. The girls will personalize each box with a note (and your name if you'd like) and send them to Iraq. Boxes are \$3.50 each and come in the following varieties: Carmel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes, Reduced Fat Cartwheels, and Thanks-A-Lot.

To make an order, call (734) 459-0675 by Jan. 10 to be included in the troop's original order. Cookie orders received between Jan. 11 and Feb. 20 will be delivered at a later time. Money is not due until the cookies are delivered (sometime between Feb. 13-20).

Profits from cookie sales will go towards community service projects, badges, field trips, and program supplies.

Resident needs help

Bone Marrow Drive in honor of Canton's Jan Fallat will be held this Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,

at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 Lilley (south of Cherry Hill). She has acute leukemia and needs a stem cell transplant. To date there have been no matches found. If Fallat does not receive this transplant, she will lose her battle to this illness.

Fallat has a rare factor in her blood that is making the search difficult. Anyone could be a possible match, but people of German and Czech descent are strongly encouraged to become donors due to the findings of similar factors in these nationalities.

There is a tax deductible fee of \$25. The usual fee is \$65 but organizers have obtained a grant to cover the other \$40. If you cannot afford the \$25 fee but would like to be a donor, the parish has member who will pick up your fee. If you cannot be a donor but would like to help cover the \$25.00 fee for others, please drop off a check made payable to the National Marrow Donor Program at the parish office.

Once your information is recorded in the National Bone Marrow Registry, you are in until you turn 60 years or request removal. Someday your loved one may need a bone marrow transplant.

Anyone in general good health between the ages of 18 and 60 is welcome to donate. All that is needed is a finger prick of blood. The fee is

waived for those of Spanish, African or Asian descent.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly luncheon and annual business meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 11 at Summit on the Park. The event will be a good way to learn about the Chamber, its members, and what it has to offer local businesses.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., tables set up around the perimeter of the lunch room will host representatives from various chamber committees and programs that will have information regarding what's happening at the Canton Chamber in 2006.

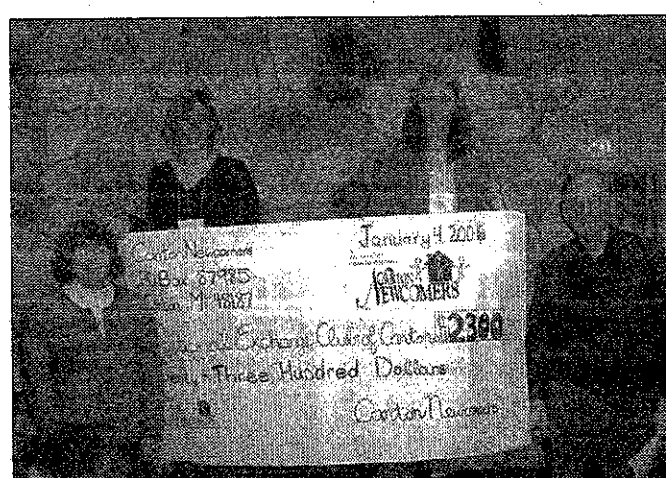
The informational booths will also be available immediately following the luncheon.

This month's luncheon features guest speaker Bart Patterson, chairman of the chamber board, who will discuss chamber goals for 2006. Additionally, District Court Judge Michael Gerou will conduct the annual installation of the board of directors.

Cost for the lunch is \$20 per person. Reservations are necessary. Contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Homeowners Advisory Council

The Canton Homeowners



A super sized donation

Members of the Canton Newcomers presented a \$2,300 check to the Canton Exchange Club, to help pay for local scholarships and to support child abuse prevention. The Newcomers raised the money during their annual Home Based Business Showcase and Silent Auction in November. Newcomers Nicole Pulick (top left) and Kim Whelan (top right) presented the check to Exchange members Nina Piwo and David Loveland. For more information about the Newcomers, visit their Web site at www.newcomers.angelcities.com or call (734) 737-0755.

Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m., Jan. 9 in the lower level of Canton Township Hall.

Guest speakers include Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Public Safety Director John Santomauro, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas, and Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin.

All residents are welcome to attend.

Hall of Fame nominations

Nomination forms for Hall of Fame and Community Achiever/Supporter awards are now available at the Canton Supervisor's office, Canton Chamber of Commerce and on Canton's Web site, www.canton-mi.org. Forms are due back to the Canton Supervisor's office no later than Friday, March 3.

The annual reception, which will take place on April 2, honors the Hall of Fame inductee, (an individual who has made a long-time, long-lasting contribution to the Canton community), Community Achievers (those who made a specific contribution to the community in the previous year), and Community Supporters (individuals or groups who continue to make an ongoing contribution to the community). For more information, please call (734) 394-5188.

Post office hours

The Canton post office, located at 480 N Canton Center Road, will be open on Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 16) and President's Day (Feb. 20) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Since September, the branch office has been operating under extended hours, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Besides extending retail hours, the Canton Post Office recently installed an Automated Postal Center (APC) to enhance customer service. It works much like an automated teller machine, and customers can by stamps or mail packages anywhere in the U.S. using a credit or debit card. The Canton APC is available 14 hours a day, six days a week. In addition, many Post Office services are now available on-line at usps.com.

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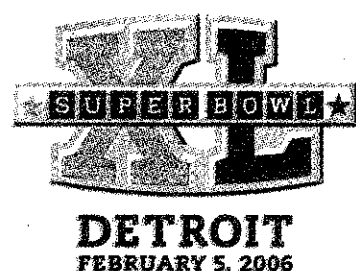
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Super Bowl more than just a game

Group helps former Canton man make a difference



BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Ed Hingelberg is ecstatic Super Bowl XL is coming to Ford Field in Detroit.

The former Canton resident, who now lives in Plymouth, doesn't have tickets to the game, nor is he planning to attend any of the Super Bowl parties.

However, as director of operations for Cass Community Social Services in Detroit, Hingelberg is excited about \$200,000 in renovations planned for the Cass Avenue Activity Center in Detroit -- for developmentally disabled adults -- as a result of the game being held in the Motor City.

The NFL and Rebuilding Together, a national nonprofit group supported by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and his wife, partner each year to make improvements to at least one building in the Super Bowl's host city. The Cass Avenue Activity Center, nominated as one of 20 potential projects, was chosen.

"This is great stuff," said Hingelberg. "We have a lot of things higher on our list to get done, but now we're getting done things we couldn't afford to do."

The Cass Avenue Activity Center is visited each day by about 60 developmentally disabled adults, and the building on Cass Avenue is in desperate need of repair. The \$200,000 in work will include new ceilings, flooring,



Shirley Carpenter baked a cake for the clients of the programs at the Cass Avenue Activity Center. Director Ed Hingelberg tries a piece.

doors, four new bathrooms and a new kitchen. Vacant property next door is being turned into a parking lot. Much of it is being done with volunteer work and donated supplies.

SERVING A NEED

"I think the thing that attracted them to us is that we serve so many different populations here, and they saw the need," said Hingelberg. "If these people didn't have this place, they literally would be sitting at some group home, staring at the wall."

"There are thousands and thousands of developmentally disabled and seniors," he said. "You put those two things together, and in some way they have it worse than the homeless people because they're a victim of their circumstance. They live in foster homes, and sometimes it's not so good."

Shirley Carpenter, 76, has been going to the activity center for nearly 15 years.

"She was institutionalized for a vast majority of her life," said Hingelberg. "She was one of those individuals if you were born being different you

were put in an institution. She's very articulate now, and you realize how sad a thing was done to her."

On Thursday, several of the adults, including Carpenter, helped bake cakes for the rest of the group.

"I didn't make it, but I put the frosting on," Carpenter said. "Sometimes I exercise, knit, or play bingo. My next big goal is to make a bank book, and save some money."

Linda MacQueen of Berkley, the director of developmentally disabled services for Cass, said the skill levels of the people who visit daily vary.

"They come here for skill building, maintaining the skills they have and learn new ones," said MacQueen. "Like learning social skills, writing their names or making change so they don't get cheated when they go to the store."

"We talk about putting these people to work, so they can have some kind of gainful employment and can feel like productive citizens," she said.

FOOD SERVICE

Hingelberg not only supervises the developmentally dis-



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth resident Ed Hingelberg is excited about building upgrades to the Cass Avenue Activity Center in Detroit, which he runs. Repairs to the drop ceiling are already under way.

abled and homeless programs, but also a food service program that serves 20,000 meals a week in a kitchen that helps train unemployed and under-employed people for jobs in culinary arts.

Cass also has residential and emergency programs for homeless people, including a rotating shelter that makes its way to Plymouth.

"Plymouth Methodist Church is part of the Wayne County rotating shelter program, serving up to 80 people in a week," said Hingelberg. "Plymouth is getting more and more involved in our programs, and a lot of businesses have donated to our annual banquet."

Hingelberg grew up in St. Clair, Mich., eventually moving to Canton Township before buying a home in Plymouth. He is known by many of the people he serves

while walking through the activity center or the soup kitchen. However, he travels around Plymouth in somewhat obscurity.

"You won't remember me, but Tashmoo is known by everyone in downtown Plymouth," said Hingelberg with a chuckle, referring to the 125-pound black Newfoundland puppy he walks around town. "We go to Friday night concerts, and will be there for the ice festival. All the little kids like him."

On Friday, Feb. 3 -- two days before the Super Bowl -- Tagliabue, Miss America and several NFL players will visit the Cass Avenue Activity Center to participate in some of the remodeling work.

"They will be putting up some ceiling tiles and putting a brush in their hand for a two-minute United Way spot that will be played during the

pre-game," said Hingelberg. "People pay millions of dollars for a one-minute commercial. We've gone from being a place in Detroit to the international stage."

Hingelberg has a smile for anyone and everyone participating in the programs of Cass Community Social Services.

"There are so many judgments about so many things try to imagine how little it means down here," Hingelberg said. "This literally means life and death."

"We're not saving the world, but we are making a dent," he said.

"When I put my head down on a pillow at the end of the night, I want to think I did something to make a difference."

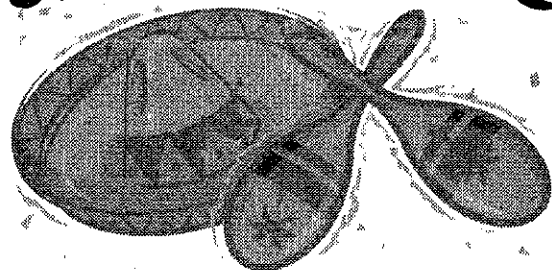
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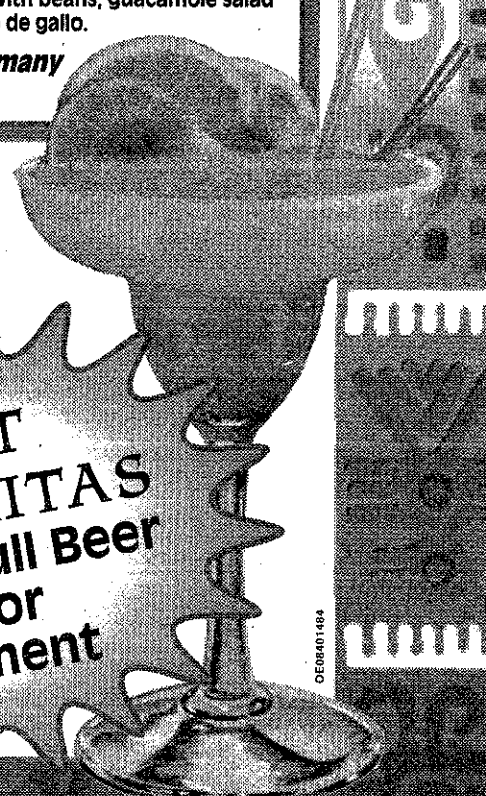
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Supporters visit state to push Alito bid for Supreme Court

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

A longtime friend and a former intern of U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Samuel Alito Jr. were in Michigan on Thursday to promote the Supreme Court justice nominee, who is scheduled to face the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday for confirmation hearings.

New York-based attorney David Graiss, Alito's college roommate at Princeton, and New Jersey-based attorney Chris Eriksen, a law intern in Alito's office in 1994-95, spoke to a group of attorneys in Lansing and conducted interviews with Metro Detroit

media during their one-day visit.

Graiss and Eriksen were part of a three-day, 19-state tour by 29 of Alito's supporters who are personal friends, mentors, clerks and former colleagues. The campaign was organized by Progress for America, a tax-exempt political action group that advances conservative ideas and principals.

"We've come to learn that discussion and debate on Supreme Court nominees need to take place outside of the Beltway," said Paul Welday, a partner with a Novi-based political and public relations company that's helping Progress for America.

"Liberal opponents bash

these guys and create a perception," added Welday, a former chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Township). "We have to present the nominee from the other side, push his qualifications and make it clear is not an ideological activist."

Critics argue that Alito, nominated to the nation's high court by President George W. Bush in October, is an activist conservative judge. While working in the U.S. Solicitor General's Office in the 1980s, Alito wrote in briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court that racial and ethnic quotas should not be allowed and the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion.

"Judge Alito's confirmation to the Supreme Court has the potential to change the social and judicial landscape of this country for decades," said Steven Shapiro, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Alito once wrote that a woman should notify her spouse before having an abortion, alarming women's rights activists. However, Graiss said Alito has also ruled Pennsylvania's rules were too strict for those seeking Medicaid-funded abortions in cases of rape, incest or serious health problems.

"He has no overall agenda," Graiss said. "He comes into every case with an open mind

and applies thorough research and intellect to each case. On various issues, he won't rule the same way because he carefully considers the law."

Eriksen said Alito is a polite lawyer who cuts his own grass and coaches Little League baseball teams. He added each of his parents were teachers.

"He's a walking testimony of how to be fair and polite with everyone," Eriksen said. "A lot of people in this profession can be arrogant and difficult to deal with, but it's been an absolute pleasure dealing with him."

Graiss, who describes himself as apolitical, said Alito is not a right-wing ideologue. He added conservatives and

liberals will appreciate some of Alito's opinions. He said Alito sees a large role for the states and small role for courts, but he has advocated for civil rights and free speech in his rulings.

While he doesn't enjoy the politicizing of judicial appointments, Graiss said he doesn't want to be idle and watch the Supreme Court nominee lose this prestigious opportunity he deserves.

"It's too bad the process has become politicized," Graiss said, "but the courts have brought that on themselves by getting involved in matters that should be left to the legislature."

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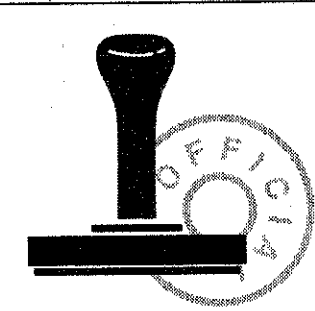
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FOR THE RECORD



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in *Passages* on page C4.

A Virginia Pool Andreae Andreae, 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 4.	B June A. Bartley Bartley, 64, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 29. Isabel Bowman Bowman, 96, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 27. Dorothy M. Brown Brown, 64, of Auburn Hills, died Dec. 27.	C Elaine (Eulalia) Norine Cybul Cybul, 82, of Clarkston, died Dec. 27.	E Margaret D. Erickson Erickson, 94, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 31. Harriet Chamberlin Ervin Ervin, 86, of Stillwater, Minn., died Jan. 5.	G Melvina F. Gies Gies, 96, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 3.	H Elmer J. "Al" Grund Grund, 89, of Rochester, died Dec. 27.	I Viola M. Harrington Harrington, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 21. Arthur Edward Herring Herring, 71, of Northville, died Jan. 4. Cassie S. Hodo Hodo, 91, of Pontiac, died Dec. 22. Douglas Howard	K Matthew C. Kell Kell, 36, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 25. Carl F. Kropp Kropp, 84, of Redford Township, died Dec. 27.	L Clifford H. Lawrence Lawrence, 83, died Jan. 3. Frances E. Lee Lee, 84, of Livonia, died Jan. 4.	M Bettie M. Maynard Maynard, 77, of Addison Township, died Dec. 22. Daniel C. McGee-Cheshire McGee-Cheshire, 37, died Dec. 24. Thelma M. Michalka	O Robert M. Owens Owens, 21, formerly of Livonia, died Dec. 23.	P Anne Marie Packard Packard, 96, died Dec. 18.	R Mary T. Redo Redo, 79, of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Chicago, Ill., died Jan. 2.	S Donald James Smith Smith, 80, of Canadian Lakes, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 29.	T Betty E. Skarritt Skarritt, 80, of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, died Dec. 31. Janice L. Stewart Stewart, 48, of Royal Oak, died Dec. 23.	W Herbert (Bert) H. Swanson Swanson, 84, of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, died Dec. 24.	Y George Nelson Teahan Jr. Teahan, 85, of Livonia, died Jan. 2.	Z Mary Wickham Wickham, 83, of Farmington Hills, died Dec. 28. Evelyn H. Young Young, of Troy, died Dec. 23.	Z Paul F. Zellner Zellner, 78, formerly of Franklin, died Jan. 23.
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Guests to help Orchestra Canton get 'Bach' to basics

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Orchestra Canton will get a little help from its friends when it presents "Back to Bach" Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The show, which is the third of five in Orchestra Canton's second season, will feature performances by several guest musicians, including Jordanian soprano Nadine Balbeisi harpsichordist Tami Morse, a recent graduate from the University of Michigan's School of Music. Other guests include Emery Stephens, who is a baritone, and tenor David Wilson.

As usual, Orchestra Canton Music Director Nan Washburn will conduct the performance.

Orchestra Canton Executive Director Jennifer Philpot-Munson said last season's January show, which featured the music of Mozart,



Morse

was a sellout, and she is expecting another for Bach. Last year, dozens of people were turned away at the door, so she recommends people purchase tickets in advance, either at the Summit or by calling the Orchestra Canton office.

The program includes some of Bach's more popular works, including Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, Suite of Bach Favorites (Sheep May Safely Graze, Air on a G-String & Jesus Joy of Man Desiring, arranged by Nan Washburn), and Bach's Coffee Cantata No. 211. The Cantata's soloists, performing in costume and in English, take a comical look at the evils and pleasures of drinking coffee.

"I've been anticipating this performance. In addition to a



Schuppener

program featuring many of Bach's most loved pieces, the guest artists for "Back to Bach" are all so extraordinarily talented. It's a real privilege to be working with them," Philpot-Munson said.

"Back to Bach" will also feature local professional musicians Mark Schuppener (violin) and Dennis Carter (flute), both members of Orchestra Canton. And, prior to the beginning of the performance, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack is expected to recite a proclamation regarding the role Orchestra Canton plays in the local arts community.

The "Back to Bach" performance begins at 8 p.m. on Jan. 14. The evening will actually begin an hour earlier at 7 p.m. in the theater's



Wilson

Biltmore Studio with a buffet-style dinner, which will include several courses.

Tickets for the dinner and concert together are \$40. Tickets for the concert only are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$11 for children. Tickets may be purchased in person at Summit on the Park, by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460, or by calling the Orchestra Canton office at (734) 451-2112. Available tickets may also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance. For more information on Orchestra Canton's second season please visit www.orchestra-canton.org.

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HOUSING

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with 954 residences. Phase one of The Hamlet is almost complete and has 52 site condominiums and 84 attached residential condominiums. Phase two of the project is currently under construction and once completed it will have 181 site condominiums and 84 attached residential condominiums.

Even though the new construction market is still holding up, despite declines, when it comes time to sell a fairly new home, the market may be somewhat less forgiving. In nearby Cherry Hill Village, residents who have bought and resold homes in the new community have found that the market has begun to impact their selling prices, even though Lewiston described 2002-04 as "fabulous years."

According to township tax records, it's not been uncommon for sellers in the village to take a loss when reselling. For example, a four-bedroom home on Buchanan was originally purchased in August of 2002 for \$359,535 and sold last September for \$351,000.

POLICE

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Middlebelt in Livonia and Plymouth and Telegraph in Redford. Livonia police interviewed the suspects Friday and were expected to seek charges.

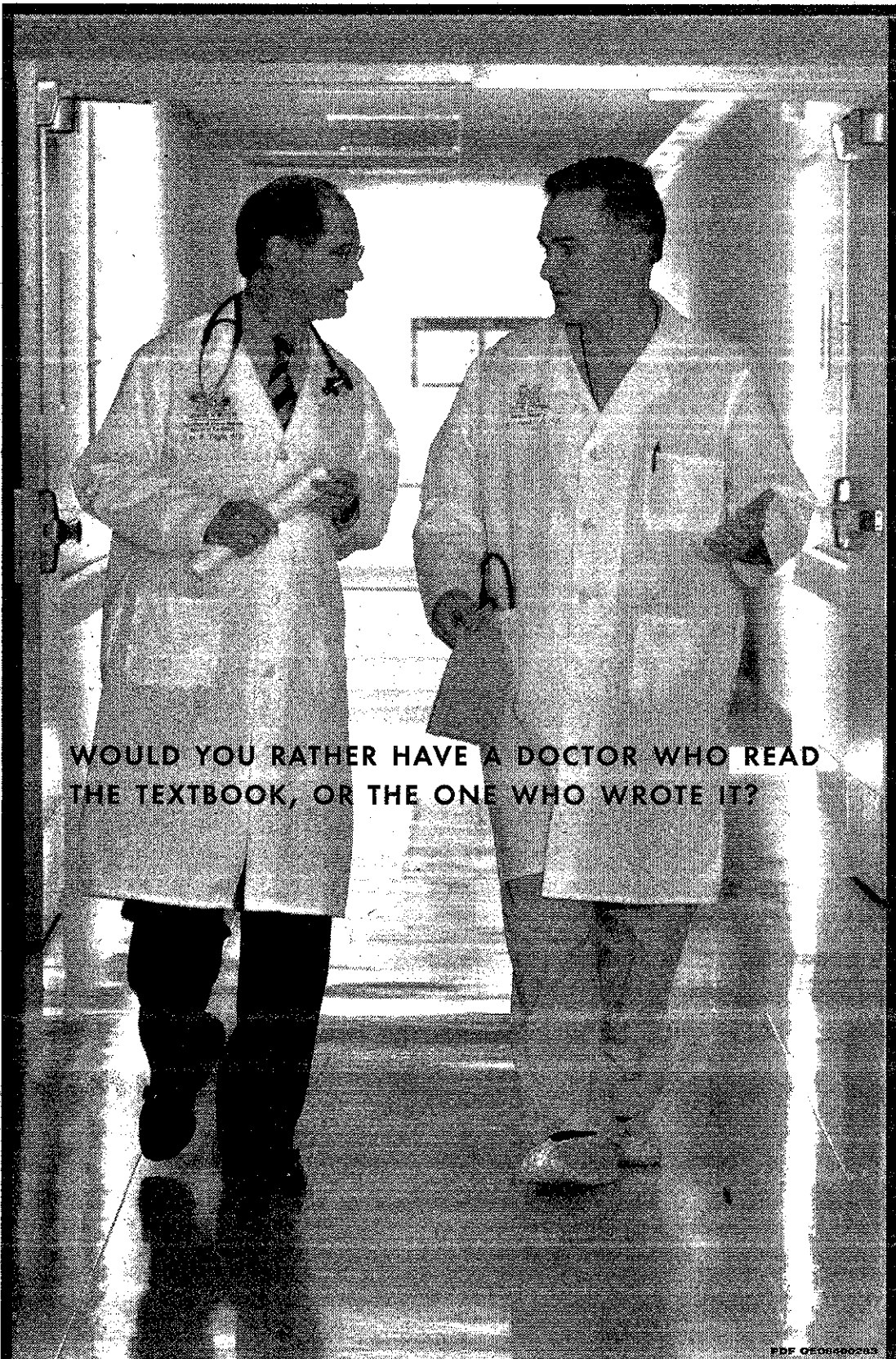
The Dearborn Heights man told a similar story, adding that the pair had stolen canisters from at least three other stores in the preceding couple of days. Garden City police are attempting to link the men to a similar theft Dec. 27 at another Garden City 7-Eleven at Merriman and Ford.

