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Salaries for Canton's officials rank high

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Salary figures for government officials in western Wayne County were released last month, and Canton officials and administrators con-

sistently rank near the top when it comes to their pay.

And that's the way it was intended, according to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"The board made the decision to be higher than the

comparable communities because we wanted to attract and retain the best people," Yack said.

The figures were compiled and released by the Conference of Western Wayne, a consortium of 18 communities that

meets monthly to discuss issues and legislation affecting its member communities.

The pay scales for union and non-union township employees had been adjusted in 2002, after Canton contracted consulting firm Plante & Moran to

help revise its former structure, which was made up of some 30 pay classifications. The current system consists of 13 classifications, each with 10 pay steps in the non-union positions, and five in union positions.

During the salary study Plante & Moran found communities that were comparable in size and resources, and then matched similar jobs and their pay scales to those in Canton.

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OnStar helps cops nab suspects in car thefts

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Three Westland men — age 17, 18 and 22 — have been arrested following a rash of thefts from cars in Canton.

Police began looking for them after seven Canton residents called to report that someone had entered their cars and had stolen valuables, electronics and cash from them.

Two of the callers were a husband and wife, who reported that not only had someone got into their Cadillac DeVille and Cadillac Escalade; the two cars had been stolen early on Jan. 16.

"They had OnStar, and activated it immediately," said Westland Police Sgt. Dave Heater. OnStar reported that both cars were in the area of Central City Parkway and Ford in Westland, so Westland officers headed there within hours of the theft.

They found the DeVille, which was being followed by a red Mercury Mystique. Officers stopped both cars and the driver of the DeVille admitted that the Cadillac was stolen. Both drivers were arrested. The Escalade was found nearby in a Kroger parking lot.

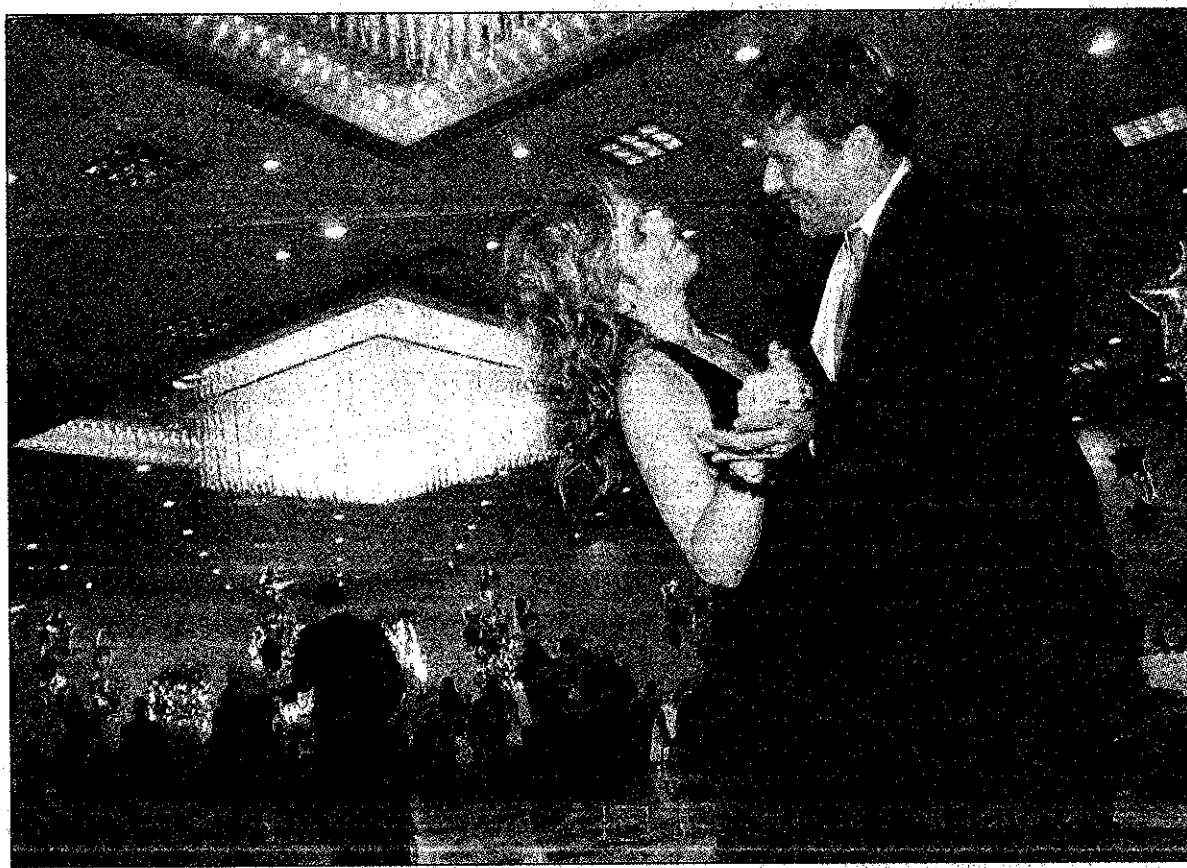
Police believed that there must have been a third person involved, since there were three vehicles in question. After questioning the two men who were in custody, they were able to track down a third suspect, and arrested him on Jan. 17.

Inside the DeVille and the Mercury, there was what appeared to be a lot of items that officers believed to be stolen.

"There was cash, electronics, CD players, car stereos with the wires ripped out," Heater said. The Canton residents who reported their cars had been ransacked were called, and five of them identified some of the items as theirs. A Northville Township woman and a Dearborn Heights man were also called to retrieve items.

"What people have to understand about these thefts is that none of the cars were locked. What they were doing is called carhopping, where they don't have to cause damage to get into the car," Heater said. Even worse, there were extra car keys in the Cadillacs. "So they just got into the cars, found the keys and drove them away."

All three men have been charged with two counts of car theft, four counts of breaking and entering a car, one count of possession of stolen property, and one man was charged with use of a stolen credit card after police said he fueled up, using a credit card stolen from one of the Canton cars. The men are being held at Wayne County Jail on cash bond ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shall we dance?

Laura Kenny and Mark Anderson take a spin around the Laurel Manor dance floor. The event is the Canton Community Foundation's annual Winter Ball. The Ball raises funds for the Foundation's projects. It's also an occasion to present awards to those who have helped the foundation's and the community's goals. This year, the Thomas J. Yack Award goes to Bob Zulkar, and the Victory Circle Award to Richard Lewiston.

Van Buren bond faces a tough sell in Canton

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Van Buren Public Schools district will again ask the voters to approve a millage to construct a new high school. At \$111 million, the bond approval request is smaller than the rejected 2004 proposal, which was for \$150 million. But it will still add some \$500 per year to Canton resident Brian Kositz's tax bill — and he said he's not getting \$500 worth of benefit by paying the bill.

"My problem is that (the VBPS district) does nothing for us. They gladly accept our money but this district is so poorly run and now they're asking for more money. We're basically a cash cow to them,"

He will be voting against the proposal at the district's Feb. 28 election.

Kositz points to summer programs as one area where his children — now 4 and 6 years old — get shortchanged.

"When they have summer programs where they provide bussing, the busses don't come up this way, so it's not as easy for my children to participate," he said. Kositz's 6-year-old attends a private school near his home in Huntington Place, as will his 4-

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Canton resident

year-old.

The other objection he has to supporting the bond is that the high school, which is already 10 miles from his house (which translated on the few occasions he clocked the drive from the school in Belleville to his home to a 35-minute drive), is too far from the section of southwest Canton that is in the VBPS district. And the new school is planned to be constructed even farther away (by approximately one mile) at Sumpter and Hull roads.

"That's just not acceptable to me," Kositz said.

Kositz was one of the Canton residents who organized a petition drive to request redistricting, which would have allowed his

neighborhood to be brought into the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

In the meantime, he said, Canton has grown quickly, and the VBPS district has failed to accommodate the growth patterns.

"They said they can't build an elementary school in, or closer to, the residents in Canton, and they rejected the site (on the I-94 Service Drive) for the new high school that would have been closer to Canton," Kositz said.

The last bond proposal failed by a vote of 4,593 to 2,226.

District spokesman Paul Henning said since the failure of the last bond proposal, the district has had to reach out to the community and address the public's concerns. The district held a series of town hall meetings in September and October, and will hold another this month and next month. One of the areas of concern, Henning said, is student achievement.

"There is a section of the populous that says, 'If you do better in school we'll fund you a new building.' The thing is that environment has such an impact on student achievement, and studies

PLEASE SEE BOND, A6

Candidates slow to file for school election

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With just over two weeks left to file nominating petitions for the May 2 Plymouth-Canton school board election, only two people have taken out the necessary papers to seek the two seats up for grabs. And neither of the two are incumbents.

Joanne Lamar, elected in 2002, won't seek re-election after announcing late last year she'll seek the 20th House seat being vacated by term-limited Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township.

Lamar, who'll run as a Democrat, said it's time to take her expertise to the next level. "I really enjoy being on the school board, and I think we've gotten a lot done," said Lamar. "But, I think it's time to take the next step. Plymouth-Canton has always struggled with state funding, and I'd like to see what I can do from that perspective."

Incumbent Carol Saunders, who was also elected four years ago, said she is "leaning toward running, but I haven't made the final decision."

Saunders said family considerations will be the determining factor.

"I think we're doing a pretty good job with overall curriculum and student success," said Saunders. "The major issue this year will be what to do after the bond issue vote. If they pass, then we'll be working to implement the needs. And if not, trying to figure out how we house our students."

John Jackson of Plymouth has taken out petitions, and will file the required 40 signatures before the deadline.

"I think I can help the school board with all the challenges we have with funding and expected curriculum changes," said Jackson. "I love working with students and helping them to reach their potential."

Candidates can get nominating petitions from any of the six municipal clerk's offices in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Signed petitions must be turned in to the Plymouth Township clerk's office by 4 p.m. Feb. 7.

Also on the May 2 ballot, voters will be asked to approve two questions regarding \$118.1 million in bonds for school projects, including a technical education center, improvements at elementary and middle school buildings, repurposing of Central Middle School, a theater and pool at Plymouth High School and athletic fields for Canton High School.

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Planning commission

The Canton Township Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 on the first floor of Canton Township's Administration Building. On the agenda are four public hearings for proposed developments near Denton and Geddes. The developments represent the construction of approximately 1,400 new homes. Also on the agenda will be a proposed Borders book store and Petco pet supply.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 24 at the township's administration building.

Bowl with NFL greats

If you are a creative word-smith and have a good idea how to spend a day in Canton's downtown business district, you might just win two complimentary tickets to bowl with some current and former NFL players and other celebrities in the first-ever Super Bowl NFL Charities Bowling Classic, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at Canton's Super Bowl Lanes on Ford Road.

Two tickets to participate in the event, which are worth \$750 each, will be awarded to the two contestants who best describe, in 500 words or less, a "Super Day in Canton's

DDA," illustrating how a family of four might spend an interesting day (8 a.m.-10 p.m.) patronizing some of the 300-plus business, hospitality, and entertainment establishments in Canton's DDA (Downtown Development Authority) District. A list of these establishments is available on the Canton DDA Web site at <http://www.canton-mi.org/dda/dbd.asp>.

Entries should be addressed to Kathleen Salla, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188. And are due by Monday, Jan. 23. Winning entries will be creative, resourceful and realistic. For more information, please call (734) 394-5186.

Academic achievements

Rashel Fogarty of Canton made the Dean's List at Harding University during the fall semester. She is a senior majoring in early childhood education at the Searcy, Ark. university. Evan Roller of Canton, who is a senior biochemistry major at Valparaiso University in Indiana, has received a university grant to conduct and present his research during the current academic year. The grant will enable him to present findings of his research on Heat Shock

Protein-70 and its importance in protecting cells against injury at the Society of Critical Care Medicine Conference. He will also present his research at Valparaiso's annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research in April.

Evan is the son of Larry and Elizabeth Roller.

Canton Toastmasters

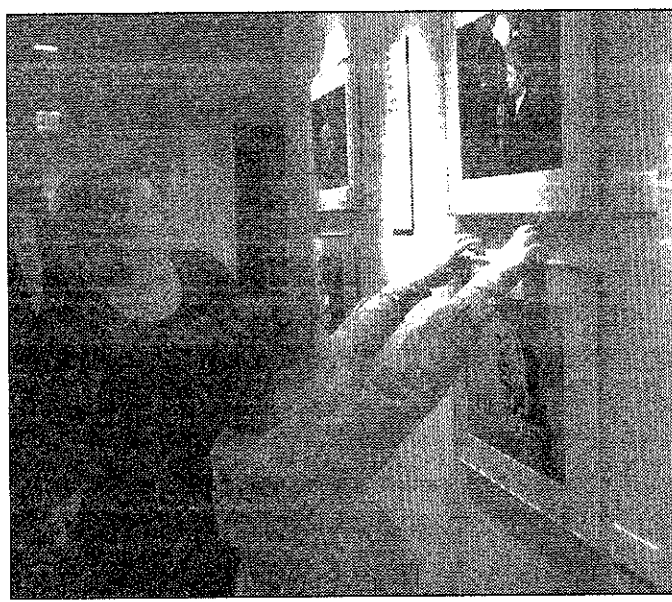
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Join the Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club. They meet at the Canton Coney Island at Lilley and Joy every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (734) 459-2600.

Wild game dinner

The CDS Foundation will present its 13th annual Wild Game Dinner Jan. 27 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. In addition to a premium open bar and family style dinner featuring wild game dishes, the event will feature a 50/50 drawing, silent auction, live auction and raffle drawings. Prizes include hunting trips, sports memorabilia, hunting and fishing equipment and much more.

Proceeds from the event will benefit several organizations, including the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute, Ave Maria Foundation and Schools, Fallen and Wounded



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eyes on the prize

Linda Obrec and her son, 7-year-old Devin, look at the photographic exhibit by Ben Fernandez titled "Countdown to Eternity" at the Village Theater in Cherry Hill on Monday.

Soldier Fund, and Angela Hospice Care.

Tickets for the "stag" event are \$70 and can be purchased at Laurel Manor Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (734) 462-0770.

Nursery openings

The Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-Op, 5825 N. Sheldon in Canton, has immediate openings available for children aged 3-4.

There will be an open house for interested families on Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. Fall registration for 2006-2007 school year will be on Feb. 4, from 10-11 a.m.

For more information, call (734) 455-6250, or visit the Web site, www.plymouthnursery.org.

Boys' night out

Oakwood Annapolis Hospital has a special event tailored for men wanting to lose a little weight, which it is calling a "boys' night out" celebration. It will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at Summit on the Park in Canton. The event is free and designed to provide men with good health advice in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Activities include a health presentation by well-known area spine surgeon Nilesh Patel, M.D., and urologist Muzammil Ahmed, M.D., as well as dinner and golf advice from the golf pro at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. Patel will discuss spinal injuries and treatments. Ahmed will talk about the importance of prostate health. Both specialists will wrap up

the evening with a question and answer session regarding men's health issues.

Space is limited and reservations should be made. To participate in this special event, call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org or www.canton-mi.org.

Computer seminar

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Canton Computers to offer a series of computer related seminars throughout 2006. The seminars are open to chamber members and the public, and are designed to teach participants a variety of skills for a nominal fee.

"The Chamber is proud to offer educational seminars and programs to our chamber members, businesses owners, employees, and residents of Canton," said Dianne Cojei, president of the chamber. "The classes we offer are high-quality courses that we feel will help to enrich the Canton business community."

The next class, "Photo Editing & Archiving", is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 6-9 p.m. It will be held at Canton Computers, located at 1765 Canton Center Road in Canton. Participants will learn how to effectively edit photos, archive them for safe-keeping, and create fun and exciting slideshow presentations. The cost for the three-hour hands-on class is \$25 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Advance registration is required and can be made by contacting the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

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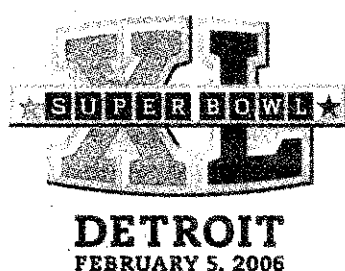
Roger Penske, chairman of Detroit's Super Bowl XL Host Committee, told volunteers they will "create that lasting impression in how you treat our guests and our fans."

Dan West, 33, an ambassador from Livonia, says he's "looking forward to being a part of the opportunity."

West, who attended a training session last November in Canton, said he volunteered because he was "interested in how massive an effort it is to bring a Super Bowl game to Detroit."

West's post is the Fairfield Inn in Livonia, where media covering the game and other events will stay. That's a perfect combination as far as he's concerned because when he's not volunteering West is a reporter for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Darlene Makarski of



Bloomfield Hills, an SBXL super captain, is scheduled at the GM Marriott — media headquarters — all week.

Makarski staffed the registration table at the rally, handing out information packets to ambassadors. After picking up packets (assignments and relevant information), they received parking passes and finally their Super Bowl jackets.

"Everyone loved the red jackets. If you volunteered for one assignment or 10, each person received the same jacket," Makarski said.

"Super captains and lead captains and the host committee will wear navy blue Super Bowl jackets. If there is a problem or question, the volunteers can look for a captain or someone wearing a blue jacket for assistance."

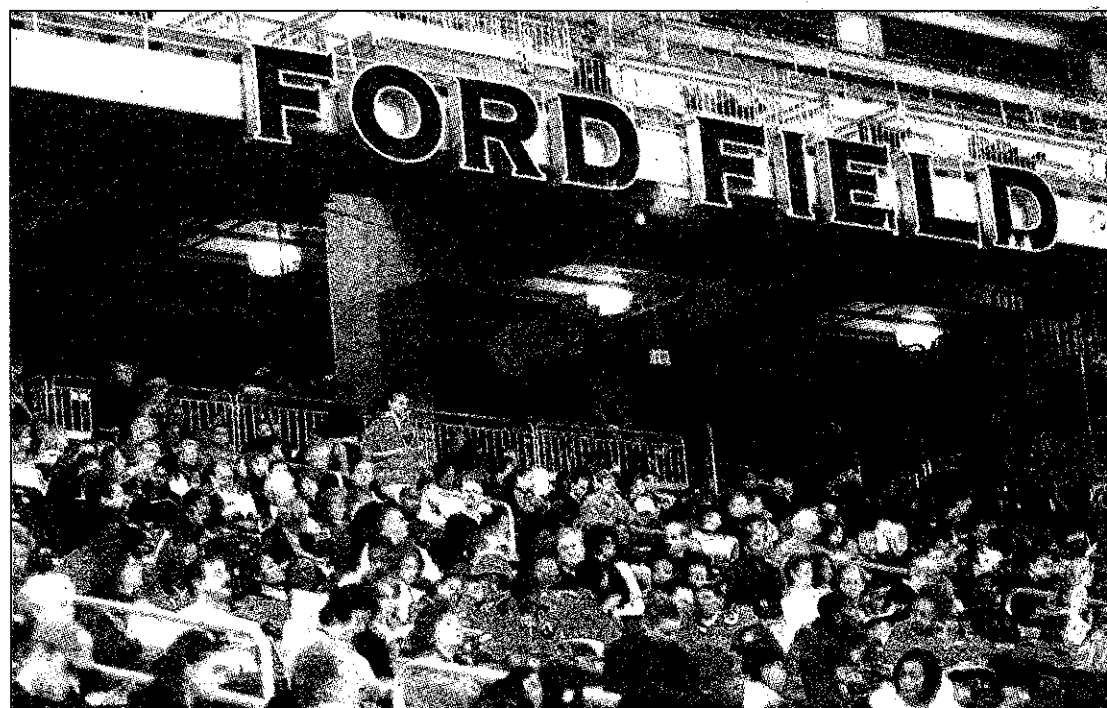
Makarski didn't get to hear all of the speeches at last week's rally, but she's ready and armed with a positive attitude. The veteran of three Super Bowls promises that "this one, Detroit Super Bowl XL, will be the best. When visitors see what Detroit has to offer, they will definitely want to come back."



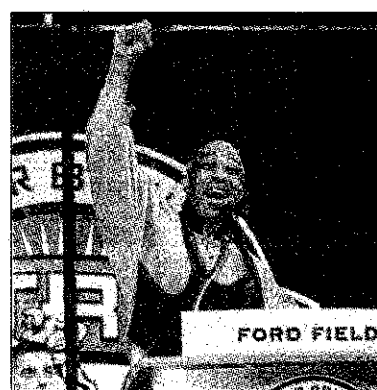
Anne Ziaja, an ambassador from Beverly Hills, attended the Jan. 14 rally at Ford Field.



Dera Richardson, an ambassador from Southfield, picks up her packet at the registration table.



Volunteers at the Jan. 14 pep rally at Ford Field were told they will 'create the lasting impression' about Detroit and Super Bowl XL for guests and fans.



Lem Barney, a former Lions great, fires up volunteers by talking about the power of a smile.



Louis White of Southfield and Lisa Sasaki of Canton pass information packets as volunteers check in at registration.

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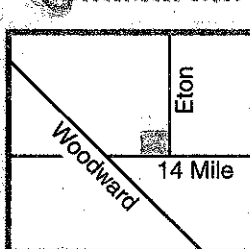
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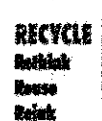
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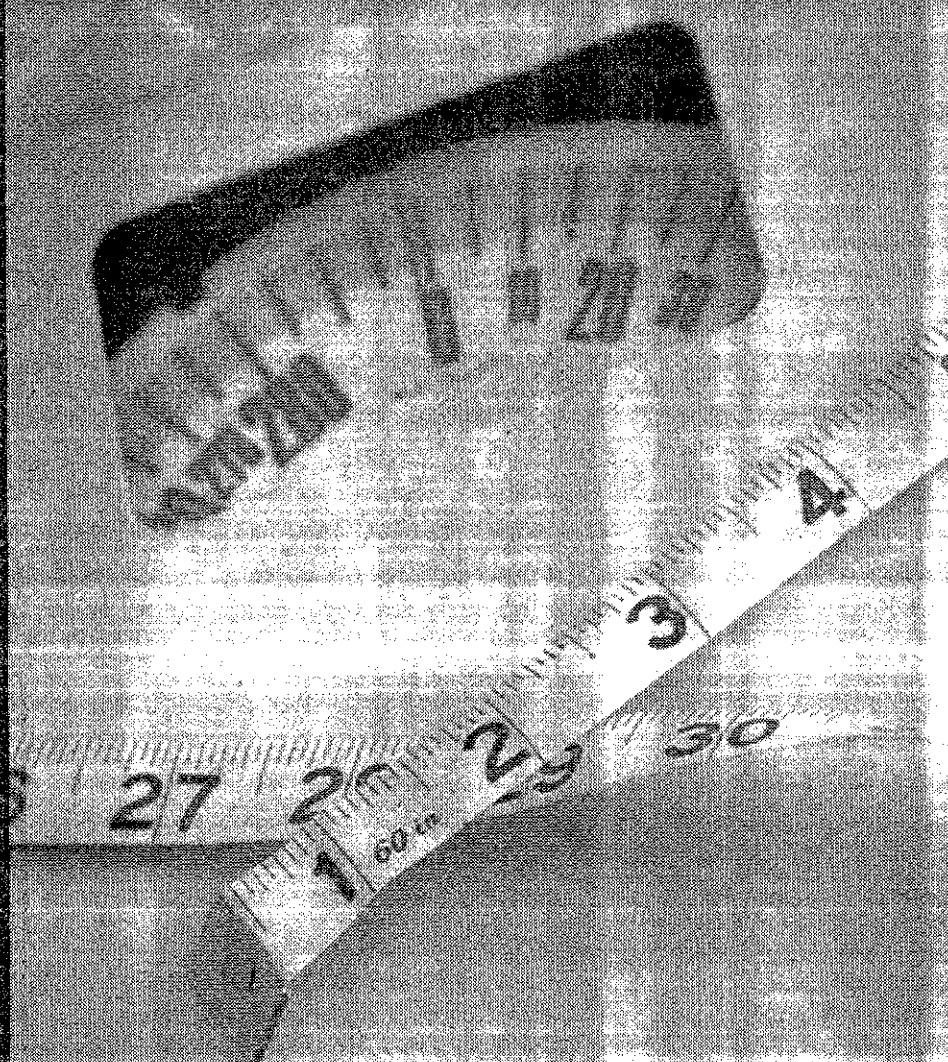
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BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Cristina Scappaticci Guberinich was growing up, so-called "friends" would make fun of her father, an immigrant who wasn't highly educated and spoke broken English.

"My father, because of his broken English, was called foreigner, and that's embarrassing when you're a child," said Guberinich, a Salem High School marketing teacher. "We would make many jokes around it, but we were very uncomfortable. So, I know how you feel when you're different and not the stereotypical American."

And, because of that, Guberinich makes certain her classes - with Plymouth-Canton's melting pot enrollment - give the proper respect to those who seem different.

"I do not promote ignorance in my classroom," said Guberinich. "I make sure every student feels comfortable to be themselves. We all have differences, and we have to try and get along."

That was the basic theme Monday, as Plymouth-Canton teachers used Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a backdrop for learning about diversity from Carrie Gibson, whose one-woman show described the words, thoughts and feelings of real people about diversity. Gibson's program, paid for in part with a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for Humanities, addressed stereotypes surrounding whites, blacks, Asians, Native Americans, women, Jews and those with physical disabilities.

"I may do things differently, but I will get there, just a little bit slower," said a Gibson character with cerebral palsy. Another character announced "At an early age, I learned that being gay is something I didn't want to talk about."

Gibson said biases won't change until they become discomfoting.

"If we're really going to change, we have to go to an uncomfortable and vulnerable place," said Gibson. "It's not changing until we take risks, until we feel uncomfortable."

Virginia Dean, a special education teacher at Plymouth High School, remembers growing up in Detroit in the 1960s with black friends. Dean said her parents didn't see color, but gave her advice on the rest of the world - at that time.

"They told me 'If you are friends with that person, their families aren't going to like him,'" said Dean. "And, if he's friends with you, our families won't like you. And, that's the way the



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Carrie Gibson portrays one of her characters as an African-American college professor during her one woman act on diversity at the Salem High School auditorium Monday.

world is; and until it changes you can't have black friends."

Dean said that experience made her more accepting, especially those with physical disabilities. "Many people have fear because they don't what to do with them, they don't know how to approach them, they don't know if they are offending them. We put a label on disabled people. They are different, but they still are human."

In her language arts and social studies classes at East Middle School, Cari Wesala said some of her classes are real melting pots, and students have learned to embrace those who appear different.

"They've really become quite a family, pulling together and accepting each other," said Wesala. "Kids don't see color. It's more the adults that need this, and that's good for us."

Cassandra Smith, principal at Canton High School, is one of a handful of black administrators in the district of approximately 3,000 employees.

"I think it's easier for kids today, because in our time we didn't have an opportunity to experiment or go outside where we lived," said Smith. "These kids are exposed to things day in and day out, and that's a good thing."

As for hiring more minorities at Plymouth-Canton, Smith is confident the future will be better.

"I think they're working on it, and think the district will work on getting more African American teachers," said Smith. "I think the district is committed to doing something about it."

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 Burnam, 95, of Lake Orion, died Jan. 16.

E
John C. Earle
 Earle, 77, died Jan. 17.
Margaret D. Erickson
 Erickson, 94, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 31.

H
David C. Hall III
 Hall, 37, died Jan. 9.
Winifred M. Hall
 Hall, 71, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 5.
Vanda Hasynic
 Hasynic, 82, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 15.

J
Charles Jetchick
 Jetchick, 81, died Jan. 19.
K
Clarence A. Kaechle
 Kaechle, of Beverly Hills and Siesta Key, Fla, died Jan. 5.
Elton Raymond Kerr
 Kerr, 80, of Orchard Lake, died Jan. 13.
Richard Charles Knapp
 Knapp, 82, of Orchard Lake, died Jan. 13.

L
Richard R. (Dick) Lannin
 Lannin, 70, of Garden City, died Jan. 18.
Michael J. Laursen
 Laursen, 44, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 8.
Daniel LePore
 LePore, 72, of Livonia, died Jan. 17.
Anna Londeau
 Londeau, 83, of Westland, died Jan. 12.

M
Clyde W. Mitchell
 Mitchell, 70, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 5.

N
Kenneth Frye Nagley
 Nagley, 81, of Birmingham, died Jan. 14.
Caroline Hasbroock Nagengast
 Nagengast, 82, died Jan. 14.

O
Don J. Otto
 Otto, 76, formerly of Farmington, died



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P
Anthony Pietrzak
 Pietrzak, of Livonia, died Jan. 11.
R
Sister Mary Cecile Ripslinger, RSM
 Sister Ripslinger, 90, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 18.
S
James F. Schuneman
 Schuneman, 64, formerly of Oakland Township, died Jan. 14.
Frances F. Shettel
 Shettel, 78, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 14.
George D. Smauder
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Bruna Vannelli
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Ford Road hobby shop worker assaulted

An employee of a Ford Road hobby shop was assaulted after a rather sticky altercation with a customer.

According to police reports, the cashier was at work in the afternoon on Jan. 16 when a customer came into the store to inquire about a refund for some glue he had purchased at the store.

But the clerk could not give the man a refund because the container had been opened. The customer asked for a different kind of glue in exchange, but the clerk informed him that the store doesn't carry the kind of glue he wanted.

The customer became verbally abusive toward the clerk, according to the report, and the clerk asked the man to leave. The customer then reached over the counter and smacked the cashier in the chest. The customer headed for the front door, and paused to lift a chair over his head, as if he were going to smash a glass display case with it.

The clerk chased him out of the store, then called police.

BEST BLOCK BURGLARY

Canton police are investigating a burglary at Best Block, at Belleville and Canton Center roads. According to police reports, someone broke into the building between Jan. 13 and Jan. 16. The culprit broke in through a rear door, and once inside, rifled through a desk and some drawers, and found the cash drawer. Though the thief made off with \$850 worth of cash, other valuables — such as a computer which was in the office — were not taken.

DRUGS MISSING

Canton police are looking for a person believed to have stolen four types of prescription medications from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

According to police reports, the theft occurred some time between Jan. 16 and the morning of Jan. 16. The drugs that were taken included morphine, Valium, Darvocet and Tylenol 3.

The drawer where the drugs were kept contains some 200 kinds of medications, but only eight bottles of those four

POLICE BEAT

drugs were stolen. Cash which was also in the drawer was not stolen. The investigating officer said it's not clear if the theft was committed by an employee, a patient or someone on the cleaning crew.

STOLEN STEEL

When a Westland man tried to tell officers he was not a criminal, but was rather providing a community service, they weren't buying it. He was arrested for receiving and concealing stolen property.

According to police reports, officers had been told during the Jan. 15 roll call that there had been some reports of steel theft from some of Canton's industrial businesses.

An officer was out on patrol near the area of Haggerty and Warren when he saw a pickup truck, occupied by two men, enter a driveway in that area. The truck later left the parking lot, and the officer could see that the back of the truck was heavy. He ran the license plate of the truck and found that the

registered owner was wanted for a warrant violation stemming from a littering violation in Detroit.

The officer stopped the vehicle and asked about its cargo — a load of steel bars in various sizes. The load weighed 3,300 pounds and is valued at \$350.

One of the men told the officer that he had found the steel on a vacant lot, and saw nearby "No littering" signs. He said he was just trying to make few dollars while performing a valuable community service and picking up the trash.

He was arrested and taken into custody without incident.

VEHICLES VANDALIZED

According to police reports, 15 car owners called to report someone had smashed their windshields and seven reported slashed tires over the weekend in northwest Canton.

"Because of the number of the cases, we are looking at the possibility that they are related," Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said. So far, police have no suspects.

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"In our non-union positions, it's difficult to get an apples to apples comparison," said Human Resources Director David Medley. "I would say we run about 10 percent above the median salaries."

He said that comparable communities include Livonia, Westland, Dearborn, Ann Arbor and Troy.

Westland's population of 82,782 is most similar to Canton's 84,884. But its state equalized value of \$2.7 billion is much lower than Canton's \$4.2 billion. Livonia's size and SEV are larger — at 94,904 residents and \$5.8 billion in SEV. Farmington Hills' SEV is among the CWW communities closest to Canton's at \$4.7 billion.

Among the highest paid non-elected township employees is the township's public safety director. The range for the position is \$85,193-\$110,752. Because the current director, John Santomauro, has been employed with the township for longer than it takes to reach the

10th pay step, he earns the maximum within the range.

The position pays more than those in communities which reported they have a public safety director (compared to police and fire chiefs that don't oversee both departments). The next highest reported salary was in Livonia, which reported the salary at \$89,144-\$100,755. The chief's salary in Westland was reported at \$84,454, and Farmington Hills reported \$107,792.

Maximum pay in other director positions were comparably higher to their counterparts, as well.

RETAINING EMPLOYEES

So has the idea that a competitive pay check means employee retention?

"We haven't lost any body yet," Yack reported.

Pay increases for non-union and elected employees are based on what the unionized workers negotiate, and are usually 3 percent per year, Medley said.

Non-union pay rates are negotiated annually by the Merit Commission, a three-member group that meets monthly and reports its recom-

mendations to the township board of trustees.

"The board doesn't always go with the recommendation," Medley said. "Like several years ago when the board approved a 3.5 percent raise instead of the recommended 4 percent."

This year, each of the elected officials have reached the top step of their pay ranges, said Yack, who will earn \$123,394 in 2006.

Next year's pay increases will be based solely on cost of living increases, which are typically around 3 percent.

Elected officials make more than the top classification in each department, Yack added. So the township clerk would earn more than her next highest paid supervisor, as would the township treasurer, and the township supervisor. The result is that the elected officials benefit at the same time as the employees, which has its ups and downs. One of the potential negative impacts is that if Yack decided he would not run for office again, his successor would earn his salary, even though he does not have the same experience as Yack does, he said.

The benefit is easier to identify.

"It should be a pyramidal salary structure. When you pay your directors as handsomely as we do, obviously it benefits me," Yack said.

However, it shouldn't be mandatory that elected officials earn more than their subordinates, said Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, who has twice voted to not increase elected officials' salaries.

"It's not uncommon in businesses for a salesman to make more than the executive officers," Caccamo said.

"I do have a problem with a salary structure that says, 'I have to make more than the next highest paid employee.'"

At the time he voted against pay raises for himself and his colleagues, Caccamo said it was due to the challenging economy, and that families and communities alike should force themselves to scale back spending.

However, he's less critical of generous pay for the township's administrators.

"I have less heartache with them being highly paid. That's where the real brains are behind our decisions," he said.

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2005 SALARY SURVEY					
City	Population	Mayor or Supervisor	Chief of Police	Fire Chief	Trustee/Board Member Salary
Canton Twp.	84,884	\$116,290	\$92,199	\$92,199	\$11,473
Plymouth	8,691	\$500+ \$40/Meeting	\$63,648	\$55,341	\$40 Meeting
Plymouth Twp.	26,980	\$85,731	\$77,367	\$77,367	\$11,000
Westland	82,782	\$93,179	\$84,455	\$84,454	\$12,150
Garden City	28,344	\$4,000	\$76,307	\$76,307	\$2,880
Livonia	94,804	\$94,800	\$67,100	\$59,450	\$15,200
Redford Twp.	48,995	\$71,395	\$65,543	\$65,543	\$10,557
Farmington Hills	79,526	\$8,543	\$102,820	N/A	\$5,659

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have shown that," he said.

The current high school building is 80 years old. The district in December approved an academic restructuring of the high school, which increased graduation requirements and provides a mechanism to catch student academic failure early in the students' tenure at the school.

There had been some talk of shifting students within the district in order to free up space at the current high school, but Henning said that was ruled out as an option when the district saw a leap in enrollment this year, bringing nearly every school to capacity.

"Edgemont, Savage and Haggerty are bursting at the seams," Henning said. Last year, enrollment in kindergarten through fifth grade was 2,560. This year it's 2,661.

Belleville resident Andrew Wrenbeck, who ran for VBPS board of education, is not in favor of the proposal.

"I'm not against a new high school; I'm against a high school that costs that kind of money," he said. "If you do the math it just doesn't add up in my book. I can't help but think it can be built for substantially less."

Some 1,935 students attend the high school, which was built in 1926 and has had nine additions since. The new school, if constructed, will accommodate 2,168.

Enrollment district-wide is

6,200, but is expected to steadily grow. Next week, plans for the construction of some 1,400 new homes in VBPS's corner of southwest Canton will be discussed at the township planning commission meeting.

Van Buren Schools officials have planned a series of informational town hall meetings concerning the Feb. 28 bond at Belleville High School. The next meetings will be held in the cafeteria on Jan. 25, Feb. 7, 15 and 21. All meetings will be 7-9 p.m.

For more information, call the school's input hotline at (734) 697-9123, Ext. 201, or e-mail BHSinput@vanburen-schools.net.

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As good old days fade away, schools must demand more

Last week, Mike Flanagan, the state's superintendent of public instruction, told an audience of educators at Schoolcraft College about coming to Michigan for the first time and meeting his future in-laws.

He said they were intelligent people, but many of them had dropped out of high school.

"They all had jobs on the line at the auto plants and every summer they went to their cottages up North, wherever that was," he said. "And they were all making more money than I was in education."

Those were the days, my friend. Michigan was a job beacon. The state's three auto companies were putting the world on wheels and their factories were humming to meet the pent up post-World War II demand.

The UAW fought for and won lucrative contacts that the industry was willing to pay to keep production moving. The contracts even provided for workers in the lull periods of the notoriously cyclical industry and for long after they retired.

But times have changed. Foreign competition has cut into the Detroit share of the auto market and new technologies demand fewer and more highly skilled workers.

Much to Flanagan's frustration, many lifelong Michigan residents don't seem to understand that more than a high school education is needed. He said surveys show that only 23 percent of Michigan parents believe their children need more than a high school education to get a good job.

The reality is that two years of post-high school education will be essential for holding down any decently paying job. And only a rigorous K-12 education will give graduates a chance to succeed at the college level.

This was the message that Flanagan delivered in support of the state Board of Education's adoption of his proposal to require 18 high school credits in math, science, English, social science, physical education, the arts and foreign language. Currently the state requires only a civics class.

If the proposal is approved by the state Legislature by March, it could begin being phased in with the 2006-07 freshman class.

While most of our suburban school districts already require these components or come very close to the recommendation, many school districts do not.

Some have complained that the requirements might prove so rigorous (or onerous) that the proposal will increase the state's high school dropout rate. But the state education depart-

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ment's Web site includes a Q&A on the proposal that reprints a survey on the "reasons teens leave high school." No. 1 reason is "not learning anything" cited by 36 percent of the dropouts, followed by the always popular "I hate my school." Way down at the bottom of the list is "school work too hard," which is cited by only 13 percent of the dropouts.

"More rigor equals better scores on the ACT — better scores get kids into community colleges," Flanagan said.

The ACT is the national test that will replace the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test for high school students next year. It has been the test of choice for Michigan colleges for many years.

Flanagan also told the audience that "rigor without relevance is meaningless" and that students won't be graduating "to work in verb conjugation factories." It's important that Algebra II be more than a painful academic experience and have some tangible relationship to the real world. Flanagan even suggests that career tech programs that integrate the principles of Algebra II would be a better approach than your standard math class.

Yet, when someone in the audience asked Flanagan for his view of what made an "educated person," he spoke with a certain nostalgia for a classic education, one that was career-motivated or -centered, one that drew heavily on the classic works of literature, history and science. That education was based on the premise that exposure to ideas stimulated higher levels of rational thinking, better problem-solving and a more broad-minded understanding of other points of view.

Both types of education are important and all children need to have a combination of the two. But certainly in these competitive and swiftly changing times, the state of Michigan should demand nothing less than a well-rounded, rigorous curriculum.

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Super Bowl gives all of us a chance to boost region's image, economy

There will be about 8,000 metro Detroiters who will be nowhere near Ford Field Feb. 5 for Super Bowl XLII, but they will be counted on to provide a lasting positive image to promote this area to the thousands of movers and shakers who will be here for the big game.

The 8,000 ambassadors are volunteers who will provide hospitality at numerous venues across metro Detroit to help the expected 100,000 guests who will spend several days here for the Super Bowl and other events leading up to the game. I am one of the ambassadors.

Ambassadors will work a series of four-hour shifts at the Motown Winter Blast in downtown Detroit, the NFL Experience at Cobo Hall, at Metro Airport, on shuttle buses and at numerous hotels housing media members and other dignitaries — including several hotels along the I-275 corridor.

We had to go through two training sessions in which Super Bowl Host Committee organizers reminded us of some Detroit history, landmarks, social attractions and other Super Bowl information that may interest guests.

The most important part of our instructions centered on how important it is for all of us to be smiling and enthusiastic.

"You need to create that lasting impression in how you treat our guests and our fans," Roger Penske, chairman of the host committee, told volunteers at a rally at Ford Field last weekend. "This is our chance to show the world what Detroit is really about."

In so many words, we are expected to be upbeat cheerleaders who promote our area to all Super Bowl visitors, the majority of whom have money to spend and influence other spending decisions.

According to the Host Committee, here's a breakdown of some key traits of a Super Bowl ticket holder:

- 80 percent are in executive, management, professional or sales positions.
- 35 percent attend the game on corporate expense accounts.
- 27 percent own their own companies.
- 25 percent are corporate officers.

When the game is over and the next National Football League champion is crowned, the host committee estimates all the Super Bowl festivities will infuse \$302 million into the local economy. This is why there have been a few media reports about the extensive organization efforts that span

over six years and entail thousands of people.

With the struggling state economy, organizers hope all the effort will produce a well-received experience over the next couple weeks and provide a vital shot in the arm to the local economy. The belief is a good experience will move more decision-makers to invest in this area with new developments and jobs. Also, local organizers want to use the Super Bowl to entice more industries to bring their conferences and conventions to metro Detroit.

"We get only one shot to do something like this and this is our shot," said Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

The 8,000 volunteers are being charged with providing smiling assistance from the moment visitors walk off the plane until they return to the airport. Organizers said these volunteers have an important rule based on some simple statistics: If a visitor has a good experience, they will tell five people; if a visitor has a bad experience, they will tell 15 people.

The Super Bowl Host Committee is leaning on the volunteers to be a valuable resource in rebuilding the local economy. After a successful Major League Baseball All-Star Game in Detroit last summer, organizers hope a good Super Bowl experience will continue the momentum for this region that could be further fueled by other major sporting events coming to metro Detroit later this decade, such as the golf's 2008 PGA Championships and the 2009 NCAA Final Four for college basketball.

In western Wayne County, we may all have a chance to play a role in providing fine hospitality, and in the process, we might be able to correct some unfair perceptions about Detroit that are frequently repeated by some out-of-town members of the media.

Some 2,000 of the 3,000 media in town for several days to cover the game will be staying in hotels in Livonia, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton and other western Detroit suburbs.

We all need to put on our best face and take a few moments to answer questions for our Super Bowl visitors. Let them know where to shop or dine, or share a little background about the area.

If we all take a few moments to provide a good exchange with those visitors, it could provide a long-term benefit for our region which is good for all of us in the future.

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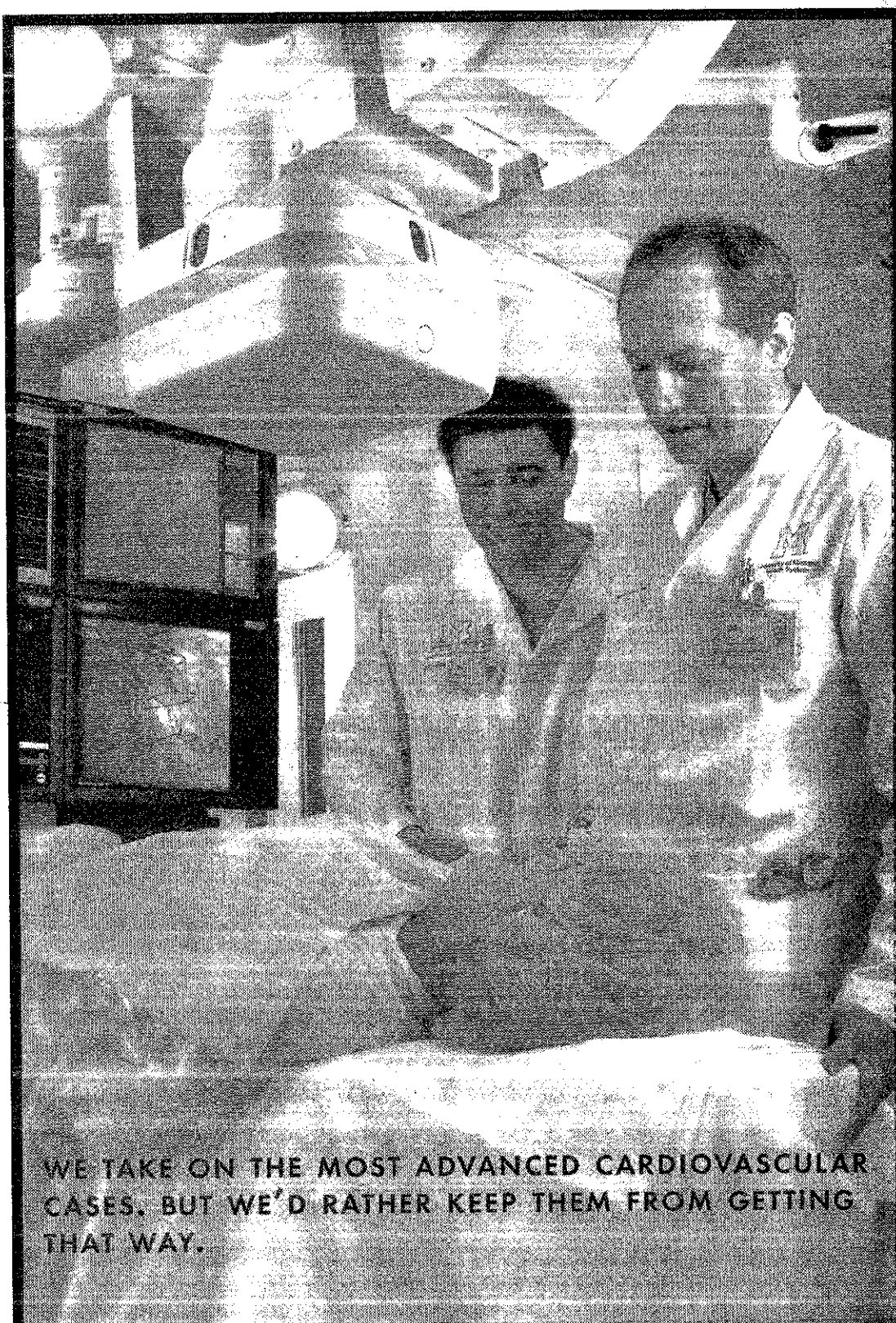
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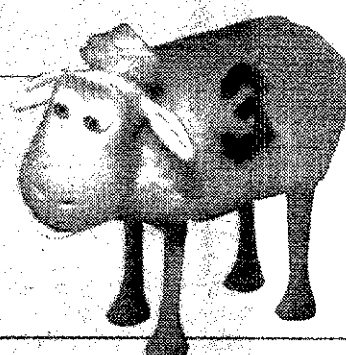


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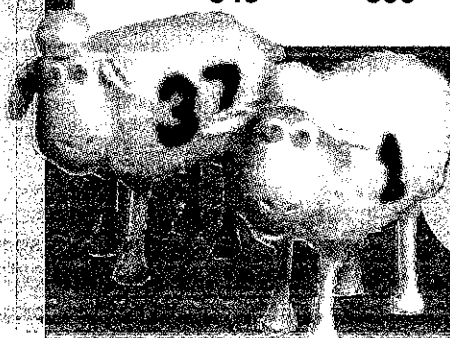
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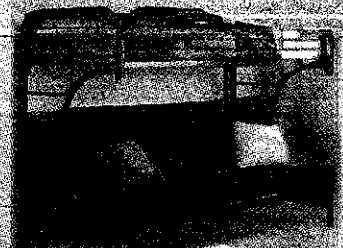
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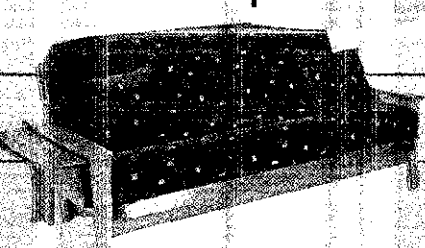
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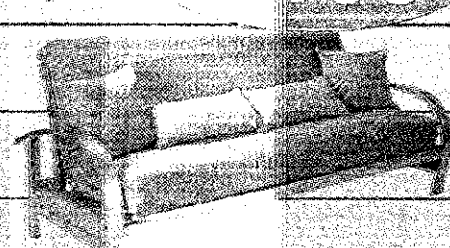
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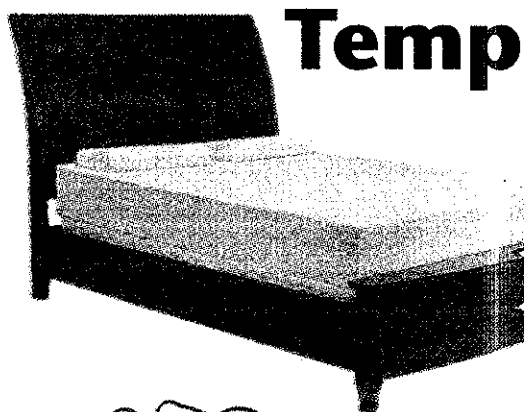
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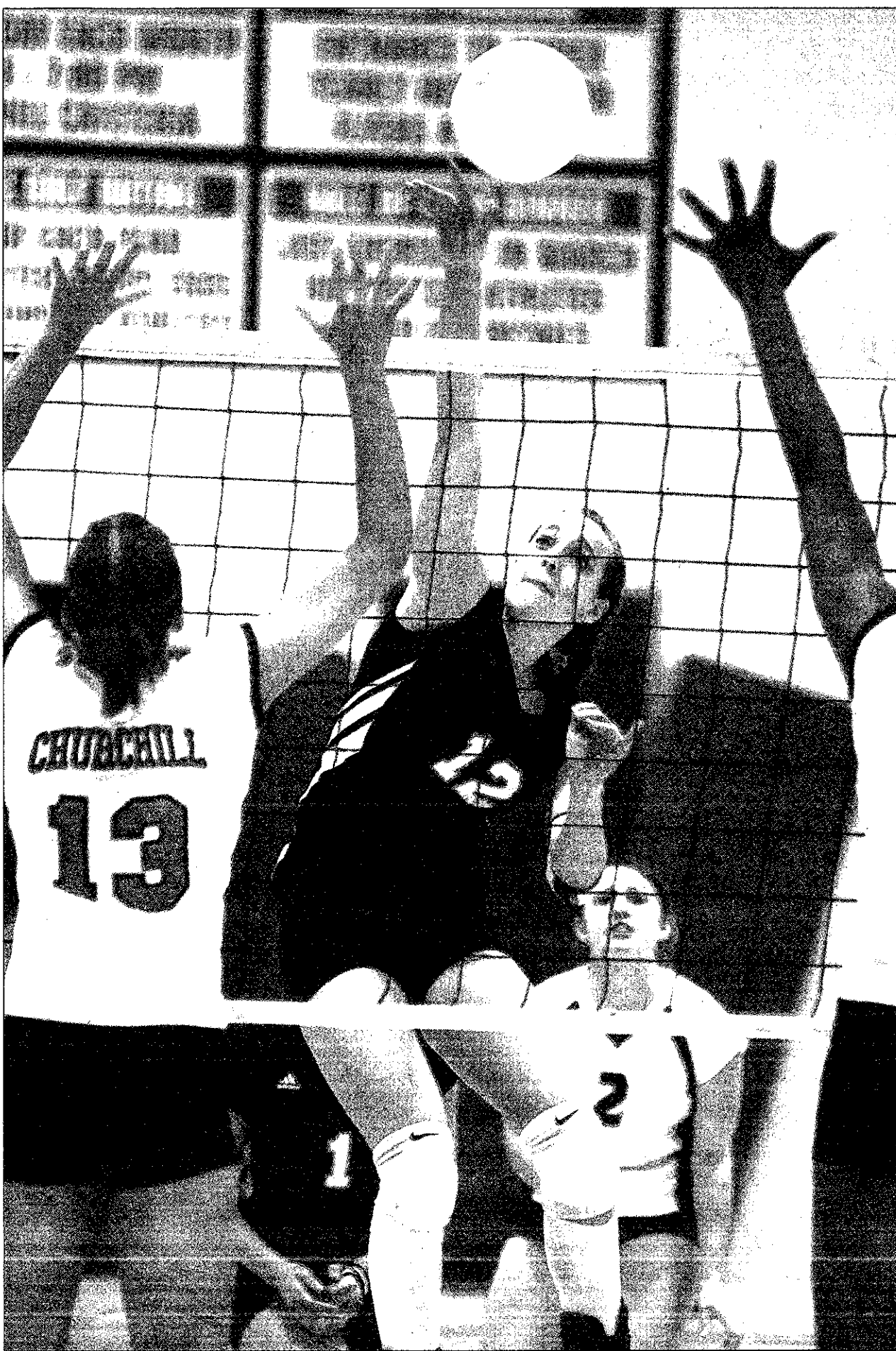
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Plymouth's Brittany Hengesh (middle) smashes a spike between Churchill blockers Lauren Krupsky (13) and Kyndra Abron. The short-handed Wildcats fell in four games to the unbeaten Chargers.