"We looked at the surveillance video from Dec. 27 and it's not enough. We'll try to do a lineup. If the witness can pick them out, we'll charge them," said Garden City Police Detective Sgt. Brian Auré, adding that theft netted about \$20.

Both men, who stood mute to the charges, are currently being held in lieu of \$100,000/10 percent bonds. A preliminary examination on the Garden City charges is scheduled for Jan. 20 in 21st District Court.

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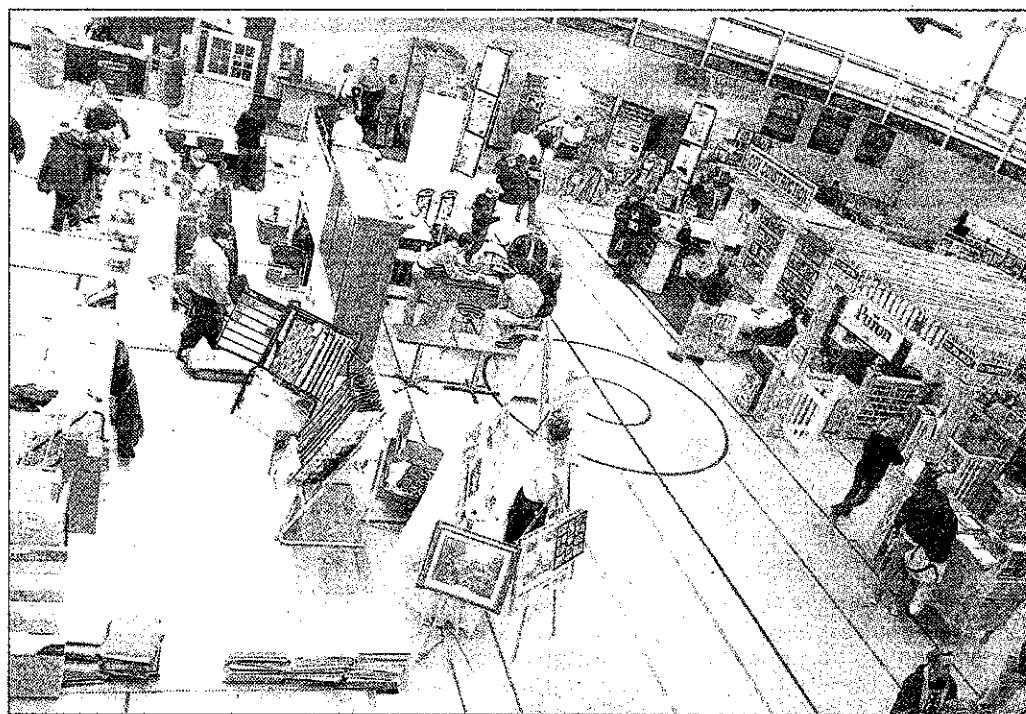
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Expo applications due

Applications to participate in Canton's 2006 Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes are due Jan. 15. The expo will once again be held at Canton's Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Since its inception, the event has grown from the front conference rooms to almost the entire Summit facility, including the cafeteria, gymnasium, and upstairs hallways. Local home improvement businesses interested in hosting a display booth or builders looking to showcase their model homes in the parade of homes can obtain applications off the Canton Web site at www.canton-mi.org or by contacting Canton's Building and



Inspection Services at (734) 394-5200. Although priority is given to Canton businesses, the event is open to everyone. The registration fee for participating in the

Expo is \$125 and due to space restrictions, display booths will be available on a limited basis. The 2006 Home Improvement Expo is being

sponsored by Canton's Building and Inspections Services Division, together with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

IKEA

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how do you love them to death?" Gallerini said of the goal of Canton businesses at the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting last week.

And once the IKEA shopper gets to Canton, business owners throughout the township need to compel him or her to drive down Ford Road and beyond.

The marketing efforts, Gallerini said, are not to help IKEA be successful. Instead, they're designed to help the businesses and customers who are here now.

"(IKEA) is just the excuse we're using to get everyone working together and walking down one path ... to accentuate Canton for three diverse markets," he said.

The markets are residents, people from surrounding communities, and people who are coming to Canton because IKEA is here, but will need to purchase other goods and services while they're in town. The business community isn't

the only population in Canton which is preparing for the big grand opening of IKEA. The police department has also been working on a plan to manage traffic and crowds.

Canton Police Lt. Bob Kerr told the board of trustees that the department is working with IKEA to secure off-site parking, from which visitors will be shuttled to the store.

IKEA will also use a stadium parking lot management company to help direct traffic on-site.

"The concept behind stadium parking is you are directed right to a parking lot. It fills every space up and gets people in quickly," Kerr said.

The police department will have its mobile command post vehicle on-site, and will patrol intersections in cars, on motorcycles, and on bicycles, he added. He said that lighted temporary signs along I-275 will also remind drivers of the store's grand opening, and advise local drivers to consider alternate routes.

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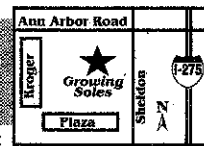
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Drive to let voters decide will also make voters wait

Voters this coming November might want to take an iPod or a book with them to the polls. They may be facing a long wait as their fellow voters plow through a never-ending ballot.

In addition to voting for U.S. senator, U.S. House member, governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state legislators, county officials and the always obscure judicial seats, they may also be deciding on more than half a dozen ballot issues.

The same people who wail about the sanctity of legislative decisions in court proceedings are often behind ballot measures that wouldn't stand a chance of getting approved in a legislature.



Hugh Gallagher

They are also the same people who like to play semantics and declare that we live in a "republic" not a "democracy," and then deplore decisions made by representative bodies.

The popularity of initiatives and referendums in recent years has been a boon to advertising agencies, petition-gathering companies and political consultants. Its value for sound government and intelligent discussion of public issues is another matter. Debate by crude, loud, misleading and out-right deceptive advertising has dumbed down public discourse. Rather than being a fine example of pure democracy, these campaigns become an object lesson in public manipulation.

While we are often frustrated by the political wheeling and dealing in Lansing and Washington, legislators are often guided by a wealth of background information, historical precedent and negotiated compromises that keep them from acting too rashly or too far outside the mainstream. Initiative campaigns are ruled by emotional and sometimes dishonest appeals that are often checked only by counter emotional appeals. It's hard to make a strong argument and present a detailed position in a 30-second soundbite. And, unfortunately, soundbites have a greater impact than more detailed newspaper stories.

Of course, referendums and initiatives do have their place in the public forum. The 1963 state Constitution reads, "The people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and to enact and reject laws, called the initiative, and the power to approve and reject laws enacted by the legislature, called the referendum. The power of the initiative extends only to laws which the legislature may enact under this constitution."

Sometimes public vote is the only way to overcome entrenched special interests. Sometimes constitutions do need to be amended. Sometimes public vote does create an honest debate over a controversial issue.

So what might voters have to look forward to in the coming election?

At the top of the list, of course, is the affirmative action proposal. The proposal would amend the state Constitution to "ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin." The Board of Canvassers has twice rejected the petition but has been ordered by the State Court of Appeals to meet again to certify the petition and proposal language by Jan. 20. Some board members have argued that the petition circulators deceived people about the intent of the proposal.

The language does suggest a bold move to eliminate "discrimination" and as one paid petition gatherer told me "the leader of the campaign is an African American." That would be Ward Connerly of California. But this is an example of a complex issue that will be reduced to angry soundbites or deceptive language that never address the history of discrimination in this state, the position of the University of Michigan (and the Armed Forces, most unions and many corporations) and the nuance of last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision that makes the proposal nothing more than divisive mischief.

Another Supreme Court decision has also given rise to an initiative on "eminent domain." In ruling that New London, Conn., had a right to use eminent domain to clear a site for a private development, the court set off a firestorm on the issue of property rights. Conservatives were offended that the court would make it easier for the government to take private property and liberals were offended that the court's liberals would write the decision that favored developers over the working class residents of the New London neighborhood. Talk about strange bedfellows.

In its decision, the court challenged state legislatures to examine its eminent domain laws and cited a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision against Wayne County's use of eminent domain for the Pinnacle Aeropark project as an example of how to balance property rights against public benefit.

But again this is a serious issue that will be reduced to a soundbite, with that irritating voice heard it seems on all of these ads intoning, "They are trying to take YOUR property away!"

Other issues that may get on the ballot include creating a dove hunting season, allowing defendants to request a jury where 50 percent of the jurors "are identical in racial appearance" to the defendant, providing minimum funding increases for schools tied to a price index, and an anti-abortion proposal that grants rights of due process to a "person" at conception.

Let the noise begin.

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Horror of crime extends beyond Detroit's limits

A Detroit Cody High School student was walking home from a local branch of the Detroit Public Library when she was raped and stabbed to death this past week. Seeing her grieving family on the TV news made me sad and angry. My husband, who grew up in Detroit until his early teens, said "No one should have to live that way" as images of her grieving relatives flashed across the screen in our living room Wednesday night.

I went online the next morning to try to find out more about the victim, her name, age, year in school, maybe even her plans following high school graduation. It was tough to find much information, however, as so many young people have been killed in Detroit that one stabbing death doesn't seem to merit much mention.



Julie Brown

A call to the Detroit Police Department revealed she was 16. Her name's not being released. "We're receiving calls but no one's been apprehended," a

department spokeswoman said Friday afternoon.

Detroit police received the call Jan. 1 at 10:45 p.m. but are uncertain of the exact time of the crime. Those with information are urged to call Detroit homicide at (313) 596-2260 or Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

Clementine Barfield of Detroit founded Save Our Sons and Daughters in 1987 following the shooting death of one of her sons, age 16. SOSAD closed about a year ago in part due to budget cuts and debts, along with IRS questions about finances. I remembered reading about Barfield having grown weary of fighting the good fight for crime victims in Detroit, as so many continued to be killed year after year.

In Plymouth where I live, we don't give a lot of thought to letting kids walk home from the library, unless maybe the weather's too cold. That Cody High student should have enjoyed the same freedom, to be able to walk from her library home without fear of her safety.

My husband, 49, still speaks fondly of his west side Detroit neighborhood, near the old Catholic Central and Sinai Hospital. Friendships made during those years have endured. Like so many other white families, they moved (to Livonia) in the late 1960s.

Black families have followed in more recent years, seeking better schools for their children and better housing. Certainly crime is a factor in decisions to

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move as well. The 1967 riots were a defining moment, but nearly 40 years later our region still struggles.

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Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer spent 23 years with the Detroit Police Department, leaving in 1985. He remembers well the toll of that work.

"We certainly see it in the suburbs," said Dwyer. "No one is immune from this type of violence. That's a concern today as far as the increase in violence."

Dwyer cites unemployment, drugs and casino gambling as factors. He agreed dealing with such crimes takes a toll on police.

"Law enforcement have families too. They have sons and daughters, husbands and wives. We are compassionate and we do have grief."

He talked with one of his department's dispatchers who was upset about a child drowning. Another officer was first on the scene when a man who'd returned from Las Vegas killed his pregnant wife and children.

Dwyer emphasizes that public involvement is what police and prosecutors need to fight crime. "We need that help from the public. We always have and always will." He's pleased with such efforts as Crime Stoppers, which offers rewards for anonymous tips leading to solving of crimes.

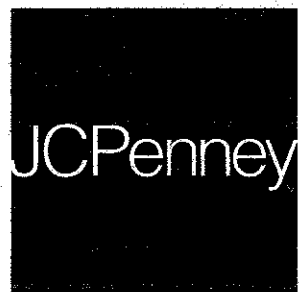
A recent news report cited deadly violence in Saginaw, as even outstate communities see their share of crime. Thinking of urban violence as only a Detroit problem won't do anything to bring about a reduction in crime.

May the teen from Cody, who died all too soon, rest in peace and may she and her family find the justice they deserve.

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Senate primary full of intrigue

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Political handicappers have framed the upcoming primary election for Republican U.S. Senate candidacy as a race between two men, but depending on which way the wind blows, the third man might come from behind and create a three-way horse race.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, the Rev. Keith Butler and Jerry Zandstra are in the race to be the Republican challenger to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow next year. The primary vote will be held Aug. 8.

Oakland County GOP Executive Committee member John Bowker said the primary is going to be a race worth watching. There are a lot of different elements that make the race hard to handicap.

"Bouchard has the ability to draw voters, he's got excellent name recognition and ability to raise funds," he said. "He's got a history of victories in Oakland County."

But, he said, it's his history that's going to hurt him. Bowker said the in-and-out nature of Bouchard's candidacy (he dropped out of the senatorial race in the summer, citing health reasons) puts a lot of members of the party in a difficult position.

"Those who were with him initially put their support behind Butler," Bowker said. "Now he's back in and that's distressed some people."

Butler, on the other hand, has the ability to pull votes in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Detroit and Flint — areas with significant minority populations — and could be a real boon for the Republican ticket as a whole.

"That's not to say that blacks are necessarily going to vote for a black candidate," he said, "but conservative black



Bouchard



Butler



Zandstra

Democrats could cross over for him and pull votes from Stabenow."

Zandstra, he said, could be the spoiler for Butler in terms of the religious conservative vote. He said Zandstra could beat Butler, but not Bouchard. A bruising primary, however, could leave any of the three candidates unable to take on a sitting senator come November.

The 9th Congressional District Republicans held a senatorial candidate forum earlier this month. All three candidates came out for the "Showdown in Motown" to air their views on topics topical and abstract. The group's chairman, Glenn Clark, said there was something for everyone.

"If you like GM cars, you're going to walk into a Chevy dealership and find something you can drive off in," he said. "Butler was very strong on social issues, Bouchard on law and order and Zandstra was strong on economic issues."

Unfortunately, he said, it's going to come down to who has the money to spread their message to the voters. If that's the case, he said Bouchard and Butler are going to be the contenders. Zandstra hasn't got a track record here and is going to have to settle for dark horse status.

That could change. "He's well-spoken, he's probably the smartest guy in the race," Clark said. "If he's able to get on radio and TV while Bouchard and Butler are slugging it out, he could swoop in and take the race."

Whatever happens, he said the candidate who wins the primary will be the one who takes on the mantle of The Gipper.

"The people who win Republican primaries in Michigan are those who articulate conservative social and economic visions for America," Clark said. "Long gone are the left-of-center Republicans. (President Ronald) Reagan cast a long shadow and Republicans like his principles; less taxation and traditional family values. Like a bird, you have to have both of those wings to fly."

What they all need to do, Bowker said, is keep their distance from President George W. Bush and Republicans currently in Washington.

"He should not be invited to the state and not mentioned in the race," he said. "Between the budget and Iraq, he's a liability. Conservatives are dissatisfied with the drunken sailor spending in Washington and Bush hasn't vetoed any of that."

He said the winning strategy in Michigan is keeping it local and that means focusing in on jobs.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, a veteran of

several political campaigns including a run for governor, said whoever comes out of the primary had better be ready for a real fight against Stabenow.

"Bouchard looks like the leader, he's in a very visible position," he said. "He's going to have to raise about \$20 million to counter Stabenow, because she's going to have that much and some change. If he can't do that, he should get out of the race now."

While he concedes that Stabenow will benefit from Bush's unpopularity, he said she's got enough baggage of her own she'll need to counter.

"We're still seeing Canadian trash coming over the bridge, prescription drug costs are still out of sight, we're not getting our fair share of transportation funds," Patterson said. "Those are areas she said she'd deliver on and she hasn't."

The three-way primary, he said, could be a good thing for the candidates because it's a good dry run for their organizations to work out the kinks and get in shape for the real contest in November. Provided, that is, that whoever emerges as the Republican candidate hasn't been savaged in the process.

"If there's an absolute blood-letting, that would be different," Patterson said. "I don't think it will be."

School new hires will get background checks

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Rules that went into effect at the beginning of the year will place new requirements on school districts to do extensive background checks on every person on the payroll.

The requirements, which apply to all schools, public and private, call for every employee to be fingerprinted for a criminal background check. Any employee convicted of an offense requiring registration as a sex offender may not be hired for any job.

But that isn't the extent of the legislation, it also has requirements for prospective hires that are found to be convicted of crimes not sexually related. Employees who are convicted of other felony offenses that do not require registration on that list would have to be approved by a district's superintendent and school board in writing.

Further, any school employee charged with a

crime of any kind would have to report to the Michigan Department of Education within three days of arraignment or be charged with another misdemeanor or felony as applicable to the original arraignment.

Margaret Trimmer-Hartley, communications director for the Michigan Education Association, said the teachers' union is behind efforts to guarantee the best hires possible.

What the MEA is concerned about, she said, is what could be done with information gleaned from a background check. There are legitimate concerns about the accuracy of state records and if the wrong information gets out about a teacher, there are few ways to clear a person's name.

Wrong information, she said, can be generated in a number of ways.

Trimmer-Hartley said the MEA would stand firm that the cost of the fingerprinting program would not be borne by the teachers themselves.

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Special bond

Local coaches agree rewards of coaching own children outweigh potential problems

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On several evenings over the next two months, Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry will instruct his talented sophomore point guard to take the ball hard to the basket.

A few hours later, he may ask him to take out the trash.

Henry's point guard is unique in that he shares more than a deep love of basketball with his coach. He also shares a house, DNA and a last name.

Madonna's point guard is Charlie Henry, the oldest of Chuck's two sons. Together, the Henrys make up one of the area's handful of genetically linked coach/player combinations at the collegiate or high school levels.

While the potential for problems sometimes hovers over a parent coaching his own child, the Henrys and the area's other parent/player duos look at their situation as an enriching bonding experience that can't be duplicated.

"The best thing about coaching my own kids has been the extra time I've been able to spend with them," said Henry, who has, at one point or another over the past 15 years, coached all five of his roundball-loving children. "When I've talked to some of my friends who are in coaching, they've told me that one of the toughest parts of the job is that they miss seeing their own kids play because of their team's practice and game schedules. I consider myself lucky to be in the position I'm in."

"To be able to spend quality time with Charlie and share the same passion for basketball we have is a great opportunity."

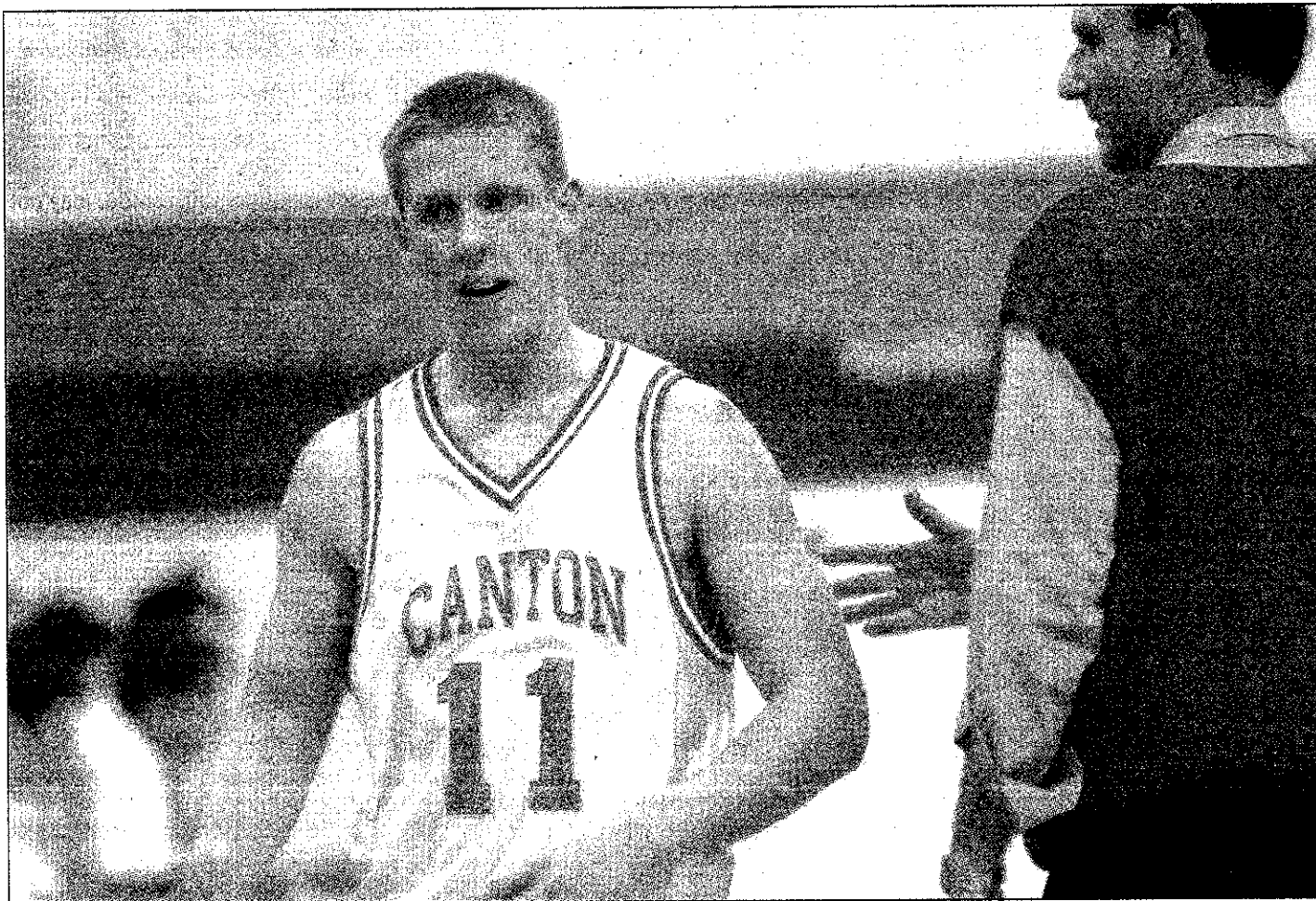
"I consider it a privilege to be able to coach the kids who are on my team," said Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey coach Lori Callahan, whose daughter, Kristin, is one of the team's defensemen. "To be able to coach at the high school level and have the opportunity to coach my daughter at the same time is extra special."

DRAWING A LINE

Knowing when to stop coaching and start parenting is a skill that is vital to making the coaching parent/playing child scenario successful, said Canton boys basketball coach Charlie Paye, who has coached sons Matt and Steve at Canton.

"We try to leave everything at the gym, and I think we do a pretty good job of it," said Paye. "We don't really get into what we do at practice or in games

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Canton junior forward Steve Paye gets a pat on the back from his coach/dad Charlie Paye during a game earlier this season.

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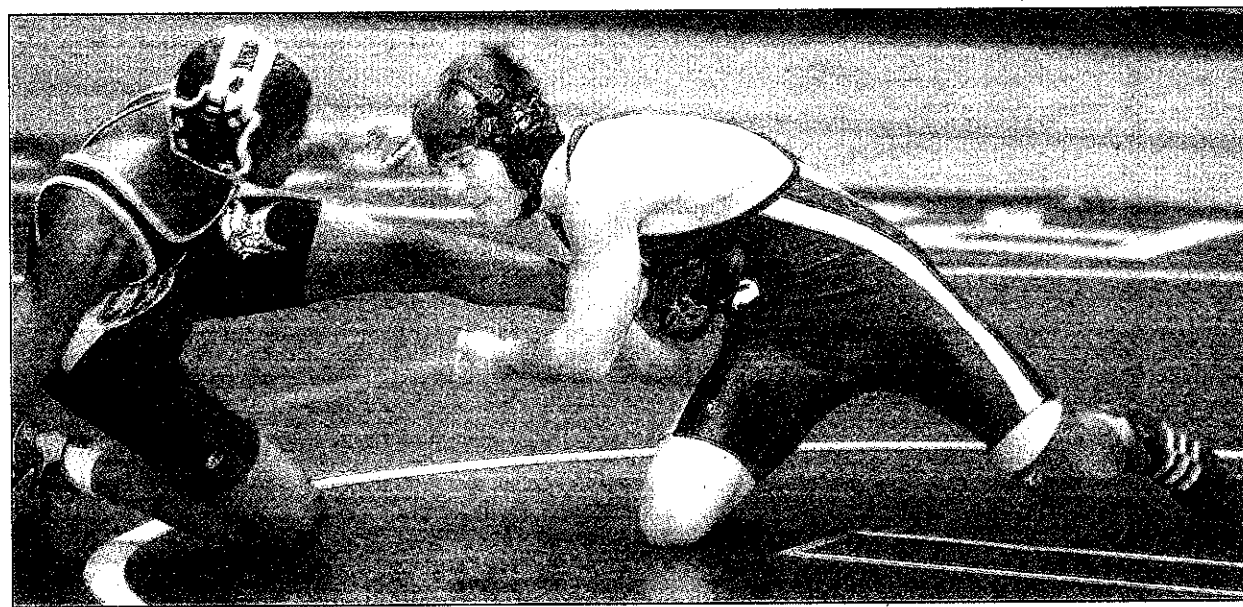
FAMILY TIES

Following is a list of a few area families that have a parent coaching a child:

- **Canton's Payes** — Father Charlie coaches son Steve on Chiefs' basketball team;
- **Madonna University's Henrys** — Father Chuck coaches son Charlie on Crusaders' basketball team;
- **PCS girls hockey's Callahans** — Mother Lori coaches daughter Kristin on Penguins;
- **Canton Agape's Anleitners** — Father Keith coaches son Jack on Wolverines' basketball team; and
- **Livonia Franklin's Whalens** — Mother Mary Kay coaches daughter Robin on Patriots' basketball team.



Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey coach Lori Callahan has coached daughter Kristin for the past two seasons. Kristin is a sophomore defenseman for the unbeaten Penguins



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Jake Bennett (right) defeated Walled Lake Central's Jamar Leggs, 11-9, in their 140-pound match Thursday in the Salem gymnasium. Bennett is one of Observerland's top-ranked wrestlers at his weight.

Salem wrestlers pin Vikings, 36-28

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

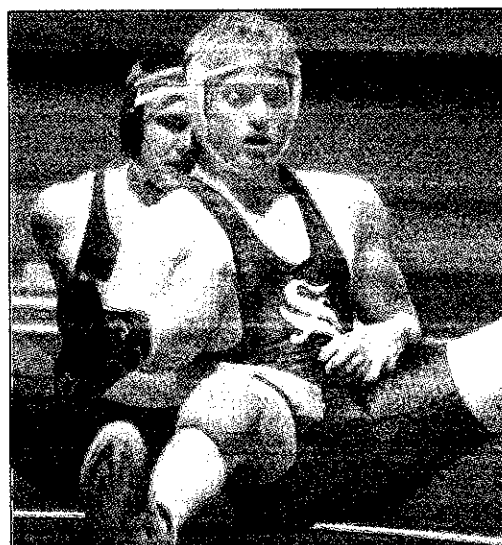
Due to voids and injuries, the Salem wrestling team's line-up was shuffled around more than a deck of Texas Hold 'em cards Thursday night in its dual meet against visiting Walled Lake Central.

But the Rocks handled the adversity as well as they did the Vikings, winning 36-28. The showdown between the

two Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division contenders was the league opener for both teams.

"Considering we lost 12 points at the start due to voids, I was happy with the win," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "It's early in the season, so I don't think either team has a set line-up yet, but Walled Lake Central has

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Salem's Andrew Ross (foreground) outpointed Walled Lake Central's Steve Hazel, 13-4, in a 171-pound battle Thursday night.

Whalers sink Sudbury, 5-1

The Plymouth Whalers rebounded from a tough loss the night before to bury Sudbury, 5-1, Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League game played in the Sudbury Arena.

The Whalers are now 20-14-1-3, which is good enough for first place in the OHL's West Division.

Plymouth goalie Justin Peters earned the nod as the game's No. 1 star by turning back 20 Wolves' shots. The Whalers outshot their hosts, 25-21.

Offensively, the winners were paced by John Vigilante, who picked up a goal and two assists.

Vigilante's third-period lamp-lighter was short-handed and gave his team a commanding 4-0 advantage.

Also tallying goals for Plymouth were Evan Brophy, Jared Boll, Steve Ward and Andrew Fournier. Gino Pisellini, Dan Collins (two), Peters and Tom Sestito notched assists for Plymouth.

On Thursday, the Barrie Colts led from start to finish in a 5-1 victory over the Whalers before 3,597 at the Molson Centre.

Ryan Hamilton led the Barrie attack with a pair of goals, while Andrew Marshall, Vladimir Nikiforov and Travis Fuller scored one each.

John Vigilante scored the lone Plymouth goal (16th of the season) at 1:48 of the third period.

Barrie led 3-0 after one period and 4-0 after 40 minutes. The Colts outshot the Whalers, 44-21.

The game was a penalty-filled and fight-filled affair, which will lead to suspensions to players (second and third fights in the same sequence) on both sides. Mike Letizia, James Neal and Derek Merlino each received a two-game suspension for the participation in fighting Thursday night in Plymouth's 5-1 loss in Barrie. They are eligible to return to the lineup when Plymouth returns home at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, against Saginaw.



Sidelines

Lynn shines

Former Salem swimmer Eric Lynn is enjoying a successful senior season as a member of the Oakland University men's swim team.

Lynn played a key role in the Grizzlies' first-place finish in the Miami (Ohio) University Invitational, a three-day meet that took place Dec. 1-3.

Lynn swam the last leg of the 200-yard freestyle relay, which earned first-place and set a new meet record with a time of 1:22.86.

Lynn was also a member of the Grizzlies' first-place 200 medley relay team that set a meet record with a clocking of 1:30.31.

The former Rock closed out a great meet by winning the 100 backstroke in 50.10.

Jaskot excels

Salem graduate Kelly Jaskot scored 11 points in a reserve role for the University of Detroit Mercy's women's basketball team in the Titans' 88-73 victory over Loyola on Thursday.

In 18 minutes of action, Jaskot, a senior, also compiled three rebounds and six assists, while hitting 1-of-3 three-point shots.

Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the 2006 Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU girls basketball teams will be held at the following times and locations:

■ 9- and 10-year-olds: Friday, Jan. 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School; and Friday, Jan. 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School.

■ 11-year-olds: Friday, Jan. 13, from 7:30-9 p.m. at East Middle School; and Friday, Jan. 20, from 7:30-9 p.m. at East Middle School.

■ 12-year-olds: Monday, Jan. 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; and Monday, Jan. 16, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

■ 13-year-olds: Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; and Monday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

Wolves perfect

The Michigan Wolves U14 boys soccer team recently captured the Super Y North American Championship in Tampa, Fla., in dominating fashion.

The Wolves went 5-0 without allowing a single goal.

Michigan, which was coached by Livonia Stevenson High School boys coach Lars Richters, won the title by blanking the SCC Breakers, 6-0, in the final match.

Local players competing for the Wolves were: Joshua Gatt (Plymouth), Vinh Nguyen (Canton), Sasa Miskovic (Canton), Kevin Cope (Canton), Adam Bedell (Livonia), Joey D'Agostino (Livonia), Etienne Lussiez (Livonia), Doug Beason (Northville), Nick Sciabassi (Northville) and Nick Tacconelli (Northville).

WRESTLING

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a senior-led team. They're pretty decent with a lot of kids back from last year." Woochuk heaped praise on a pair of his lighter-weight performers who registered decisive victories despite moving up a weight.

Both 119-pound Alex Kemp and 125-pound Nick Steiger pinned their opponents in 5:32.

"Alex and Nick both had to bump up a weight because of injuries and they both came through with outstanding performances," said Woochuk. "I thought Kevin Bennett did an excellent job at 103, too."

"I was also pleased with our heavyweight, Hussien Ajami. He's a first-year wrestler who's only been in the wrestling room for about a month, but he only lost by one point to a senior who is a very good wrestler. Hussien was winning after two periods, so he did a great job even though he lost."

The match remained close throughout, with Salem receiving key victories from Jake Bennett (140 pounds), Andrew Ross (171) and Jeremy Henderson (189).

Leading 33-28, the Rocks needed a strong effort from their 215-pounder Alex Smith, and that's what they received.

Smith decisioned Jordan Korastus, 9-4, to clinch the 'W' for the hosts.

"Alex has always wrestled well under pressure and he did again tonight," Woochuk stated. "He really stepped up

'Alex and Nick both had to bump up a weight because of injuries and they both came through with outstanding performances. I thought Kevin Bennett did an excellent job at 103, too.'

Greg Woochuk
Salem coach

big in the last match when we needed him."

The Vikings' highlights included Jerrell Leggs' victory over Kevin Hayter at 135 and Gene Simon's win at 160 over Sam Lepper. Both Central wrestlers won with pins — Leggs' came at 1:08 while Simon's came at the 26-second mark.

SALEM 36, W.L. CENTRAL 28 Jan. 5 at Salem
HVY: Glenn Lubitz (WLC) decisioned Ajami Hussien, 6-5; 103 pounds: Kevin Bennett (S) won by technical fall over Matt Mueller, 19-2; 112: Ben DeWitt (S) won by void; 119: Alex Kemp (S) pinned Maxx Lesnick in 5:32; 125: Nick Steiger (S) p. James David in 5:32; 130: Jake Hill (WLC) d. Jerald Bonkowski, 6-0; 135: Jerrell Leggs (WLC) p. Kevin Hayter in 1:08; 140: Jake Bennett (S) d. Jamar Leggs, 11-9; 145: Kyle Kuenz (WLC) won by void; 152: Craig Droplewski (WLC) d. Jeremy Epley, 11-1; 160: Gene Simon (WLC) p. Sam Lepper in 26 seconds; 171: Andrew Ross (S) d. Steve Hazel, 13-4; 189: Jeremy Henderson (S) d. Bryan Stolla, 8-4; 215: Alex Smith d. Jordan Korastus, 9-4.
WLA dual-meet records: Salem, 1-0; W.L. Central, 0-1.

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Salem's Alex Kemp pinned Walled Lake Central's Matt Lesnick in 5:32 during Thursday night's 36-28 Rock victory.

Canton opens WLAA slate with a win

Canton's wrestling team opened its 2006 Western Lakes Activities Association schedule on a positive note Thursday night with a solid 42-24 victory over Walled Lake Western in a meet held in the Warriors' gym.

The Chiefs are now 17-2 overall heading into Thursday's key WLAA dual meet at Livonia Franklin.

"We wrestled pretty well overall," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We lost four really close matches, which was kind of frustrating. You always want to win those close matches."

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Four Chiefs pinned their opponents: heavyweight Donnie Laramie, 112-pounder Mike Haar, 140-pounder Corey Phillips and 189-pounder Alex Amberg. Konrad Konsitzke registered a 19-1 technical fall over Jake Birmingham at 152 and Joe Wilson notched a 17-5 major decision against Joey Hajal.

CANTON 42, W.L. WESTERN 24 Jan. 5 at W.L. Western
215 pounds: Chris Alexopoulos (WLW) deci-

sioned Tom Bonnell, 8-5; HVY: Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Spencer Jardine in 1:46; 103: Carl Lucke (C) won by void; 112: Mike Haar (C) p. Mark Lariviere in 0:46; 119: David Johnston (WLW) p. Adam Fleishmann in 5:45; 125: Nick Zilan (WLW) dec. Sam Santilli, 9-7; 130: Steve Cox (C) dec. Jordan Lutren, 8-2; 135: Mike Morripi (WLW) p. Josh Hurst, 1:33; 140: Corey Phillips (C) p. Elvis Vushaj in 1:53; 145: Joe Wilson (C) won by major decision over Joey Hajal, 17-5; 152: Konrad Konsitzke (C) won by technical fall over Jake Birmingham, 19-1; 160: Andy Goodman (WLW) dec. Marwan Faraj, 11-9 in overtime; 171: George Hajal (WLW) dec. Kiel Price, 4-2; 189: Alex Amberg (C) p. Robert Sheldon in 55 seconds.
WLAA records: Canton, 1-0; W.L. Western, 0-1.

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PLYMOUTH 18 Jan. 5 at Franklin
171 pounds: Blake Karkoska (LF) pinned Vince Daroffi, 2:47; 189: Chris Van Camp (LF) p. Danny Jammoul, 1:34; 215: Taylor Fox (P) decisioned Greg Schuyler, 7-4; 275: Kyle Brown (LF) p. Shaun Bailey, 4:37; 103: Jared Pieknik (LF) won by major dec. over Anthony Favot, 9-0; 112: Steve D'Annunzio (P) p. Brandon Billau, 2:42; 119: Mike Wararen (LF) dec. Ben Kosmalksi, 8-5; 125: Jon Roos (LF) won by major dec. over Amie Pakray, 13-5; 130: Josh Billiau (LF) p. Taffinder Singh, 1:50; 135: Andrew Saunders (P) dec. Brian Rink, 4-0; 140: James Jones (LF) p. Steven Korpus, 4:49; 145: Au Youseff (P) dec. Austin Phillips, 12-9; 152: Jon Hagar (P) dec. Dennis Tullio, 6-4 (overtime); 160: Nate Turco (LF) p. Jeff Schinartz, 3:27.
Franklin's dual meet record: 12-0 overall, 1-0 WLAA-Western Division.

Plymouth performs well in loss

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

You can't judge a book by its cover and you can't judge the Plymouth gymnastics team's performance Thursday by the final score: Hartland 138.00, Plymouth 124.40.

In spite of the loss, the Wildcats recorded their highest point total of the year while registering several individual-best scores.

The loss dropped Plymouth's record to 1-2, but it didn't dismay first-year head coach Diane Hodur.

"Our scores are getting better every competition," Hodur said. "Our vaulting average really went up against Hartland. It hasn't been our strongest event, but the girls have been working hard on it

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and their scores show it."

Hodur was especially pleased with the efforts of twin seniors Courtney and Chelsea Pickard.

"They both did a great job," Hodur said. "Both Courtney and Chelsea feed off each other and they push each other to do better. They're very positive with each other and with the rest of their teammates."

Ashley Brimmer earned the Wildcats' top all-around score (30.95). Courtney Pickard was next at 30.05.

Jordan Brodehl also had an outstanding meet, compiling an 8.75 on the balance beam and an 8.5 on the uneven bars. Both scores were season-bests

for the talented sophomore.

Brimmer notched personal-best scores of 8.4 on the vault and 7.8 on the uneven bars. Courtney Pickard's best performances came in the vault (7.8) and floor exercise (7.85) while Chelsea Pickard impressed the judges to the tune of a 7.7 on the balance beam.

Also shining brightly for Plymouth was Paige Tofil, who scored a 7.15 with her floor-exercise routine.

Plymouth returns to action Jan. 17 when it travels to Birmingham Groves.

On Jan. 18, the Wildcats return home to host Walled Lake Unified.

The meet is set to begin at 7 p.m.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 10
Redford Union at Canton, 7 p.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m.
Adrian at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
Agape Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Wednesday, Jan. 11
W.L. Northern at Plymouth at Canton H.S., 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 12
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14
Canton at Rock-Kilgore Invite at Salem, noon
BOYS WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 12
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14
Canton at Springport Duals, 9:30 a.m.
Salem at Adrian Invite, 10 a.m.
Plymouth at Wildcat Team Tourney at Plymouth H.S., 10 a.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 9
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 11
Northville at Canton at Plymouth H.S., 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14
Canton at Holland Invite, 10 a.m.
ICE HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 10
Cranbrook Kingswood at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 13
W.L. Western at Salem Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14
PCS Penguins at Livonia Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Arena, 6:40 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan. 9
W.L. Central at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
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Alpena at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
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Wednesday, Jan. 11
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PCA spikers sweep Trojans

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team evened its record at 6-6-1 Thursday night by sweeping Livonia Clarenceville, 25-13, 25-4 and 25-13.

"We played very strong and we were scrappy tonight," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "This group of girls is playing very well and they're coming together. They have great chemistry."

Senior outside hitter Kelsie Tietjen led the Eagles with 20 kills, 10 digs and seven blocks. Fellow senior Bre Ruark also played well, racking up 30 service points, 20 assists and 16 digs.

FRANKLIN EDGED

Livonia Franklin put up a battle, but came up short in Wednesday's non-league girls volleyball match with visiting Ann Arbor Pioneer, 25-17, 25-19, 25-23.

Pioneer, getting 14 kills and seven aces from Erica Jaffe, improved to 11-3-3 overall. Cassie Petosky added 10 kills and seven digs, while setter Mary Brieschke finished with 16 assist-to-kills for the Pioneers.

Franklin's top attacker was junior Liz Dempsey, who finished with seven kills. Jaleece Lavine and Jenn Boettcher added six each. Boettcher also hit at a .500 clip.

"The girls were extremely competitive throughout the entire match against an exceedingly tough team," said Franklin first-year coach

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Danielle Wensing, whose team is 2-5-4 overall. "This was our first home game, so I believe everyone had the case of the jitters, including myself.

"However, I thought we came together very efficiently with each game and made it pretty close in score."

Franklin's top serve receivers included Cassie LaPrairie, Dempsey, Boettcher and Lavine.

"It's still early enough in the season for us to develop into the team we know that we can be," Wensing said. "I look forward to the (Western Lakes) conference matches and compete with some of the best schools around."

Lutheran Westland wins

Rachel Sieloff, Kayle Gieschen and Andrea Guse each registered six kills Thursday to propel Lutheran High Westland to a 25-14, 25-22, 25-12 non-conference victory over host Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

Junior Lauren Schwewe added 14 digs as the Warriors improved to 2-0.

"Our team served really well and in rally scoring that is a big part of the game," said Lutheran Westland coach Gail Sieloff.

The loss drops Roeper to 0-2.

Optimism reigns for PCA volleyball team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

With a strong cast of returning players, the Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team has reason to be optimistic for the 2005-06 season.

The Eagles have compiled a modest 6-6-1 through their early-season schedule, but that mark is deceptive considering the competition they've faced on the other side of the net.

"In our first two tournaments, we were the only team that wasn't in Class A or B," said PCA coach Missy Henry, referring to her Class D squad. "Our record isn't great right now, but we've played a lot of strong teams."

The Eagles finished third at the season-opening Mott Community College Invitational and second in the Silver Division at the Livonia Stevenson Invitational.

"I'm very optimistic this year," Henry added. "Our goal is to win a regional title, and I think we can do it."

PCA fell in the Class D regional final to perennially strong Lenawee Christian last spring.

The Eagles will be led by a strong senior class, including captains Kelsie Tietjen and

Julie Bahbah, both of whom are talented all-around players.

"Kelsie is amazing," Henry said. "She is a quiet leader who everyone else feeds off of. She leads by example. Kelsie is an excellent hitter and she's good at defense, too. She's probably our best defensive player."

"Julie is an excellent defensive player and she is the team's verbal leader. She's the one who rounds everybody up and gets us ready to play. She's only 5-6, but she can really get up."

Other key seniors for the Eagles are Bre Ruark, who took over the team's setting responsibilities following an injury to sophomore Sara Ross; outside hitter Stephanie Auwers; and middle hitter Rachel Wiard.

The lone junior on the Eagle's nine-player roster is Brooke Harris, who Henry praised as a "good all-around player with strong defensive skills."

Two freshmen round out the team: Mim Monroe and Jessica Murphy, both of whom will play primarily defensive roles.

"This is Julie, Kelsie and Bre's fourth year on the varsity, so it would be nice to see them go out on top," said Henry.

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MADONNA UNIVERSITY PHOTOS

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry (middle) has coached all five of his children at some time in the basketball careers. Henry currently coaches his oldest son, Charlie, at MU.

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around the house. We'll watch basketball on TV and we'll talk basketball a lot, but, for the most part, we don't discuss what's going on with our team too much when we're at home."

BALANCED TREATMENT

One problem that has doomed many coaching-your-own-child situations is the delicate issue of pushing your own kid harder than the other players so that you're not accused of favoritism.

"I think it's important to use constructive criticism with my daughter just like I do the other players, but not expect too much from her," said Callahan. "I think it's natural for parents to expect more from their own children, but I make sure I don't make the mistake of being harder on her than I am the other girls."

"It's so important that we're as absolutely objective as possible when it comes to judging our entire team, including our own children," said Canton Agape Christian basketball coach Keith Anleitner, whose son, Jack, is the Wolverines' starting

point guard. "It's hard to do sometimes, but it's necessary. If we're not totally objective, we're going to create petty jealousies among the team and it's going to create the appearance of favoritism."

Henry's rule of thumb is simple.

"I try to be fair, be firm and be honest with all my players," the veteran coach said.

THE PLAYERS' VIEWS

One sentiment was unanimous among all the coaching parents: The unique situation they share is always tougher on the players than the coaches.

"I hesitated a little bit when it came to applying for the Canton job because I knew it could be tough on my sons if their dad was the coach," Paye said. "There are always going to be people out there who think a kid is starting just because his dad is the coach, and that can be hard on the kid."

"I decided to apply for it when Matt told me he wanted me to coach the team. The playing time thing wasn't going to be an issue because Matt started as a junior under the old coach, so he was going to start his senior season whether I was



Madonna sophomore guard Charlie Henry said playing for his father, Chuck, has been a great experience.

there or not. One thing that convinced me to apply was that both of my sons are mentally tough and I knew they could handle whatever happened."

Charlie Henry said playing for his father has been a rewarding experience that he wouldn't trade for anything.

"I've really enjoyed playing for my dad," he said. "It's not always easy and it's not for everyone, but it's worked out well for us. My dad wants to win, especially now that he's coaching at the college level, so he's going to play his best players. If he thinks I can help him win, I'm going to play. If not, I won't."

The younger Henry admitted there is one drawback to playing for his dad.

"The only hard part is when I come home from a tough loss sometimes and it would be nice to talk to my dad about the game as if he was just a fan, not my coach," Henry said. "It's tough sometimes the way it is now because my dad just lost the game, too, and he feels as bad as I do."

In the not-too-distant future, Charlie Henry hopes he'll be able to relate to what his father goes through on the sidelines.

"I want to be a coach myself after I graduate," he admitted. "What my dad does and how he does it has really rubbed off on me in a positive way."

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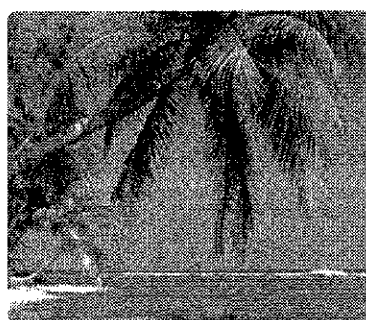
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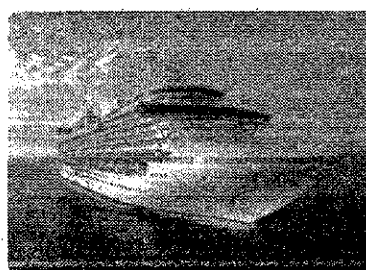
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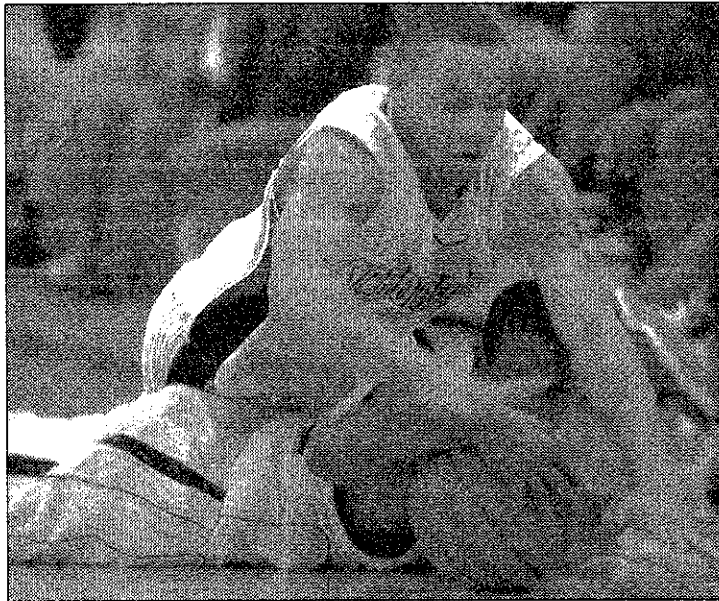
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SC men's team falls

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER



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Schoolcraft College's Cedric Sims dives over Flint Mott's Kevin Tiggs for a loose ball during Wednesday night's game at Schoolcraft.