Valiant effort Short-handed Wildcats bumped by Chargers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's volleyball victory machine churned out another win Wednesday night, but not before getting tested by an injury-depleted Plymouth squad.

The Chargers improved to 27-0 (2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association), bumping the Wildcats in four games: 25-13, 25-18, 21-25 and 25-15, in the Churchill gymnasium. Plymouth dropped to 18-4 and 1-1.

Churchill played without one of its back-row sparkplugs — Stephanie Bradshaw, who has been sidelined for the past three weeks.

But Plymouth was without the services of a pair of engines: middle hitter Jeanine Moise and outside hitter Jackie Dorre. Moise injured a knee at Tuesday's practice while Dorre suffered a neck injury in a Saturday car accident.

Moise was scheduled to undergo an MRI exam on Thursday that would reveal the extent of the injury. Dorre is expected to return within a week or two.

"I give Plymouth credit for the way they stepped up without two of their best players in there," said Churchill coach Mark Grenier. "They did a good job of shutting down our big middle players, which forced a couple of our other kids to put the ball on the floor."

The Chargers who put the ball on the Wildcats' side of the floor most frequently — and with great force — were Lauren Krupsky (17 kills), Carly DeClercq (six kills and four blocks) and Kyndra Abron (five kills and three blocks). Setter Stacy Urbats recorded 25 assists and Kelly Archer registered 14 digs and 23 serve receptions.

Plymouth's Kim Klonowski (10 kills) and Brittany Hengesh (six solo blocks, six kills and 11 block assists)

CLASH OF TITANS

Two of the state's elite volleyball teams will square off Monday night in the Salem gymnasium when unbeaten and sixth-ranked Salem (20-0) hosts unbeaten and fifth-ranked Livonia Churchill (27-0). The winner of the match will be the front-runner to capture the 2005-06 Western Lakes Activities Association crown. Salem is led by front-row standouts Lauren Price, Teresa Coppiellie and Lauren Kurtz, and freshman setter Jansan Falcuson, while the Chargers are led by outside hitter Lauren Krupsky and middle hitter Kyndra Abron. The opening serve is set for 7 p.m.

PLEASE SEE VOLLEYBALL, B3

Belleville rolls over Cougars

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

You could make a pretty good how-to-shoot-a-basketball training video from the second-quarter tape of Friday night's Belleville-Taylor Truman game.

At least the part of the quarter when the Tigers were shooting the ball.

Belleville barely missed as it put together a 24-point stanza, which was instrumental in its 60-50 Mega Red victory over the Cougars.

"If we wouldn't have turned the ball over five times during that quarter, the

PREP HOOP

way we were shooting, I think we would have scored 40 points," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "It seemed like every shot we took went in, including four threes. Our offensive efficiency was pretty good the whole game, but especially in that quarter."

The victory propelled the Tigers' record to 6-3 overall and 3-0 in the league. Truman dropped to 7-2 and 1-2, respectively.

Leon Freeman, Belleville's human highlight reel, turned in another video-quality performance, netting 34 points and 12 rebounds. Carlos Clark also played well for the winners, tallying 11. Marius Williams chipped in with eight and Mike Donaldson scored three to go with his eight boards.

Nathan Jones paced Truman with 19 points.

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'Super Bowl Countdown' set for Canton

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting "Super Bowl Countdown," a week-long celebration packed with football and community winter activities.

The week of events will kick off with Canton's XL Ultimate Football Party, which is set to unfold Sunday, Jan. 29, from noon to 4 p.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. Activities will include flag football games, a snow golf tournament, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, a tailgate food party, surprise celebrities, entertainment, mascot relays, football trivia contests and more.

The entry fee for the activities is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Pre-registration is available at the Summit on the Park.

Other events scheduled during the

week include:

■ A Super Bowl pool party scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Summit Aquatic Center. The party is free, but space is limited.

■ Canton's 100 Days to Health Appetizers Class will be held Tuesday, Jan. 31, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Summit Oak room. This event is free with a 100 Days to Health registration.

■ Madden Playstation and Texas Hold'em tournaments will be held Thursday, Feb. 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Bailey's Restaurant in Canton. The tournaments are free, but pre-registration is required by calling (734) 483-5600. You must be at least 21 years old to participate in these tournaments.

■ An Arctic Edge Super Bowl free

skate will be held Friday, Feb. 3, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena. Limited skate rental is available. For more information, contact the arena at (734) 487-7777.

■ The Super Bowl NFL Charities Bowling Classic will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. For more information, call the Super Bowl Lanes at (734) 459-6070.

■ Diamond's Bar & Grill will host a "Super Bowl Bash" on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 3 p.m. to midnight. There will be no cover charge for fans who want to enjoy Super Bowl XL on large-screen TVs, arcade games, raffles, and food and drink specials. For more information, contact Diamond's Bar & Grill at (734) 547-8341.

Fire & ice

'Cat hockey player eyes career as firefighter

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If all goes as planned, a year from now Plymouth senior hockey player Mike Barile will be attending Lake Superior State University, a collegiate hockey powerhouse.

Only Barile's primary focus at LSSU will be fire, not ice.

The Sault Ste. Marie-based university offers a highly respected fire science program, which is ideal for Barile, whose career plans



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include firefighting. "One of the guys I officiate hockey games with is a fireman, so I've talked to him about it," Barile said. "I think it would be great to have a job where you can save people. Every day would be an adrenaline rush."

"I still want to play hockey after high school, but I'd probably just try out for the club team at Lake Superior State."

GOAL-ORIENTED

Hockey has been a big part of Barile's life since his parents signed him up for his first team at the age of 5. While piling up assists is nice and scoring goals is great, they're not the best parts of the sport, in Barile's estimation.

"The things I enjoy the most about hockey are playing with my friends and having a good time," said Barile, who was voted an assistant



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth hockey player Mike Barile has his sights set on a firefighting career.

PLEASE SEE BARILE, B3

Sidelines

Family bowling

Canton Leisure Services will host a night of family bowling on Jan. 27, from 6:30-9 p.m. at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. Each family or group that participates will be assigned a lane with a maximum of six bowlers per team. The \$36 per-team fee includes 2.5 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza and free give-aways.

For more information on the event, call (734) 483-5600. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Coach wanted

The Plymouth High School athletic department has an opening for a varsity assistant girls track coach. For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

MU adds Czarnik

Madonna University head baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the addition of former University of Detroit Mercy head coach Chris Czarnik as an assistant on the 2006 Crusader staff.

Czarnik, former minor-leaguer in the Atlanta Braves farm system and former UDM standout, ran the Titans program from 2001-2004.

He will serve as the first-base coach, bullpen coach and assist with instruction of the MU pitchers.

MU spikers feast

The Madonna University women's volleyball team will cap its stellar 2005 season with its annual awards banquet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, on the MU campus.

For ticket information, call the MU athletic department at (734) 432-5608.

Saberettes clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes Pompon Kids Clinic will be held in the West Middle School Cafeteria on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost of the clinic is \$35, which includes the clinic, a pom T-shirt, a snack and a short performance at 1 p.m. following the clinic.

All participants will be invited to perform at the Saberette Variety Show Feb. 17 and 18. The clinic is open to girls in grades 3rd through 8th. Registration is Monday, Jan. 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Plymouth High School athletic wing. For additional information, contact Cheryl Zuzo at cpz3@comcast.net.

Baseball sign-up

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Organization has started registration for the spring 2006 season. Forms are available online at csc.canton-mi.org or you can visit the Canton Sports Center or the Summit on the Park for walk-in registration. For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

Coleman sparks Plymouth to win

Senior guard D.J. Coleman scored 12 points to lead Plymouth to a 40-34 victory over winless Livonia Churchill (0-9 overall and 0-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association) in a WLAA cross-over game. The host Wildcats improved to 4-5 and 2-1, respectively.

"They played a zone against us and slowed everything down," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, whose team played without senior point guard Brent Jones. "We were fairly patient against the zone. We led by 12 at one point in the fourth quarter and the closest they got to us was six points."

Jim Wilbur added eight for Plymouth, which connected on six straight free throws down to the stretch to secure the victory.

Joel Hall, a senior guard, led Churchill with 11, while sophomore Ryan Rosenick added 14 rebounds. Junior forward Brad Evans had seven points and five rebounds, while senior guard Larry Wilson also scored seven.

The Chargers, who trailed by only three at the intermission (20-17), made only 13-of-50 shots from the floor, including 2-of-12 in the third quarter, as Plymouth took a 29-21 advantage.

And despite hitting just 1-of-14 three-point attempts, Churchill coach Jim Solak was encouraged by his team's play.

"We slowed things down and executed our game plan offensively and defensively," he said. "I'm pleased with our shots. We had only five or six that weren't good shots. We just could not make shots or finish, but I was pleased with the effort and it's a step forward."

Junior forward Austin Barnett had a solid game for the Wildcats, netting four points and nine rebounds. Plymouth excelled at the free throw line, canning 7-of-8 attempts. The Chargers were 4-of-8 from the stripe.

Plymouth hits the road Tuesday when it travels to Livonia Stevenson. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

CANTON 47, W.L. WESTERN 45:

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The Chiefs raced to a 19-6 lead after one quarter and hung on for a key WLAA road victory. The win improved Canton to 6-3 overall and 2-1 in the WLAA. The Warriors dropped to 5-4 and 1-2, respectively.

Canton led 32-22 at the half and 41-32 after three quarters.

Western nearly sent the game into overtime, but Evan Onder's jumper rimmed out at the buzzer.

The Chiefs' winning basket came when Ryan Langdon scored off an in-bounds play with 39 seconds left.

Andre Bridges led Canton with 14 points. Steve Paye netted 10 points and seven rebounds, and Ryan Waidmann chipped in with eight points and eight boards.

Denard Branch paced the host Warriors with 22 points, including nine in the pivotal fourth quarter.

Both teams struggled from the free throw line. Canton connected on just 2-of-11 while Western swished 6-of-14. The Chiefs' 11-point fourth-quarter lead dwindled to hardly nothing thanks largely to their missing the front-end of three one-and-one free throws.

Canton returns to action Tuesday when it hosts Livonia Churchill. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

AGAPE 65, HURON VALLEY 48: Jack Anleitner scored a game-high 24 points, including five triples, to propel Canton Agape Christian (7-1, 3-0) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division triumph Friday night over visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-7, 0-2).

Derek Leathers added 17 points and 17 rebounds for the Wolverines, who led 29-19 at halftime.

Kurt Metzger led the Hawks with 14 points, while Dave Doletzky and Richard Zabrzanski added seven apiece.

Huron Valley made only 1-of-12 free throws on the night, while Agape was 9-of-13.

Agape coach Keith Anleitner



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth senior guard D.J. Coleman, pictured above with the ball during a game earlier this season, scored a team-high 12 points in the Wildcats 40-34 victory over Livonia Churchill Friday night.

credited his assistant coach, Paul Anleitner, with suggesting a change of defensive strategy that helped turn the momentum the Wolverines' way.

"Huron Valley was playing a four-corners offense and they were spreading us out," Keith Anleitner said. "Paul suggested we switch from a man-to-man to a trapping defense, and it turned out to be the difference in the game. When we switched defenses, the score was 15-14. We immediately went on a 14-5 run after that."

Sophomore Terrell Pierce netted seven points and four steals for the winners. Tyler Majeski added nine points and six thefts.

"We did not play for 32 minutes," Huron Valley coach Jim Ott said.

The Wolverines will travel to Taylor on Tuesday to battle Baptist Park in a crucial MIAC Red showdown. The Wildcats are also 3-0 in the league.

PCA 48, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 43: On Friday, sophomore point guard Trevor Zinn had a huge night for the Eagles, racking up 22 points. Also excelling for the winners were Devyn Govan

(eight points and six rebounds), Ryan Barber (seven points) and Matt Saagman (five points, seven rebounds, three assists and five blocked shots).

Brent Kulik led the Crusaders with 15 points while Tom Jablonski twined 12.

Plymouth Christian led 9-4 after one quarter and 24-16 at the half. OC sliced its deficit to 31-26 with eight minutes to play. A key sequence unfolded with just under a minute to play when Saagman hit Barber with a court-length pass. Barber laid the ball in to give the Eagles a 44-41 advantage.

"We had too many turnovers tonight, but we finished the game well," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "It came down to free throws at the end and Trevor was huge. He made 7-of-8 in the fourth quarter alone."

Friday's game was the first in an Eagle uniform for Barber, who sat out the first month of the season after transferring from Canton Agape Christian.

PCA returns to action Tuesday at Warren Zoe Christian. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

WLAA-leading Vikings take down Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP HOOP

Walled Lake Central completed a week-long, three-game sweep of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park basketball teams Friday night with a convincing 66-40 victory over Salem.

The Vikings' conquest over the Rocks came four nights after a 10-point win at Canton and a week after a 53-27 triumph over Plymouth.

Central improved to 8-1 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association while Salem dropped to 1-8 and 1-2, respectively.

As has been the case several games this season, the Rocks suffered from "missing-quarter" syndrome, an affliction that causes them to hang tough with their opponents for three of the four quarters. It's the one down quarter that has been the Rocks' downfall in their eight setbacks.

Salem's poor stretch Friday night came during a six-minute span that covered the end of the third quarter and beginning of the fourth when they were out-scored 21-2 by the feisty Vikings.

"That's a very good basketball team," Salem coach Bob Brodie said, referring to the surging Vikings. "They're tenacious. They don't stop and they keep coming at you. We did a couple of things poorly that kind of sent them on a rampage. And they hit a couple of shots at the buzzer that took the wind out of our sails."

The Vikings' buzzer-beaters came at the end of the first when Tim Cross banked in a triple to extend Central's lead to 16-8, and at the close of the third when John Sheard buried a fade-away three that met nylon as the horn sounded.

"We work on getting good shots at the end of quarters, but neither one of those tonight were drawn up," said Central coach Denny Butcher, smiling.

Central pounded the boards hard against the Rocks, especially on the offensive end where the Vikings' hustle

earned them 16 second-chance shots.

"We've talked about being more aggressive on the glass, and I think we were tonight," Butcher said. "And it's a good thing we were because we didn't shoot very well. If it wasn't for our rebounding and our free throws (the Vikings made 21-of-32 attempts), who knows what the outcome may have been."

Central received another stellar effort from this year's go-to player, senior center Chris Farr, who scored 15 points and yanked down 10 rebounds, seven offensive. Neil Mitchell netted 13 points — thanks to a 7-for-8 effort from the line — and Aaron Hakola contributed nine points and four boards.

Senior forward Billy Leddy was the lone Rock to hit double-figures, twining 10. Jon Gibson and Mike Marek both contributed eight.

Salem sophomore Grant Stone, who scored 21 in Tuesday night's win at Livonia Churchill, was in foul trouble throughout the contest and finished with just two points.

Salem hit the target on just 11-of-50 shots (22 percent). The Rocks made just 1-of-17 fourth-quarter attempts.

"You can't shoot 22 percent against a strong and aggressive team like Central and expect to do well," said Brodie. "I felt we hustled and played hard the whole game, though. The kids continued to play even when we were down in the fourth quarter."

If a "Mr. Hustle" award had been handed out following the game, Marek would have been the recipient. The 5-foot-8 junior hit the floor a number of times for loose balls and hurdled over a folding chair near the Rocks' bench while pursuing one potential steal.

Salem turned the ball over 21 times while the Vikings committed 14 miscues.

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VOLLEYBALL

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did a nice job of adjusting to new roles against the powerful Chargers.

"I was extremely proud of the way the girls played in different spots tonight," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "We really only had half a practice to prepare for tonight's match. Everybody gave 100 percent."

McCausland said she would have liked her team's chances had it been at full strength Wednesday.

"After seeing how the rest of the team played against Churchill *without* Jeanine and Jackie, I think it may have been a whole different story had they been in there," McCausland said.

After the Chargers won the first two games rather comfortably, Plymouth turned in an inspirational effort to take a riveting game three. The biggest lead either team enjoyed was the four-point final margin.

Chelsey Quinlan, Klonowski and Hengesh all came up big in the victory. Quinlan served four late-game points, Klonowski notched two late kills and the game's final two service points while Hengesh contributed the game-winning spike.

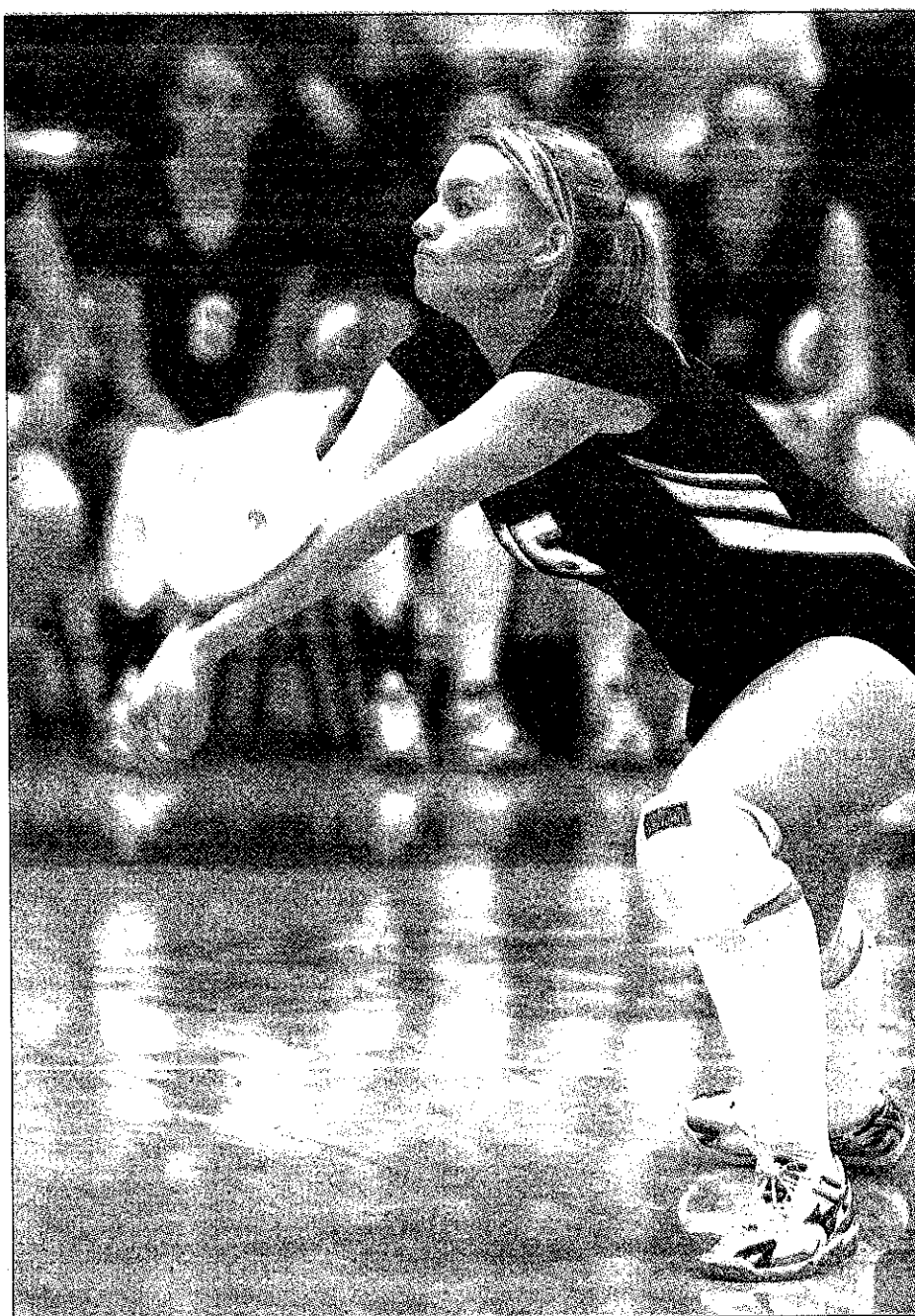
Churchill surged to a 5-0 lead in game four before the Wildcats made it interesting, knotting the score at 10-10 when Abron's sizzling spike sailed deep. However, Kelsey McKenzie strung together six straight service points to push the Chargers' advantage to 21-14 during the pivotal stretch of the fourth game, which ended with a DeClerck kill. Sarah Haskins (29 assists), Brandi Swyhart (17 digs) and Janet Hanchett (eight digs and six kills) all played well for Plymouth.

SALEM SWEEP

Salem's volleyball team improved its record to 20-0 Wednesday night with a three-game sweep of Walled Lake Central.

The Rocks, who will host Livonia Churchill Monday night in a crucial Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division showdown, won 25-7, 25-11 and 25-14.

Leading the way for Salem were Teresa Coppiellie (nine digs and 12 kills), Lauren Price (eight digs and six kills), Jansan Falcuson (17 assists and four aces) and Lauren Kurtz (three kills, three aces and 10 digs).



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Plymouth's Katie Hughes plays receives a serve during Wednesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association match against Livonia Churchill.

BARILE

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captain for the Wildcats prior to this season. "I've met a lot of my close friends through hockey. Some of my high school teammates — Jason O'Guinn, Nick Rosochacki, Billy Gauthier and Kyle Goll — I met playing youth hockey with the Plymouth Stingrays. We still play together in the spring

and summer too, which is a lot of fun."

SETTING THE TONE

Although Barile is listed as a forward, he prides himself on his tough, aggressive play more than putting the puck in the net.

"Mike is more of a grinder than a finesse player," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois, who said Barile is third or fourth on the list of Wildcat point-earners this season. "When he gets the puck,

he does what he has to with it. To me, Mike is a proven leader and a very hard worker. He's not a rah-rah kind of player; he leads more by example. A lot of kids on the team follow him."

One of Barile's best assets is his ability to excel in all kinds of situations, Dubois said.

"I can put Mike out on the ice at any time and he'll do a good job," Dubois said. "He can play on the power play and on the penalty kill and be effective at both."

The early part of this season

was an adjustment period for the Wildcats, Barile said, because the players had to get used to a new style of play after Dubois replaced former coach Mike Kaput. The team was a respectable 6-4-2 following Wednesday night's draw with Livonia Franklin.

"It was frustrating at first because we were used to our old coach's system," Barile said. "But we've stuck with it and we're getting used to the new system now. We've been playing better lately."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 24
Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
PCA at Zoe Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Calvary Christian at PCA
at Concordia Lutheran College, 8 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Jan. 24
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26
W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Northville at Plymouth
at Canton H.S., 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Salem and Canton
at Dexter 9/10 Invite, 9 a.m.
BOYS WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 26
Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Observerland Invitational, 9 a.m.
GIRLS GYMNASICS
Tuesday, Jan. 24
Plymouth at Dearborn Edsel Ford
A-B meet, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25
Livonia Unified at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Salem Invitational
at Plymouth H.S., 9 a.m.
ICE HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 24
Livonia Ladywood at PCS Penguins
at Arctic Edge Arena, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25
Salem at Livonia Stevenson
at Eddie Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27
Salem at W.L. Central
at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m.
PCS Penguins at W.L. Unified, 8:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville
at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan. 23
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24
Birmingham Roeper at PCA, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27
Calvary Christian at PCA
at Concordia Lutheran College, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27
Plymouth at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Salem at Waterford Mott
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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 25
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Rochester College at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott CC, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 25
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 5:30 p.m.
Siena Heights at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott CC, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Jan. 26
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27
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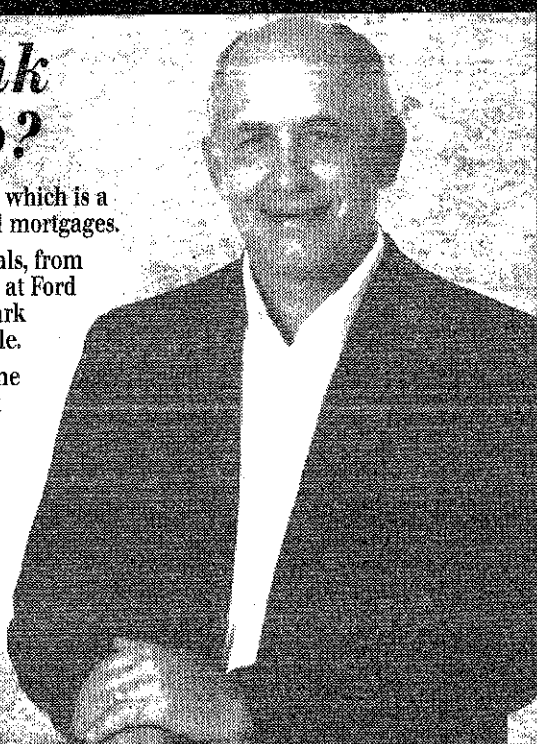
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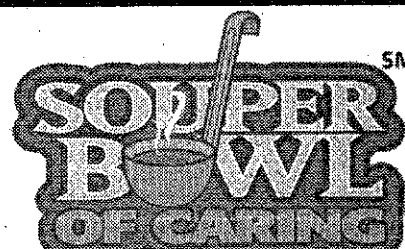


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Wildcat icers earn 3-3 draw

Livonia Franklin (4-6-3, 0-1-1) scored a pair of second-period power-play goals to erase a 3-1 deficit Wednesday night and earn a 3-3 draw with Plymouth in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division match-up played at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

Plymouth (6-4-3, 1-2-1) led 1-0 at 2:31 of the opening period on Charlie Webb's goal from Adam Lazorka.

In the second period, Franklin's Bryan Kozlowski scored the first of his two goals at 2:51 from Jordan Chisholm and Jason Wirgau.

Plymouth's Ryan Stamm then scored at 7:40 from Webb and Jason O'Guinn followed by Nick Cote's goal from Billy Gauthier and Justin Michalek at 9:45.

But the two-goal lead evaporated on Steve South's power-play goal at 11:01 of the same period from Steve Stahl and Alex Chisholm followed by Kozlowski's goal from Alex Chisholm at 12:18.

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Franklin outshot the Wildcats, 32-21.

"The first period we were outplayed and outshot, but we came on strong the second and third periods and we got more shots than we normally have been getting," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We played well even though we were missing three of our better players. We were able to compensate."

Franklin goaltender Joe Garbutt made a total of 18 saves, while Plymouth's Justin Desilets had 29 stops.

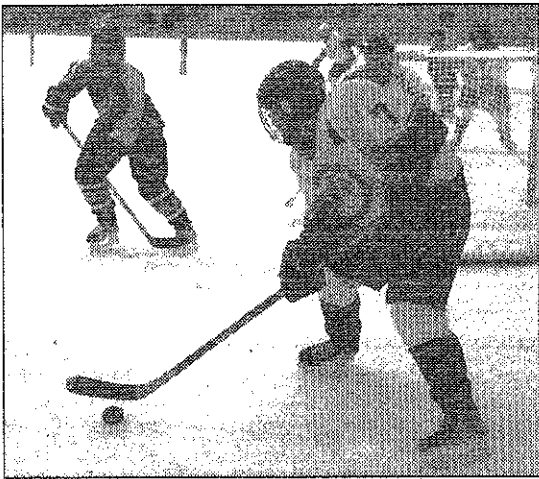
"We had excellent goaltending, Justin played a good game," Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois said. "But the two power-play goals cost us. When we didn't have to kill penalties, we were playing decent."

Plymouth had five penalties to Franklin's four.

PCS 4, G.P. NORTH 2: The 9-0 Penguins strengthened their first-place standing in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League standings with an impressive road victory over the Norsemen, who slipped to 7-3. The game was played at Viking Arena in Hazel Park.

Freshman forward Katie Zimmerman and sophomore goalie Kristie Kowalski were the stars for the Penguins. Zimmerman scored three first-period goals to give her a team-high 15, while Kowalski made a number of dazzling saves.

The Penguins built a 4-0 advantage through two periods — Kristen Schwan scored the



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Plymouth-Canton-Salem forward Kristen Schwan, pictured above in an earlier game, scored a key goal in the Penguins' 4-2 victory over Grosse Pointe North Wednesday night.

fourth goal — before the Norsemen stormed back to make it interesting with a pair of third-period markers.

"This was a big win for us because North is one of the top teams in the league," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "They beat us 4-2 in a pre-season scrimmage, but the girls came out ready to play right from the start. We played on the Olympic ice surface, which North is used to playing on. We tired out a little faster than they did, but the girls played through it."

Ashley LeBlanc assisted on two of Zimmerman's goals, which came at 1:47, 10:57 and 11:12 of the first period. The freshman's third goal was unassisted.

Schwan's goal at 1:03 of the second was assisted by Lisa Ealy.

North's third period lamp-lighters came off the sticks of Kristie Sandmair (5:55) and Emily Nelson (7:20).

CHURCHILL 8, SALEM 0: Eight different players scored goals Friday as Livonia Churchill (6-4-4, 2-2-1) romped to a WLAA-Lakes Division victory over the host Rocks at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Churchill outshot Salem, 33-6, as junior netminder Scott Lewan cruised to his fourth shutout the year.

"It was good to bounce back," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team lost two days earlier to rival Stevenson, 6-2.

Dave Graciak had one goal and two assists to pace the Chargers, who led 3-0 after one period and 5-0 after 30 minutes.

Steve Archer contributed a goal and one assist, while Garrett Miencier, Matt Heinzelman, Kody Strong, Steve Greco, Nathan Milam and Tony Ross added one goal apiece.

Kyle Burke also chipped in with two assists. Salem goalie Ralph Asperwall made a total of 25 saves.

Chiefs humble Wayne, 68-7

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There is no mercy rule in high school wrestling, which was an unfortunate thing for Wayne Memorial Thursday night.

Canton pounded the Zebras, 68-7, to run their record to 18-3.

"We wrestled well, but they have an under-manned team," said Canton coach Casey Randolph, referring to Wayne's six voids. "The kids that did wrestle for us wrestled well. I was especially pleased with the way (119-pound) Sam Santilli wrestled so aggressively. He's been struggling a little, but tonight he wrestled like I know he can."

Randolph said his team's most impressive win may have come in the 160-match when senior Marwan Faraj downed Jeff Elswick, 9-2. Going into the match, Elswick was the No. 1-ranked wrestler in Observerland at that weight while Faraj was No. 2.

It was a special night in the Phase III gymnasium for several reasons. Canton's Division I state runner-up football banner was unveiled and a pair of Chief wrestlers — Konrad Konsitzke and Corey Phillips — were honored before the match for eclipsing the 100-win mark.

CANTON 68 WAYNE MEMORIAL 7

145 pounds: Konrad Konsitzke (C) won by technical fall over Charlie Malnar, 19-4; **160:** Marwan Faraj (C), decisioned Jeff Elswick, 9-2; **177:** Steadman Frye (WM) dec. Kiel Price, 7-5; **189:** Alex Amberg (C) pinned Derek Ingraham in 1:14; **215:** Tom Bonnell (C) won by void; **HYV:** Donnie Laramie (C) won by void; **103:** Jamie Preiss (WM) won by major dec. over Mike Haar, 10-0; **112:** Ryan Schnettler (C) p. Chad Dunn in 2:45; **119:** Sam Santilli (C) p. Robert Quinn in 1:03; **125:** Steve Cox (C) won by void; **130:** Josh Hurst (C) won by void; **135:** Fawzi Zeidan (C) won by void; **140:** Corey Phillips (C) p. Jack McFadden in 1:14.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 18-3.

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140 pounds: Elvis Vushaj (WLW) won by major decision over Steve Korpus, 17-5;

145: Ali Youssef (P) won by major dec. over Joey Hajal, 14-4; **152:** Jake Birmingham (WLW) decisioned John Hagar, 13-7; **160:** Andy Goodman (WLW) pinned Jeff Schwartz in 14 seconds; **177:** George Hajal (WLW) dec. Vince Darolfi, 6-3; **189:** Danny Jammoul (P) p. Sam Pretice in 1:25; **215:** Chris Alexopoulos (WLW) dec. Taylor Fox, 10-9; **HYV:** Shaun Bailey (P) p. Spacer Jardine in 1:19; **103:** Santino Besco (P) won by void; **112:** Ben Gibson (P) p. Mark Lariviere in 50 seconds; **119:** Steve D'Annunzio (P) p. David Johnston in 4:00; **125:** Nick Zilan (WLW) dec. Amir Pakray, 8-2; **130:** Jordan Latrea (WLW) p. Jatinder Singh in 2:30; **135:** Mike Morfitt (WLW) won by major dec. over Andrew Saunders, 9-0.

PLYMOUTH 53 NORTHVILLE 15

103 pounds: Anthony Favot (P) decisioned Steve Manny, 10-5; **112:** Brian Dulzo (N) dec. Steve D'Annunzio, 11-4; **119:** Jonny D'Anna (N) dec. Ben Kosmalki, 12-7; **125:** Joe Ghdami (N) dec. Amir Pakray, 7-3; **130:** Brian Bagian (N) pinned Jatinder Singh; **135:** Andrew Saunders (P) won by major decision over Jon Junca, 12-0; **140:** Steve Korpus (P) won by technical fall over Dan Dulzo, 21-6; **145:** Ali Youssef (P) p. Joe Eichhold; **152:** John Hagar (P) won by technical fall over Jim Hubbard, 16-0; **160:** Jeff Schwartz (P) p. Jim Carroll; **177:** Vince Darolfi (P) p. Bryan Stadtmiller; **189:** Danny Jammoul (P) won by void; **215:** Taylor Fox (P) p. Tim Resnick; **HYV:** Shaun Bailey (P) p. Dave Stewart.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 17-4.

SWIM RESULTS

24.42; 2. Matt Underhill (S), 24.81; 3. Jason Williams (S), 25.49.
Divling: 1. Kyle Powell (S), 151.15; 2. Chris Watkins (S), 141.80; 3. Matt Funni (WLC), 135.30.
100 butterfly: 1. Nick Leone (S), 59.60; 2. Blake Thomas (WLC), 1:00.23; 3. Cameron Dunn (S), 1:05.21.
100 freestyle: 1. Jack Oliver (WLC), 51.15; 2. Matt Underhill (S), 53.61; 3. Nate Spala (S), 57.62.
500 freestyle: 1. Bryan Gurta (WLC), 5:18.75; 2. Steve Moore (S), 5:39.85; 3. Tory Tederington (WLC), 5:43.42.

200 freestyle relay: 1. W.L. Central (Blake Thomas, Brandon Berry, Brad Nedrow, Brian Gurta), 1:40.03; 2. Salem, 1:40.77; 3. Salem, 1:53.38.
100 backstroke: 1. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 1:05.10; 2. Ryan Miceli (WLC), 1:10.36; 3. Cory Casagrande (WLC), 1:10.37.
100 breaststroke: 1. Stan Chen (S), 1:08.91; 2. Mike Wilson (WLC), 1:10.10; 3. Rich Strahan (WLC), 1:14.23.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Nick Leone, Matt Underhill, Nate Spala, Stan Chen), 3:39.32; 2. W.L. Central, 3:47.97; 3. Salem, 3:53.62.

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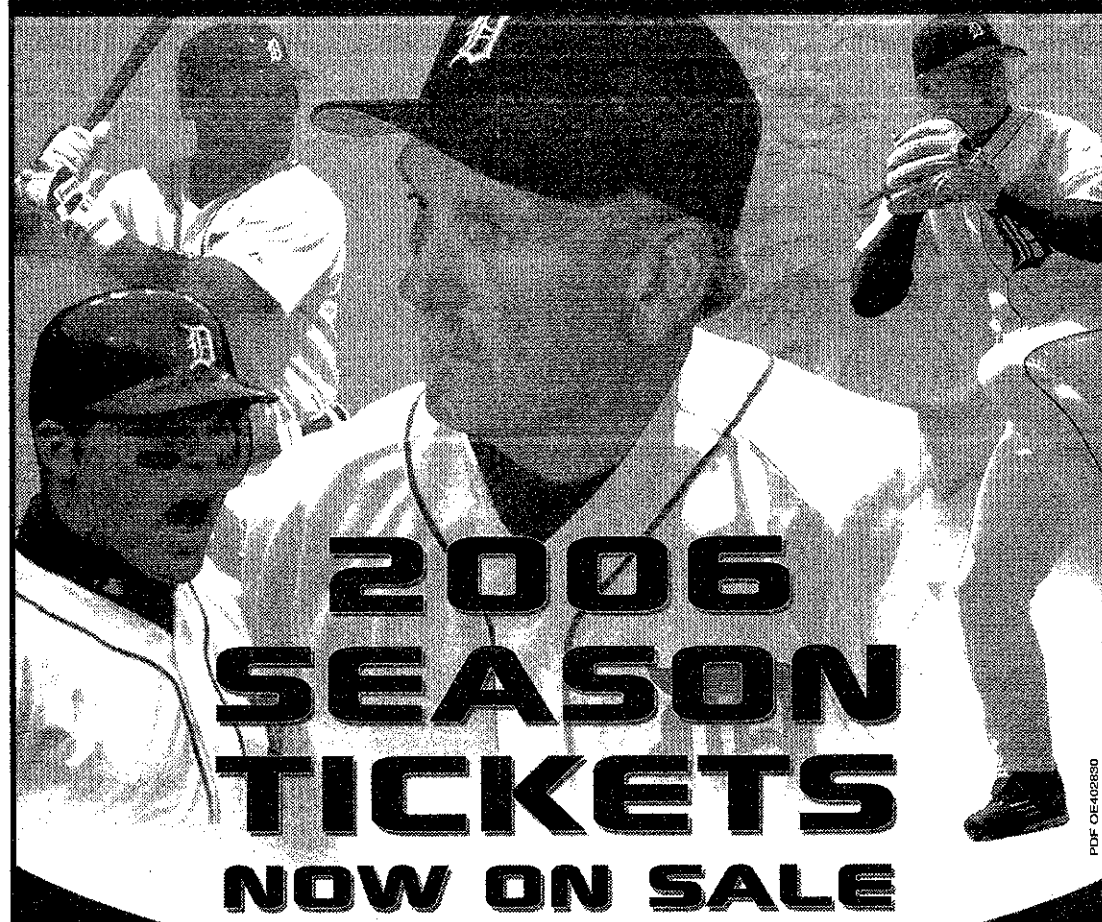
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Mudri fuels Crusaders' WHAC victory vs. UMD

Seay what? Lady Ocelots rout Henry Ford

Madonna University earned its second men's basketball victory Wednesday night by holding off host University of Michigan-Dearborn, 76-70.

Derrick Mudri led the Crusaders, now 7-12 overall and 2-3 in the WHAC, with 21 points and nine rebounds.

D.J. Bridges (Canton) finished with 16 points, while Jordan Napier (Canton Agape Christian) contributed 11 points.

MU, which led 41-36 at half-time, offset the game-high 27 points by UM-Dearborn's L.T. Willis.

Syneca Puryear and Andrew Kwietnieski each added 14 points off the bench for the Wolves (4-12, 1-4).

MU shot 52.7 percent from the field (29-of-55) and 92.3 percent from the foul line (12-

of-13).

SCHOOLCRAFT 88, HENRY FORD 56: Eastern Michigan University transfer Darryl Garrett poured in a game-high 24 points Wednesday night to lead Schoolcraft College (16-3, 4-1) past Henry Ford Community College (5-10, 1-5) in an MCCA Eastern Conference game.

Garrett, a 6-foot-4 guard from Detroit Denby, hit 10-of-13 shots from the floor, including 3-of-5 from three-point range.

Jarred Axon contributed 14 points, while 7-foot center James Davis had 13 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks. Ryan Williams added 10 points.

Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) finished with seven assists.

A dominant performance by freshman forward Maricka Seay sparked Schoolcraft College to a 93-65 triumph Wednesday over host Henry Ford Community College.

Schoolcraft led the Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's basketball game 45-20 at halftime and built a big-enough lead to virtually coast the rest of the way.

Seay hit 14 of 22 field-goal tries as she tallied 30 points. She also grabbed 22 rebounds - 11 offensive and 11 defensive - as the Lady Ocelots improved to 16-1 overall and 3-1 in the MCCA.

But Seay didn't do it all herself.

Contributing 22 points and seven rebounds for the Lady

COLLEGE HOOPS

Ocelots was freshman forward LaShanda Thomas. Also in double figures were sophomore forward Charlese Greer (15 points) and freshman forward Ericka Brewer (Belleville), who registered 10 points along with 12 boards.

For Henry Ford (0-14, 0-6), LouAnne Normand scored 21 points while Jackie Allen and Patti McCarthy chipped in with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

A big difference in the win, which kept Schoolcraft ranked No. 3 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II polls, was shooting proficiency from the floor.

Schoolcraft, again playing without the services of sophomore guard Mikki Williams, connected on 38 of 81 field-goal tries (47 percent) while Henry Ford made just 23 of 82 attempts (28 percent).

MADONNA 89, UM-DEARBORN 62: Nailing nearly 60 percent of their first-half shots spurred Madonna University (8-13, 3-3) to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday over University of Michigan-Dearborn (1-17, 0-4).

MU (8-13 overall, 3-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference) hit 21 of 36 field-goal tries before halftime (58 percent) while UM-Dearborn struggled from the floor, making just 13-of-40 first-

half tries (32.5 percent).

For Madonna, reaching double figures in scoring were sophomore forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) with 20 points, senior guard Lydia Prusinowski (19 points) and sophomore guard Caryn Inman (11 points).

Franklin also grabbed 11 rebounds, second only to the 13 pulled down by senior forward Sarah Thomson.

Another solid contribution came by way of junior guard Stephanie Childs, who scored nine points and collected seven rebounds.

The top scorer for UM-Dearborn was guard Becky Morefield with 19 points, while center Tammy Russell chipped in with nine points and 13 boards.

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Monica Fulton

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Is it too early to think about my future?

Sophomore Garden City

No, it's never too early to think about your future. When you were little, did you ever pretend to be a dentist, or a teacher, or an actor? In a way, you were trying out possible careers. Now that you're in high school, you have the chance to start making your dreams happen. If you have some ideas about what you'd like to do after high school, start talking to people who are actually doing what you think you want to do. Do some research and find out if you need a college degree to do what you love. If you do, then make sure your grades in high school will be good enough to get into a college that specializes in your area of interest. Remember, dreams can go on forever — goals are dreams with a deadline.

I just started dating my boyfriend but our two friends are also dating and are also always around. How would we go about being alone to spend time together?

Double Date Garden City

It sounds like you're worried about hurting your friends' feelings. If your boyfriend feels the same way you do about your friends, it's time to talk to them together. Let your friends know you have a date planned, then invite them to meet up with you afterwards. If they ask to join you on your date, explain to them that you like hanging out with them, but the two of you need time to really get to know each other. Then, ask them what time they want to meet up with you. Your friends will understand, especially if they remember what it was like when they first started dating!

I've had a serious boyfriend for about six months now. I love him very much. I didn't think anything could get in the way of us, until a couple weeks ago. I met a guy who I can't stop flirting with. I feel bad because I don't mean to do that to my boyfriend because he's the best thing that I have in my life right now. I just don't want to do something I know I'll regret.

GUILTY Garden City

Flirting can be a harmless way to make new friends, but it can also send the wrong signal. First, you need to ask yourself if your boyfriend really is the best thing in your life right now. Are you truly happy with him? If so, have you told this new guy that you're in a serious relationship? If not, you need to tell him when you see him next. By being honest about your situation, you're letting him know what the boundaries are. This should help avoid a situation you'll regret. If you find that you can't stop sending the wrong signals, and you want to remain true to your boyfriend, it might be best to avoid being around this guy — at least until you have time to figure out what you're feeling. Most importantly, cheating is never fair to anyone, including yourself.

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems.

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Giving aid and 'Comfort'



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Comfort Keepers caregiver Bonnie Mettie helps client Evelyn with a box of brownie mix in Evelyn's Plymouth Township kitchen. Mettie has been helping Evelyn for some 18 months now.

Service helps seniors maintain their independence

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

As time went on and they got older, Jim and Evelyn believed more and more they were each half of the same person.

As he moved through his 80s and passed 90, Jim's mind was still agile and sharp. Evelyn, meanwhile, could still do the physical things necessary to make it through life. Two halves made one whole.

When Evelyn contracted a back infection some 18 months ago, that was no longer true. After a stay in the hospital, she and her family realized the couple was going to need help if they were to stay in their Plymouth Township home.

While her mom was in the hospital, Bev Gregory knew she was going to have to do something to get her parents some help. She lives in Clarkston, her brother lives in California, and no one was totally happy with the idea of the elderly couple living completely alone.

PLEASE SEE 'COMFORT', C5



Evelyn and Bonnie Mettie read the paper together during one of Mettie's visits to Evelyn's Plymouth Township home.

COMFORT KEEPERS

Comfort Keepers, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Westland and nearby areas, has an office at 995 N. Mill in Plymouth's Old Village. For more information, call (734) 397-1111.



Livonia sculptor Ken Osen combined his artistic talent with a love of memorabilia to create a career as a leading designer of toy soldiers and museum exhibits.

Sculptor carves out career from toy soldiers

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

A boyhood interest in all things military and a talent for sculpting has allowed a former Livonia police officer to create a successful business as a sculptor and designer of military figures and historical displays.

Ken Osen served as Livonia police officer from 1974 to 1978 after graduating from Bentley High School. But his real interest was building models.

"I guess even when I was working at the police department and waiting for the midnight shift to end, I was thinking about the models I was building," he said.

Osen, 49, said his parents would buy him plastic toy soldiers when he was a child. Then he started buying models

for himself at a Livonia hobby store.

"My uncle, Harold Waterstardt, he had a collection and that really got me started," Osen said.

The Livonia resident began collecting the popular Marx plastic toy soldiers.

"When my mother went downtown to Hudson's I would get German Elastolin soldiers, which were more expensive," he said.

Then he moved up to the more elaborate models made by William Britain. Today Osen is a chief designer for the Iowa-based company, which has been making toy soldiers since the 1890s.

Osen, who owns the Hudson & Allen Studios in Romeo, will represent William Britain at the

PLEASE SEE TOY SOLDIERS, C5

TOY SOLDIER SHOW

What: 14th Detroit Toy Soldier & Figure Show

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 29

Where: Livonia Holiday Inn, Six Mile and I-275

Admission: \$6, children under 12 free

Many films contain violence and veiled sexual references

Angry space aliens vaporize a defenseless town. A bloodthirsty shark preys on the weak and tiny. The above movie scenes aren't from the latest action thrillers — they're



Teens in 2006

Alice McCarthy

from G-rated animated films like Disney's recent *Chicken Little*. As pop culture mimics today's permissive social values, violence and veiled sexual references have crept into the seemingly innocent cartoon landscape, giving parents new reason to do research beyond the ratings. It's not that the Motion Picture Association of America's ratings board has become more permissive, said MPAA president Dan Glickman: "It's bound to be a reflection of society."

It's also a reflection of movie studios following the formula of hits like the *Toy Story* and *Shrek* films, whose sophisticated scripts include plenty of subtle jokes aimed at adults.

"Everybody is trying to reach out to as wide an audience as possible," said Disney spokesman Dennis Rice. "It may have some adult humor that goes over the heads of other audiences, but it's never so colorful that it would affect the MPAA and how they rate the movie. We become increasingly desensitized, so movies have to be more and more viscerally exciting," he said.

A series of Harvard studies confirms that violence has increased during the history of animated G-rated films. In one study, more than half of all G-rated animated features showed characters using alcohol or tobacco. These movies are also likely to contain more violent content than their live-action counterparts.

A G-rating means the movie is

"good for all audiences," containing nothing that would be offensive to parents whose younger children view the film. But culture isn't static, and not all parents have the same values, so the definition of "offensive" can vary wildly.

"It's not the MPAA's fault," said James Steyer, chief executive of Common Sense Media, a non-profit parent resource group. He founded the organization in 2003 to provide parents with more insight into children's entertainment. "Standards have been inconsistent," he said. "Parents need to be better-informed consumers on behalf of their kids."

Common Sense Media (www.common-sensemedia.org) and similar organizations, such as Parent Previews (<http://movies.go.com/parent-previews>) and Kids-in-Mind (www.kids-in-mind.com), offer their own ratings systems and provide additional details for parents about the content of popular movies. Your

writer consistently reads the e-mail newsletter that Common Sense Media sends out weekly. I highly recommend you add it to your reading.

The rating systems listed above note the potential scariness of sharp-toothed sharks in *Finding Nemo*, for example, and warn parents of the bawdy humor and armed hunter in *Wallace & Gromit*. Both films earned G ratings.

Providing context is key to helping children and young teens make sense of an increasingly media-saturated world, said James Steyer. "Being there to discuss things that might be disturbing, upsetting or funny is probably the most important thing parents can do," he concluded.

He also added that parents should research the movies their children plan to see and learn about any questionable content in advance, and then be prepared to discuss it afterward. Your columnist couldn't agree more with that last step; "discussion," is

Steyer's most valuable suggestion. It takes time, yes, but "bringing up" children and teens, while demanding, is worthwhile.

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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Livonia Civic Chorus honored

The Livonia Civic Chorus was honored with a Community Service Award from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association for their distinguished performance and valued contribution to the local community over the past 40 years. The award was presented at a ceremony on Jan. 12, at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing. Karen Kapchonick, Livonia's Park and Recreation director, had nominated the group for this honor.


Accepting the award on behalf of the chorus was the Livonia Civic Chorus charter member Hank Kanar, who has been a part of the choral group since its beginning in 1965. President of the chorus, Kim Alderman, expressed her thanks to Kapchonick and the Parks and Recreation Department for their long-time support of the chorus.

"We are delighted and truly honored to receive such esteemed recognition for the chorus," said Alderman.

The chorus, which draws its members from Livonia and the surrounding communities, performs at numerous events.

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AROUND TOWN

Heartland Hospice

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.

Canton BPW meeting

Women looking for leadership development, informative programs, business contacts, networking opportunities, mentor relationships, friendships, community awareness, professional growth, political advocacy, national, state and local voice in women's issues should check out the next meeting of the Canton Business and Professional Women, 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton. Guest speaker will be local author Glenna D. Livingston ("How I Got By: A Family Saga"), in honor of Black History Month. To RSVP or for more information, contact June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or (313) 610-2561.

Bariatric seminar

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia now offers bariatric surgery, performed laproscopically at its new Bariatric Center. To learn more about this surgery, the hospital offers free educational seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. Speakers are surgeon Tallal Zeni, director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Paula Magid, director of the Bariatric Program. Call (734) 655-2692 to register. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The Bariatric Center is located at 14555 Levan, Suite 311 in the Marian Professional Building.

50s-60s party

Sterling Heights Dodge is co-sponsoring the first annual March of Dimes 50s-60s Party at the Fernhill Golf & Country Club Feb. 25 to raise money for the fight against birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The event will include live entertainment by Steve King and the Ditties and a costume contest for those who best represent fun, fifties-sixties style. Besides live entertainment, guests will enjoy a buffet dinner and have a chance to participate in a silent auction and raffle with prizes throughout the evening. While there are some tickets left for the premiere of this fund-raiser, space is limited. Tickets are \$50 per individual (\$22 tax deductible) and reservations can be made for a table of ten for \$450. Fernhill Golf & Country Club is located at 17600 Clinton River Road in Clinton Township between Garfield and Cass Roads. Doors open at 6 p.m., and dinner will start at 7 p.m. For more information, call Sharon Gwizdowski at (248) 359-1550.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. Guest speakers George and Lois Winegar will talk about "Chattel mortgages: Use them to expand family knowledge." A help session starts at 6 p.m. the public is invited. For details, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Fibromyalgia workshop

The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free workshop on fibromyalgia 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Carl

**Beethoven on tap**

Piccolo player Jeffery Zook will be one of the guest musicians when the Plymouth Symphony orchestra presents the fourth concert of its 60th-anniversary season, 'Beethoven & Friends'. The concert takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of N. Territorial and Beck in Plymouth Township. Zook, currently the piccoloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, was also the PSO's Youth Artist Competition winner in 1984. Zook will take center stage in attending composer Lowell Liebermann's Concerto for Piccolo. For more information, call the PSO office, (734) 451-2112.

Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Pressure point workshop

The National Wellness Foundation hosts a free pressure point therapy workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. Participants will learn how to find and treat the pressure points for headaches, back pain, sinusitis, neck pain, carpal tunnel, PMS, low energy and joint pain. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited, early reservations are recommended.

Flu shots

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported cases of flu are continuing to increase across the nation and are listed as "sporadic" in Michigan. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan urges that there is still time to get a flu shot and build up immunity. Walk-in clinics are being offered at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600 in Oak Park, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Homebound service and corporate worksite clinics are also available. Flu shots through the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan are \$22, payable by cash, check, Medicare, HAP or Care Choices. Pneumonia shots are \$35. For information call (248) 967-8751 or visit www.vna.org.