The Ocelots took a brief 32-30 advantage with just 15.5 seconds left in the half on a basket by Wallace Hall.

But Mott's Jesse Bunkley, who led the Bears' balanced scoring attack with 17 points, nailed a triple with 5.5 seconds remaining to put Mott back on top, 33-32 at intermission.

Mott made only 11-of-29 first-half shots (37.9 percent), but connected on six first-half 3-pointers.

In the second half, Mott committed just two turnovers and nailed 17-of-35 shots from the floor while taking advantage of several Schoolcraft scoring droughts, including one which lasted 3 minutes and 21 seconds.

"We knew at the beginning of the year our guard play was a question mark and we got hurt pretty bad because we weren't strong with the ball and we didn't get into our offense," Briggs said.

Only Jarred Axon was able to complement Davis' scoring with 13 points as no other Ocelot netted double figures.

Meanwhile, Mott had a more balanced attack as Kevin Tiggs came off the bench to score 15, while Breyhon Watson contributed 12.

"We played good competition, two games in California against teams the caliber of a Schoolcraft and one with Lansing to get ready for this

game," said Mott coach Steve Schmidt, whose Bears have won four out of five. "This one of our best efforts at Mott as far as playing from start to finish.

"You have to come to play against a talented team like Schoolcraft. We tried to contain Davis, and I don't know if we did. He's a tough matchup and a very good player."

Schoolcraft went down by 12 with 7:57 left in the second half on a basket by Marcus Skinner.

The Ocelots pulled back within six, 62-56, with 4:29 to go on a basket by Ryan Williams, but never got any closer.

"We wanted to control tempo and stay focused on the defensive end," Schmidt said. "We changed our defenses to give them three or four different looks. We were able to mix it up and keep them off-balance. This is the first time we've pressed this year full-court."

Mott made 15-of-18 free throws, while Schoolcraft was 17-of-23.

"Steve (Schmidt) did a good job rotating all of his guys," Briggs said. "We had a couple of people missed practice and we started a different lineup, but that's not to take away any of the credit from Mott."

"This is got to be the worst Schoolcraft has ever played at home."

New year not kind to lady cagers

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

So far, the new year hasn't been all that happy for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team.

Two top Schoolcraft players did not play in Wednesday's first contest of 2006 against Flint Mott Community College, one of who will not return this season.

On top of that, poor shooting and costly turnovers down the stretch resulted in Mott earning a 78-67 triumph - stopping Schoolcraft's season-opening unbeaten streak and certainly knocking them out of the top spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II polls for the first time in five weeks.

The player who won't play again this season is 5-8 sophomore forward Renita Price (Wayne Memorial), who SC head coach Karen Lafata learned has been ruled academically ineligible. Schoolcraft also faced the Bears without sophomore guard Mikki Williams, who arrived late for the contest and sat out.

"Without these people, it affected us at the end of the game where we needed some big-time plays," Lafata said. "Two of our experienced players, sophomores, weren't there. I think Char (Greer) did as much as she could to ride this team on her shoulders. And Winkie (Tracey Winkler)."

Greer scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds while Winkler (Walled Lake Western) hit four triples to amass 14 points. But they did not have much help as the Lady Ocelots (12-1) stumbled from the start against the

tough Bears (8-4) - a team that has four returnees from a squad that went to the national tournament last year.

"We made some bad decisions at the end of the game, turnovers that led to baskets," Lafata noted. "And you can't do that."

Schoolcraft led 62-61 following a triple from sophomore guard Tomica Hodge (13 points) with less than seven minutes remaining.

But things quickly unraveled when back-to-back SC turnovers - one an intercepted inbound pass in Mott's end - led to baskets, giving the Bears a lead they would not relinquish.

The lone points scored by the Lady Ocelots in the final four minutes was another Hodge trey.

Poor free-throw shooting (7-17 for the game and 1-8 in the second half) also curtailed Schoolcraft's chances as did a 13-rebound performance by Mott sophomore center Parris Hargrove.

"I'm very concerned with the free throw shooting," said Lafata, whose team didn't fare much better from the floor (26-69, 38 percent).

The opening 20 minutes featured teams that traded hot streaks.

A 9-0 run by the Bears, including five points by sophomore guard Jamie Rose (21 points) opened up a 15-7 lead midway through the half.

It was 21-11 when Winkler sparked a 16-2 run that gave Schoolcraft a shortlived 27-23 margin. She hit two triples and set up a Greer bankshot with one of her five steals.

"She (Winkler) had a fine game," Lafata said. But a 7-0 Mott stretch fol-



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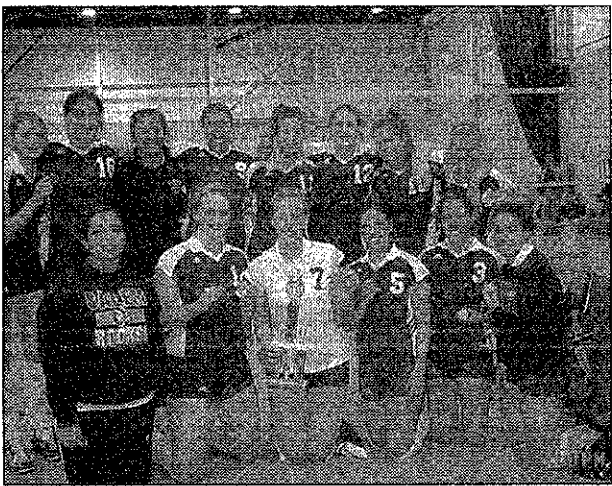
Schoolcraft College's LaShanda Thomas drives through the Flint Mott defense during Wednesday night's game at Schoolcraft. The Ocelots lost for the first time this season.

lowed and the teams traded baskets the rest of the half, with the Lady Ocelots claiming a 36-35 advantage at the break on a layup by Winkler (assisted by freshman forward LaShanda Thomas, who had nine points).

Mott regained control early in the second half and only once gave up the lead the rest of the way.

Now, Lafata wants to see what her squad is made of. The Lady Ocelots return to action 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Clair County Community College.

"Hey, I was not expecting to run the table," Lafata said. "This was our first loss, and now we've got to see how we respond to that."



Rolling Rocks

Members of Salem's volleyball team are pictured with their medals and first-place trophy moments after winning the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational on Dec. 30. Overall, the Rocks went 5-0 and defeated Wyandotte Rosevelt in the final match. Pictured (from row from left) are coach Amanda Suder, Lauren Price, Nicole Mersch, Danielle DiPietro, Kelly Behr, Ashley Hayes, coach Jill Dombrowski, (back row from left) Courtney Seiler, Teresa Coppiellie, Chelsea McPhail, Katrina Cope, Jansan Falcusan, Lauren Kurtz, Shannon Rusin and Kristin Kozub.

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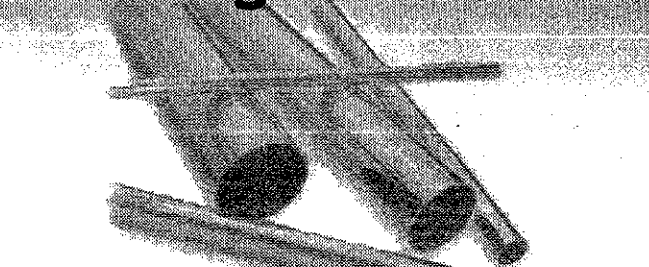
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Wrestling novices to square off

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Young wrestlers from all over Observerland will converge on Garden City High School Saturday to gain valuable experience that could lift them to solid prep careers.

Ninth and 10th graders from 29 high schools will participate at the 39th annual Garden City Novice Wrestling Tournament.

Among high schools within the Observer coverage area expected to be on hand for the day-long extravaganza are Garden City, Redford Union, Novi Catholic Central (formerly based out of Redford Township), Canton, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn, Plymouth, Salem, Livonia Stevenson, Wayne Memorial and Belleville.

Oakland County schools include Farmington, North Farmington, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western. To give the youngsters a chance to succeed and even get a medal, the tournament includes divisions for ninth and 10th graders with trophies to be awarded to the top three squads in each bracket. There also will be an "Outstanding Wrestler Award" in each division.

For more information, contact Garden City athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363.

Whalers-to-NHL pipeline still prolific

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Jason Bacashihua is the latest alum of the Plymouth Whalers to be called up to the National Hockey League and his former coach isn't surprised.

First of all, Compuware Sports Arena is a hotbed for big-league scouts. As many as 50 could be prowling the facility during a Saturday night game.

But also give credit to the 23-year-old Bacashihua, stressed Mike Vellucci, the Ontario Hockey League team's president, general manager and head coach.

"I think it's quite fitting," said Vellucci. "I thought he was an outstanding goaltender for us (in 2001-02), and being taken in the first round I knew it would eventually come someday for him to get there."

Bacashihua, a Garden City native called up to St. Louis of the NHL in December, follows the goalie skate tracks of several alums of the Peter Karmanos, Jr.-owned franchise who graduated to the NHL.

Those include Fred Braithwaite (who actually played for the Detroit Jr. Wings) and Robert Esche (currently with the Philadelphia Flyers). Other Jr. Wings/Ambassadors/Whalers netminders drafted by the NHL, but never getting called up, include Aaron Ellis, Jason Saal, Mike Minard, Rob Zepp and Jeff Weber.

Don't forget many of the franchise's former forwards



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Jason Bacashihua played 2001-02 for the Plymouth Whalers.

and defensemen also have gotten the call, from Bryan Berard (Columbus) to David Legwand (Nashville) to Stephen Weiss (Florida) to Chad LaRose, a young right wing promoted to Carolina

just before St. Louis brought up Bacashihua.

"We get a ton of NHL scouts here on a Saturday night," Vellucci continued. "(Detroit GM) Kenny Holland comes quite a bit, as does

(Wings' assistant GM) Jim Nill. Both live in the area so it's very convenient for them."

So OHL players are well aware they likely are auditioning for a future job every time they play at Compuware.

"That is a big part of why we always have a top team in the league," Vellucci said. "You see all the kids that have come through the Whalers."

"We have put so many guys, seven first-round NHL picks and a lot of guys playing in the NHL right now."

Meanwhile, Vellucci tries to watch his former players whenever his own busy schedule allows him to.

So far, he hasn't been able to watch Bacashihua play for the Blues.

"I get nervous to watch them (Whaler alums) play but I'm very proud of them," he said. "I'm happy to see them succeed."

Vellucci very well might be coaching yet another NHL-bound goalie in Justin Peters, a 2004 draft pick of the Carolina Hurricanes who became a Whaler in December. "I definitely think he's an NHL goaltender, he has the mentality and the talent," said Vellucci about the 6-2, 210-pound Peters.

The coach said Bacashihua is quicker and relies on his reflexes whereas Peters is "technically very sound, very big and covers a lot of net."

But Vellucci thinks both goalies have a good chance to do well at the sport's top level.

"Without a doubt," he said with a smile.

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ALUMS MAKING THE GRADE

The Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League continue to churn out players who crack the National Hockey League, with goalie Jason Bacashihua the latest. Following is a who's who of Whaler alums (or those who played for their predecessors, the Detroit Jr. Wings and Detroit Ambassadors) who played in the National Hockey League during the 2003-04 season. The name of the player's NHL team is in parenthesis:

Jamie Allison (Columbus), 1995; Bryan Berard (Boston), 1996; Jesse Boulerice (Carolina), 1998; Fred Braithwaite (St. Louis), 1993; Eric Cairns (New York Islanders), 1994; Harold Druken (Carolina), 1999; Robert Esche (Philadelphia), 1998; Todd Harvey (San Jose), 1995; Tomas Kurka (Carolina), 2001; David Legwand (Nashville), 1999; Eric Manlow (New York Islanders), 1995; Paul Mara (Phoenix), 1998; Damian Surma (Carolina), 2002; Kris Vernarsky (Boston), 2002; Jason Ward (Montreal), 1999; Stephen Weiss (Florida), 2002; Justin Williams (Philadelphia), 2000; Chad Wiseman (San Jose), 2001.

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The second time around

Imagine you have finally made it to what many call your "golden years." You're 65 and loving it, a time for retirement and relaxation. Or is it?

Now, try to imagine the children you have raised to adulthood, paid their way through college and saw them go on their way to begin their new life, coming to pay you a shocking visit. During this visit you learn that you are now a grandparent and the child you have already raised informs you they are not ready to be a parent and now you, the grandparent, have to assume the responsibility.

It's a situation that doesn't have to be conjured up; for many senior Americans this is life as they know it. The golden years are supposed to be a time for reflection, ease and leisure, or at least it used to be. Unfortunately, now it seems retirement is quickly becoming a time to raise and nurture the grandkids.

According to a U.S. Census Bureau study conducted in 1994, 1.3 million Americans under the age of 18 lived in a grandparent-headed household and sometimes the grandparents feel as if they have done something wrong to cause this situation and also feel they have nowhere to turn.

However, there are many reasons why grandparents end up raising the grandkids, according to a study conducted by the University of Minnesota. The study cites reasons such as immaturity on the part of the biological parents, unfavorable living conditions and undue and unexpected stress.

But the overwhelming reason the study found was drug and alcohol abuse on the part of the biological parent or parents, a trend which has been taking place for some 20 years, according to the study.

Surprisingly enough, grandparents don't just deal with raising the kids the second time around. There are a whole host of issues on the table when grandparents find themselves in this situation. They have to deal with custody and adoption issues, ponder whether to take over legal guardianship. And, once they do settle on these issues, financial concerns are paramount, along with health care and the proper guidance for the grandchild.

The grandkids placed in these less-than-ideal, but often necessary, living situations, grapple with their own problems, such as uncontrolled anger and conflict issues. Most feel lost and abandoned by their natural parent and some act out in a very destructive manner.

I recently got a chance to peek in on this delicate situation when an older friend of mine found herself the primary caretaker of her 2-year-old granddaughter. I was able to see the coordinated balancing act necessary to make this arrangement work in full swing. I watched my friend navigate her way through the court system in order to learn more about her rights as a caretaker.

I watch her struggle with where to go to get aid and food for the child, because kids have very special nutritional needs. Day care and schooling needs had to be considered, and she worked through all of this without knowing there were information and support groups out there designed to help.

Well, there is help out there, and for anyone who finds themselves in the same unplanned situation. There is a Web site and group designed especially for grandparents, www.grandparentsraising-grandkids@groups.msn.com. Also, grandparents can access a magazine that tackles all the issues facing them at www.grandmagazine.com and for legal help and advice go to www.legalfairnessforall.com or www.custodycenter.com.

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Barbara Bloom (left) joins original Vandellas Rosalind Holmes and Annette Helton on stage. Holmes and Helton were cast as Bingo Mamas who live to play. Bloom plays a nun.

Father Bingo

Everything's new about world premiere

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When Eric Gutman landed the role of God in the world premiere of *Father Bingo*, the 28-year-old Livonia actor thought his greatest challenge would be mastering the commanding voice.

Gutman soon realized he was facing bigger problems. Gutman had always researched the originating role even before portraying Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors* at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills in his senior year.

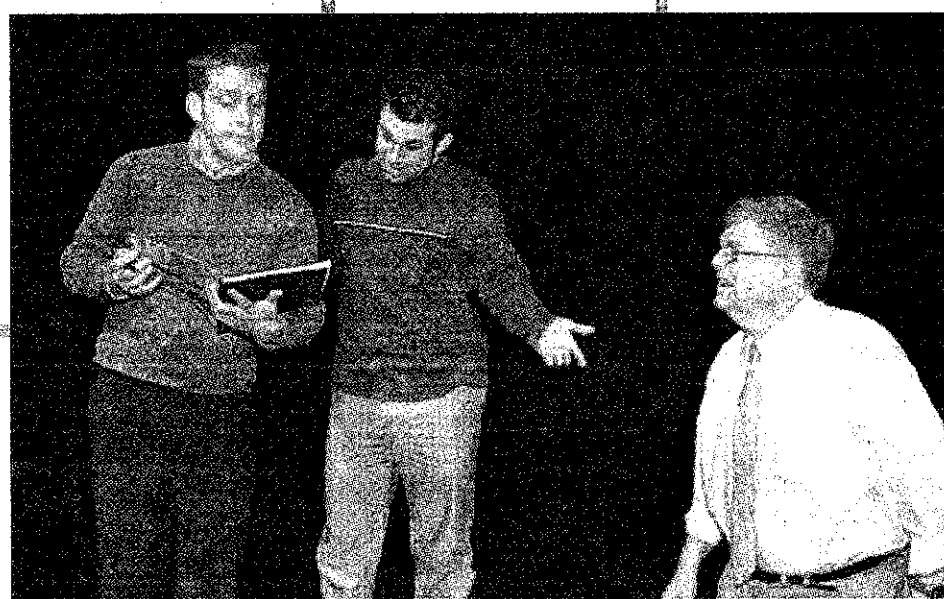
The first time God appears before an audience will be Feb. 10-12 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

Written by William Nilsson, *Father Bingo* brings to life the politics that surround gambling in Detroit. One of the major players along with God is Father O'Neil. The priest is about to lose his church so he considers bingo as a way to raise money. That decision goes against what he stands for as head of an anti-gambling coalition which opposes the mayor's efforts to allow casinos. Original Vandellas Annette Helton and Rosalind Holmes add to the antics by playing the Bingo Mamas who live to play.

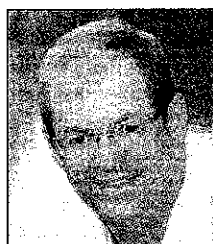
PRESSURE'S ON

"It puts a lot of pressure on you. I thought the role would be of a gentleman with a booming voice. He's the exact opposite. I'm just a short Jewish kid from the suburbs," said Gutman, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater at Western Michigan University and

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Dan Morrison (left) plays St. Peter, Eric Gutman is God and Joseph Lannen, Father O'Neil in a new musical comedy presented by 5th Avenue Productions.



Rick Beyer is the executive producer of *Father Bingo*.



Paul Miles (left) plays the role of Pallini. Armond is the Mayor in a production at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

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Dance to raise funds for First Step

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Judy Ellis can't say enough good things about Brian Duggan. In the last 15 years, he's raised several hundred thousand dollars to help First Step provide a wide range of services for women, children and men. The nonprofit agency helps survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through its offices in Plymouth.

On Friday, Feb. 10, Duggan hopes to raise another \$50,000 for First Step by holding the 16th annual Charity Dance and Casino

Night 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia.

According to Ellis, "losses in state and federal funding have made contributions such as Duggan's critical" to First Step's work. In addition to providing a safe haven at an undisclosed shelter location, First Step provides counseling for adults and children, and through its outreach programs sends advocates into the schools. It costs around \$2.5 million a year to provide meals, clothing, transportation, formulas, and counseling for survivors.

RAISING AWARENESS

"I met Brian 17 years ago when he came to talk about how to help families experiencing violence," said Ellis, executive director of First Step. "Through his annual First Step Charity Dance literally thousands of people have become aware of First Step and the services we offer. We count Brian as an outstanding concerned citizen dedicated to making our community safer."

Duggan has raised the ticket price to \$40 in order to top last

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Roulette and other casino games are part of the fun at the annual First Step Charity Dance and Casino Night. This year Texas Hold 'em has been added. The dance will be Friday, Feb. 10.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

1. "S is for Silence," Sue Grafton
2. "Mary, Mary," James Patterson

3. "Predator," Patricia Cornwell
4. "At First Sight," Nicholas Sparks
5. "Forever Odd," Dean Koontz

NONFICTION

1. "Team of Rivals," Doris Kearns Goodwin
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1. "Toot and Puddle Wish You Were Here," Hollie Hobbie
2. "Way Up High in a Tall Green Tree," Valeria Petrone
3. "Riley and Rose in the Picture," Susanna Gretz
4. "Little Rabbit Runaway," Harry Horse
5. "Noises at Night," Beth Glass

Consumer protection guide available

Residents of Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township and Westland can request a free copy of the Michigan Consumer Protection Resource Guide, said state Senator Laura M. Toy, R-Livonia.

"This guide is a valuable source of information for all Michiganders," said Sen. Toy. "Being an informed consumer is the first line of defense against fraud, and knowing your legal rights and where to

turn for help if you need it are equally important if you encounter a consumer-related problem."

The guide contains helpful information about mail order shopping, consumer credit, contracts and warranties, as well as consumer rights laws and automobile insurance and repair.

The booklet was prepared by the Michigan Legislature and also contains a useful nine

page directory of contact information for various state, federal, local and non-profit agencies titled "Where to Go For Help."

To obtain a free copy, residents of the 6th Senate District should contact Sen. Toy's office at (517) 373-1707. Individuals who need assistance with a consumer-related problem can also contact the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Hotline at (877) 765-8388.

Auditions are open to all young actors

Children ages 6 to 14 are invited to attend open auditions for the spring production with the Plymouth Uptown Players. No experience is necessary and there are no special requirements to attend other than the

wish to be on the stage and perform in front of a live audience.

Aspiring actors can choose one day, either Monday, Jan. 16 or Thursday, Jan. 19 to attend the free workshop from 6:30

p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Joanne Winkelman Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction in Plymouth.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

Try IOUs to teach teens value of money

One single father finally just had enough. With three allowances to dole out each week, plus weekly up-the-ante debates, he took action. At the beginning of the new year, each



Teens in 2006

Alice McCarthy

pre-teen had a chance to hash out a weekly allowance with their father. Then, each pre-teen got a pack of IOUs good for the year. But here's the kicker:

The IOUs were as good as cash at any time, take your pick. Budget them, save them up, or cash them in all at once. There were no restrictions. Money management 101 had begun.

What most preteens know and see and hear about money is simple and straightforward. Money buys stuff. Better stuff, more stuff, a lot stuff - it all equals money. From CDs to video games to iPods: money. Your money.

What they usually don't know is that money is expensive. A credit card debit can cost money in interest. Money spent now means less money saved or invested for the future, and in many cases that future is your child's future or your future. Young people simply do not understand the meaning of the old saying "there's no such thing as a free lunch."

Your family values and knowledge about money will make talking to your child a lot easier. The resources below can help as well.

Start working on an allowance figure. Decide exactly what items the allowance will cover and give your child some time to keep a record of expenses before starting the allowance. Make sure you aren't doing all the work here. You're the bank, not the one asking for money. Then remember: Talking about the allowance doesn't have to mean changing the amount or a temporary bailout.

Share a monthly household bill with your 12-14-year-old, an electric bill for example. And not just the part that shows how much the family owes. Have him or her go over the whole bill - see all the pieces. Talk about the cost of keeping the lights - or water or gas or phone - running versus the cost of some of the items a teen may want to buy. There's no reason to be harsh or heavy here; just make some simple comparisons.

Talk about saving, especially saving for his or her future. Anything from college funds to 401(k) plans. Talk about long- and short-term debt. All of these issues bring up matters most young people have never thought about but can usually understand (and do the basic math).

You may be interested in having your pre-teen set up their own savings account. Again, let them do the legwork here. Many banks have differing accounts

for children of different ages, some that can be opened for as little as \$1. Some banks set a specific amount for opening the account and maintaining the account. Fees may be based on whether the parent has an account in the bank chosen.

What about work? If your son or daughter is making some money of their own, how is that money budgeted? What percentage is for short-term spending? How much is saved for "big ticket" items? How much is saved or invested for the long term?

Americans are great economic optimists, and great spenders. As with most things, teens listen and talk; but they also watch and imitate.

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.

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Unity offers learning opportunities

Anyone who desires to grow and change is welcome at recovery oriented sessions led by the Rev. Dennis Skiles beginning 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster.

In 1952, Bill Wilson, the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous wrote, "If we go on growing, our attitudes and actions toward security, emotional and financial security,

commence to change profoundly."