Drawing into painting

The exhibition "Drawing into Painting" runs Feb. 24-April 8 at the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery, 117 West Liberty Street, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday; noon-5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information contact Amanda Krugliak, Exhibitions Director at the Ann Arbor Art Center, (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110.

St. Raphael open house

Visitors can check out the new computer lab at an open house event for St. Raphael Catholic School in Garden City. The school-wide Open House (K-8th grade) is 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. You

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. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

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 Mark Hammar, club president, at (734) 455-6620 for additional


information on membership.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information on the organization, 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




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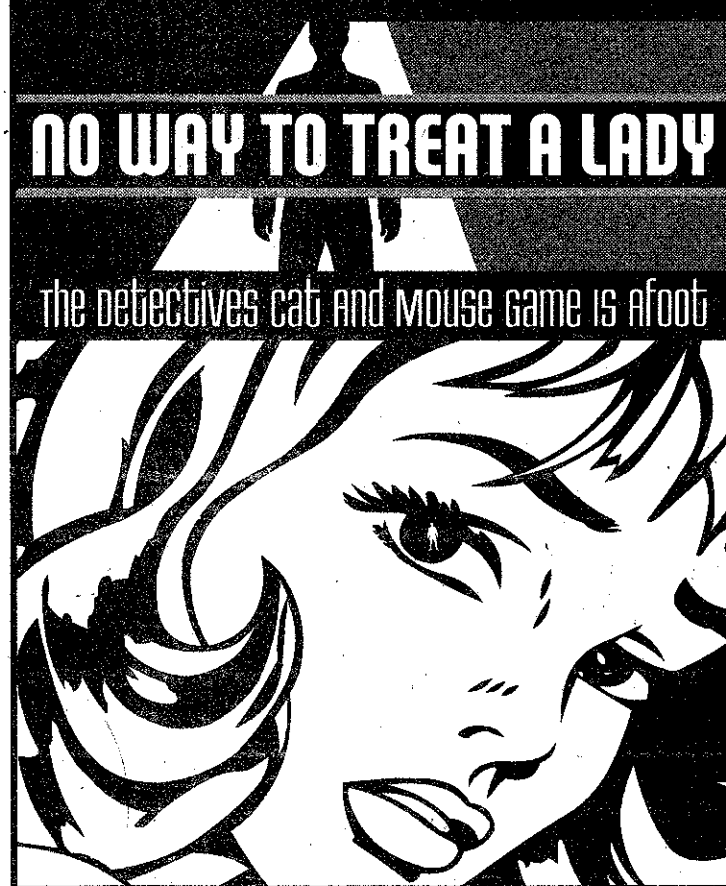
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NEW VOICES

Jasper Dennis Hunt

Jeff and Sara Hunt of Gloucester, Mass. announce the birth of their son, **Jasper Dennis Hunt**, on Jan. 2, 2006, at Beverly Hospital in Beverly, Mass.

Jasper's grandparents are Arthur and Linda Hunt of Hartland, and Dennis and Lisa Varty of Livonia.

His great-grandparents are

Ruth Ebach of Livonia, Genevieve Varty of Detroit, Arthur and Jane Hunt of Trenton, and Wenona Freeman of Caledonia.

Maeve Kathleen Manyi Spicer

Ted and Christy (Root) Spicer of Portage, formerly of Livonia, announce the arrival of their daughter, **Maeve Kathleen Manyi Spicer**.

Maeve was born in China on June 30, 2004, and adopted on Dec. 7, 2005.

Maeve has an older brother, George Thomas, age 4, and a sister, Grace Gale, age 2.

Her grandparents are Norm and Maureen Root of Livonia, and George and Glenda Spicer of Livonia. Her great-grandparents are John and Kathleen Moriarty of Novi, and Norman Root Sr. of Detroit.

WEDDING



Perrine-Williams

Jessica Leigh Williams and Matthew James Perrine were married Oct. 29, 2005, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia, Tenn., before the Rev. Daniel Heiderich.

Jessica is the daughter of Walter and Jean Williams of Spring Hill, Tenn., and Elizabeth and Denny Larsen of Muskegon. She is a graduate of High Tech Institute, Nashville, Tenn. She is an x-ray technician.

Matthew is the son of James and Barbara Perrine of Canton. He is a graduate of Northwood University, Midland, Mich. He is a systems technician for Gap Incorporated, Gallatin, Tenn.

Attending the bride was her sister, Jodi Williams, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mindy Williams (sister-in-law of bride), Amber Uhler (friend of bride and groom), Kelly Bennett (friend of bride) and Laura Borchelt (friend of groom). Her flower girl was McKenzie Warnick, daughter of Laura Borchelt and Ed Warnick. The pianist was Terry Schumaker and vocalist was Adam Reinhard.

Attending the groom was his friend, Steve Ellis, as best man. Groomsmen were Josh Williams (brother of bride), Nick McCulloch (friend of groom), Chris Alexander (friend of groom), Gabe Goodrich (cousin of groom), and junior groomsmen, Zachary Williams (brother of bride). His ring bearer was Miles Williams (nephew of bride). Ushers were John Winborn (friend of bride and groom) and Scott Borchelt (friend of groom).

The new Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Perrine spent their honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They are making their home in Gallatin, Tenn.

ENGAGEMENTS

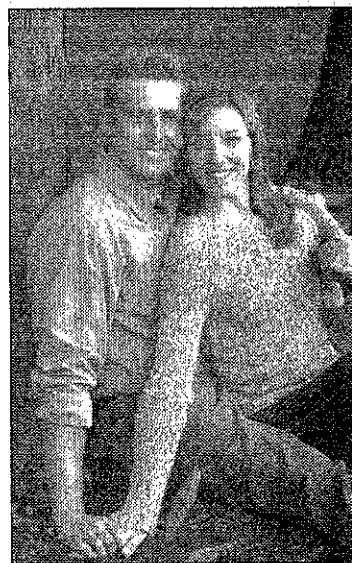
Baker-Cogswell

John and Kathy Baker of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Baker, to Christopher Cogswell, of Commerce.

Lisa is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Nursing. She is a critical care nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and is currently attending graduate school at Madonna University.

Her fiancé, Christopher, is the son of Dewane and Kathy Cogswell. He is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Communication Arts and Science. He is a recruiter at Aerotek Automotive.

Christopher and Lisa are planning a July wedding at



Michigan State Alumni Chapel in East Lansing.

Allison-Hélppe

Kelli Marie Allison, daughter of Susann Allison and the late Kenneth Allison, is engaged to be married to Grant Dean Hélppe of Farmington Hills.

Kelli is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She is an occupational therapist at Botsford General Hospital.

Her fiancé, Grant, is the son of Richard and Leslie Hélppe of Bloomfield Hills. He is a graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is a market researcher at ACS Healthcare Solutions.

Grant and Kelli are planning a June wedding.



Sherburn-Layman

William and Marjory Sherburn of Ludington announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Dianne, to Timothy Earle Layman.

Michelle is a 1995 graduate of Ludington High School. She is a 2000 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in occupational therapy and a 2005 graduate of Oakland University with a master's degree in early childhood education.

She is an occupational therapist in the Taylor school district.

Her fiancé, Timothy, is the son of Fred and Cathie Layman of Northville. He is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. In 1998 he received his bachelor's degree



in integrated supply management. He is employed with Behr America as a senior buyer. Timothy and Michelle are planning an August wedding at the Wadel Estate in Ludington.

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.

Debby High School

Class of 1956

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

Detroit Mackenzie

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

Edsel Ford High School

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

Epiphany Grade School

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (24) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

Ferndale High School

Class of 1975/1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at the Troy Somerset Inn, 2601 West Big Beaver Road, between I-75 and Coolidge Road. For information and to register sign in at www.fhs75-76.org. Discount if you register before Feb. 15. Cost is \$65/person or \$120/couple. Forward payment ASAP to: FHS 75-76 Reunion, P.O. Box 20274, Ferndale, MI 48220

Fordson High School

Class of 1981

A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, May 13, 2006. For more information contact Nancy Davis Zaleski at (734) 427-8254 or fordson-reunion@yahoo.com or go to www.geocities.com/fordsonreunion.

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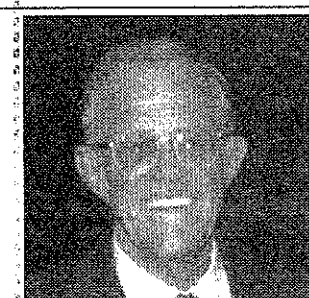
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ELEANOR RUTH BANK (nee Rodman)

Born February 3, 1935 succumbed to pneumonia and died in Jerusalem on January 18, 2006. Daughter of the late Fannie and Milton Rodman. Wife of the late Sheldon Bank. Surviving Eleanor are son Ben and his wife Nancy of Livonia, MI, and daughter MaryEllen (Bank) Finkelstein and her husband Bruce of Bet El, Israel. Also surviving Eleanor are 8 grandchildren: Merav, Ayelet, Shimon, Racheli, Menachem, Akiva Finkelstein, and Simon and Stephen Bank. Eleanor was born in Baltimore, MD and lived in Miami, FL area for over 40 years before moving to Israel last October.

MARY LOUISE BATHE

Age 58, died January 15, 2006 after a long courageous battle with illness. Beloved mother of JoEllen (Scott) Cherry and GeriLynne (Todd) Allen. Dear Grandmother of Aubrey, Mary Samantha, Cameron and Karl. Loving sister of Nancy DeAngelis, Katherine Clark, Robert Johnstone, Janet Hueston and Christina Miller. Survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and the love of her life, Bob, who stood by her through it all. Mary's life will be celebrated at a memorial service Monday, January 30th at 5:30pm at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make a donation to the charity of your choice.



JOHN C. EARLE

January 17, 2006 Age 77 Husband of the late Barbara. Dear father of Robert B. (Bianca), Stephen A. (Mitchell) and Elizabeth Kojala (C. Michael). Grandfather of Chase, Chelsea and Christopher Kojala. Funeral service was Friday at A.J. Desmond & Sons, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Interment Earle Abbey, Glenwood Cemetery, Homer, NY. Memorial tributes to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



CHARLES JETCHICK

Age 81, January 19, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Margaret M. Dear father of William, John (Gayle), Michael (Dawn) and Jeannie (John) LaCroix. Grandfather of Carrie (Darrell) Dillmore, Jimmy Jetchick, Anne LaCroix and Ethan LaCroix. Dear brother of the late Adam, Edward and Eleanor. Visitation Saturday 4-9 pm and Sunday 1-9 pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Service Monday 11 am at the funeral home. Interment Parkview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.



CLARENCE A. KAECHLE

Of Beverly Hills MI and Siesta Key FL Died January 5, 2006 after a courageous battle with lung cancer in his Florida Home. A native of Detroit, he was the only son of Clarence A. Kaechle Sr. & Anna Simons Kaechle. He was former President of B & G Automation Inc of Southfield MI. Survivors include his wife Marge (nee McCallum) a daughter Karen Lavens (Bob) of Bloomfield Village, and a son Bill Kaechle (Cheryl) of Farmington Hills. A granddaughter Muffy Lavens, and twin grandsons Alex and Zach Kaechle. Private Services were held in Florida. Memorial Donations may be made to the Tidwell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota FL 34238, or the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Dr, Southfield MI 48075-5218.

RICHARD R. (DICK) LANNIN

Age 70 of Garden City died January 18. Loving father of Rick, Cindy (William) Spinks and Tammy Huegel. Dear brother of James and grandfather of five and great grandfather of two. Kind friend to many. Private services at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, MI. To leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



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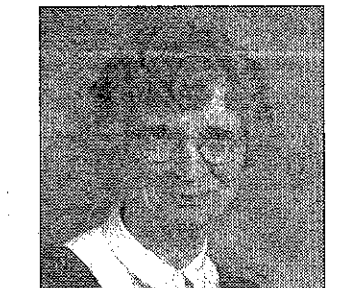
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DOROTHY C. WOODWARD

Age 80 of Livonia, Michigan. Passed away Jan. 17, 2006. Loving Mother-Grandmother and Aunt. She is survived by sons Gary Tackett (Becky) of CA. & Richard Tackett (Doris) of MI. Grandson Mark Tackett of MI. Nephew Raymond Bussey (Doris) of MD. Memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 32070 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, MI. 48154. January 28, 2006 at 1:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Watch Tower, 25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York 11201

SISTER MARY CECILE RIPSFLINGER, RSM
Sister of Mercy, Educator,
Pastoral Minister

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Cecile Ripslinger, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 73 years, died at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills on January 18, 2006. She was 90. She was born on September 3, 1915 to Frank and Abbie (Spielmacher) Ripslinger in Saginaw and named Rose Ann at her baptism. After graduation from Mt. Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids, she joined the Sisters of Mercy in Dubuque, Iowa, where she received the name, Sister Mary Cecile. She professed perpetual vows on August 16, 1938. Sister Mary Cecile earned a bachelor of arts degree from Mercy College of Detroit and a master of arts degree from the University of Detroit. Her teaching career in parochial elementary schools in Michigan and Iowa spanned almost 40 years. Sister Mary Cecile taught in Grand Haven, Midland, Holland, Bay City, Parnell, Berkley, Temperance, Cheboygan, Lansing, Pinconning, Hemlock and Hazel Park, Michigan, and in Early and Independence, Iowa. She served in pastoral ministry at St. Simon Parish in Ludington from 1974 to 1985, Holy Spirit in Grand Rapids for two years, and St. Joseph Parish in Battle Creek from 1988 until 1993, when she retired to a life of prayer at McAuley Center. Sister Mary Cecile is remembered as a person who enjoyed life and encouraged others to do their best. Those who knew her as a colleague and as a teacher recalled how she not only imparted basic knowledge to her students, but also led them to an appreciation of music. In her pastoral care years, she was especially attentive to the needs of the elderly. A welcoming service and prayer vigil were held on January 19, 2006. The Mass of Resurrection was held at McAuley Center on January 20, 2006, followed by burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills was in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

ANNIVERSARY

Edmonds 60th

Edwin "Ted" Roy and Margaret "Peggy" Florence (nee Eglin) Edmonds of Livonia will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Jan. 26. They were married Jan. 26, 1946, in Utica. They celebrated their wedding reception at the Copper Kettle restaurant.

Ted and Peggy met in 1945 in Farmington Hills while Ted was servicing Peggy's car. She was working at the Diesel plant and Ted was working at the service station. Ted retired from Coon Brothers (Redford) in 1986 after a long career where he was the body shop manager for many years. He is a founding member and active volunteer of the Yankee Air Force Museum at Willow Run Airport.

Peggy was a stay at home homemaker. She worked for some convalescent homes in her middle years.

They have lived in the Livonia area most of their married life. Margaret grew up in the Harbor Beach area and Ted grew up in Rose City. They are members of Newburgh United Methodist Church.

Ted and Peggy have four children, Lesly and Don Wisch of Charlotte, N.C., Cheryl Brevik of



Livonia, Mike and Debbie Edmonds of Wixom, and Gary and Rusty Edmonds of Livonia; and 12 grandchildren.

An anniversary dinner is being planned with family and friends to celebrate the occasion.

SINGLES

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.

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Join our E-mail list at www.mspsc.com for special events. Information (248) 544-6445. Office (248) 851-9919 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Euchre

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 also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members.

Dances

MSP dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres (8-

9:30 p.m.) and door prizes. Admission \$5/members, \$9/non-members, unless otherwise noted. Attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes) unless otherwise noted.

■ Friday, Jan. 27 - Holiday Inn-Livonia, Six Mile Road at I-275, Exit 170. Directions only call (734) 464-1300.

■ Friday, Feb. 10 - Sheraton Hotel-Nov, Eight Mile Road at I-275, Exit 167.

Bowling Party/Dinner

Bowling Party/Dinner is 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills. Three games - no tap. Three mystery games, "Strike Shoot" Prize Money. Check-in at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m. All welcome, all levels welcome. Admission \$22 in advance or \$25 at door. Non-smoking event.

Ski/Party/Dance

■ Saturdays, Feb. 18 and March 4 - Downhill skiing, party and dance at Mt. Brighton, I-96 exit 145, follow the signs and turn right at Big Boy. Anytime 6 p.m. till 2 a.m.

Discounted singles group rate is \$20 - includes an all area lift ticket, admission to party and dance (8 p.m. to 1

a.m.) in Smart Alex. Top 40 D.J., cash bar, hors d'oeuvres (9 p.m.) and door prizes. Discounted ski rental. Admission to party/dance for skiers is free, non-skiers/\$9.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

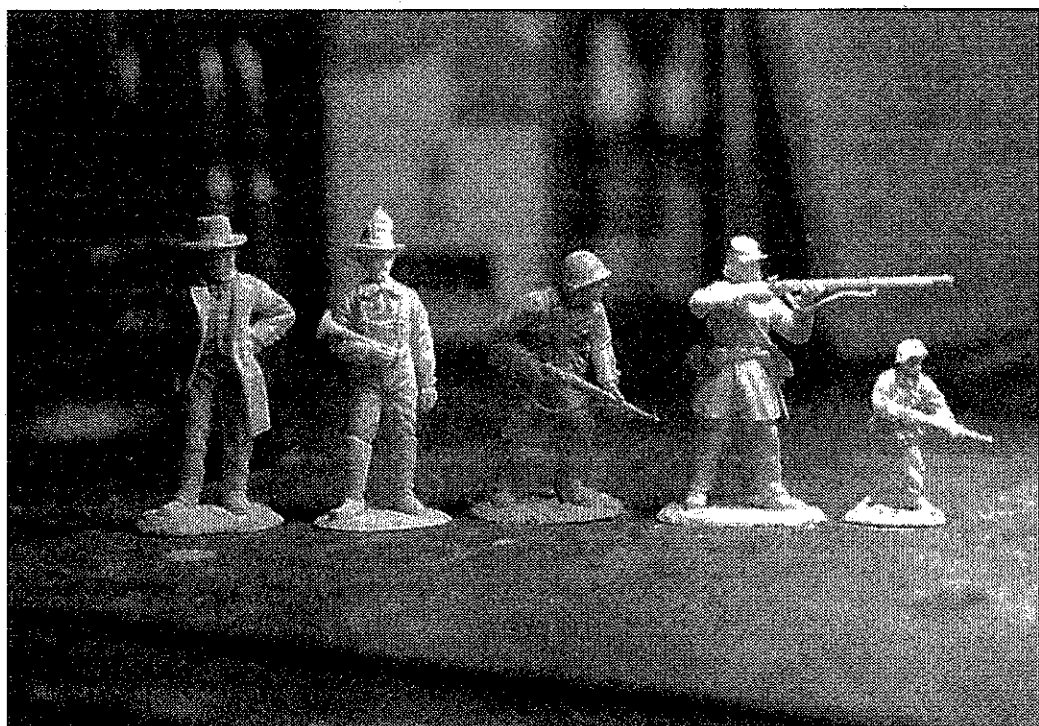
Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ P.A.C.S. - 7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Mondays in Room C309.

■ Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.

Fourth Friday

Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. Walk through the Bible series in Knox Hall (7-9:30 p.m.) and Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$20.



These detailed toy soldiers designed by Ken Osen will be painted in authentic colors for collectors.

TOY SOLDIERS

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14th Detroit Toy Soldier & Figure Show Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Livonia Holiday Inn.

Osen creates molds for highly detailed miniature soldiers, artillery and buildings. He also creates life size displays for museums.

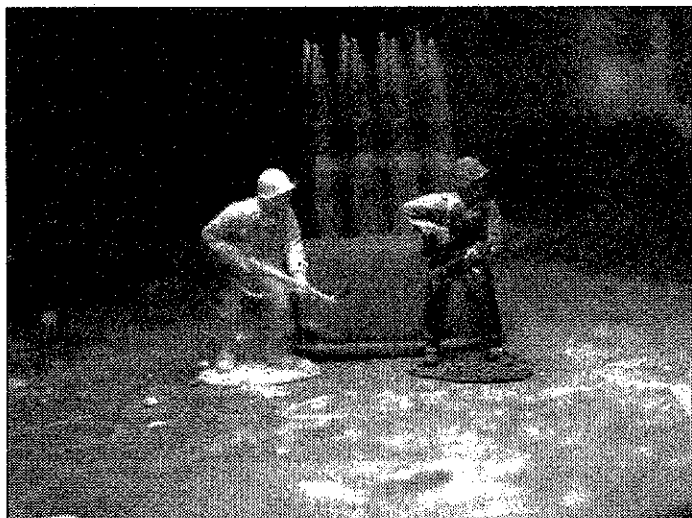
"For Monroe I built a full-size mannequin and environment to depict Custer's career, he was from Monroe, and the Battle of the Raisin River in the War of 1812 which was fought there," he said.

After leaving the police department, Osen used his sculpting skills to create dental prosthetics for 11 years before following his lifelong interest in military modeling.

"In 1990, after going to Europe with friends to a living history museum, I figured work for museums would keep me busy for a couple years," he said.

He designs figures from all periods of history, but he has a special interest in World War II.

"That's been a lifetime interest," he said. "All my neighbors and relatives when I was growing up were veterans of World War II. My Uncle Ken would drag out a box of memorabilia and there was always a story behind it. These were my heroes, ordinary guys who went to war and came back."



The bullet casings show the size of the toy soldiers.

In addition to collecting and modeling toy soldiers, Osen also collects military memorabilia.

"I collect pre-Korean War, mostly World War II," he said. "Uncle Ken was wounded in Germany and I'm not so much interested in dress uniforms as in infantry items, everything from cigarettes to rations to dog tags."

Since he was 16, Osen has also been active in black powder groups.

He said wearing period uniforms and carrying period weapons helps him to sculpt his figures more accurately.

Osen also has an extensive collection of books on military history and uniforms.

"I get calls from all over the country," he said. "Someone will ask how many buttons are supposed

to be on this uniform. It's part of my everyday environment."

The Livonia show will include more than 75 toy soldier vendors and more than 50 military memorabilia collectors selling antique militaria including uniforms, equipment, medals, patches, books, prints and more.

Members of the Michigan Historical Miniatures Club will hold a modeling competition. A special area will be set up for children to paint figures.

Living Historians will be dressed in period uniforms from the Revolutionary era through World War II.

Any re-enactor dressed in period costume will be admitted to the show free of charge.

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'COMFORT'

FROM PAGE C1

Someone suggested Comfort Keepers as an alternative to moving her parents to an assisted living facility. It turned out to be a life-changing decision for everyone.

"They wanted to stay in their house, but my brother and I were uncomfortable with them in the house by themselves with us so far away," Bev Gregory said. "It's hard to get here every day. We looked at other services, but (Comfort Keepers) seemed more dependable. They seemed to have my mother's best interests at heart."

Comfort Keepers sends caregivers into the homes of clients, primarily senior citizens, and help out with non-medical care, things like cleaning, laundry, errands or just keeping them company for an hour.

"We go out and meet people and talk with them about their needs," said Jeanne Trumpy, a Farmington Hills resident who owns the Plymouth Comfort Keepers with her daughter. "It gives us a chance to figure out what caregiver would work well with them. We like to get a feel for our clients."

Bev Gregory admits to a little nervousness over the idea of bringing a service in. She'd had a bad experience with an uncle getting poor care, so her trepidation seemed natural.

"Because Dad was still alive and he was sharp, I knew he'd throw them out if there was trouble, so I was confident getting someone," Gregory said. "I was very cautious in picking Comfort Keepers."

The care the company has given her parents — father Jim died recently — seems to have calmed Gregory's nerves. Caregiver Bonnie Mettie of Plymouth, who actually lives near Evelyn's home, comes in a couple of days a week to do some cooking, some shopping and sometimes simply talk.

"Sometimes if we don't have to go shopping, we just sit and

visit, think of fun things to do," said Bonnie Mettie, a Comfort Keepers caregiver who retired from General Motors. "People get a beam in their eye when you show up at their door. They love to talk about the past, about things they've done."

Trumpy and her daughter, Sarah Webb, got into Comfort Keepers as a way to go into business together. Trumpy, an independent insurance agent, focused on long-term care insurance, also owned a flower shop in Farmington Hills for 10 years.

Wanting to go in another direction Trumpy, who also worked in medical technology at Botsford Hospital, started searching the Internet for something she could do with her daughter. With her medical background, Trumpy figured she'd found the right fit with Comfort Keepers.

She went down to the company's corporate headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, for a week of what she called "very intense" training, and came back knowing that's what she wanted to do.

"I was with her from day one at the florist, and I was there until she went to Dayton to check it out," said Webb, a Livonia resident. "When she

came back she said, 'This is it.'"

Webb said her personality suits the job.

"They never really described how one-on-one this job is," Webb said. "With my heart, the way I fall in love with people, that's perfect."

Comfort Keeper services include conversation and companionship, light house-keeping, errand services, medication reminders, grooming and dressing guidance, mail assistance and organization, laundry and linen washing and emergency monitoring systems.

"We don't come in and tell them what we're going to do," Webb said. "We ask them what they need. They're the bosses."

Until she had to be hospitalized, Evelyn never really needed help with those things.

"At first, I didn't think I needed any help," said Evelyn, who recently turned 85. "As I got older, I realized I did. I have been helped so much the last few years. I used to be active in all the clubs, but I lost that when I got sick."

"Now I'm getting better, and I intend to get that back."