Skiles takes this concept of personal change and shows how to draw near to your higher power to understand the spiritual laws that lead to peace of mind in sessions on the 12 Laws of Life and Success. Each session is independent, so attend one or all. Sessions continue on Wednesdays for 12-weeks.

Unity regularly hosts activi-

ties to promote personal growth. At noon Thursday, Jan. 12, Skiles and the Wise Guys 'N Gals Senior Group invites community seniors and adults to a potluck and lecture on the true nature of homelessness. Nancy Spencer thought it could never happen to her. She speaks from her own experience at the potluck.

Bring a dish to share, if you can. If not, you are still welcome. Call (734) 421-1760.

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year's \$35,000. The Livonia resident shouldn't have any problem selling out the hall again as he has for the last several years. Jennifer Granholm may even show up as the governor is the honorary chair along with U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Livonia City Council President Joe Taylor.

"The goal is always to have a sellout crowd. A lot of people donated to victims of hurricanes and times are rough. I'm calling all of the sponsors from last year after sending letters. The holiday season the letters get lost in the shuffle," said Duggan.

"We're going to have an excellent spread of food and entertainment by Steve King & The Dittilies. If you made a New Year's resolution now it's time to party. It's time to forget about the diet and have a good time. The casino tables are

always full. We plan to have Texas Hold 'em tables which are new for us this year. And it's all to help a worthwhile charity."

Duggan admits the event is "a lot of work," but enjoys helping the cause. He's especially excited to have sponsors feeling the same way. Anyone who buys a car raffle ticket for \$20 to win a two-year lease of a Ford 500 or \$5,000 cash also receives a two for one coupon to dine at Doc's in Livonia or Tiramì Su in Northville. Purchase a ticket to win a television set or night on the town packages and get two for one coupons to E.G. Nicks in Plymouth, Giulio's in Livonia, and George Subu's Leather Bottle in Livonia.

"I don't like seeing battered women or children," said Duggan. "There's no reason to harm a child. It's incredible when I think back to all the people I've met through the years because of the dance,

people who come up to me and say I'm going to donate because I've been battered."

FUN EVENING

Battered women and children are the reasons Theresa Bizoe attended the event long before becoming associate director of community relations and fund development at First Step. She says it's a fun affair that she usually goes to with a large group.

"It's kind of like going to a wedding, but you don't have to bring a gift," said Bizoe. "People are out on the floor doing all the dances, doing the Hustle."

Like Ellis, Bizoe credits Duggan for the success of the event which makes it possible for First Step to provide services.

"Brian has been an angel to our organization. He kind of adopted us as an agency and pulled his family, friends and colleagues together to make



Good food is guaranteed at the First Step Charity Dance and Casino Night at Burton Manor.

this possible," said Bizoe.

"There's so many generous sponsors year after year. He's really made a difference.

"With utility bills going up, think what it would take to house a family of 35 or 40 like we do at the shelter. To have this kind of regular support is

valuable. People want to help a good cause. If you can have fun and do good, it makes it all worthwhile."

Tickets are \$40 in advance, no sales at the door. For more information, visit www.first-stepcharitydance.org or call (734) 591-1900.

For information about volunteering or donating to First Step, call (734) 416-1111.

If you know of anyone who is in need of First Step's services have them call the 24-hour help line at (734) 459-5900 or toll free at (888) 453-5900. ichomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2145

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continues to perform with the touring version of *Forbidden Broadway* after appearing in the production at the Century Theatre in Detroit.

"It's challenging to learn a brand new work. I only had the vision in the writer's script. I've never seen a step on the stage and now we're presenting this two-act musical, but I love the fact I'm originating a role and am able to originate it in Detroit, like *Sweet Charity* and *Hello Dolly*. To go along with that tradition is nice."

Rick Beyer is hoping to draw Broadway producers to the Detroit production. Touring agents from New York have said they will attend a performance and that's a start. As executive producer of *Father Bingo*, Beyer has dreamt of making the big time since first hearing his stepfather play the music on a piano in his Dearborn Heights home. Even though Beyer has lived in Washington, D.C., 10 years, the telecommunications executive would like to see the local production become successful. So far about 2,500 seats have been sold in 2 1/2 months.

LOCAL TALENT

Nilsson originally wrote the music for Mary Jane, his soprano wife who's active in productions with the Plymouth Theater Guild, now Spotlight Players. In addition to performances at Music Hall, Beyer's been responsible for the recording and mixing of the CD at Live Wire Music in Farmington Hills and Audio Post in Southfield.

Andrew Ingersoll, a Canton native, orchestrated the tunes that include *It's Time For Me*, *I'm a Busy Guy*, *You Love Me and I Love You*, and *I'm Gonna Get That Man*.

"Father Bingo is much like developing a new business," said Beyer. "We have the fundamentals of a great musical, a good script, good music," said Beyer. "We had to find investors and then hold auditions. We have big choirs and the music's lively. It's a very big sound complete with full orchestra."

Nilsson is new to writing musicals. At age 77, he formerly worked in computer design and integration until beginning *Father Bingo* in 1996. In his teens, Nilsson played the trumpet with bands covering Glen Miller and Tommy Dorsey charts.

"The music for *Father Bingo* is a casserole, a balance of ballads, torch songs, Broadway show music," said Nilsson. "Some were easy to write, some were hard. Rick heard some of it around 2003. The next thing I knew I was writing a musical. There's a love interest, Mary Jane. God's under a lot of stress. God's always a busy guy and he's asked to help find Mary Jane a husband. It's been a lot of fun. God shows up and asks Father O'Neil why don't you put in bingo. The mayor finds out. It's mostly a comedy. I was laughing a lot."

Barbara Bloom hasn't stopped laughing since taking on the role of Sister Andrea, Father O'Neil's right hand nun "who pretty much runs the parish." Bloom finds it ironic that her last role was as a nun in *The Sound of Music* with Spotlight Players (formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild) last

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Rick Beyer

fall.

'WITH A PAST'

"She is a nun with a past. We don't know what that past is, but she seems to know how to do a lot of secular things," said Bloom, a former Canton resident now living in Novi. Bloom along with serving as vice president of Spotlight Players is active with Village Players in Birmingham where she directed and choreographed *Rags* last spring. This spring she is directing and choreographing *Anything Goes* for Spotlight Players. Auditions are Feb. 27-28. Visit www.spotlightplayers.net for details.

"It's a character role and a lot of fun," said Bloom, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in theater and communications from Wayne State University and has since appeared in more than 130 shows. She was in professional theater for more than a decade before owning dance schools. Today she works in creative services for Borders designing art for bookstores.

"It's a hoot, a fun entertaining evening. I'm sure native Detroiters will recognize some of the characters. It's loosely based on local politicians."

Debbie Lannen knew she had to direct the show after reading the script. She's been in theater since earning a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University and then directing children's shows at the Marquis Theatre in Northville and outreach programs for Michigan Opera Theatre.

"I grew up in Detroit and frequent the casinos so I have some real insight into this show," said Lannen, whose husband, Joseph, plays Father Bingo. Her son Tony, a member of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra and Civic Jazz Band, wrote all of the bass lines and will be playing in the pit.

"People are going to have a good time. Plus it's a world premiere and getting the Vandellas was the coup. They're Motown. They have that sound I'm looking for as the Bingo Mamas, the ladies who always play bingo. They're there every night, every weekend."

Performances of *Father Bingo* run 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 10-11, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 11-12, at Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit.

Tickets range from \$19 to \$49 and are available by calling (248) 645-6666. Private receptions take place after each performance and before the opening night show. Proceeds from receptions go to Music Hall. For group discounts, reception and corporate ticket packages, call (248) 981-7003.

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VIRGINIA POOL ANDRAE

Age 87 of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan passed away January 4, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Oakland. She is survived by son, Ken Pool and wife Betti, son Barry Pool and wife Susan and her loving and devoted partner Gordon Jaynes, brother Charles Letts and family, grandchildren Cara Bozyk and husband Paul, Tom Pool, Joshua Pool and Christopher Pool, great grandchildren, Allison and Nicole Bozyk. Ginnie was actively involved with numerous community service organizations including, serving on the Boards of Cranbrook Music Guild, Detroit Junior Symphony, The Village Club, The Village Woman's Club (Community Service Chair), and University of Michigan Alumnae Club of Birmingham (Past President). She generously contributed her time to the American Cancer Society, United Way, Oakland County Child and Adolescent Services, Community Living Center, and Children's Hospital Burn Unit. Her endless energy and generosity was shared with others less fortunate. She attended Miss Newman's School, Penn Hall and the University of Michigan School of Music and was a member of Orchard Lake Country Club and Detroit Athletic Club. She loved family and friends, golf, tennis, travel, and especially her many years in the Les Cheneaux Islands in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Services will be held at Wm. R. Hamilton Funeral Home, 820 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Funeral service will be Thursday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts to the Village Woman's Club Foundation 190 E. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, American Cancer Society 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076, Mercy Cranbrook Hospice Care, 281 Enterprise Ct. Ste 300, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 or the charity of your choice.

JACOB L. CHASON, M.D.

Age 90, a long time resident of Bloomfield Hills, passed away on November 22, 2005. A private memorial service was held at Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas, Texas, on Thanksgiving Day. Born May 12, 1915, in Monroe, Michigan, he won numerous awards, both scholastic and athletic, graduated from Monroe High School as salutatorian of his class in 1933, and received the first Alumnus of the Year Award from Monroe High School in 1966. He went on to study at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, receiving both his A.B. with Distinction in 1937, and his M.D. in 1940 with memberships in Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Alpha Omega Alpha honor societies. He was also a member of Tau Delta Phi and Phi Delta Epsilon fraternities. In 1940, he began his internship and then his residency in pathology at Wayne County Hospital. When World War II broke out, he enlisted in the Army as a battalion surgeon in 1942 and served with the 81st Infantry Division in the South Pacific. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Major. Dr. Chason returned to Wayne County General Hospital to finish his residency in Pathology and in 1949 became Director of the Laboratories at the VA Hospital in Dearborn. That same year, he joined the faculty of Wayne State University School of Medicine, in Detroit, as Assistant Professor of Pathology. He received further training as a Visiting Fellow in Neuropathology in 1952 at the Mayo Clinic under Dr. James W. Kernohan. He was promoted to an Associate Professor in 1955 and to full Professor of Neuropathology in 1958. In 1959, he went on a year sabbatical as a NIH Senior Fellow at the Hammersmith Hospital in London, England where he studied histochemistry of the central nervous system with Dr. A.G. Pearse. He returned to Detroit and became the Director of Resident Training in the Department of Pathology at Wayne State University in 1961-1964. He was Chairman of Pathology from 1964-78. During this time he was Associate Dean for Hospital and Clinical Affairs from 1970-72, and was the Chief of Pathology of Detroit General Hospital from 1966-78, and served as President of Detroit General Hospital from 1970-72. After leaving the medical school in 1978, he joined the faculty as a Staff Neuropathologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, where he practiced until 1986. At the age of 86, Dr. Chason and his wife moved to Dallas, Texas, where he continued his love of neuropathology, attending Neuropath conferences and readouts at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School. He received the Lawrence M. Weiner Award in 1993 for recognition of his outstanding contribution as a non-alumni to the School of Medicine at Wayne State University for teaching, research and administrative duties. He is survived by his wife, Helen, of 63 years, his son Steven L. Chason of Chicago, Illinois, his daughter Ellen Blanchet of Marseille, France, and his son David P. Chason, M.D. of Dallas, Texas. Contributions may be made to UT Southwestern School of Medicine for Neuropathology Research, in care of: Charles L. White, III, M.D., Neuropathology Laboratory, Department of Pathology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75390-9073. For further information please contact David P. Chason, M.D., David.Chason@UTSouthwestern.edu



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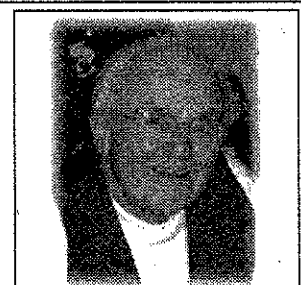
Age 95, December 17, 2005, a Plymouth resident for over 50 years. Mr. Fetter was born in Raleigh, NC, on September 24, 1910. When he was six, his family moved to Latrobe, PA, where he graduated from high school in 1928. He then attended Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, graduating with a degree in Business Accounting in 1932. In 1935, Mr. Fetter married his college sweetheart, Ruthann Davis, who preceded him in death in 1986. Together, they raised two daughters, Ginny (Howard) Slater of Novi, and Ruthie (Ken) Emerick of Plymouth. They also have one granddaughter, Marcie Emerick (Kevin) Khashan of Plymouth. Mr. Fetter was the second oldest of five brothers. His older brother, Walter, of Williamsburg, VA, died in 2005 at the age of 97. Surviving brothers are Graham, age 92, of Phoenix, AZ; Scott, age 80, of Stuart, FL; and Bill, age 74, of DeQuincy, LA. Mr. Fetter worked his entire career with Whitman & Barnes Drill and Tool Corporation, which moved its operations from Latrobe to Detroit in 1933. He retired in 1973 after 40 years as Assistant Treasurer and Plant Controller. A memorial service, with nearly 100 people in attendance, was held on December 21 at The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, with interment at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. The service was a celebration of Mr. Fetter's long and active life, his generosity to others, and his years of volunteer service to Arbor Hospice. The Reverend Paul Clough of Ward Presbyterian Church officiated over the service, which was highlighted by the beautiful music of Carole Holmekangas, Heather Daugherty, Karen and Katie Buddenborg, and David DellaMora. The service also featured fond remembrances and humorous stories from over the years offered by family, friends, and neighbors. Reverend Clough delivered a memorial tribute entitled "Run to Win", based on 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, which tied to Milton's legacy as a winning anchorman in the 1931 and 1932 Penn Relays. At the conclusion of the service at Riverside Cemetery, Mr. Fetter's daughters released two white doves, symbolic of the heavenly reunion of Milton and his beloved wife, Ruthann. Afterward, a memorial luncheon was held in his honor at Station 885 in Plymouth.

ANNE MARIE PACKARD

Age 96, died December 18, 2005. She is survived by 4 children. In memory, donations may be sent to the Washington Hospital Service League, 2000 Mowry Ave., Fremont, CA 94538. Memorial Service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Wednesday, January 11, 12 noon. Visitation 10am until time of service.

MARY V. SACKINGER

Age 78, January 5, 2006. Beloved wife of Thomas. Dear mother of Stephen of California. Sister of William Walker of Dearborn, and the late Mildred O'Donnell of Livonia. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Service at Fred Wood Funeral Home, Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile (one mile west of Farmington Rd.), Monday, 9am, then St. Colette Catholic Church, 9:30am. Visitation Sunday, 1-9pm, Rosary at 7pm.



DONALD JAMES SMITH

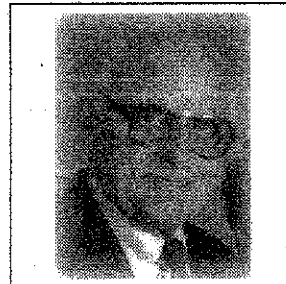
Age 80, of Canadian Lakes, MI (formerly of Bloomfield Hills); December 29, 2005. Survived by his wife of 58 years, Nellie, son Gary of St. Clair Shores, daughter Julie (Joseph) Wright of Troy and grandchildren Elizabeth and Joseph Wright Jr. Memorial services are 1 p.m. Friday, January 13 at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills 48302. Memorials may be made to Kirk in the Hills or Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook Ave SE., Ste. 300 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

MARY WICKHAM

Age 83, of Farmington Hills, December 28, 2005. Beloved wife of Robert E. Wickham. Loving mother of Steven R. (Ellen) Wickham, Patricia Lee (James) McLaughlin, and the late "Fritz" J. Wickham. Cherished grandmother of Justin, Scott, Kyle, Mary Elizabeth, Daniel, and Anne. Dear sister of Lee Warner and Theresa Smith. Memorial service Sunday, January 15, 2006, 1pm, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland, Farmington. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington.

PAUL F. ZELLNER

Paul F. Zellner, 78, of 25 West Liberty St., Bloomville, OH, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, after a lengthy illness. He was born May 29, 1927, in Bloomville, to Franklin and Mable (Barrett) Zellner. On Dec. 2, 1946, he married Ruth L. Wadams, and she survives. Also surviving are: three sons, Stephen (Erin) Zellner and David (Cheryl) Zellner of Bloomville, Ron (Tami) Zellner of Livonia; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three brothers and a sister. He was preceded in death by two brothers. He was a member of the Bloomville United Church of Christ, a life member of the VFW and American Legion, a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, a former Bloomville Chief of Police, a former member of the Bloomville Volunteer Fire Department, and a World War II Navy veteran. He retired from the France Stone Co. in 1992. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



ARTHUR EDWARD HERRING

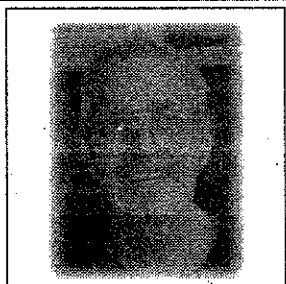
Age 71, of Northville, Michigan, passed away peacefully at home after a long courageous battle with Emphysema on January 4, 2006. He was born on February 13, 1934, in Altus, Oklahoma, to Art and Ruth Herring, both deceased. He graduated from Marion High School in Marion, Indiana. Art attended Indiana University on a baseball scholarship, twice winning the L.G. Balfour award for bringing honor and distinction to Indiana University, and later became a member of the IU Men's Association. He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. In 1994 he retired from 3M Company after 30 years of service. Art was an excellent golfer and enjoyed playing at courses throughout the country. He also enjoyed fishing at his cottage in Northern Michigan, woodworking, traveling, reading, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Kathy Roshirt Herring; his four daughters Cathleen Koontz of Indianapolis, Mary Beth Price of Indianapolis, Amy (Tim) Davidson of Philadelphia, Melissa (Chris) St. John of Northville; his sister Sandra Herring (Jerry) Bass of Anaheim, California; and seven grandchildren. Visitation Sunday, January 8, 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Service Monday, January 9, 11:00 a.m., at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville, with viewing from 10-11am. Donations may be made to American Lung Association or Odyssey Hospice Program of Southfield.

FRANCES E. LEE

Age 84 of Livonia, died January 4, 2006 at The Cleveland Clinic. Beloved wife of Jack; dear mother of Janice DiBasio; John, Patricia and Thomas Lee; grandmother of 10; great-grandmother of 1; sister of Robert Beier of Seattle, WA and the late Edward Joseph Hudson. Memorial mass was held at St. Collette Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society. Arrangements entrusted to the Bodnar-Mahoney Funeral Home & Cremation Service, (216) 631-3075, bodnar-mahoney.com.

DANIEL C. MCGEE-CHESSIRE

Age 37, December 24, 2005. Beloved husband of Danielle. Loving father of Alyson. Also survived by his father Paul Chesshire, two sisters, Tricia (Carmine) Bossio and Kay (Kurt) Gollinger, 5 nephews and 3 nieces. Visitation Tuesday 1 to 9 p.m. at the Northrop Sassaman Funeral Home, 19091 Northville Road (At Seven Mile) Northville Services Wednesday 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions to the National Epilepsy Foundation would be appreciated



JOHN R. (JACK) ETHERINGTON, Sr.

Age 71, of Westland, passed away at home, surrounded by his family, on January 2, 2006, after a courageous battle with colon cancer. Loving husband of 49 years to Nancy; together they have 6 children and 10 grandchildren. Best friend and brother of William (Donna), of Westland, and preceded in death by his beloved Mother and Father, sister Loretta, and brother, Dale. Wonderful Dad to John Jr. (Laura), Terri (Mike) O'Connor, Janet (Jovita), Carolyn Lewis, Jackie (Tony) Martin, and Jennifer Shadawine. Loved deeply by his grandchildren, Matthew, Mary, Jessica, Natasha, Kathleen, Dustin, Sean, Andrew, Kenny, and Dante. Jack was an avid golfer who loved spending time on the course with his brother Bill, many brothers-in-law, and friends. Our family wishes to express thanks and gratitude to the many friends who helped us through this difficult time.

We love you Dad



HARRIET CHAMBERLIN ERVIN

86 Years. Harriet was born to Mildred C. and Stephen E. Chamberlin on September 16, 1919 and passed away peacefully on January 5th, 2006. She is survived by: her husband of 64 years, Charles E. Ervin, Jr., Stillwater, MN; son, Charles E. (Sally) Ervin, III, of Marietta, GA; and daughter, Heidi E. (Robert) Stevenson of Stillwater, MN; and her grandchildren Christopher (Dana and great-grandson Charles) Ervin, Caroline Ervin, Julie (Matthew and great-grandsons Ian, Nick and Peter) Goldsmith, Mark (Gretchen and great-grandchildren Jacob, Grace, Joseph) Stevenson. Harriet grew up in Webster Groves, MO and after marrying Charles, settled in Birmingham, MI where they raised their children. When Charles left General Motors, they enjoyed 26 years of retirement, in Sun City west, AZ. In July of 2004, Harriet and Charles moved to Stillwater, MN. Harriet loved entertaining and playing bridge with her dear friends. She was an avid golfer and loved her adopted summer home of Charlevoix, MI. She will be remembered with love and a smile by her friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be Saturday, January 14, 2006 at 1:00 PM at Boutwells Landing Chapel, 5610 Norwich Parkway N., Stillwater, MN. Private interment will be held at a later date. Memorials preferred to Ironton Congregational Church, 03582 Washington Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720

ENGAGEMENTS

Baldwin-Schmidt

Mary Lou and Shane Wilson of Loma, Colo., and Susanne and Greg Baldwin of Eagle, Colo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Baldwin, to Michael Schmidt, of Denver, Colo.

Brooke is a graduate of Grand Junction High School and Colorado State University. She is currently a corporate event manager.

Her fiancé, Mike, is the son of Debbie and Dave Schmidt of Livonia.

He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the University of Michigan. He



teaches mathematics at Wheat Ridge High School.

Mike and Brooke are planning an October wedding at the Donovan Pavilion in Vail, Colo.

Dalian-Marshall

Keith and Lanette Dalian of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Steffanie Marie, to David Francis Marshall, son of Frederick and June Marshall of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University.

She currently works for *Forbes* magazine in San Francisco, Calif.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington Hills Harrison High School and Michigan State University.

He is currently working



toward a doctorate in clinical psychology at Pacific Graduate School of Psychology in Palo Alto, California.

David and Steffanie are planning a July 2006 wedding.

NEW VOICES

Samantha Frances Ransom

Samantha Frances Ransom was born at 8:03 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Proud parents Brian and Michelle Ransom, along with big brother, Griffin, who is 2 years old,



welcomed the 6-pound, 12-ounce baby girl into the world. She measured in at 19 inches. The proud grandparents are Jerry and Ann Ransom, of Livonia and Linda Templin. Brian, Michelle, Griffin and Samantha reside in Glendale Heights, Illinois.

Autumn Jeanne Sherwin
James and Bethany Sherwin of Redford Township announce

the birth of their daughter, **Autumn Jeanne**, on Dec. 11, 2005, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She joins big sister, Chloe, 5. Autumn's grandparents are John and Barbara Sherwin of Canton, Faith Reece of Hazel Park and Jay Reece of Wixom.

Her great-grandmother is Jeanne Smith of Brighton, and her great-grandmother is Maxine Sheridan of Hazel Park.

Audrey Catherine Schrier

Chris and Linda Schrier of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, **Audrey Catherine**, on Dec. 5, 2005, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She joins big brother, Nathan, 3.

Audrey's grandparents are Ralph and Arlene Nicholls of Farmington Hills, and Marguerite Schrier of Sterling Heights.

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

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

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

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

Edsel Ford High School
A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Final activity will be a "Black

and White Ball" on Saturday, May 20, 2006. About the activities www.geocities.com/edseil50th. To contact the committee email edseil50@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 (247) 447-9478 or cdsnyder@hotmail.com.

Franklin High School
Class of 1969
Is planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebright @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Garden City West
Class of 1970
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.