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SHURGARD STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 01/30/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard Storage of Canton North *2101 Haggerty Rd* Canton*734-981-0300

6231	Chambers	Household Items
4258	Denney	Household Items
6040	Gregory	Household Items
5236	Haynes	Household Items
2026	Hibbard	Household Items
5208	Kawucha	Household Items
6230	Merritt	Household Items
6014	Mountain Jack's	Restaurant Equipment
6244	Owens	Household Items
6205	Pitts	Household Items
3048	Smith	Household Items
3016	Swider	Household Items
3015	Vukmirovich	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave* Canton*734-398-5416

4038	Simpson, R	Household goods
4016	Byars, D	Learn/dev. items
3027	Knight, R	Household items& tools
5245	Morley, E	Household items
4139	Rampe, C	Household items
4210	Pittman, M	Household items
5018	Newsome, J	Household items
4039	Murray, S	Household items
4145	Steele, K	Household items

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge* Dearborn*313-277-2000

2140	Bassett, Kelly	Household Items
1214	Chishti, Mark	Household Items
2182	Dozier, Joseph	Household Items
1024	Gross, Doris	Household Items
1028	Jaber, Ali	Household Items
3016	Kubinski, Karl	Household Items
2390	Parker, Akilah	Household Items
2288	Pinon, Anthony	Household Items
3002	Pinon, Anthony	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia* 734-522-7811

2009	Kenney	Household Goods
2021	Lyons	Household Goods
2095	Thompson-Searcy	Household Goods
2119	Wood	Household Goods
3001	Robinson	Household Goods
3003	Lawless	Household Goods
3014	Robbins	Household Goods
3108	Humphries	Household Goods
3115	Stein	Household Goods
4033	Cotton	Household Goods
4044	Whitmore	Household Goods
4058	Myers	Household Goods
4138	Davis	Household Goods
9020	Wimbush	Household Goods
9043	Marks	Household Goods

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5102	Allen Park Hockey	household/misc
3057	Burch	household goods
3042	Clippert	household goods
6011	Farraj	household goods
6066	Hilliker	household goods
7016	King	household goods
6107	Kortas	household goods
4083	Lovelace	household goods
6070	Manville	household goods
6006	Melcher	household goods
4018	Migdal	household goods
9074	Mooney	household goods
5053	Nundley	household goods
5045	Harris	household goods
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5089	Pierce	household goods
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3010	Reno	household goods
3036	Ryan	household goods
4057	Ryan	household goods
7060	Sawinski	household goods
2005	Slavik	household goods
6041	Slavik	household goods
3004	Smith	household goods
2055	Wix	household goods

Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-6000

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2036	Dunlap	Household goods
3120	Hannum	Household goods
3170	Hannum	Household goods
3116	Hendon-Jenkins	Household goods
4138	Hudson	Household goods
1056	Miller	Household goods
5094	Rutledge	Household goods
5130	Rutledge	Household goods
5078	Watkins	Household goods

Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734-459-2200

9185	Taylor, D	Household goods
1001	Sanders, V	Household goods
1070	Gause, S	Lamps, vacuum, bed, boxes, bins
3024	Clark, K.	TV, chair, boxes, bags, household items

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LIBRARY PICKS

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FICTION

1. "The Hostage," W.E.B. Griffin
2. "S is for Silence," Sue Grafton
3. "Predator," Patricia

Cornwell

4. "At First Sight," Nicholas Sparks
5. "Forever Odd," Dean Koontz

NON-FICTION

1. "My Friend Leonard," James Frey
2. "The Year of Magical Thinking," Joan Didion
3. "Teacher Man," Frank McCourt
4. "Our Endangered Values," Jimmy Carter
5. "Marley & Me," John Grogan

PARENTS' CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION BOOKS

1. "Tsunamis," Peggy Parks
2. "The Founders, the 39 Stories Behind the U.S. Constitution," Dennis Fredin
3. "How the Amazon Queen Fought the Prince of Egypt," Tamara Bower
4. "A Writing Kind of Day," Ralph Fletcher
5. "Owls," Gail Gibbons

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To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: www.plymouthtwp.org.

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for the new Workman Elementary School in Canton.** Specifications, bid forms, and additional information are available by contacting Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the Districts E.J. McClendon Administration Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on or before 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 20th, 2006 where they will be read publicly. 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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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z 06-01 450 W. Ann Arbor Rd PB Carwash
Non-Use Variances Requested
5' Driveway Greenbelt
& Vacuum Location
Zoned: ARC,
Ann Arbor Road Corridor
Applicant: Spence Babcock

Z 06-02 702 Coolidge
Non-Use Variances Requested
Front Yard & 2-Side Yard Setbacks
Zoned: R-1,
Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Chris & Joy Wolf

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth 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/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Request for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
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Ask the
Surgeon
General

Dr. Kimberlydawn
Wisdom

Know your health history

What is a family health history?

A family health history is information about health and disease in your grandparents, parents, children and more distant relatives. It reflects all of the factors that influence health and are often shared by family members, including lifestyles, behaviors, ethnicity, traditions, cultures, religions, social supports, stress and environments – even genes. All of these factors work together in determining a person's state of health.

Take a few minutes to talk to one or more of your relatives about the diseases and health conditions that run in your family. Don't leave your health or the health of your loved ones to chance.

If my parents have a certain disease does it mean that I will develop the disease?

Not necessarily. Just because your parents have developed a chronic disease doesn't mean that you will. But your risk of developing the disease is higher than someone who does not have a family history of that same disease. A risk factor is something that increases your chance of developing a disease or health problem. If you know that you may be at higher risk, you can work with your health care provider to take the steps you need to be healthy and delay or prevent disease.

Why is knowing my family health history important?

Your family health history is an important risk factor for chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke, some cancers and other conditions that may run in families. Your family health history may hold important clues to past, current and future health risks. Knowing this information will allow you to work with your health care provider to make important lifestyle changes in diet, tobacco use or physical activity. For example, if you have a family history of heart disease, diabetes, stroke, high cholesterol or high blood pressure (also called hypertension), something as simple as brisk walking 30 minutes a day and following a healthy low-fat diet could prevent you from ever getting the condition or delay your getting it. Knowing your family

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The long wait

Heart transplant patient keeps his optimism

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

David Hebestreit found the latest news from his team of cardiologists and surgeons at the Cleveland Clinic uplifting. On Wednesday, the transplant coordinator told Hebestreit the clinic turned down a couple of hearts because donors were smokers and antibodies failed to match.

The information might depress many transplant patients, but not Hebestreit. He is not about to lose his optimism and sense of humor even though he's been waiting in the transplant unit in Ohio since Dec. 20. A donor heart will eventually enable Hebestreit to return to a full schedule of coaching girls varsity soccer, teaching English and advising students on the newspaper at Churchill High School in Livonia. The 34-year-old Livonia resident even intends to play soccer again.

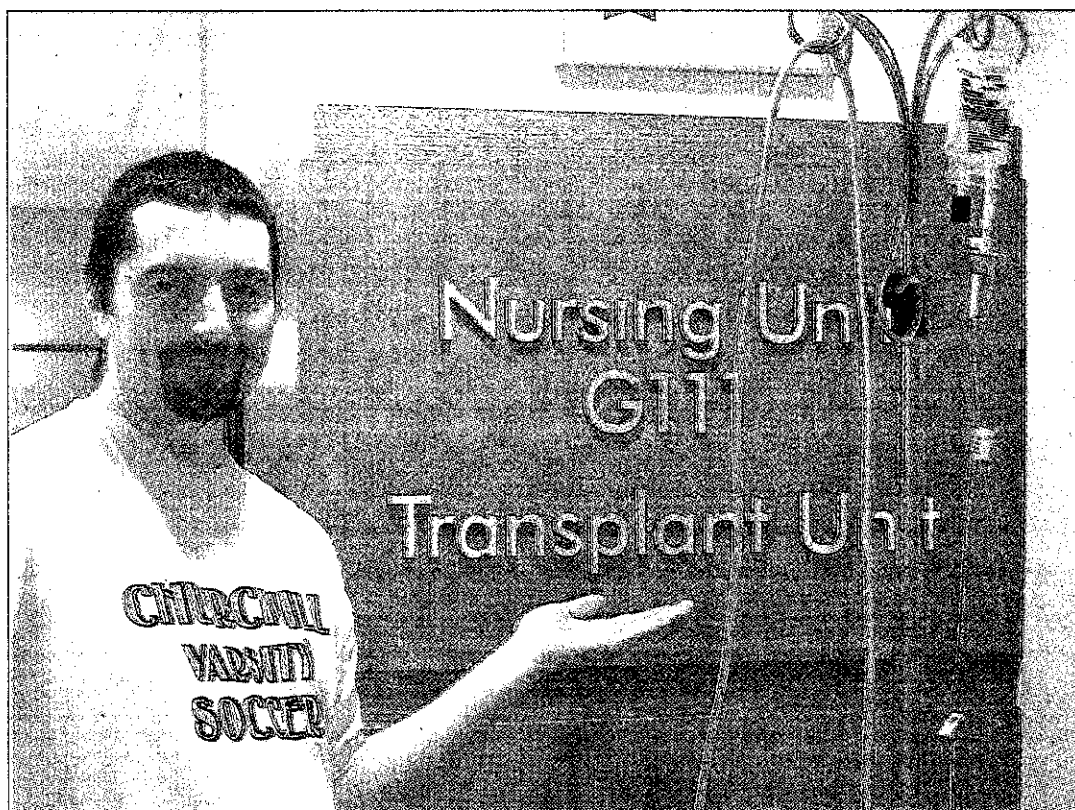
Hebestreit played professionally in Europe, California and Michigan before suffer-

ing a brain aneurysm on the way home from a game in Ann Arbor in 1996. He was rushed into the operating room at St. Mary Mercy Hospital for emergency surgery to successfully repair the rupture, but later developed endocarditis, an infection of the heart.

After three weeks in the Livonia hospital, Hebestreit was transferred to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for treatment. After another 3½ weeks there, physicians were hopeful that he would not need open heart surgery for the aortic and mitral valve damage caused by the infection. Hebestreit resumed his life as coach of the boys varsity soccer team at Franklin High School in Livonia after holding a similar position at Madonna University for two years.

'THE BEST I CAN'

"I haven't been depressed through any of this. I'm just dealing with it the best I can," said Hebestreit. "I was lucky I came home from Europe when I did. I could have been



LINDSAY STEBBINS

David Hebestreit is trying to keep his sense of humor while waiting for a heart transplant at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. Here the Churchill High School girls soccer coach gestures to the 24-hour IV that he likens to rocket fuel.

in Poland. I feel fortunate that things happened the way they did."

Hebestreit's ordeal wasn't over. In May 1997, surgeons replaced his aortic valve and repaired the mitral, but heart muscle damage eventually began to affect his ability to run and workout. Hebestreit was enrolled in the Heart Transplant program at the

University of Michigan four years ago but was never listed. His continual decline led him to make an appointment at the Cleveland Clinic for a second opinion. In September 2005, he was listed after going through testing at the clinic. As his condition worsened, the transplant process began to speed up. In December Hebestreit was

bumped to 1A status and put on a 24-hour IV of milrinone, a medication he likens to rocket fuel. These days, Hebestreit feels so good that he wishes it was available in an oral medication he could take at home until a donor heart becomes available.

"I realize for that to happen

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Pet-a-pet

Volunteers with social animals needed for visits in Canton at the HCR Heartland Center on Lilley, south of Warren. Visits are 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information and pet requirements, call Pat Gilinski at (313) 278-4428.

Stress Clinic

With Dr. Arthur Weaver 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, and Thursday, Jan. 26 (for best results attend all sessions), at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. No charge, but donations accepted. Call (734) 466-2540.

Divorce support

Legal aspects of divorce presented by Laura Reyes Kopack, an attorney with Brashara, Tangora, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month to discuss divorce and family issues, a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-

4443.

Half hour to health

A fun and informative look at how the human body works and the five aspects of health will be covered in a lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C. 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. Topics include the most beneficial foods for your health and how low carb diets may be dangerous. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 455-4444.

Pressure point therapy

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. Learn how to find and treat pressure points for headaches, back pain, sinuses, neck pain, carpal tunnel, PMS, low energy and joint pain. To register for free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating limited.

Caregiver support group

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

Back Pain?

Westland, MI - According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, **1-888-744-2225**. (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)

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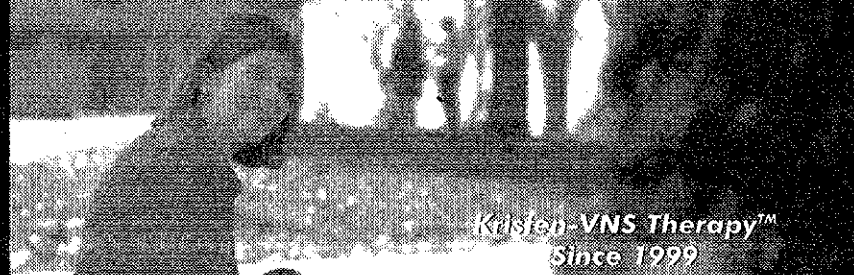
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someone must die so the need for donors is paramount," said Hebestreit. "There's an amazing number of people who die every day without being on the registry. I never thought about signing up. I was just a young kid."

Physicians at the Cleveland Clinic have told Hebestreit that because he does not drink, smoke or eat fat foods, he is the perfect candidate for a heart transplant. So he waits – and waits, passing the time by reading, playing Scrabble and managing his Web site www.thestatus.com (click on visit a patient then log in his last name and password, thirst-one). The clinic provides the site so friends and family can check on a patient's progress and post messages of encouragement.

CLEVELAND CLINIC

During her five years as coordinator of the heart transplant program, Lori Coleman has seen patients wait as short as 45 minutes and as long as years. The availability of a heart or any other organ depends on a donor. One person can donate up to eight organs (a heart, two kidneys, pancreas, two lungs, liver, and intestine) as well as tissue that includes bone, heart valves, skin, corneas, veins, and tendons.

"Last year, the Cleveland Clinic did 72 heart transplants and were third in the nation for volume," said Coleman, a registered nurse. "We've been doing transplants since 1984 for a total of 1,198 transplants. "Ohio has presumed consent. Now if you don't say you're not a donor then you are. Most of the times they will still ask a family. Say I didn't register as a non-donor and something happens to me, the procurement organization will still ask."

According to Tammie Havermahl, 84 people died waiting for a transplant in Michigan last year. Havermahl



LINDSAY STEBBINS

Nurse Sang Hee Seo, also known as Sunny, helps brighten the day of transplant patients such as David Hebestreit.

is public education director for Gift of Life, the Michigan donor organization that is part of the national registry, The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. If a donor dies in Michigan most likely the recipient will live in Michigan, but geographical location is last on the list when matching a donor and recipient. If a Michigan recipient does not meet requirements, the computer searches the Indiana and Ohio region and then nationally.

"Those 84 people did not have to die because there were enough eligible donors, but we were not able to get consent," said Havermahl. "On a positive side we had 954 organ and tissue donors last year, up from 941 in 2004. Prior to that we had never broke over 867."

Havermahl is hoping to see an even larger number of residents signing up to donate organs when new legislation takes effect in 2007. Until then, it takes more than signing the back of a driver's license to register. Beginning next January the Secretary of State will be required to ask if a person wants to become an

organ and tissue donor. If the answer is yes, information will be transmitted to Gift of Life.

"At this point we only have about 8 percent of the population on the donor registry," said Havermahl. "If people haven't designated their wish to be a donor this is the worst time for us to talk to the family. Some families no matter what the situation may not have accepted that their loved one has died, especially from an accident when it's so quick. The most important thing is to make a decision and sign up on the donor registry. Talk to your family and find out what they want too. From donor families, overwhelmingly I hear that was the only good thing to come out of their tragedy, that they were able to pass on the legacy of their loved one."

For more information about registering to become an organ and tissue donor, call (800) 482-4881, or visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

For information about the heart transplant program at the Cleveland Clinic, call (800) 223-2273, Ext. 56548, or visit www.clevelandclinic.org. (ichomin@hometownlife.com) | (734) 953-2145

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health history will also help to determine the timing and frequency of screening tests (such as blood pressure or mammograms) that are most important for you.

What should I collect and record in a family health history?

Of the 10 leading causes of death in Michigan, at least nine are important to collect and record on your family health history. These include cardiovascular or heart disease (including high blood pressure), cancer, stroke, lung disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's, kidney disease and serious lung infections like pneumonia. You should also make a note about high blood pressure, high cholesterol, asthma/allergies, osteoporosis, mental illness and sudden unexplained deaths. Lifestyles and behaviors such as smoking, substance abuse, or poor diet are also important. It is also important to keep track of the age when the disease occurred and how many generations are affected.

For more information on collecting your family history, call (866) 852-1247 or visit the Michigan Genetics Connection Web site at: www.MiGeneticsConnection.org or the United States Surgeon General's Family History Initiative Web site at: www.hhs.gov/familyhistory. The U.S. Surgeon General has created a new computerized tool to help make it fun and easy for anyone to create a portrait of their family's health. This new tool, called My Family Health Portrait can be downloaded for free. It will help you organize your family tree and help you identify common diseases that may run in your family.

Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom is the Michigan surgeon general. Send questions to Ask the Surgeon General, P.O. Box 1234, Lansing, MI 48056 or email surgeongeneral@michigan.gov (type "Ask the Surgeon General" in the subject field).

Learn how to raise fit kids in a fast world

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and McDonald's are joining together to raise public awareness about the growing childhood obesity epidemic with a program called, "Fit Kids 4 Life: Raising Fit Kids In A Fast World." The program will be held 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Westland Shopping Center Community Room. In addition to a presentation by Joe Piscatella, president of the Institute for Fitness and Health, St. Mary Mercy Hospital physicians and health educators will be available to address questions.

Piscatella is a nationally recognized expert and best-selling author. He provides information and strategies for out-of-time parents along with easy-to-implement strategies for parents to teach children healthy exercise and eating habits. He teaches parents how to motivate kids to be physically active, how to limit television and video viewing, and how to make fast food a friend.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 12 percent of Michigan high school students are overweight. Obesity, especially among children, is a serious threat to our nation's

health. In fact, not only could obesity take years off of the lives of today's children, the World Bank estimates the cost at 12 percent of the nation's health care budget.

Additional organizations participating in the program include the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Livonia and Plymouth Family YMCAs, Livonia Parks & Recreation, and other health and fitness organizations offering a wealth of information to help families promote kids' healthy living.

"Obesity in children is a serious issue with many health and social consequences that often continue into adulthood. Implementing prevention options and gaining a better understanding of treatment for children is important to controlling their future health," said Katie Dooley, RD, CDE, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. This free event is intended for adult audiences such as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or guardians. For more information and to register, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital at (734) 655-8950, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

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CORTISONE BY MOUTH AND BY INJECTION

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Over time, a particular dose of cortisone loses its efficacy. You need a higher dose to obtain the same relief, and at the same time, a higher dose intensifies the side effects listed above.

Given the problems with cortisone, it may surprise you that instances arise when your doctor, besides prescribing oral cortisone, will recommend a cortisone injection. This occurrence arises because at times, despite a good medical regimen, your arthritis may flare. However, instead of pain everywhere, you may experience a single wrist, ankle, or shoulder that swells and throbs.

Because your therapy is sound, your doctor is reluctant to increase medication or a new drug. Any change brings the risk of a drug reaction. Injecting the inflamed joint with cortisone offers an alternative. An injection brings anti-inflammatory medication directly to the site needing it. Furthermore, the chemical structure of injectable cortisone means, that unlike the oral form, the injectable medication stays in the joint. You run no additional risk of cortisone side effects, and your doctor does not have to reorganize your treatment plan.

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Group assists MS patients and families

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6-7 p.m. Jan. 27 and every Friday evening at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. It is a water exercise class for MS patients and their families. Support group meeting from 7:15-8:15 p.m. For information, call Karolyn Davis, (734) 459-9715, or Mike Hickey, (734) 522-0036.

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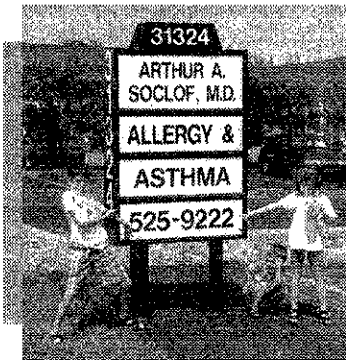
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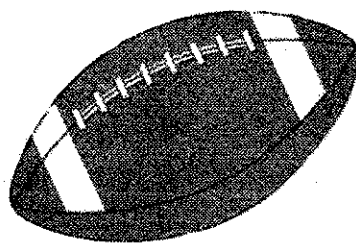
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Don't miss
PINK's
Super Bowl Style
issue next
Sunday!

Football 101



Score a touchdown
with your Super Bowl party

By Anna Foard Whidden

You may not know football terminology, but you still can throw a fabulous Super Bowl party with help from Carla Schwartz, editor of Style the Magazine. Schwartz will be conducting three Football 101 workshops this month, and she recently talked with PINK about her upcoming free style sessions.

What do you have planned for Football 101 workshops?

The workshops are two hours. The first hour, conducted by a football expert, focuses on the game of football. As editor of Style magazine, I will be hosting the second hour. I will be sharing tips on "How to Throw a Super Bowl Party with Style." I will be discussing invitations, setting the table, planning the menu, party favor ideas and what to wear.

Who are these workshops ideal for?

These workshops are perfect for all of the people who will be watching the game at home.

What inspired you to hold these workshops?

Taubman Malls approached me as editor of Style magazine. Style magazine always has a home story in each issue and often a related home entertaining story. I'm regularly on TV talking about the holidays and home "theme" entertaining - Halloween, Fall, etc.

Football parties conjure images of hot dogs, beer and a lot of yelling at the television.

Football 101

Style the Magazine Editor Carla Schwartz will offer tips on Super Bowl entertaining, and Detroit Lion Chris Fritzsche, joined by the Lions mascot Roary, will highlight the basics of football.

- 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills
- 6-8 p.m. Jan. 28, Fairlane Town Centers, Dearborn
- Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, Twelve Oaks, Novi



Style Editor Carla Schwartz

Are you suggesting they can be elegant and stylish instead?

Presentation is key in hosting any party. The tabletop setting makes a statement. How you serve hot dogs and what you serve with the food makes all the difference.

What makes home entertaining for the football crowd unique?

Football-goers are a fun crowd, so anything goes! Super Bowl gives the host the opportunity to capitalize on the football theme and also where the teams are from.

Can you give a sampling of some tips you will share at your workshops?

I will be handing out some great, quick and easy "munchie" recipes, from party mixes to a football field layered bean dip. I will be demonstrating

some creative tabletops and talking about what to wear with your favorite jeans.

What should one wear to a football party? Are jerseys OK?

With your favorite jeans, one can wear anything from a blazer to a lace top to a jersey. Jerseys are fine as long as they aren't too sloppy.

Are you a football fan?

My family loves football. I must confess that during the Super Bowl, my highlight is the half-time entertainment and the commercials. They are always interesting and even sometimes controversial.

What are your plans for Super Bowl weekend?

I think the pre-Super Bowl parties in town are going to be great. There's the Taste of the NFL at the Rock Financial

Showplace in Novi that will feature chefs from across the nation and a party called Leather & Laces at the Royal Oak Music Theater. There's also the Player of the Year Awards starting at the Capital Grille in Troy and ending at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Tickets will be sold to the public and NFL players will be attending all of these events.

Super Bowl XL will be played Sunday, Feb. 5 at Ford Field. For more information on local events, visit www.sbxl.org. Check out Style the Magazine online at www.stylethemagazine.com.

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By Wendy

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Large cuffs in your jeans over high-heel boots

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Saks Beauty Beauty Events

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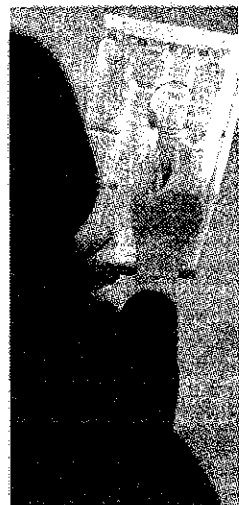
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Taking new stock in female CEOs

(NAPSI) — When it comes to driving the economy, women work. Women make up about half of the American work force and the U.S. Small Business Administration reports that America's 9.1 million women-owned businesses employ 27.5 million people and contribute \$3.6 trillion to the economy.

So what's the key to women's business successes? Numerous studies have pointed to different leadership styles between women and men, but some attribute the success of businesses run by women to their innovative techniques and strategies and their ability to understand their customers.

For instance, under CEO and President GERALYNN MADONNA, Spiegel catalog recently re-branded itself as the "Idea Resource," which offers fashion collections, expert advice, stylist tips, ideas and solutions to its consumer base. This original method can help many women feel more comfortable shopping for clothes via catalog and Internet.

Now, Madonna has partnered with renowned fashion designer Norma Kamali to bring an exclusive designer collection to women across the country. This collaboration will provide women with the opportunity to purchase designer pieces at affordable prices. Called Norma Kamali Timeless, the collection is available through Spiegel's catalog and Web site, www.spiegel.com, as well as at



Ten percent of Fortune 500 companies have women holding at least one-quarter of all corporate officer positions.

Kamali's New York boutique, and all at Spiegel prices, something unique in designer fashion.

The 17-piece line is created from jersey knit for comfort and convenience and includes three convertible items: the All-in-One Mini, the All-in-One-Dress and the Convertible Tie-Waist-Skirt, which can be transformed into humorous looks with a simple twist of fabric and is available in solid black or red with select pieces in black and red stripes.

Trend watchers say the success of Madonna and other female CEOs may help pave the way for future women business leaders and eventually lead to an increase in the number of women CEOs in corporate America. The research firm Catalyst found 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies have women holding at least a quarter of corporate officer positions.

For more information on Norma Kamali Timeless, visit www.spiegel.com.

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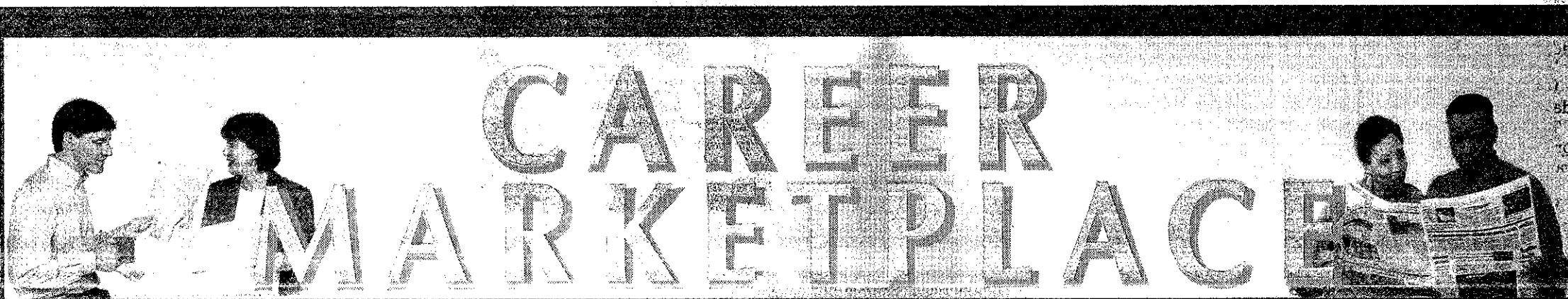
Many job seekers fail to send a cover letter with their resume. The cover letter is the handshake or introduction that sets up the resume. Most resumes have 30 seconds or less to get

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Education Seminars

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

■ 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 headquarters, 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.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15,

"You've Got Mail: WOW the Dot Com Customer" at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. Registration fees are \$45 for Sales & Marketing Council members, \$65 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Making Work Flow: Evaluating Technology to Integrate with Today's Best Practices" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Brick Selection: What Will Work Best for Your Homes?" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes for January and February:

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 23, 25, 30 & Feb. 1, How To Build Your Own Home, Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, \$199 plus \$30 for two course textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 19, Waterford Community Education. (248) 682-1088.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 23, 25, 30 & Feb. 1, Builder's Pre-License, Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 19, Walled Lake Community Education. (248) 956-5000.

■ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 24, 26, 31 & Feb. 2, Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Jan. 20, Birmingham Community Education. (248) 203-3800.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 30 & Feb. 1, Basement Remodeling, Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills, \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 26, Bloomfield Hills Community Education. (248) 433-0885.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 6, 8, 13, 15, "How To Build Your Own Home," Henry Ford Community College-Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, \$189 for residents plus \$30 for two course textbooks and \$208 nonresident plus \$30 for two course textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Feb. 2, Henry Ford Community College. (313) 317-1500.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 6, 8, 13, 15, "Michigan State Builder's License Examination," The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 2, Farmington Community Education. (248) 489-3333.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 7, 9, 14, 16, "Michigan State Builder's License Examination," Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, \$201 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Friday, Feb. 3, Livonia Community Education. (734) 744-2602.

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In the market for a closet storage system? Lowe's recommends that you follow these steps to find the right unit to meet your clothing storage needs.

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BE A SAVVY SHOPPER

When you visit the store to purchase a closet system, bring along the measurements, your list of needs, and a sketch of your floor plan with any ideas. As you browse, narrow down the units first based on size, then features you need, and finally amenities you want.

Additional information is available online at www.lowes.com.



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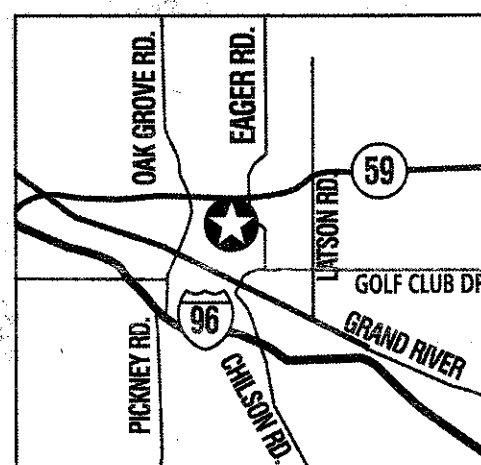
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Growing Van Buren market welcomes new development

Hunter Pasteur Homes, a Farmington Hills-based residential home builder, is taking the wraps off its newest community Jan. 28 with the opening of the first model home for Cobblestone Creek in Van Buren Township.

Cobblestone Creek is a community of 79 homes situated on approximately 117 acres in a natural setting. Located just south of Canton and east of Ann Arbor, the rural charm of Van Buren Township is showcased at Cobblestone Creek.

"Cobblestone Creek offers incredible value and quality in the tranquil community of Van Buren Township," said Randy Wertheimer, a principal of Hunter Pasteur Homes.

"Cobblestone Creek has the small-town feel with all the modern conveniences you look for in a community, including close proximity to local shopping and the expressways."

Cobblestone Creek offers five different floor plans from which to choose. Layouts include in three colonial floor



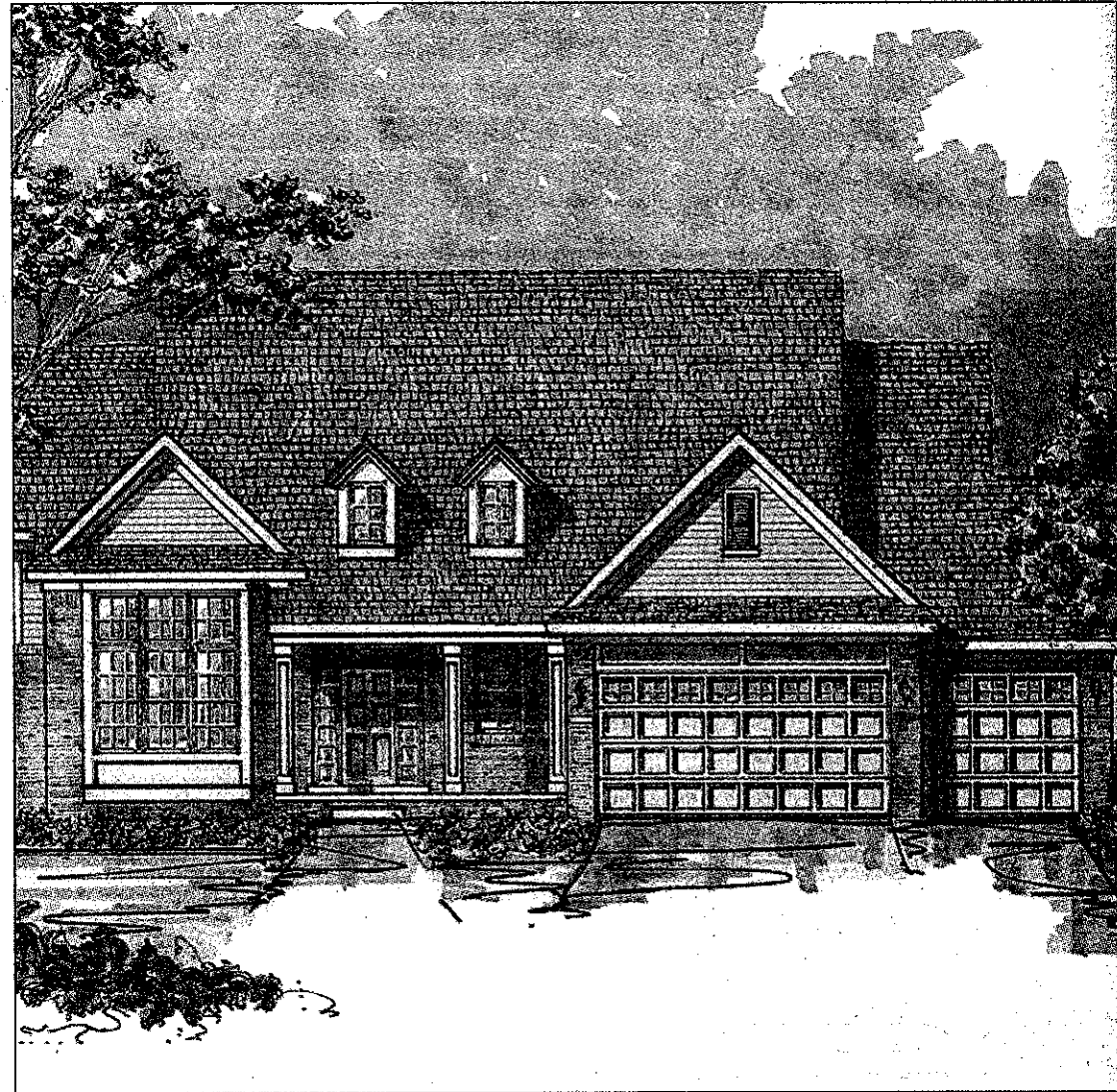
The Brandon II encompasses luxury and functionality with volume ceilings, sprawling floor plans and spacious rooms.

plans and two with a first-floor master bedroom; all include two full baths and three or four bedrooms, while some offer three and one-half bathrooms.

Homes range from 2,700 to 3,400 square feet, with prices

starting at the \$340,000.

Two model homes will open to the public beginning at 11 a.m. on Jan. 28. Special incentives for potential home buyers will be available during the opening weekend.

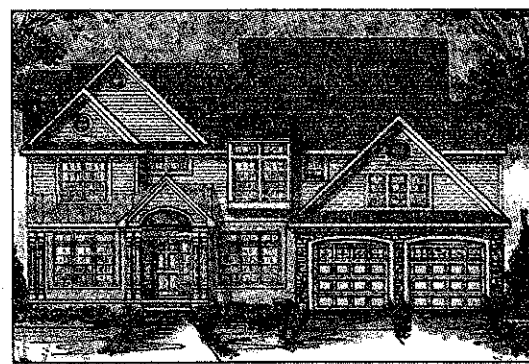


The Lauren II's classic Cape Cod design boasts an expansive master suite and an optional loft or fourth bedroom.

Sports enthusiasts of all ages will appreciate the close proximity to Belleville Lake, Lower Huron Metro Park, and a myriad of recreation facilities for baseball, softball, basketball and hockey both in nearby Canton and Ann Arbor.

The development is located between Rawsonville Road and Huron Valley Drive in Van Buren Township. The community features tree-lined streets, nature trails, streetlights and sidewalks throughout.

The location, which is close to area expressways I-275, I-94 and M-12, is convenient to The



The Devin II encompasses a split living room and dining room, and an extra large garage.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The sales center will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (734) 699-8500 and speak

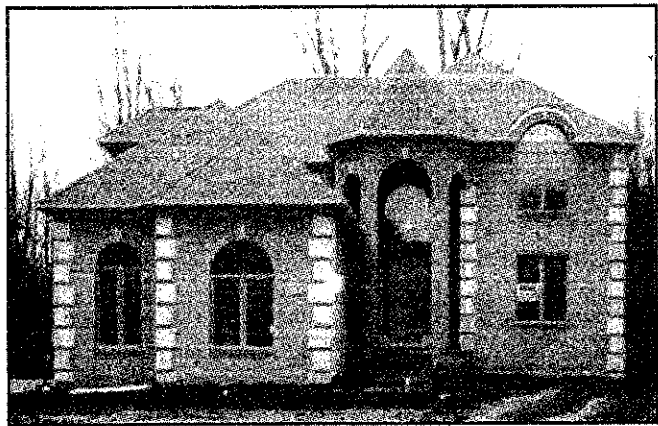
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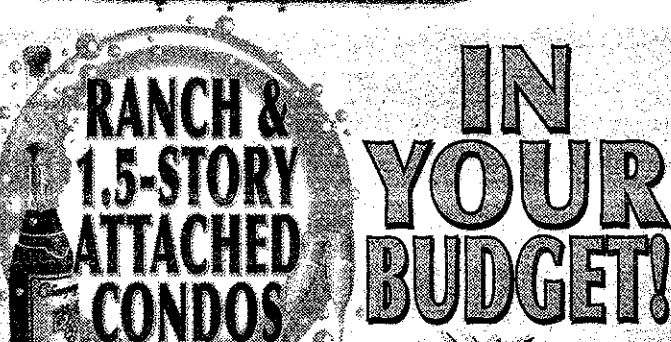
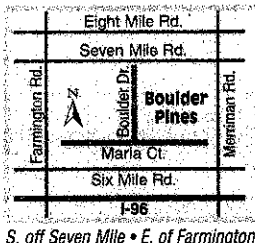
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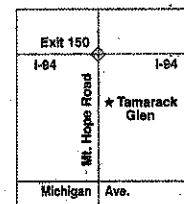
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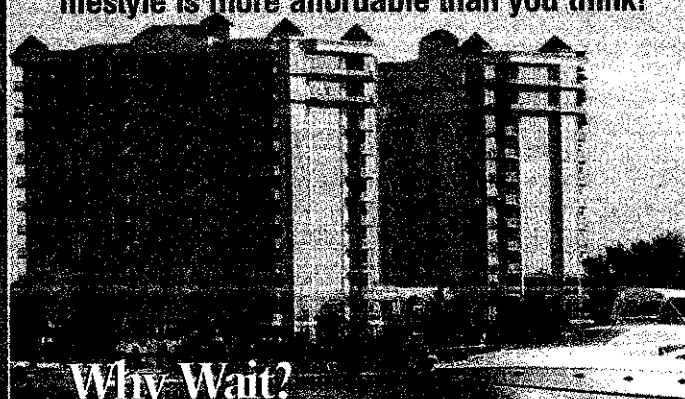
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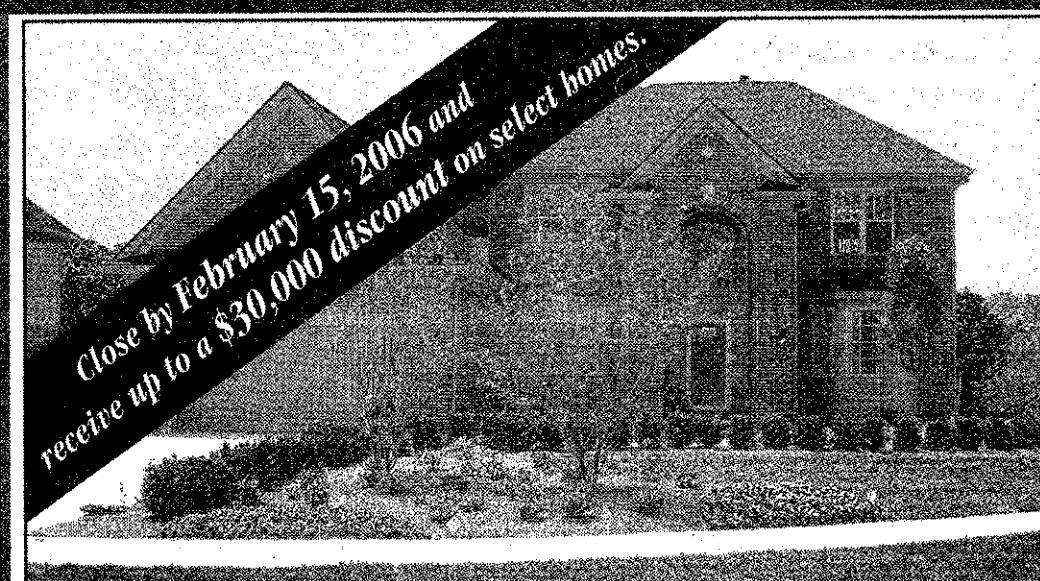
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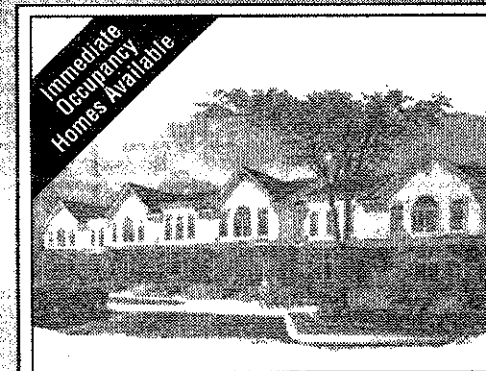
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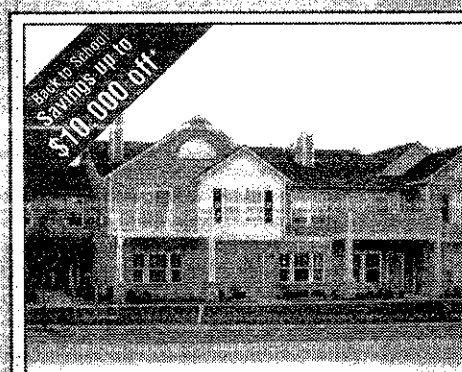
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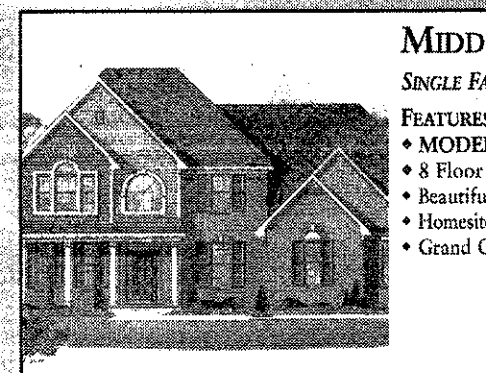
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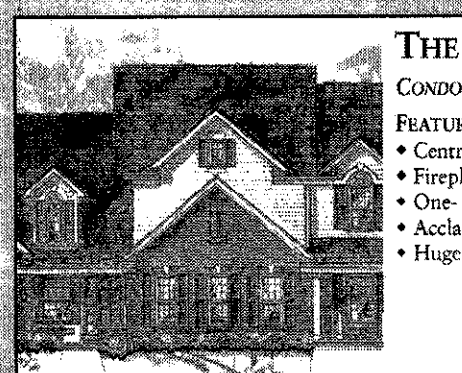
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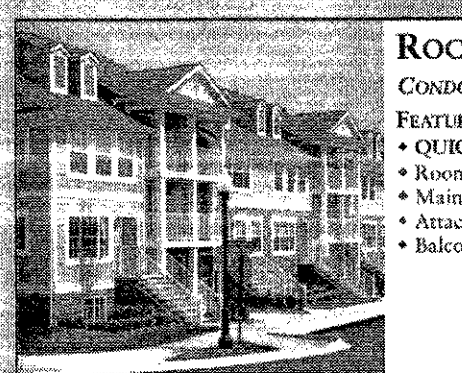
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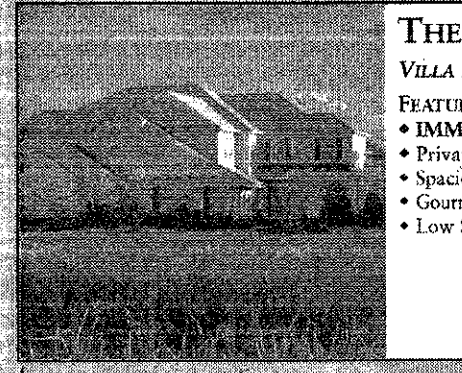
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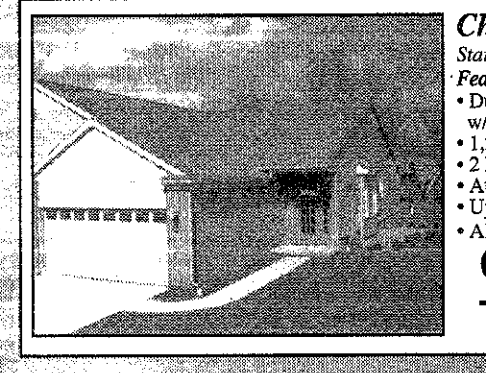
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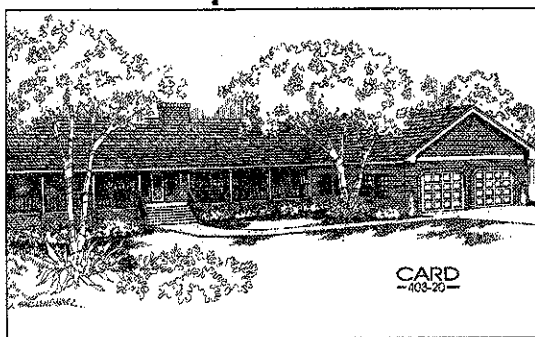
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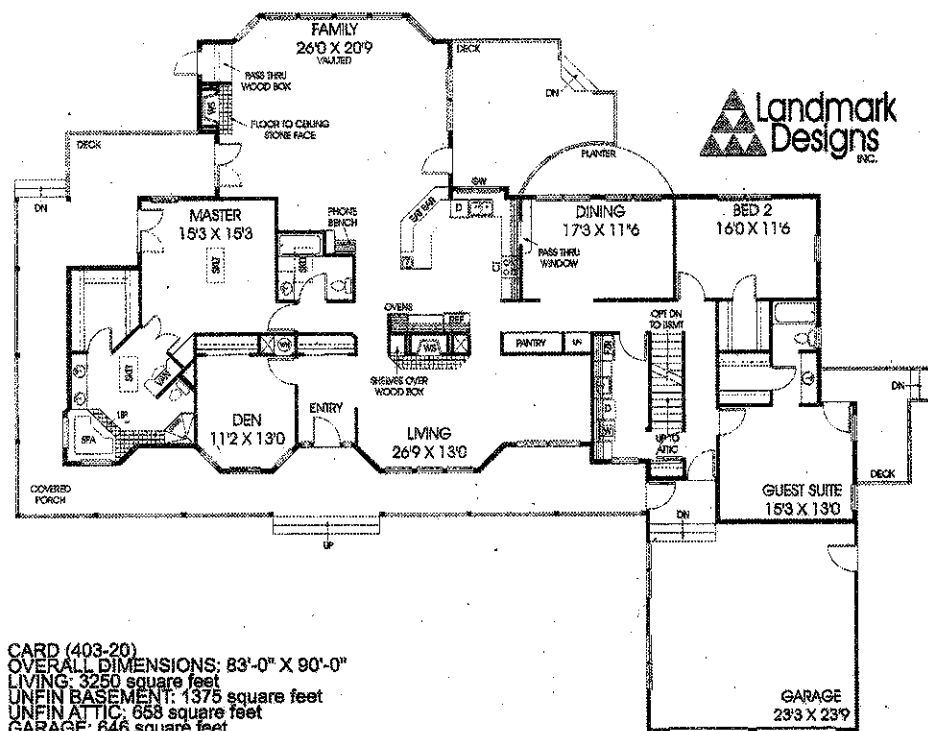
WINDOW, vegetable sink and raised eating bar are among the kitchen features.

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Michael Aldouby

repaint them. Paint is relatively inexpensive, and it can be worth a lot of money if it's on your walls.

■ Make sure the front door isn't tarnished. This is one of the first things a buyer will see. Also, locks should unlock easily. I have shown many houses where the door didn't unlock

easily. It makes a terrible first impression if it's a struggle for buyers to get into your house.

■ Paying for improvements that don't give a significant return. Not always if you invest a nickel into making an improvement, you will get a dime back. You need to evaluate carefully how much you can recover paying for an upgrade.

■ Picking an agent based on non-business factors. It's OK to hire your nephew who just got his real estate license, but make sure he has a mentor to guide him in case there are complications. After all, we are

talking about an investment that usually involves hundreds of thousands of dollars.

■ Becoming emotionally involved in your house. Remember, if a buyer makes a low offer, it's not a personal attack against you. The buyer is just trying to get a good deal. This is one of the reasons it's very important to have Realtors representing both the buyer and the seller. They are excellent buffers against the emotions that can set in during negotiations.

■ Covering up problems. In Michigan sellers have to fill out a lengthy Seller's Disclosure

Form. If you answer a question untruthfully, you risk being sued later on when the problem is discovered.

■ Not figuring out the numbers. You need to determine what is the market value of your house. Then your Realtor should do a net sheet and give you the bottom-line number. This number, which is the purchase price, minus the real estate expenses involved in selling your house, will tell you how much you can spend for your next home.

■ Pricing your house based on how much you want rather than on its market value. This

is the most common mistake. The market doesn't care how much you need, it will sell based on its market value.

If you price your house based on anything other than its market value, you will run into problems that will cost you a lot of money than if you priced it correctly in the first place.

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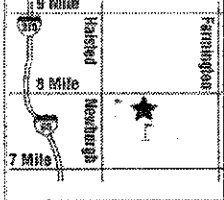
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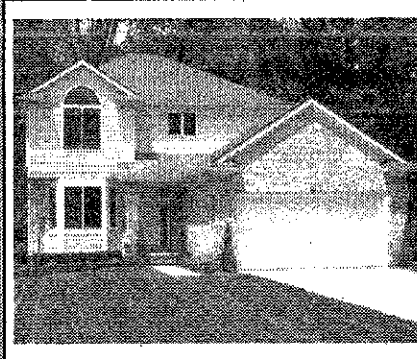
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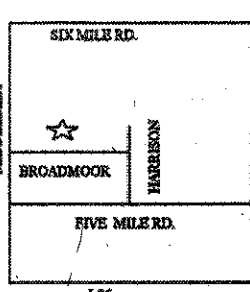
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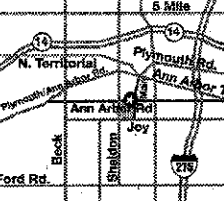
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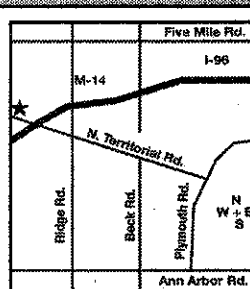
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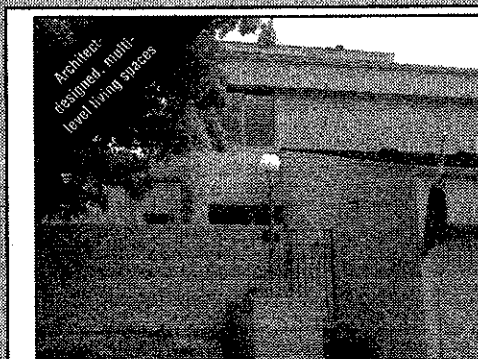
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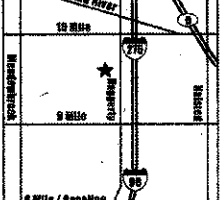
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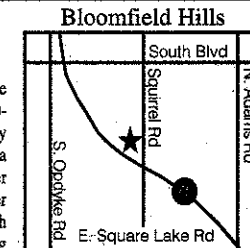


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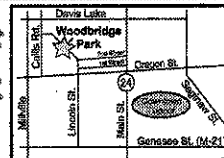
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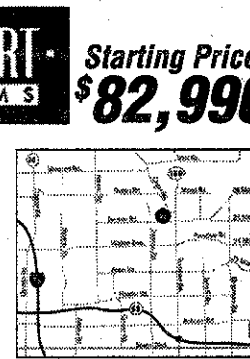
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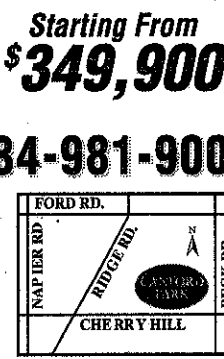
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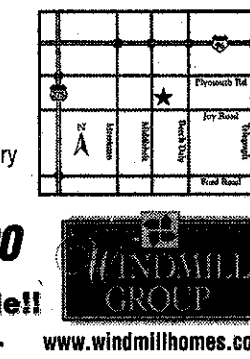
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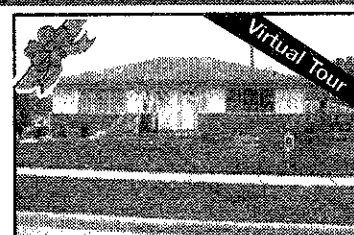
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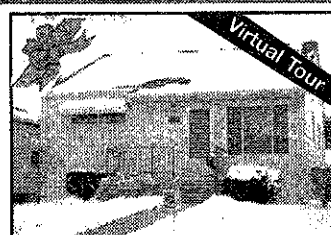
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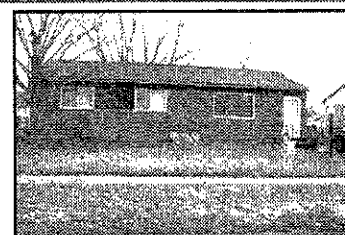
WESTLAND - Perfect for downsizer or 1st time buyer. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Freshly painted with new furnace, C/A, window (except front), updated electric & comes with newer appliances. Updated eat in oak kitchen & bath and more. Call Sylvia Florence Albert (HBH)

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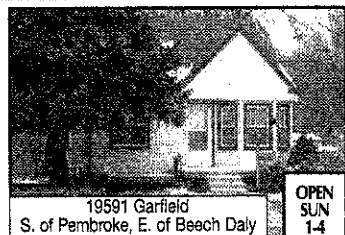
INKSTER - This updated & affordable 3 bedroom, 1100 sq ft, 1.5 bath brick ranch offers updated kitchen & bath ('01, roof ('01), windows ('01), furnace ('92) with C/A ('03), huge master bedroom, awesome deck, part finished basement, appliances & home warranty included. A must see! Call Sylvia Florence Albert

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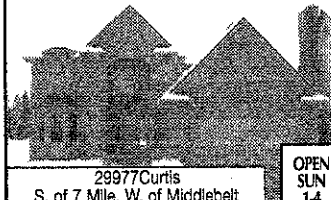
PLYMOUTH - Handsome & well cared for home. Extras: premium elevation, upgraded cabs, high ceilings, cozy fireplace, luscious master suite w/separate tub & shower. Daylight basement, 3-car garage and more!! Call Jeff Kovatch

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LIVONIA - New construction fully completed! 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2,144 sq. ft, maple cabinets & granite countertops. Livonia Stevenson High School. Visit www.samselshouses.com. Call Sam Evans Jr

\$339,900 (C29977) 734-604-2405



REDFORD - 1400 sq ft brick ranch completed updates include: new kitchen and bath, furnace w/CA, electric services, roof, windows, ceramic floor in kitchen and foyer. 2 car attached garage, sun room, brick paver patio and fenced yard. Call Mike Judge.