Grosse Pointe North
Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Livonia Franklin
Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679. or Email: Kaynini@aol.com.

St. Mary of Redford
High School class of 1956
Grade School class of 1952
Looking for graduates. Contact (734) 525-5888 or Email: kheenan@glis.net.

SINGLES

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Every Monday 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is

MISC. SINGLES

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

OBITUARY POLICY

The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flag, religious symbols, etc.).

Deadlines:
Friday 5 PM for Sunday
Wednesday Noon for Thursday

Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

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oeobits@hometownlife.com
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734-953-2232

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Charlotte Wilson
734-953-2070
or Liz Kaiser
734-953-2067

or toll free:
866-618-7653
ask for Char or Liz

AROUND TOWN

Heartland Hospice

■ Heartland Hospice offers a six-week series, "Living with Grief," 4-5:30 p.m. Jan. 12-Feb. 16. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series takes place at the Heartland Hospice office in Ann Arbor and is open to anyone. For more information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, at (734) 973-1145 or toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

■ Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact volunteer coordinator Ann Christensen for information on upcoming training classes by calling (888) 973-1145.

St. Raphael open house

Visitors can check out the new computer lab at open house events for St. Raphael Catholic School in Garden City. The "Kindergarten Sneak Peek," for preschoolers and parents, is Friday, Jan. 20, 9:30-10:30 a.m. The school-wide Open House (K-8th grade) is Sunday, Jan. 29, 1-3 p.m. At either event, you can take a student-guided tour, meet the teachers, enjoy refreshments and receive a gift for your child. The Jan. 29 Open House will also include classroom activities and numerous information booths highlighting the school's educational and extracurricular activities. St. Raphael is located at 31500 Beechwood (on Merriman, two blocks north of Ford Road). To RSVP for either event or for more information, visit www.straphael-gc.org or call the school at (734) 425-9771.

Blood sugar seminar

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, "Problem Solving for Better Blood Sugar Control," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 in the hospital's auditorium. St. Mary Mercy is located at 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia. For more information, see the hospital's Web site at www.stmarymercy.org or call (734) 655-8961.

Parenting tips

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers parenting classes called "Parenting with Love and Logic" 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. The classes offer a common-sense approach to parenting, teaching par-

ents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings or lectures. The Jan. 11 class is for toddlers and preschool age; the Feb. 8 class is a "time-out" refresher for all ages; and the March 8 class is for pre-teens and teenagers. There is a fee for the class. Call (734) 655-1100 to register or for more information.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Jan. 5, with guest speaker Linda Wright talking about, "Scandinavian Research." There's a 6 p.m. help session. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. For details, call (810) 227-7745.

Aline exhibit

The Beili Liu installation ALINE will begin Jan. 6 and run through Feb. 18 in the Ann Arbor Art Center's Exhibition Gallery, 117 West Liberty Street in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday; noon-5:30 p.m., Sunday. A reception is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13. For more information contact Amanda Krugliak, Exhibitions Director at the Ann Arbor Art Center, (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110.

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. The council 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. to 5 p.m. Jan. 14 and Jan. 21 at the Canton Public Library. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

Arbor Hospice & Home Care and BraveHeart Grief Services announce a winter grief support group for adults in Northville. Support groups are tailored to meet the needs of individuals who have suffered the loss of someone close to them and are open to everyone in the community. Advance registration is required and all support groups are free of charge, although donations are greatly appreciated to defray program expenses. The group starts 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 17-March 7 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady in Northville. To register or for more information about any of our support groups, contact

Sandy VanKoeveering, (248) 348-4980.

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 the 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@phillipsq.com or call (734) 451-8267.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, new-born-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. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets 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 at (734) 458-8143 or Martina at (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 veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775.



Queen of Lights

With Victoria Maxe of Livonia (center) portraying Lucia, the Queen of Lights, the Jenny Lind Club of Michigan, whose goal is to encourage Swedish culture, held its Lucia Fest recently at the Travis Pointe Country Club in Saline. The club's 67th annual dinner dance presented the traditional Swedish pageant, featuring Maxe clad in white with a red sash and crown of candles, leading a procession of girls and boys dressed in white bearing lit candles. The pageant tells of Lucia, a young Sicilian girl, who just before marriage gave her dowry to the poor and confessed to being a Christian. She carried food and drink to Christians hiding in the catacombs, wearing candles in her hair to light the way. She was captured, accused of witchcraft and brought to trial. Legend has it Lucia was beheaded on Dec. 13, when fire would not ignite and attempts to burn her at the stake failed.



City of Plymouth, Michigan
Public Notice of Determined Uses of
2006 Community Development
Block Grant Funds

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth, during the public hearing process on January 3, 2006, determined the following projects and respective funding levels for the 2006-07 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program:

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| 1. Senior Transportation Services | \$58,500 |
| 2. Grant Administration | \$ 6,500 |

TOTAL \$65,000

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for *Furniture for the New Elementary School at Cherry Hill*. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 27, 2006. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction, January 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	V.I.N. #
1981	Lincoln	Town Car	4 Dr	1LNBP94F5BY668593
1995	Ford	Taurus	4 Dr	1FALP5345SG252704
1994	Chevy	Lumina	4 Dr	2G1WN54TXR1101635
1990	Chevy	Lumina	4 Dr	2G1WL54T7L1196684
1989	Ford	Probe	2 Dr	1ZVBT21C7K5298652
1991	Buick		4 Dr	1G4CW53L6M1601259
1989	Plymouth	Reliant	4 Dr	3P3BK46K5KT008488
1992	Toyota		SUV	JT3AC12R8N1015350
1996	Geo	Metro	4 Dr	2C1MR5295T6745142
1994	Mazda	MX3	2 Dr	JM1EC4357R0321574
1998	Saturn		2 Dr	1G8ZG1270WZ209787

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its ANNUAL meeting January 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

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

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-0750
X 217

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
PROFESSIONAL LIGHTING SERVICES
FOR 2006 "CELEBRATION ON ICE" SHOW

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 until 2:00 pm local time on the following:

PROFESSIONAL LIGHTING SERVICES FOR 2006
"CELEBRATION ON ICE" SHOW

Contract Documents and Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Purchasing Agent, Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St. on or after 12:00 noon, Friday, January 6, 2006.

Vendor shall provide, install and operate professional lighting in an ice arena setting during the week of May 19-21, 2006 for the 2006 "Celebration on Ice" Show at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth, MI.

A bid bond, certified check or cashier's check, in an amount equal to 10% of the bid submitted, must accompany each proposal as security to assure the bidders acceptance of the contract within (7) days from the date of award.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities therein and to make the award in any number deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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Rice aids glucose tolerance

Shawn from Kalamazoo is a big rice fan and e-mails asking which kinds are tops when it comes to nutrition. Shawn, that's a simple question with a complicated answer. Federal guidelines now recommend three servings of whole grains a day, which includes brown rice. What is surprising, however, is new studies show that most Americans actually only get one!

Taking in plenty of grains helps your body's glucose tolerance which is important for everything from diabetes prevention to weight loss. But, it's the kind of rice you eat that makes all the difference. The latest research shows that processed rice digested quickly can sometimes actually raise blood sugar levels. Unprocessed rice takes longer to digest and shows an overall health benefit. So remember, increasing unprocessed rice intake is a tasty way to add important whole grain to your diet.

Victor from Warren e-mails asking if caffeine has any effect on the strength gains achieved by taking Creatine.

Victor, simply put caffeine wipes out any benefit you might get from taking Creatine. Creatine is known to enhance athletic performance and increase lean body mass. Now, research shows that taking even small amounts of caffeine will completely negate the benefits of taking Creatine. This recent discovery lays the blame on the way caffeine affects calcium levels in the body. Calcium assists in muscle formation and boosts its capacity to flex and grow. Creatine is like a calcium ATM card, letting the muscles withdraw more calcium in order to grow. Caffeine shuts down your calcium ATM card, so you are no better with Creatine than you were without it.

There are many differing opinions about the role caffeine plays in training and performance. One fact is clear though, if you want the benefits of Creatine, then any cola, coffee, or other caffeine source will rob you of your investment!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950.



Hospitals educating staff on cultural, religious differences

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The fact that Southeast Michigan is a melting pot hasn't gone unnoticed by area hospitals. Nearly all of the health systems have instituted training programs and published guides to educate staff on beliefs and customs of various cultures and religions in order to improve communication with patients and their families.

Henry Ford Health System released the fifth edition of its Diversity Resource Guide in early December. The 166-page desk-side reference was distributed to its 17,000 managers and patient care staff at the Detroit hospital and med-

ical centers including West Bloomfield. Many probably didn't know that whistling and winking may be considered rude by East Indian people and could offend patients, or that Arab Christians first came to this country in the 1850s.

"We're hearing from staff they like it," said Jocelyn Giangrande, a Birmingham resident who serves as director of recruitment and human resources services. "Nurses say it makes it easy to know who in the family to speak with. They want to make sure they're talking to the right person, not to offend anybody and to make sure they're getting enough information about the patient's health."

The Office of Workforce Diversity published the guide after staff requested information about food, health practices, pregnancy and maternity, and death and dying issues for various cultures and religions. Henry Ford Health System cares for large African-American, Spanish and Arab-American patient populations but also growing numbers of Asian, European and European Americans in addition to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. The guide is divided into sections and offers quick tips as well as information on health risks.

"The staff wanted something very comprehensive, easy to read," said Giangrande. "We also added a

section on people with disability because we didn't have one in previous editions. The more sensitive you are, the more comfortable you feel. That's a good foundation for communication, patient care and satisfaction."

As an Arab-American Zana Macki is proud of the Oakwood Health Care System's commitment to hire bilingual staff to address issues in the hospitals and the community. In spring, the health system and Bint Jebail Cultural Center in Dearborn plan to host a community forum on cancer. As a breast cancer survivor, Macki knows the C word is "kind of taboo in the community." Oakwood staff want patients to know

there's no shame in having the cancer and there is help. For information about the forum, call (800) 543-WELL.

"I'm first generation born in Dearborn. I've always lived in two worlds so it doesn't matter whether I'm treated by a male or female physician but I like an Arab-American physician sometimes," said Macki, transcultural outreach and PR specialist for Oakwood Health Care System. "Others have modesty issues and prefer to have just a female physician, so they're actively recruited."

A member of the Transcultural Strategic Task Force, Macki is always looking for ways that the health sys-

Hospital offers parenting assistance

Classes are 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, for parents who have children in the toddler and preschooler age range, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levon, Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Fee for single is \$15, \$20 for a couple. Call (734) 655-1100 to register.

"Parenting with Love and Logic" is a common-sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children. Other classes are scheduled Feb. 8 (refresher course for all ages of children) and March 8 (pre-teens and teenagers).

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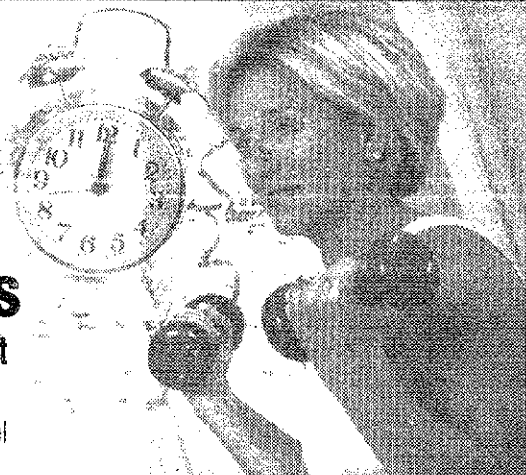
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Doing what works best: Hospitals approach diversity differently

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

It's Gloria Edwards' job as director of multicultural programs to know that the largest minority group cared for by the University of Michigan Health System is African-American followed by Asian and increasing numbers from the Middle East and Jewish from the former Soviet Union. More and more hospitals are creating separate departments to serve the needs of patients. Since 1993 The U-M Health System has even tailored exercise programs to specific cultures.

Edwards trains faculty and staff in addition to giving lectures to the dental and pharmacy schools, and the genetics departments within the University of Michigan.

"We have to first learn about what that particular group participates in so it's native to them," said Edwards who increased the department staff to nine since its inception. "The Latino we know that Salsa, the dance, is pop-

ular with them so we have a movement program incorporating movements of Salsa. We're very much concerned about participatory inclusion, finding out what individuals want, then we use vast resources of the university's education division to develop programs. We have some materials in different languages such as Yiddish so they can read and understand, so it's much easier to read and comply. The various cultural and religious groups need to be recognized and shown respect."

The U-M health system uses a variety of educational tools to teach staff including a series of bi-weekly statements and cultural competency questionnaires that appear on the Intranet for the system. Lunch meetings serve to train individuals during a multicultural health series. The health system treats patients from all over the world so it's especially important to maintain its high standards by having interpreters on staff and hiring minorities.

"We now have a prayer room in hospital for Muslim patients and sensitivity to nutritional differences," said Edwards. "This country, this location, is increasingly being populated by people from various groups. It's exciting work and so gratifying to accomplish without diluting the quality of care we want to give them. We want to continue to be able to see patients in a different light, not stereotyping them but recognizing their differences."

Although Garden City Hospital doesn't have a formal training program to address cultural differences, it has implemented an interpreters program which utilizes multilingual employees to assist patients and family members who speak little or no English.

The Karmanos Cancer Institute and Karmanos Cancer Center, an independent entity since separating from the Detroit Medical Center on Dec. 1, followed DMC's Diversity Action Council model and in the new

year plans to create a similar program to educate employees on religious and cultural beliefs and customs.

All seem to recognize the need to learn about differences to provide the highest quality of health care. At Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, Jewish Chaplain Andrea Teeple wrote a brochure on beliefs about birth and still birth, death, abortion, organ donation, and blood infusions.

"I wanted staff to know that if the patient dies is there any particular rituals. If there was a health crisis, certain religions have ways of dealing with crisis," said Teeple. "I work in ER a lot and it happens quite often. When Sinai Hospital in Detroit closed we started getting more diverse patients and I was using word of mouth to try to explain this is the way they grieve. The family of a younger Chaldean man who died wanted to wash his feet. I knew it was part of their culture. It was a medical examiner's case and we weren't supposed

to do anything to the body so I watched.

"Some families' way of dealing with grief is to start screaming. I try to get the staff to know this is something they have to do."

Teeple had to do a lot of explaining to security staff to enable a Sikh priest to enter the hospital wearing a sword as part of his garb. While the hospital serves a majority of Catholic patients, religions vary as well as cultures.

"We have a small population of Jehovah Witness not comfortable with our chaplaincy so the hospital provides someone," said Teeple. "It's scientifically founded that the spiritual part of the patient is just as important, sometimes even more important to the physical health. We're an osteopathic hospital so we deal with the mind, body and soul. Often times a chaplain's work can help the patient to heal as fast as what the doctor does. Often times they're afraid, confused. Having a nonmedical person walk into the room is comforting."

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tem could better serve the community. Currently there's a concern about young people smoking tobacco in water pipes because they feel it's less dangerous than smoking a cigarette.

"I'm proud of the fact that we're always trying to see the needs of the community," said Macki. "Say my uncle got sick. All of the relatives go to the hospital, 50 to 60 people. Oakwood tried to find larger waiting areas. Something as little as that is so important. We have an Islamic prayer area and many translated documents and informational brochures including My Voice, Your Choice for advance directives in Arabic. The fact we have a part-time Imam is very significant. We have spiritual support services that are truly interfaith."

DIVERSE BELIEFS

William Beaumont Hospital chaplain, the Rev. Carl Buxo

was born in the Caribbean to a Bengali family and later worked in Trinidad "where every creed and race draw together in unity and find an equal place." The Episcopal priest passes on his lifelong enthusiasm for learning about diverse beliefs to new employees.

"We've taken a multi-faceted approach in addressing the needs of patients and start off with our staff at new hire orientation with a one-hour presentation of why we should be interested in diversity sensitivity," said Buxo. "How would it be to feel as if we didn't have the same access to health care? The Lunch and Learn Series is available to all employees. We talk about caring for the East Indian patient, subgroups like Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Christians. We talk about generational differences. Those from the old country and ones born here have a different perspective on care. We talk about caring for the Muslim patients, not all Arabs are Muslims and vice versa."

As director of the Birthing Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Deborah Valli knows people's perception of birth and labor varies. Because the Muslim patient population is growing at the Livonia hospital, an Arabic midwife gave a 2-hour program on the birth experience at a monthly staff meeting. All one Arab American father-to-be needed was a place to put his prayer rug. Since labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum take place in one room, customs could create havoc if not addressed. Valli uses *Culture and Nursing Care*, edited by Julienne Lipson for the

University of California Nursing Press, as a guide.

"It's your job to be culturally sensitive," said Valli, a registered nurse. "Nursing schools are just starting to teach this. From Brazilian to Native American the manual tells about the birth experience and rituals, care of the mother postpartum. An Asian woman from China, you ask her if she's in pain, she will always say no. You learn to say, 'I can see you're in pain. Can I get you something?' We can't ignore cultural needs. That's kind of what America is all about."

Sue Carter uses the same 300-page *Culture and Nursing*

Care manual at Providence Hospital in Southfield. The West Bloomfield resident is director of nursing information and co-chairperson of the hospital's diversity council.

"Customer service is extremely important to us," said Carter who's Palestinian. "We have a Martin Luther

King Day celebration every year, a celebration for Black History Month. On a monthly basis we choose different foods for the cafeteria. We try to educate people. When you understand where you come from, you understand where everybody else comes from."

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Medical experience indicates that optimal treatment includes responding to a joint effusion arising from reactive arthritis with early removal of fluid and injection of a steroid medication. Large doses of aspirin help. Some physicians use medications such as methotrexate, and the biologicals like Enbrel, Remicade, and Humira, but success with these therapies is uneven.

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Gear up for Super Bowl entertaining with Football 101 next week!

NARS stylist brings color to winter

Michigan's winter palette of white and gray can get pretty drab. NARS Senior Stylist James Boehmer will bring a little color to town when he visits Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset Jan. 13 & 14. Boehmer will demonstrate the best ways to lighten your look for winter, offering makeovers, tips and techniques based on the NARS Fall and Holiday products.

He will also get customers thinking spring by introducing the NARS Spring 2006 line, which just hit counters.

Boehmer has extensive experience doing makeup for high-profile runway shows, and his personal clients in New York pay \$300 to have their makeup done by Boehmer.

This week at Saks, customers will get some free attention when they book appointments with the NARS Color Team.

NARS is known for intense color, using deep, rich pigments to create luscious eye-shadows and lipsticks that get women noticed. The Holiday collection for NARS features roses, plums, rich pinks and wine tones.

Black Eyeshadow?

Boehmer said his favorite new product is a black cream eyeshadow called Zardoz. He likes it because it's versatile.

It can be used to create a great smoky eye, or to intensify color on the lids.

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Spring Trends

NARS will take it down a notch in Spring 2006 with light, subtle colors—but watch for intriguing textures, Boehmer said. For example, Sandpiper Lip Gloss appears nude, but is laced with gold shimmer.

His favorites in the spring line are Madly blush, a warm rose that's good for shape and definition; and Party Monster Eyeshadow, a light iris-violet with a touch of gold shimmer.

Skin is In

Even though he's a makeup expert, Boehmer is the first to stress that skin care is even more important than color. So how should Metro Detroit women help their skin cope with dry, artificial heat and biting cold?

"The key is getting as much water as you can get to your skin, drinking more water and also hydrating the skin," Boehmer said recommending NARS' Aqua Gel Hydrator.

When your skin is at its best, pat on some loose powder with a hint of sparkle to achieve winter's perfect finish.

All NARS products are available at Saks Fifth Avenue, as well as www.narscosmetics.com.

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By Barbara Selinger

If you like modern dance, thank Barbara Selinger for helping to keep the art form thriving in Detroit. Selinger is an award-winning performer, choreographer, artist and teacher, who formed the Detroit Dance Collective in 1980. The DDC is ringing in the new year with "On 4 Sides," a multi-media performance at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Jan. 14-15. Selinger took time out of rehearsals to pick 'em for PINK.



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Good news about new jobs in new year

(NAPSI) — Job seekers can face the future with confidence — hiring demand is expected to be strong, offering them a chance to find a new position that provides fresh opportunities and maybe even a few more bucks.

"U.S. businesses are confident about the strength of the economy and are actively hiring in anticipation of further expansion," said Steve Pogorzelski, group president, international for Monster Worldwide, parent company of Monster.com.

According to Pogorzelski, current hiring trends suggest prosperity in the New Year for job seekers across much of the country. The Monster Employment Index, a measure of online job demand culled from more than 1,500 Web sites, recently reached an all-time high this season. This indicates that the improving U.S. economy is helping to create an ever-increasing number of new job opportunities.

Several industries are expected to have strong recruitment activity. According to the Monster Employment Index, workers looking for employment in IT, finance, health care, real estate and government will benefit from increased online job availability.

When pursuing a new job, seekers should remember that first impressions are key and that a thoughtful resume and



positive attitude are the most integral assets to open the door of opportunity. Given that a resume and cover letter are gen-

erally the first point of contact with an employer, seekers should tailor these documents for each desired position. The

most important part of a resume is the top third of the first page. Seekers should aim to place their most marketable skills and

experience in that section to ensure they stand out.

Seekers should also prepare at least one thought-provoking question before each interview. This demonstrates that they've researched the company as well as the specific job they're hoping to land. When seekers establish that they are engaged learners and listeners, they prove that they will also be engaged workers and a better investment for the employer overall.

Lastly, seekers shouldn't always jump at the first job offer that matches their salary requirements. While the prospect of making more money is certainly enticing, there are other factors to consider. Savvy candidates will keep in mind that there are a variety of non-monetary factors that contribute to overall happiness and job satisfaction. These benefits, which may include a collegiate corporate culture, flex time, telecommuting and on-the-job training, can vastly improve the quality of a job and — ultimately — one's career. In considering offers, seekers should remember they can be more selective in this job market.

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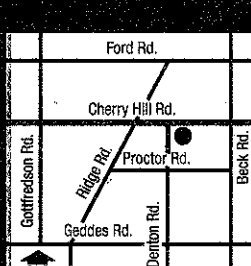
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The 2005 *Legal Scan* was prepared by Legal Research Center Inc., a leading provider of outsourced legal research, compliance e-training and knowledge management services. The newly updated study tracks historical data regarding more than 90 different legal liability issues faced by real estate professionals. It uses this data, along with surveys of selected industry leaders, to predict what issues NAR members will likely face in the future.

"NAR's *Legal Scan* is our crystal ball to a better understanding of the key legal issues and trends affecting the U.S. real estate marketplace," said Laurie Janik, NAR general counsel. "The 2005 *Legal Scan* provides NAR members with a wealth of trend information on agent/broker liability on issues such as agency, fair-housing and property management law, helping them better understand — and plan for — the legal pitfalls and compliance requirements they will likely encounter."

The complete study is available at no charge to all NAR members who enter their password on the www.realtor.org Web site.

The *Legal Scan*'s historical data primarily comes from traditional legal research of court decisions, statutes and regulations, and jury verdict reports. There were 1,058 specific court cases examined as part of the study, as well as 350 new or amended statutes and regulations. One of the helpful features of the 2005 *Legal Scan* is an appendix that lists each case, statute and regulation found for each issue, with full legal citation. This allows attorneys to check quickly to see if there are any relevant cases or legislative actions that offer guidance for a pending legal matter, saving real estate professionals valuable time and money on legal costs.

Some of the noteworthy findings in the 2005 *Legal Scan* include:

- The most common type of real estate dispute being litigated involved property management issues, including debt collection, liability for tenant's property condition, liability for the condition of a common area, liability for crimes occurring on leased property, and fair-housing claims;

- In nearly three quarters (72 percent) of the real estate court cases in which liability was determined, the real estate brokers or agents involved

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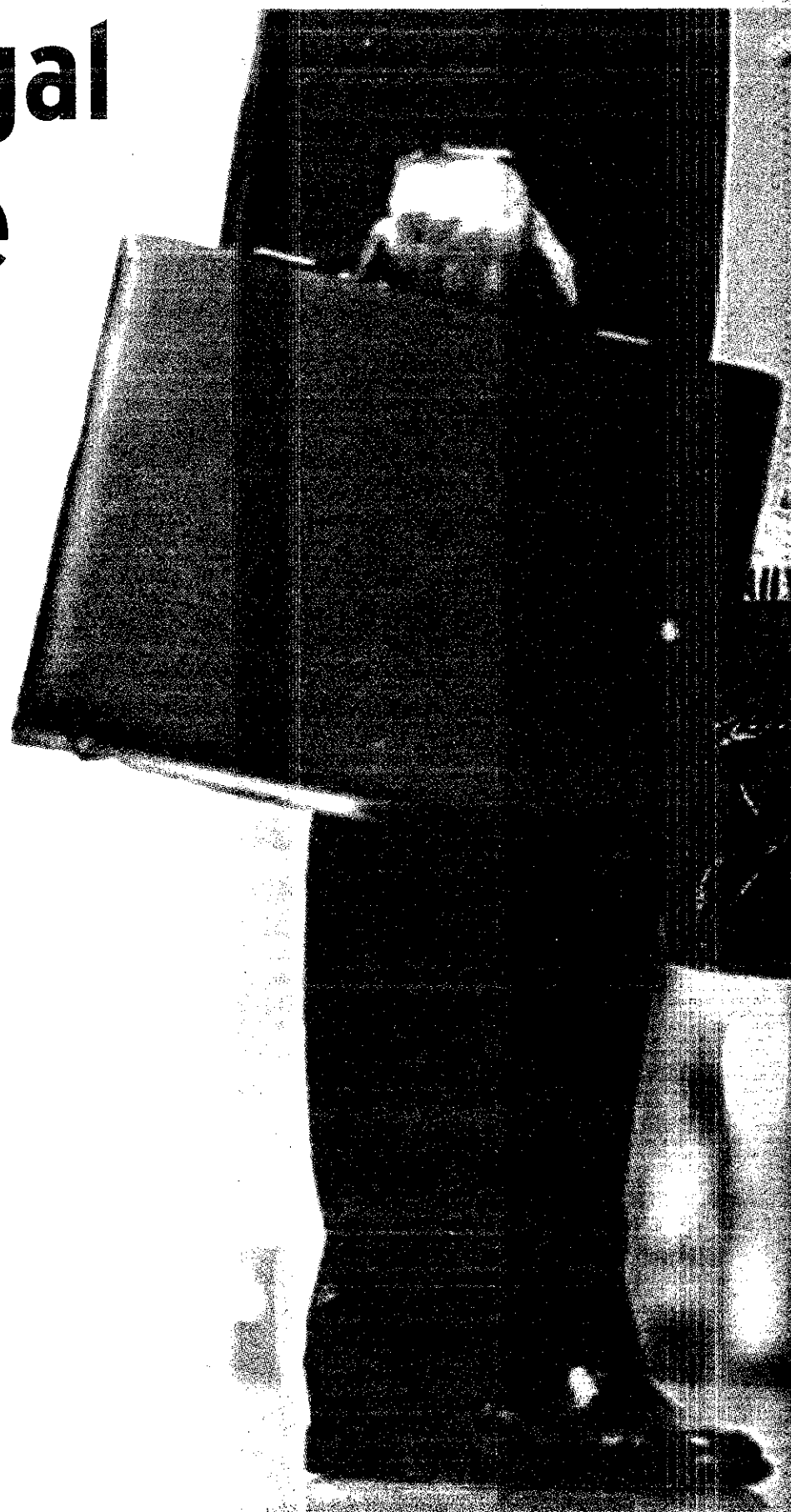
- Agency disclosure issues are drawing significant legislative attention, with 19 new or amended statutes and regulations regarding the subject being introduced in the past two years; and

- Additional real estate hot topics targeted for increased preventive training include dual agency, breach of fiduciary duty, Internet advertising, and anti-solicitation laws.

"We're very proud of the detailed research and analysis that went into creating this study, which will now allow each of NAR's more than 1.2 million Realtor members to access information quickly about recently enacted statutes and recent court decisions on a wide variety of real estate topics," said James Seidl, president of LRC. "NAR's 2005 *Legal Scan* will help real estate professionals efficiently obtain important legal information, and NAR will be able to keep its membership updated on new legal developments. It's an invaluable resource for planning training programs for real estate licensees to ensure that they comply with state regulations while implementing efficient, effective and ethical real estate business practices."

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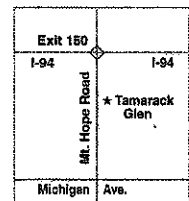
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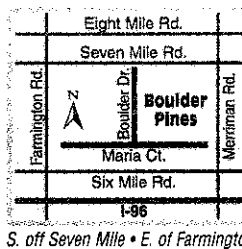
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WHAT TO LOOK FOR

■ **British thermal units (Btu)** measure of how much heat the unit puts out. The Btu rating determines how much space the unit can heat safely and effectively.

■ **Variable settings** allow you to set the unit's heat output and its energy/fuel consumption. During warmer periods or in smaller spaces you can turn the heater down and conserve energy/fuel while maintaining a comfortable temperature.

■ **Built-in blowers and fans** or oscillating units distribute heat more evenly over a greater area thus saving energy/fuel and increasing the overall

comfort level in the space being heated.

■ **Portability** is an important feature when you only want to heat or supplement the heat in specific areas. Having the ability to easily move the heater from one place to another allows you to heat only the area you choose when you choose to heat it.

■ **Built-in safety features**, such as automatic shutoffs, anti-tipping devices and heat guards make heaters much more user-friendly and give you peace of mind.

Always follow the manufacturers instructions for use and placement of all heating devices.

ELECTRIC HEATERS

Electric heaters are available as portable or permanently affixed units.

An oil-filled radiant heater is a good choice for heating an entire room.

PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATERS

In portable heating options, you can find anything from

small, personal heaters that will fit on a table to large heaters designed to heat entire rooms. Most small electric heaters have a wire resistance coil or a ribbon strip that provides heat when electricity is supplied to the coil or strip. Some of these models have ceramic casings that hold more heat for longer periods than basic models, making them more efficient. Some personal heaters also come with blowers and/or oscillating features that allow them to project heat over a larger area quickly. Small, personal heaters are a good choice for heating specific areas quickly.

Larger heaters, designed to warm entire rooms, may be permanently filled with oil to allow them to hold and radiate heat for long periods. This design allows the heating element to cycle on fewer times and save energy while heating a larger area. These heaters usually take longer to warm up than personal heaters, but they will heat a much larger area and do it more efficiently.

Electric fireplaces simulate

traditional wood-burning units.

PERMANENT OR FIXED ELECTRIC HEATERS

When you need a more permanent solution, you can choose from baseboard heating elements, wall-mount units or electric fireplaces. Electric baseboard heaters have a resistance coil that works much like a coil in a personal heater. The differences are that the baseboard units are much larger, heat more efficiently and can be wired to a wall-mounted thermostat.

Fan-forced electric heaters are normally small rectangular boxes that mount directly to the wall. The heater has a built-in fan that moves the heated air throughout the room. This design allows these small heaters to quickly and effectively bring an entire room up to a comfortable temperature.

Electric fireplaces

come with hearths and mantles that simulate actual wood-burning fireplaces without the expense of adding a brick and mortar fireplace. These heaters combine the convenience of electric heat with the comfort and ambiance of a traditional wood-burning fireplace.

WOOD HEATERS

A glass-fronted stove allows you to enjoy the dancing flames.

Wood heaters are available as either traditional wood-burning stoves or as pellet stoves. Traditional wood stoves burn logs from 18 to 22 inches long to generate heat. Pellet stoves burn specially manufactured hardwood pellets that produce a lot of heat and very little ash.

Some stoves have glass fronts that allow you to enjoy the dancing flames while taking advantage of superior heating. Look for a stove with

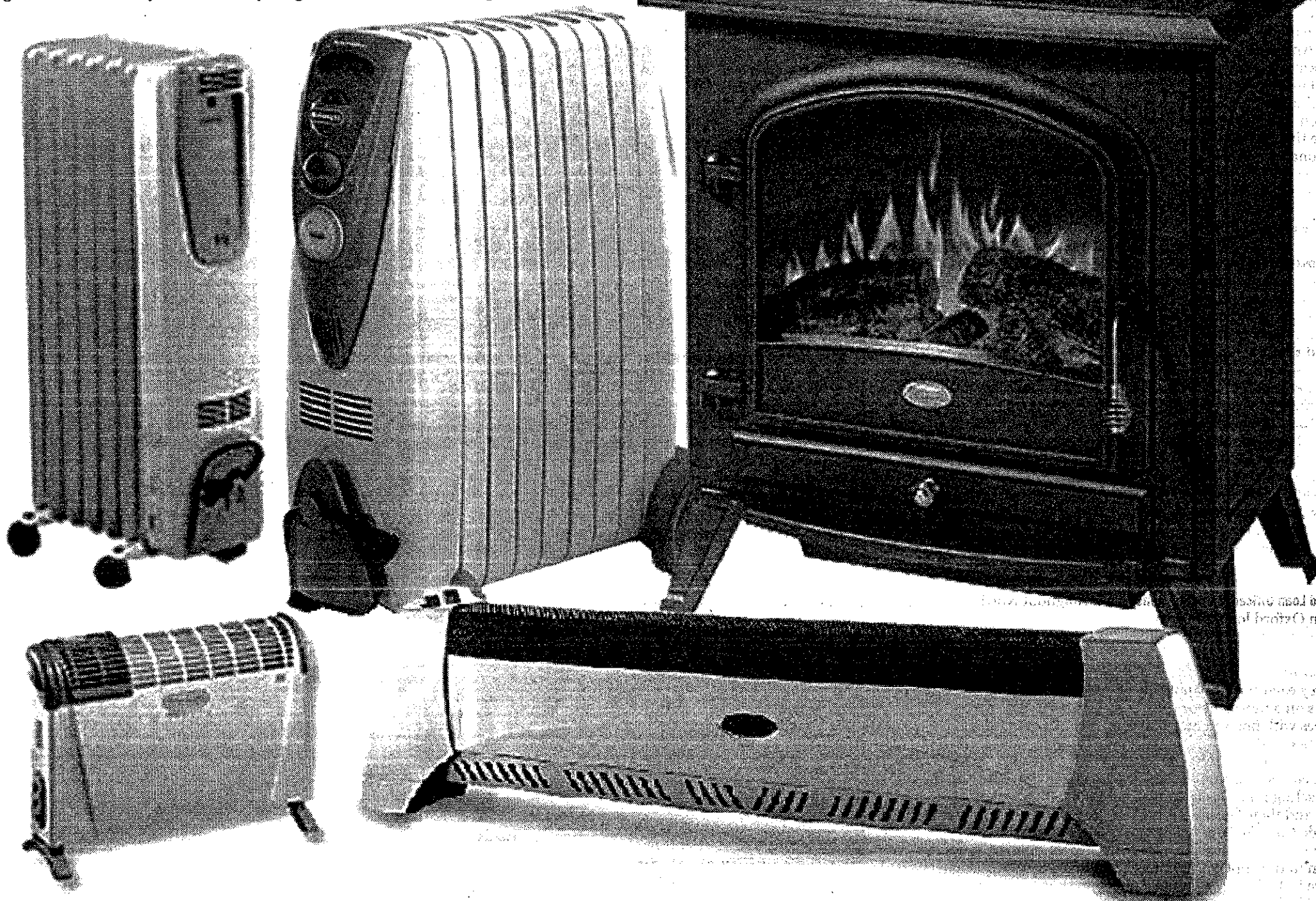
an ash drawer to make clean up easier and safer.

GAS HEATERS

Gas logs provide the ambiance of a traditional fire without the work.

Gas heaters are available as either Natural Gas or Liquid Propane (LP) burning units. The type of fuel you use will largely be determined by availability in your area. You will also be able to choose between wall-mounted gas heaters, gas logs and freestanding units that resemble wood stoves. Some gas heaters require a vent stack to the outside of the home, these units are commonly called vented logs. Vented heaters can be installed anywhere in the home without the need to vent or exhaust gasses to the home's exterior.

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BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED & updated col in Lake Pte Sub. Hwd in foyer, kit & DR, fresh neut paint in foyer, hall & strway, updated kit w/rook. FR w/corner fpl & built-in bkcase. Newer main BA w/jetted tub. Newer wndws & doorwall. Spacious 80' yard w/free-form paver patio. Quiet lot w/mature trees & gardens. \$279,900 (MAP47)

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
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GREAT FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD Timing is great. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, sit on lg corner lot w/sunrm. Full BA has just been redone. Tear off rf in '00 & newer wndws. FR w/gas FP, most appl stay. Part fin bsmt, kit updated w/new fr, cell fans & more. PIC schools. Hm warr. \$209,900 (MEA39)

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FABULOUS COLONIAL. 3 BR, 19X10 loft could be 4th BR, 2.5 BA's, hwd flrs, FFL. Beautiful mstr ste w/cath clngs, lg WIC, Gran BA, prof fin bsmt w/wet bar, lg corner lot w/prof landscaping, sprinklers, brick paver patio, cedar deck, lg trees & more. \$309,000 (WEL52)

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BEAUTIFUL GREAT FAMILY HOME! Large home w/neut decor throuth. Unlike quads unique open fl plan wall 4 BRs on upper fl. Kit w/cer tile, new cherry Dupont fls on main fl. Huge FR w/rpl & berber crpt. Freshly pntd. Lg laund rm w/xtra strg. Mstr w/dck over priv tree lined fenced yd. All appls 1yr war. Great price! \$227,900 (HAN60)

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REDFORD - Charming 4 bdrm, 2 bath home w/ many updates including: windows, furnace, C/A, carpet, updated baths & remodeled kchn. Lrg liv rm w/ 12 ft dining rm & beautiful FP. 1st flr bdrm & office, home warranty & extra side lot! \$146,500 (D98Nor)

FARMINGTON HILLS - Huge lot for this updated 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath home! Offers new kchn, newly fin'd bsmt w/ complete kchn & bath, Pella wood wndws, newer landscaping, hardwood flrs, 1st flr den could be 5th bdrm, includes all appliances & more! \$359,900 (L59Sta)

CANTON - Elegant new 3,500 sq ft 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath Colonial boasting expansive master w/ walk-in closets, 2 story family rm w/ see-thru FP to kitchen w/ granite isle & 2nd stairway, hardwood floors, library, mud rm, 3 car garage & 1/2 acre site! \$549,775 (L27Ox)

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The re-certification demonstrates continuing outstanding relocation service and performance, and adherence to the RQC policies and guidelines which are modeled after other initiatives, such as the Malcolm Baldrige national quality award and Six Sigma. RQC is designed to recognize outstanding relocation departments in the network based on meeting a rigorous set of standards.

The criteria are stringent and the application process for obtaining this recognition is sequential, spread out over a number of months. Leading Real Estate Companies of the World is the first to offer a true system to measure quality in the real estate industry.

The division is headed by Carolyn Bowen-Keating, VP Relocation, and is headquartered in the company's Birmingham office.

Weir Manuel Realtors has more than 150 real estate professionals in four Michigan offices: Birmingham, Plymouth, Rochester and West Bloomfield. Its Web site is at www.weirmanuel.com.

Business/Real Estate Investing Seminar

Learn What You Need to Know When Your Seller Is in Bankruptcy - presented by David Ruskin - sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will be held 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St., Clawson. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.org). For additional information, call Don Eichstaedt, (248) 552-8030

Oxford Loan Officer to Donate Money

An Oxford loan officer is reaching out to the children at Crossroads for Youth by donating \$300 to the nonprofit agency each time an applicant closes on a mortgage or refinances with her and mentions the organization.

Crossroads for Youth provides education, support and counseling for at-risk youngsters and their families.

Jude Cunningham will make the donation to Crossroads for Youth in the applicant's name. There is no deadline on the offer. "This is such a kind gesture," said Karen Tuohy, agency relations coordinator for Crossroads for Youth. "Towne Mortgage is a relatively new neighbor of ours, and we appreciate Jude's commitment to our mission."

Towne Mortgage is located at 115 S. Washington St. in Oxford. The company works with many different lenders and offers a wide range of services. For more information, call Jude Cunningham at (248) 736-2343 or e-mail her at jude.cunningham@townemortgage.com

gage.com.

For more than 50 years, Crossroads for Youth has served thousands of children and teens in southeastern Michigan. Crossroads' main campus in Oxford includes a school, vocational center, adventure center, five residence halls, recreation facilities and more. It has another program site in Commerce Township. For more information, visit www.crossroadsforyouth.org.

Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate

Kathy Coon, broker of Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate, announced that 10 of her sales associates recently attended the Corporate Mobility Specialist Training Course offered through a relocation-focused partnership between GMAC Real Estate and GMAC Global Relocation Services.

The Corporate Mobility Specialist Training Course is a comprehensive session packed with relocation expertise that teaches sales associates how to better meet the needs of relocating consumers and maximize the relationship between GMAC Real Estate and GMAC Global Relocation Services. Attending this training results in the CMS designation, which must be followed up with a refresher course every two years in order to retain the CMS designation. CMS training is a resource as well as a continuing education tool for brokers, managers and sales associates as they find themselves becoming more involved in the relocation process.

For more information on relocation services by Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate, call (248) 293-0000 or visit www.greatlakesgmac.com. Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate has two offices and 55 sales associates serving greater Oakland and Macomb counties. Its offices are located at 2915 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, 48307, (248) 293-0000, and 5767 W. Maple, West Bloomfield 48322. GMAC Real Estate has more than 1,300 locations and 22,000 sales associates throughout North America.

Education Seminars

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

■ 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 12, lien law seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees including continental breakfast are \$75 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$100 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, "Builder's License Preparation Course" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$200 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$250 for nonmembers. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 27, "Safety and Security" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Registration fees are \$145 for Remodelers Council members, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, Certified Graduate Builder seminar, "Construction Contracts & Law," BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including breakfast, lunch and course materials, are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2, Executive Image Seminar on "Hiring Trustworthy, Hard-Working People," BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 6-9 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, Builder's License Preparation Course, at BIA head-

quarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fees are \$200 per class for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb.

7, Effective Business Management Seminar on "Integrated Marketing," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, Certified Graduate Remodeler seminar on "Estimating," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

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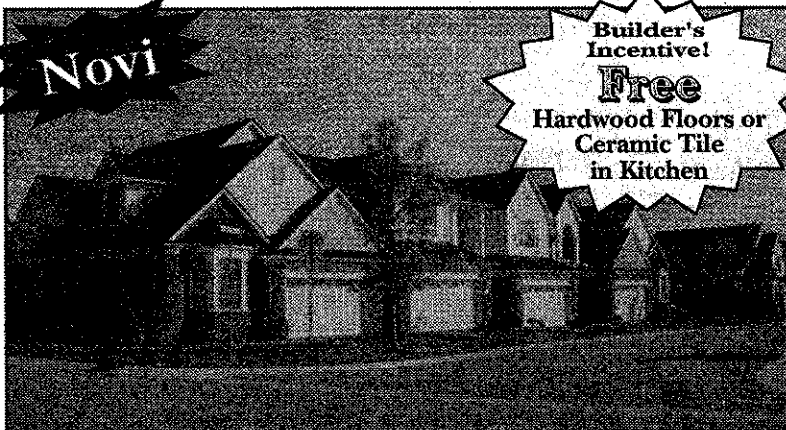
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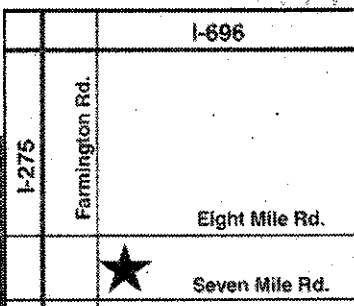
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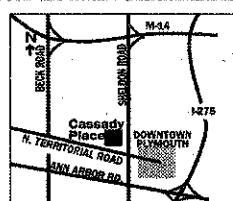
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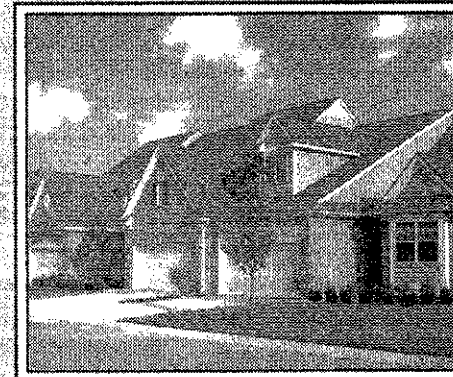
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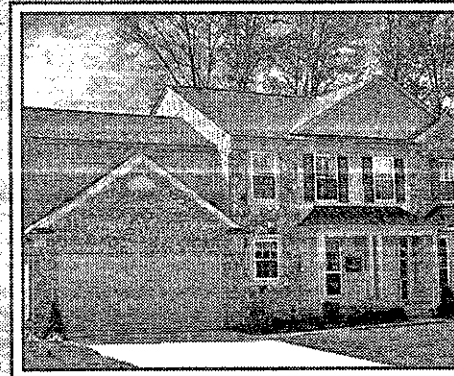
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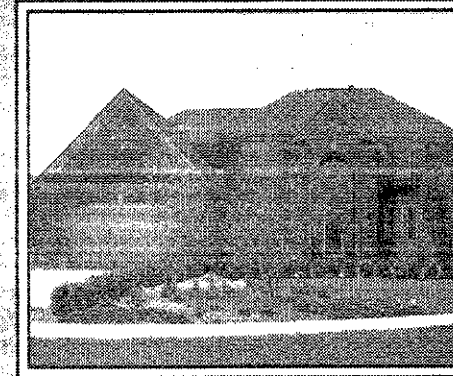
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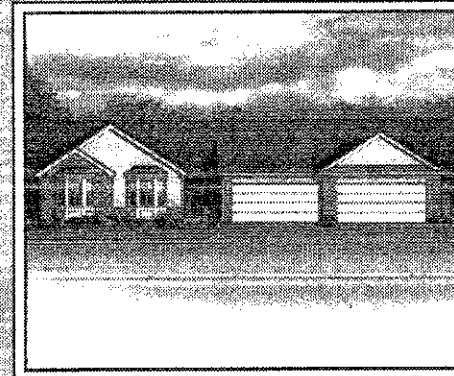
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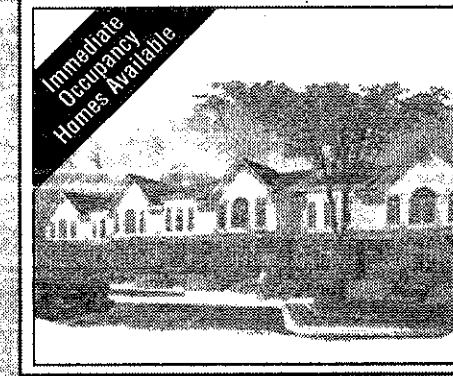
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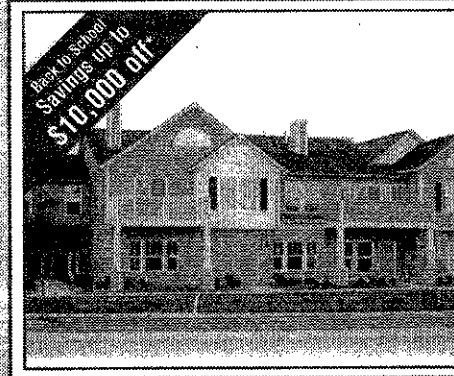
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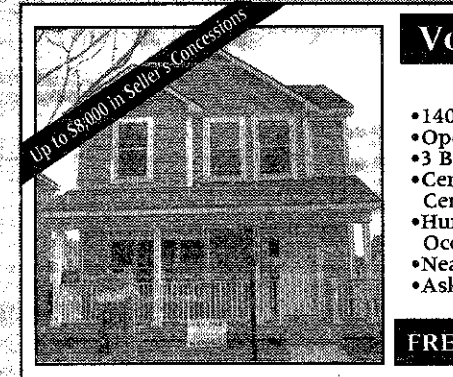
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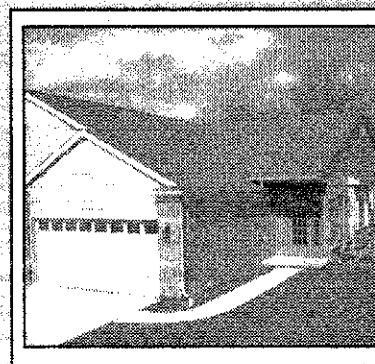
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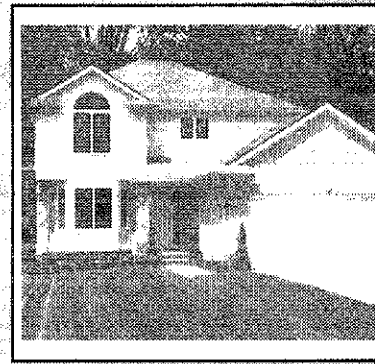
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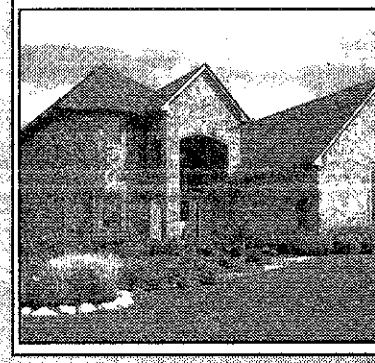
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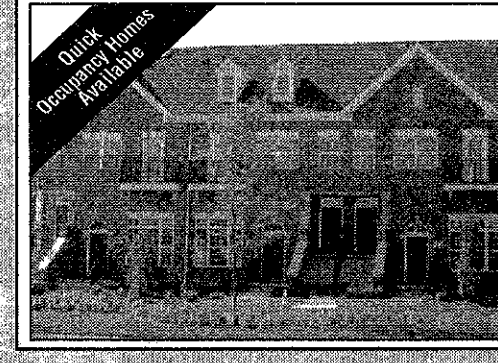
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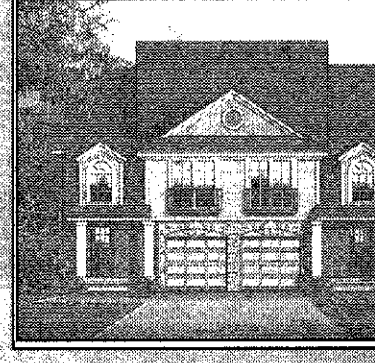
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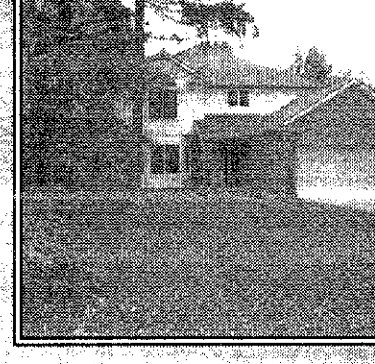
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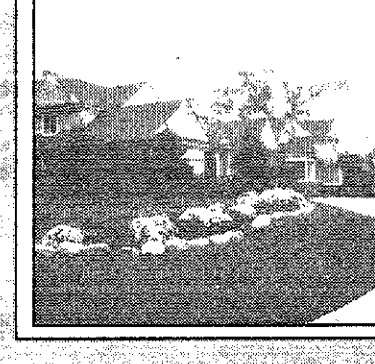
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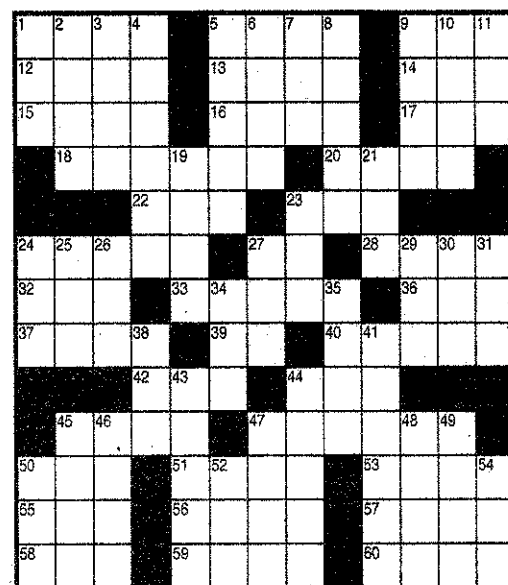
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NORTHVILLE TWP Spacious Colonial
on beautiful interior lot in Crestwood Manor. Everything from hardwood 2 story foyer w/winding staircase, to full prof fin bsmt, formal DR, FR w/rp/c, den w/bay window, mstr ste w/WIC's & Jacuzzi, +att gar.
(B10ROL) 734-455-5600 \$674,000



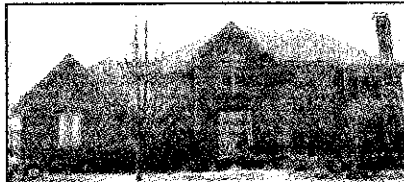
OAKLAND Elegant 4 Bedroom
4.1 bath home offers architectural interest throughout. Beautiful landscaped grounds, finished lower level w/second kitchen, bath and craft room. Palladian windows and garden door to patio.
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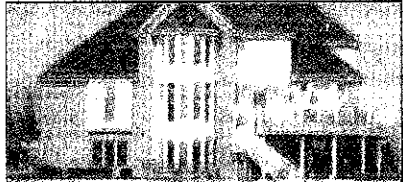
MILFORD Magnificent Cape Cod
On approx 1+ acre, 4BR, 4.5BA. Vaulted entry & LR. Island kit w/cherry cabinets. Lux main floor master. Howd flrs in foyer, kit, brfst nook & FR. Prof. fin. w/o w/wet bar, trpic, game area & media nook. 3 car garage.
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4 blocks to central downtown area. 4BR, 4BA, MBR w/rp/c, 2nd & 3rd BR w/Jack and Jill bath, 4th BR w/princess bath. Lakeviews from kit, DR, LR and MBR ste. Fin. bsmt w/full bath, wet bar and sauna.
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NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4BR, 2.5BA home w/stunning gourmet kitchen w/marble cabinets and hardwood floors. Winding staircase. MBR w/master BA & WIC. 2 fireplaces. 3 car garage. W/O basement and dual heating & cooling.
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NORTHVILLE TWP Elegance At Its Best
Enter into a gallery foyer leading to a stately music conservatory, luxurious mstr ste, executive kit w/volume ceilings, crown molding & granite T/O. Hrdwd flrs, 5 BR, 4.2 BA, fabulous custom LL w/walk-out.
(B04CLA) 734-455-5600 \$1,097,500



OAKLAND Brilliant Neutral Design
throughout this 4 bedroom, 3.2 bath custom split level built 2001. Huge cherry kitchen with granite, hardwood floors and sitting area. 2 way fireplace separates nook and 2 story great room. Unfinished basement.
(B87CEN) 248-652-8000 \$718,500



COMMERCE All Sports Lakefront
3-4 bdrm. Home sits on large high lot offering panoramic views of Lake Sherwood. 1st floor mstr, fin w/o, unique architecture, sandy beach, over 120 ft of frontage. Huron Valley Schools.
(B21COM) 248-363-1200 \$550,000



BLOOMFIELD Classic Design
and materials. Fabulous kit w/skyline and granite. LR w/12' ceilings, huge 1st floor MBR suite. Large deck w/view of Gilbert lake. Lower level W/O leading to manicured yard. Exercise room, BR bath and sauna in LL.
(B70WOO) 248-642-8100 \$899,475



W. BLOOMFIELD Designer Perfect!
House beautiful on a wooded cul-de-sac! Maple cabinets, granite and hardwood in this cooks delight kitchen. Grand master suite w/lamour bath. Jack & Jill guest suite, private backyard & 3 car garage.
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ORION TWP Picture Perfect Home
on over 1/2 acre cul-de-sac lot. Belmont plan with two-story foyer, double staircase and gourmet kitchen with island, oak cabinets and GE Profile appliances. MBR suite with sitting area. Three car side entry garage.
(B81COV) 248-524-1600 \$459,900



OAKLAND Gorgeous
Deluxe 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in the Billion Dollar Mile. Granite and designer cabinets, GE Profile appliances, hardwood floors, 2 way fireplace in living room and master suite. European shower, designer lighting and Italian marble.
(B54BIR) 248-652-8000 \$619,000



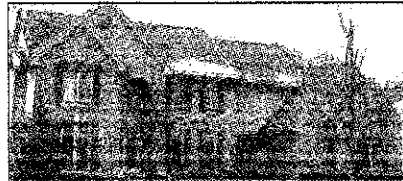
HIGHLAND Newer Model Custom
South Bay Shores prestigious builders custom on Duck Lake. 2004 bilt, brick w/4 BD, 3.5 BA, 3+gar, acre lot, the best of everything used in this home. A must see. Vacant lots avail. too. Huron Valley.
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BLOOMFIELD Spectacular Updated Ranch
on approx 1+ acres gorgeous wooded lot. 4BR, 3.1 BA, kit, breakfast area and GR w/2 way trpic, MBR ste, FFL, heated Florida room/library and fin LL w/BR and full bath.
(B21ECH) 248-642-8100 \$749,900



S. LYON Custom Built Showplace
Tanglewood Golf Community offers incredible 4BR, 5.1BA colonial w/Brazilian cherry floors, marble, granite. Custom lighting, freshly painted T/O. Custom wood library w/built-in shelves. Quality & workmanship. A must see showplace.
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FARMINGTON HILLS 2000 Built
Executive home on a one acre lot with stream. Entertainer's kitchen with island, living room, dining room, library and finished walk-out with barn. Prof landscaped with deck, patio, sprinklers. 3 car side entrance garage. Gorgeous!
(B73BRA) 248-524-1600 \$749,900



OAKLAND TWP Fantastic Homesite
Nestled in nature. You will fall in love w/this stunning home in Silvercreek, a premium swim and tennis community. Many quality upgrades. 3 car garage, walk out basement all come together to create a very special home.
(B54CRE) 248-652-8000 \$529,000



HIGHLAND TWP Gorgeous Duck Lk
Cape Cod, newer built 3 or 4 BR home. FF MBR, ice bonus rm/4th BR. Whewer name fir & vaulted ceiling. GR w/rp/c & cat/h ceiling, cherry cabs & granite cntrs in lge kit w/bk rd. Oak hrdwd flrs in entry, kit, GR, FFL. Pver pathways to deck.
(B40CHE) 248-626-8800 \$569,900



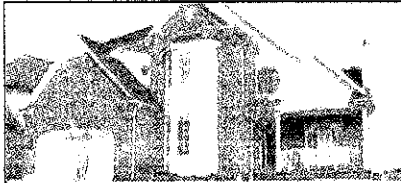
FARMINGTON HILLS Fabulous Home
Hickory Oaks. With 2 story foyer, GR, 9 ceilings and some hrdwd flrs. Kit and baths w/marble cabinets. MBR ste, bridge overlooking foyer and GR. Fin bsmt, paver patio and 3 car gar.
(B70BRA) 248-642-8100 \$695,000



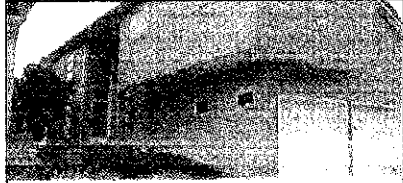
NORTHVILLE Golf Course Community
Best kept secret in the golf club. Custom builder floor plan. Huge kit, & breakfast rm opens to 2-story great room. Granite T/O. Extensive trim T/O. Finished W/O with kitchen, BA, rec room, 2 fireplaces. MBR suite w/sitting room & huge bath.
(B10MER) 248-349-5600 \$979,000



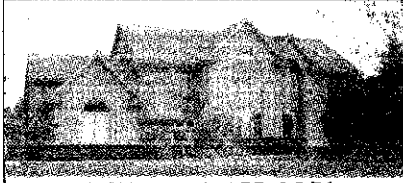
BLOOMFIELD TWP Well Cared For
Colonial with popular floor plan. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement, deck and private yard. Island kitchen with pantry. GR w/ vaulted ceiling. MBR with dressing area, tub room, 2 fireplaces. Nice location in great family sub.
(B19HIC) 248-524-1600 \$469,900



ROCHESTER Stoney Creek
Stunning home sits high in sub with view of commons. 4 bedrooms, walk out basement, tile floors, expansive 2 story foyer. T/O staircase. 2 fireplaces, upgraded kitchen w/granite island. Decorator blinds and shades.
(B15PUT) 248-652-9000 \$435,000



NOVI Square Mile of Backyard
Lake living from the best of homes. 4BR, 4BA. Over 4000 sq. ft. Built in '97 w/love and best products. Truly a move in and use the lake all sports 670 acres. Ski, kayak, entertain from 3 decks or just relax and watch long sunsets.
(B12EAS) 248-626-8800 \$1,000,000



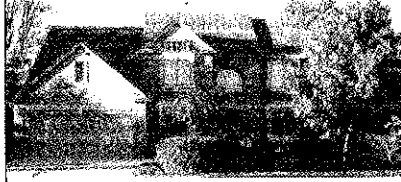
TROY Lovely 4 BR, 3.5 BA
Contemporary home in beautiful sub. Open floor plan, fin bsmt w/full bath, GR and rec room w/wet bar. Private yard w/brick patio and 3 car att garage. A real GEM!
(B38DRE) 248-642-8100 \$569,900



NORTHVILLE Residence of Dignity
Private home setting on approx. 2 acres overlooks pond. Walk to town. 4BR, 4BA, 4 fireplaces, 3+car garage. Master bedroom retreat, finished lower level. Finest quality.
(B05SPR) 248-349-5600 \$1,189,000



TROY Interior Sub Newly Built
Four bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with Troy schools. Formal living room, dining room, den. Great Room with vaulted ceiling. Large kitchen with center island. Breakfast area with patio doors. Professionally landscaped with paver patio.
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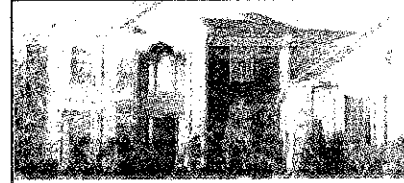
ROCHESTER Immaculate 4 Bedroom
2.5 bath colonial w/marble kitchen w/large island and butlers pantry. Crown moldings, vaulted ceiling, gas fireplace, spacious master bedroom. Professionally landscaped. Common pool and tennis court.
(B23CLO) 248-652-8000 \$430,500



FARM. HILLS Backs to Coppercreek
Golf Course. Priv. treed site. Contemp. detached condo is perfect for entertaining. 3 or 4 BRs. FF mstr ste. Fin LL W/O has complete living quarters, incl. 2nd kit 2-sty GR w/rp/c, 2-sty tiled rm w/semi pool/jetted tub, mult. skylights, ceiling fans, decks or just relax and watch long sunsets.
(B42HIC) 248-626-8800 \$694,900



BEVERLY HILLS Spectacular
Georgetown Colonial w/4BR, 2.1 BA and 2 family rooms on 1st level, 1 w/ trpic. Updated kit w/granite, MBR ste w/ w/w bath ste, hrdwd flrs on upper level and FR. Fin bsmt w/rec rm. Lge lot backing to wooded area.
(B15GEO) 248-642-8100 \$497,900



CANTON Exceptional Colonial
Fabulous 4 bedroom, 3 full & 2 half baths in this 2000 built home. Grand 2 story foyer, dual staircase, FR w/a wall of windows, gourmet kit has cherry cabinets, 2 frpics, 3 c att gar, bsmt & lg deck.
(B76MAN) 734-455-5600 \$494,000



ROCHESTER HILLS Spectacular
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo with Travertine marble floors, soaring ceilings, spacious kitchen and two car garage. Two-story foyer and Great Room. First floor laundry. Private yard. All on a premium lot in the Sanctuary.
(B41WIN) 248-524-1600 \$499,900



MILFORD Magnificent Property
Is Now on the Market! Over 3 acres and the perfect house for the most discriminating buyer, custom home with quality throughout, park like setting with brick paver patio and benches for relaxation. Entertain in style, open floor plan.
(B96JAC) 248-363-1200 \$847,777



WOLVERINE LAKE Vacation at Home
Lake frontage. Updated oak kitchen, carpet installed in Nov. 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 True American Classic
within walking distance to town. Hrdwd floors, beveled leaded glass transoms windows and French Doors. Formal DR, heated sunroom and newer kit. Must see this one!!
(B27PUR) 248-642-8100 \$495,000



PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus
Premium lot w/perfect flr plan. 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 c att gar, fireplace in liv rm, open dual staircase, basement, huge bdrms w/plenty of closet space, elegant custom awnings.
(B77FOX) 734-455-5600 \$434,900



BLOOMFIELD TWP Immaculate
Three bedroom, two bath ranch on over one-half acre. Many updates including newer dimensional roof. Andersen windows, maple kitchen with all appliances. Updated bath with huge shower, furnace, central air. Some fireplace in FR.
(B17CHA) 248-524-1600 \$425,000



COMMERCE Lake Sherwood
Enjoy lakefront living w/gorgeous contemporary. 5BR, 3.5BA, 2 fireplace. Elegant 1st flr mstr ste w/Jacuzzi tub and sep. glass block shower. Fin LL offers full bath, wet bar & kitchenette. 3-att. car gar. City water/sewer. Huron Valley Schools.
(B01COM) 248-363-1200 \$839,900



BLOOMFIELD Exceptional 4 BR Colonial
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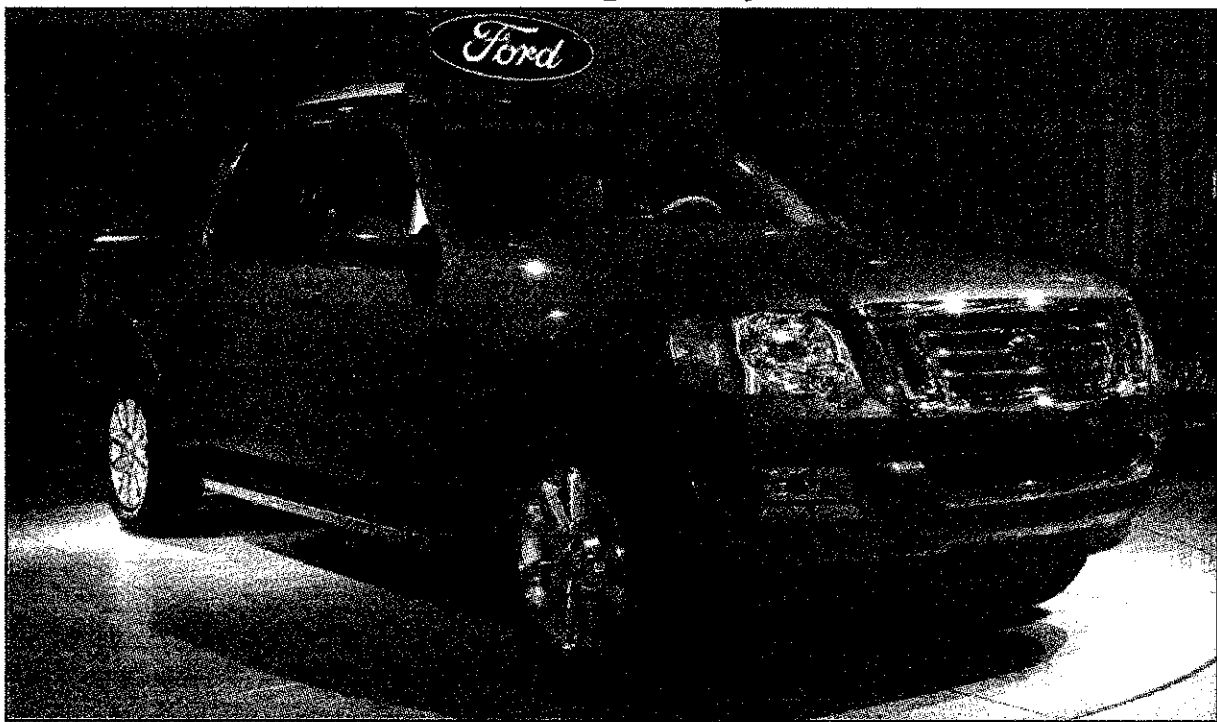
The National Auto Dealers Association has offered some tips that anyone can use to make new car buying easy and a little bit of fun at the same time. Let me pass along some of those tips. Do your homework.

Before you set foot in any new car dealership, do your homework. Determine the type of vehicle that best fits your needs, your wants and especially your lifestyle. Check out NADAguides.com. There you'll find a comprehensive New Car Information Center to help you to choose your ideal ride. It includes a side-by-side comparison tool to let you compare up to four different vehicles on your wish list at the same time. It's a lot easier than visiting a bunch of manufacturer's websites, which can be time-consuming and sometimes a hassle to negotiate.

At that website, you'll also be able to research safety information, read expert reviews and build and price a vehicle by choosing the make, model, color and options that you'd like to place on that vehicle.

Check your wallet.

Make a decision on exactly how much you want to spend on a new car or truck and then stick to that monetary amount. If you plan to finance, find out exactly how much you can afford to spend every month. The NADA website can actually help you with that, as well. It has a host of vehicle pricing resources to help you do the math and also has a credit check service area to determine what type of credit you have and what type of loan



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you could qualify for. Don't forget to factor in any down payments or your trade-in allowance if you have a vehicle you plan to trade. The website will also tell you how much that older vehicle is worth.

Look for any current offers that are allowed by the manufacturers -- like incentives and rebates. Keep in mind that some dealers also have their own incentive programs. Find everything you can to reduce the car's overall purchase price. Be sure to determine the price of the exact features and options you want in advance, because many options and add-ons will increase the amount of money you'll be spending on that vehicle.

Get a quote.

Get a price quote from a local dealer. The most convenient way to get that quote is to submit a new car purchase request online at the NADA website. Your official request will be routed to a local dealer in your area who can provide you with a quick and easy price quote over the phone or through your email. Be sure to ask the dealer if the vehicle you're interested in buying is available at the dealership ahead of time. If that dealership doesn't have the car in inventory, they can locate a car at another dealership for you.

Take a test drive.

This is really important. Do not purchase a vehicle you haven't taken for a test drive. No amount of time you spend online researching a vehicle can take the place of experiencing an actual, physical test drive. From comfort to back seat room to headroom, all that has to be taken into account before you purchase a vehicle. You can test drive any new vehicle at a local

dealership. You could also ask a friend or family member who has the car you're interested in to take their car for a ride. You can also rent a vehicle with similar options and take a day or two to spend some quality time examining and evaluating the vehicle before you make your final decision. A test drive is very, very important, so take the time and do it right.

Get the best price.

If you get a reasonable price quote for your car, include tax, license and other applicable fees, on with an affordable monthly payment and one that includes incentives and rebates that make the deal even sweeter, it's time to sign on the dotted line. If you think there's some wiggle room between what the dealer is asking and what you're willing to pay, don't be afraid to negotiate. Depending on the individual vehicle, a dealer may be willing to negotiate a lower final sales price. Next, be sure to discuss financing, if you need it. Consider securing a loan at the dealership or research other financing options, like programs offered by banks, credit unions or other independent lenders.

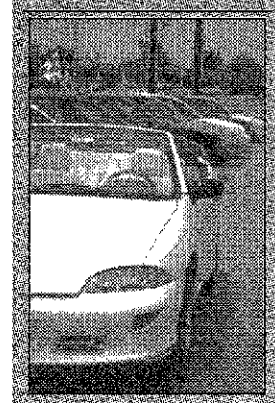
Finally, if you're trading in a used car for credit towards the purchase price of your new car, be sure to research its value at the NADA website before you start your negotiations. Obviously, any credit for your trade-in, couple with any down payment you make, will ultimately reduce the car's overall purchase price.

Good luck and have fun purchasing your new vehicle. Whether you choose an import or domestic automaker, make certain you're happy with the deal you got and the vehicle you'll be in.

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