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FARMINGTON - Mint Condition. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condominium, a newer complex with pool, clubhouse with exercise room, located in Nantucket townhouse complex. End unit freshly painted with new carpet. Call Mike Judge.

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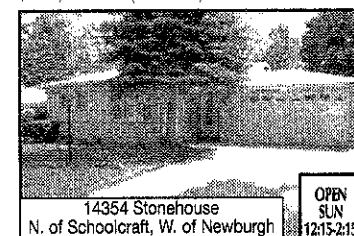
REDFORD - Home overlooking Lola Valley Park. 3 bedroom brick ranch with basement and 2 car heated garage. Updates include: new roof on house and garage, new windows, all appliances stay. Landscaped and fenced yard. Call Mike Judge.

\$149,900 (P16207) 734-591-9200x155



LIVONIA - Location, quality, value and charm! Attractive 2400 sq ft brick colonial. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, family room with fireplace. 1st floor laundry, basement and 2 car attached garage. New roof and doors. All appliances stay. Call Mike Judge.

\$314,900 (C31658) 734-591-9200x155



LIVONIA - Unique & updated ranch in Castle Gardens sub w/4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Family, living & Florida rooms, newer paint, furnace, A/C, hardwood floors. Very nicely landscaped backyard w/pool. Call Michael Price

\$199,900 (S14354) 734-216-9920



GARDEN CITY - Gorgeous, tastefully decorated dream home. Living room with natural fireplace, dining room w/doorwall to large deck. Main floor laundry room. Master bedroom w/walk-in closet and bath, and much more! Call Larry Hatfield

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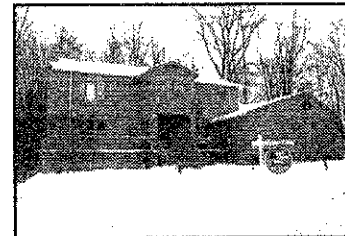
REDFORD - Not your average bungalow. Floor plan has been redesigned making it wonderfully unique & functional. new furnace, updated kitchen, windows, wiring, plumbing and carpet and much more. Master has natural fireplace and more. Call Kelly Penfield

\$134,900 (K15629) 734-748-7775



FARMINGTON HILLS - Beautifully updated with new carpet, hardwood floors in foyer and kitchen, new kitchen, new interior 6 panel doors thruout, newer furnace, air, windows, deck with great view and great Farmington Hills location! Call Jim Donohoe

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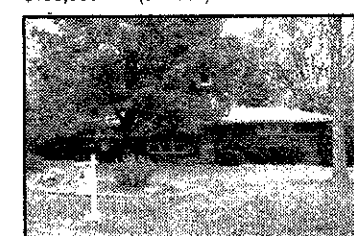
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Over \$50,000 in updates and upgrades. Beautiful court setting with private yard. Floor plan offers soaring ceilings, floor to ceiling windows. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces and much more. Visit www.doortodreams.com for details and photos. Call Derek Bauer

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WHITMORE LAKE - Lake front on all sports 680 acre Whitmore Lake. Move in condition, updates thruout, 4 bedrooms, finished basement, 3 1/2 baths, large glassed porch. 2nd garage converted to studio and more. Sandy frontage. Call Marilyn Handloser

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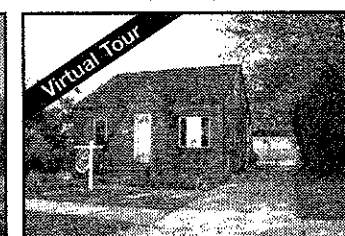
FARMINGTON HILLS - Do some of your own updating and reap the rewards. 3 bedrooms brick ranch in ever popular Kendalwood with large lots. Living room with fireplace, family room, full basement, 2 car attached garage. Good condition and some updates. Call Marilyn Handloser

\$219,900 (N28346) 248-231-4216



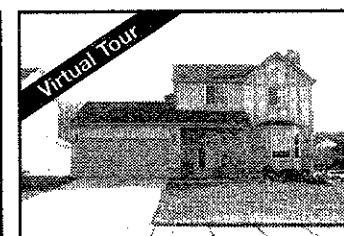
WESTLAND - A neat 3 bedroom brick ranch. Newer windows, furnace, air, roof, 2 car garage 3 years, neutral decor, finished basement. Livonia schools. Closed back porch & gas fireplace in basement. Very well kept. Call Joe Nimmo

\$164,900 (G29830) 313-268-5171



LIVONIA - All brick bungalow. Livonia with 1487 sq. ft., 2 full baths, newer roof, electrical, hot water heater and more. 2.5 car garage with 220, heat, built in air lines and a second story for finishing or storage. Call Jim Donohoe

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WAYNE - Why rent when you can buy! Sharp 2 bedroom, vinyl sided ranch. This home features spacious living room and large bedrooms, newer windows and flooring, nice backyard with privacy fence. All appliances, move right in. Call Jim Tillman

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CANTON - Here 'tis! Rear end unit-1st floor condo!! Two bedrooms, 2 full baths. Seller gives \$2,000 at closing for buyer smiles! Call Jan Foster

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CANTON - Home sweet home! master suite with bonus room, private balcony with deck, fashion bath, walk-in closet, living room with French doors. Large family room with fireplace. Large deck with hot tub off kitchen. Yard filled with trees, bushes and flowers. Call Mark Riegall

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CANTON - Instantly appealing ranch condo! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, large great room. 2-way fireplace. Deck. Upgrades thruout! Call Carol Hussey

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FARMINGTON HILLS - Cute, cute, tree! cape cod with 2 1/2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room, dining room, newer kitchen, basement, 2-car garage. Call Jan Foster

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GARDEN CITY - All brick bungalow on a large corner lot! New tear-off roof with newer furnace and windows. 2 bedrooms upstairs and 1 main. Remodeled bath w/large tub. Call Carrie Garcia

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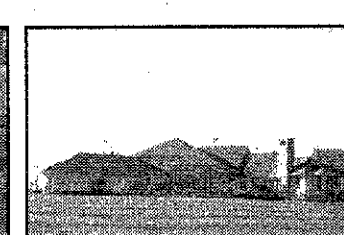
PLYMOUTH - Exciting, largest cape cod condo with first floor master bedroom. So updated, super tidy, detached and backing to nature lover's Woodlands! Call Jan Foster

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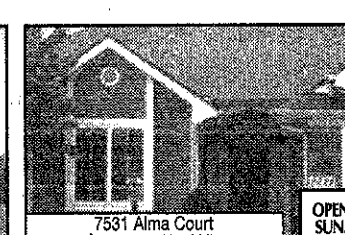
PLYMOUTH - PRICE REDUCED! 3 bedroom bungalow offering premium downtown Plymouth location and schools. Loaded with updates. Immediate occupancy. Call Cathy Rakoczy

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SALEM TOWNSHIP - Serenity! Ten woodland acres with wildlife and pond frame. Contemporary, fit for a king...or you! Call Jan Foster

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WESTLAND - Pride of ownership shines thruout! 1952 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. Livonia schools. Built 1992. All appliances stay. 25 year roof. Andersen windows. Newer air conditioning, furnace, hot water heater, etc. Call Terri Bromley

\$275,000 (25146719) 734-223-8251



WESTLAND - You'll proudly call this ranch home! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floor in bedrooms. Ceramic kitchen floor, counters, backsplash and bath. Appliances stay. Pull-down attic stairs for storage. 1.5 car garage with opener. Nice location. Call Mark Riegall

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Garden City 3170

NEW LOWER PRICE!
Sharp 3 bedroom ranch, spacious kitchen & dining room, 2 full baths, Florida room, partially finished basement, garage, \$139,900.

BEAUTIFUL
3 Bedroom brick ranch, newly remodeled kitchen, 1 1/2 baths, finished bsmt., 2 1/2 car garage, covered patio, move-in condition, \$144,900.

SHOWS LIKE NEW!
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3200 sq.ft., 4 br., 3.5 bath, walkout, 4.5 acres, 64x52x14 heated out building. \$410,000. (517) 548-5229

Livonia 3250

3 BEDROOM
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LIVONIA - 3 bdrm brick ranch, Bad credit OK. Land contract, Low down. Call Mike: 734-676-4400

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Livonia 3250

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Oak Park 3305

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No Money Down
Oak Park Bungalow
Great family neighborhood
3 bedrooms, new kitchen, newer siding and roof.
2 car garage
Close to downtown Ferndale
Immediate occupancy
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Pleasant Ridge 3345

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Pleasant Ridge
1929 Center Entrance Colonial, 5 bdrm., 3.5 baths, Generous Room Sizes, Wonderful attention to Detail, Arched doorways, Alcoves, Plaster detail, hardwood floors, Great Location on Cambridge! \$635K
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Plymouth 3347

PLYMOUTH 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial, exec. cond, newer roof and furnace. \$225,900. (248) 928-8121

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Updated executive Colonial home, Jan-air kitchen, mature trees, adjacent to park, 4 bdrm, 4 bath, finished walk-out bsmt, 4 car attach garage. \$385,900 (810) 299-4614

Redford 3350

JUST LISTED!

BEAUTIFUL
3 Bdrm, 1470 brick ranch features newer windows, new roof, furnace. Plus newer 2 1/2 car garage & lots of storage. March 2006 occupancy. \$176,900. Call Mary L. Bush 248-477-9600
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MOVE INTO THIS CUTE

Ranch featuring spacious bdrms., full bsmt., roomy kitchen & asking \$99,900. Sherry Joyner
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RANCH 2 bed, air, garage,

vinyl siding, newer roof/furnace, finished bsmt, \$112,000. 810-636-7453, 517-861-7223

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Royal Oak 3370



BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL
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DOWNTOWN ROYAL OAK

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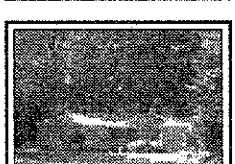
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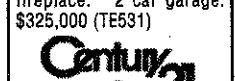
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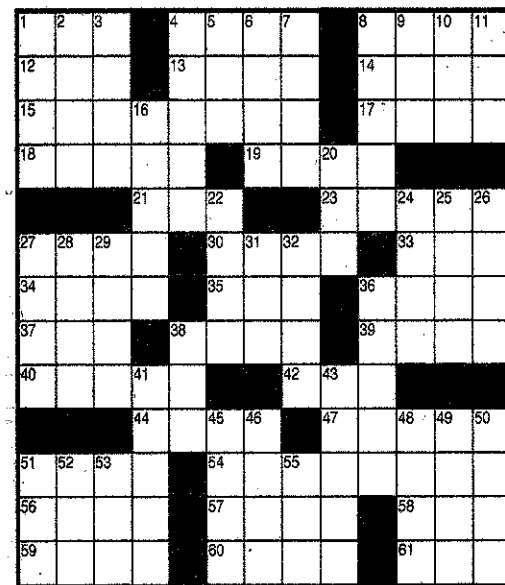
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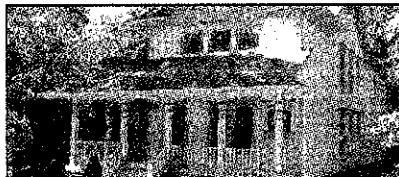
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Private treed site. Contemp detached condo installed in November, very open floor plan. Wake up looking at Wolverine Lake. You will feel like you are on vacation every day of the year.
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Over 1 Acre
At end of street, backing to Chestnut Run neighborhood. Home currently sitting on property, possible tear down. Value is in the land.
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LIVONIA Custom Cape Cod Home
Look no further than this. Builders own home. Beautiful cherry kitchen with hardwood floors, first floor master with custom tiled bath. Cathedral ceiling in library. 2 story great room. Stevenson schools.
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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. On premium lot in the Sanctuary.
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ROCHESTER HILLS Arcadia Park
This 4 bedroom home is gorgeous. Owned by interior designer and it shows. Quality upgrades throughout including granite counters, cherry and hardwoods. Dual staircase, 2 story family room and guest suite. Neutral.
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BEVERLY HILLS Fabulous
4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial w/secluded yard, pool, spa, stone patio. Remod kit w/gran, SS appls, brkfst area in Atrium setting w/cath ceilings overlooking yr. FR w/frp, MBR ste w/2-way frp, sitting area & Jacuzzi bath.
(B00LON) 248-642-8100 \$549,900



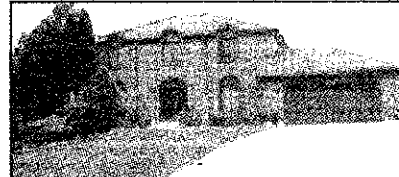
NORTHVILLE Blend Of Quality, Function & Value!
4 BR, 2.5 BA cape cod w/WO bsmt. New const. FF mstr ste, his & her walk-in closets, BA w/jetted tub & oversized stall shwr. GR w/2-sty wdw & gran frp. Upper BR's w/Jack & Jill BA plus add'l BR ste. 3 car gar.
(B46MER) 248-349-5600 \$760,000



TROY Superbly Appointed
5 bedrooms, 3 baths, two lav home. Living room, GR, DR, library, large kitchen, dual staircase. Extensive millwork T/O. Hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, finished W/O LL, beautiful private yard with pavers.
(B76TAL) 248-524-1600 \$779,900



BIRMINGHAM Finest In Urban Living
2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage. Premium appointments, crown moldings, hardwood floors, skylights, granite counters. Professionally decorated. Open and bright. First floor library, 4th floor great room.
(B33GRA) 248-652-8000 \$399,900



BLOOMFIELD Exceptional Colonial
Birmingham schools. Very nice open floor plan. Delightful kit opens to FR. Great foyer to roomy LR and DR. Master ste is very lg. Many updates. 4 bedrooms, 2.2 baths. Fin bsmt w/half BA & appls. Brick deck.
(B84QUA) 248-626-8800 \$429,900



BLOOMFIELD TWP. Custom Built Ranch
3 bedrooms, 4 baths, on hilltop overlooking pond. Picture windows w/view of large lot from virtually every room. Fin bsmt w/tons of storage. 3 frpces, heated 3 car garage and Walnut Lake privileges.
(B10FRA) 248-642-8100 \$455,000



NORTHVILLE TWP. Elegance At Its Best
Enter into a gallery foyer leading to stately music conservatory, luxurious master suite, executive kitchen w/volume ceilings, crown molding and granite T/O. Hardwood floors, 5 BR, 4.2 BA, custom LL w/walk-out.
(B04CLA) 734-455-5600 \$1,097,500



TROY Extensively Remodeled
4 bedroom, 4 bath colonial. Hardwood floors, newer carpeting, formal dining room, large eat-in kitchen with island & oak cabs. Professionally finished basement with full bath. FFL. Freshly painted throughout.
(B82SHA) 248-524-1600 \$489,900



MILFORD Magnificent Property
Now on the market. Over 3 acres & perfect house for the most discriminating buyer, custom home w/quality t/o, park-like setting w/brick paver patio & benches for relaxation. Entertain in style, enjoy this open floor plan.
(B96JAC) 248-363-1200 \$647,777



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



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



MARION TWP. Country Living In Great Sub
Just bit 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial presents high end features. Granite kit counters, custom cabinets, glamour bath in mstr ste, LL walkout offers fin FR w/replace & bar for entertaining, patio & fire pit.
(B39LAK) 734-455-5600 \$459,900



TROY Very Sharp, New Construction
Colonial ready to move into. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Gourmet kitchen has maple cabinets, ceramic floor and granite countertops. MBR with whirlpool tub and sep shower. Sod, sprinklers and central air. Troy schs.
(B88WIN) 248-524-1600 \$419,900



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



WEST BLOOMFIELD Custom Built Ranch
3 BR, 2.5 BA. Light & open fr plan. Spacious rms. Hdwd frs, cath ceilings. Lib w/cherry br-ins, lg oak kit w/ile cntprs & fir. Lg MBR white frp, MBA w/marble fir, Jacuzzi. Cul-de-sac lot. Lake priv. on Upper Straits.
(B50ROL) 248-626-8800 \$520,000



OXFORD Superb Craftsmanship
4 bedroom, 3.1 bath ranch on approximately 3 wooded acres. 2 car garage, second garage and 2 story barn. Oak kitchen with hardwood floors and finished LL with full kitchen.
(B37RAY) 248-642-8100 \$414,000



CANTON Exceptional Colonial
Fabulous 4 BR, 3 full & 2 half baths in this 2000 built home. Grand 2-sty foyer, dual staircase, FR w/wall of windows, gourmet kitchen has cherry cabinets, 2 fireplaces, 3 car attached garage, basement & lg deck.
(B76MAN) 734-455-5600 \$494,000



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



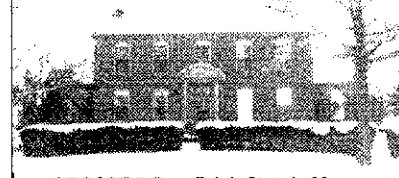
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Former Builders Model
Huge kitchen w/granite island top, 4 bedrooms, 3.1 baths, 2-story foyer w/brick over foyer and LR, hardwood floors, wet bar, 2 MBR, daylight windows, vaulted ceiling t/o, all appls, his & her WIC, 1 yr. warr.
(B84ROY) 248-626-8800 \$539,900



BINGHAM FARMS Landscaped Yard
Over 1 acre on private wooded lane with Birmingham Schools. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with plenty of room to expand. Open floor plan and great curb appeal. A must see.
(B50BRI) 248-642-8100 \$399,000



GROSSE ILE Brick Stately Manor
5 BR, 3.5 BA, att side entry gar. Pella windows, gas fireplace, lg park-like yard. Open kit w/Corian counters & island, hardwood floors, ceramic baths, FR, den, office, library, DR & finished basement with bath.
(B41MER) 734-455-5600 \$494,900



ROCHESTER Elegant Home In Woods
Luxury amenities throughout, nestled on wooded ravine lot. Finished walk out basement w/kitchen, bath and bedroom. Volume ceilings, many rooms w/hardwood floors. Master bedroom w/fireplace and sitting area.
(B25SPR) 248-652-8000 \$699,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Home For The Holidays
Fabulous new construction on premium lot overlooks pond. You'll love the quality light and plumbing fixtures, curved custom staircase to LL w/marble cabs, bar, profes interior designed, treat yourself to this gem.
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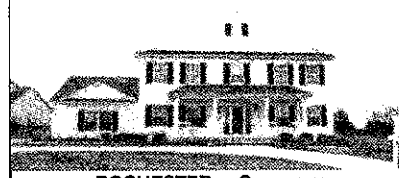
FARMINGTON HILLS Absolutely Gorgeous
On huge lot. Beautifully decorated & landscaped. 4 large bedrooms, 4 full baths & 2 half baths. Large kit, FR, LR, DR and den. Walkout to pool & spa, 3 fireplaces, 4 furnaces, rec room, 3 sunrooms & much more.
(B55RAM) 248-642-8100 \$1,200,000



NORTHVILLE Stately Colonial
4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial on approx 2.4 acres. Home boasts formal DR, FR, mstr ste w/frp & balcony, 2nd flr laund, lovely kit w/marble cabs, HWF, Corian cntrs, 2nd BR has private bath plus Jack & Jill BA for 3rd & 4th BR.
(B01SEV) 248-349-5600 \$714,900



SUPERIOR TWP. Surround Yourself W/Nature
Sitting on approx 14 acres. This 2001 cape cod offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master w/WIC & garden tub. Dining room w/view from deck, also 2.5 car attached garage, huge extra deep walk out lower level & more.
(B44HAR) 734-455-5600 \$479,500



ROCHESTER Gorgeous
Wonderful 2003 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Cul-de-sac location close to town. Loaded with updates, 1st and second floor laundry, cathedral ceilings, master bedroom with sitting area, gourmet kitchen.
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MILFORD Premium Cape Cod
On estate sized lot. Elegant & spacious 4 BR, 4.5 BA home. Premium amenities t/o. Main floor master. Cherry cabs in kitchen. Finished walkout with wet bar, rec room, fireplace & full bath. 3 car garage.
(B48BEA) 248-363-1200 \$575,900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Renovated To Perfection
Hampton style Cape Cod on park-like private setting w/300 ft (approx) of water frontage. Hdwd frs, gourmet white & marble kit w/frp, large kit, FR, LR, DR and den. French dr to deck & LL w/frp. All prof finishing.
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NORTHVILLE Executive Home
4 BR, 3.1 BA colonial on private cul-de-sac. Grand entry, volume ceiling, 2-sty foyer. Open fr plan, MBR ste w/sitting rm. His & hers closets. Custom kit w/granite, walk-in pantry, island & desk area. W/O bsmt
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NORTHVILLE TWP. Spacious Colonial
On beautiful interior lot in Crestwood Manor. Everything from hardwood 2-sty foyer w/winding staircase, to full prof finished basement. Formal DR, FR w/frp, den w/bay window, mstr ste w/WIC's & Jacuzzi + att gar.
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ROCHESTER HILLS Deluxe Detached Condo
4 or 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, fabulous upgrades, 2 furnaces, A/C, great room fireplace & cathedral ceilings, walk out lower level with fireplace, granite in kitchen, hardwood floors, marble foyer, 2 decks, hot tub w/views
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COMMERCE All Sports Lakefront
3-4 bedroom home on large, high lot offering panoramic views of Lake Sherwood. FF mstr ste, finished w/o, unique architecture, sandy beach, over 120 ft of frontage, Huron Valley Schools.
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BIRMINGHAM 1998 Built
3 bedroom, 3.1 bath colonial. Great kitchen w/Corian counters, open to lg FR w/gas frp, MBR ste w/cath ceilings, WIC & lux bath, formal DR & FFL. Finished basement, 2.5 car garage & brick paver patio.
(B16BIR) 248-642-8100 \$599,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Stately Brick Colonial
Located in the Hills of Chelsea Park. 4 BR, mstr ste w/frp, grand master BA, cherry stain kit w/views of woods. Two-story family room, 2 staircases, 2 half baths on FF private library. 3 car side entry garage.
(B9CHE) 248-349-5600 \$719,900



BLOOMFIELD TWP. Well Cared For
Colonial with popular floor plan. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement, deck & private yard. Island kitchen w/pantry, GR w/vaulted ceiling, MBR w/dressing area, tub & shower. Nice location in great family sub.
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ROCHESTER HILLS Beautifully Remodeled
Conveniently located. Maple kit cabs, Corian counters & recessed lighting. Warm & inviting hardwood floors, neutral paint, great room setting w/gorgeous brick fireplace & vaulted ceiling overlooking private yard.
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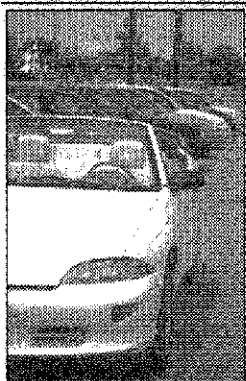
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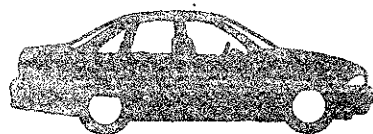
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2006 Ford Fusion V6 SEL lives up to its billing

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The commercials are good.

The car zips through the urban streets, changing the landscape from dull to modern and energetic. Wow...what is that car?

The car is the 2006 Ford Fusion V6 SEL, and while it won't literally change the landscape, Ford hopes it will change the sales landscape, pumping some life back into a tired American mid-size car segment. It's got a pretty good shot.

Also available as a four cylinder model, it's a good-looking car, inspired by the Ford 427 concept car. From that it takes its three-bar grille and its attractive trapezoidal multi-element projector beam headlamps. From the front, the Fusion SEL takes an aggressive look, with lines that flow outward from the hood. It comes with fog lamps, 17-inch split-five-spoke aluminum rims (16-inch wheels are the standard on the four cylinder version), dual chrome-tipped exhaust, and dual body-color power mirrors.

The SEL is powered by a 3.0 four-valve V6. It's rated at 221 hp and 205 lb.-ft. of torque and that's plenty of power; at 21/29mpg, the mileage is pretty good for a V6. It's mated with a wide-ratio six speed automatic transmission that shifts smoothly and quickly. The result is good acceleration with power for passing and merging.

The Fusion SEL is a fun car to drive, and that's saying a lot for a mid-size car. It handles and corners well, and the ride is smooth and quiet. It comes with a four-wheel independent suspension system featuring SLA (short and long arm design) with coil-over shocks, rearward-facing lower control arms and a 24-mm stabilizer bar in front and a multi-link system in the rear with a 17-mm stabilizer bar. The Fusion is equipped with rack-and-pinion steering, with its gear mounted to the sub-frame. It's a good system that makes the



2006 Ford Fusion V6 SEL. Vehicle class: Mid-size. Where built: Hermosillo, Mexico. Mileage: 21 city / 29 highway. Base price: \$21,710. Price as tested: \$25,650

Fusion easy to maneuver. The optional anti-lock brakes (the "anti-lock" part is optional - not the brakes) are excellent, but really should be included as standard equipment.

Unlike some mid-size cars, the Fusion is comfortable and roomy, both front and rear. You can comfortably fit two tall adults in the 60/40 split rear seats, and all the optional leather seats are comfortable with good support. Plus, your rear seat passengers get the convenience of fold out center cupholders. There's a good amount of room in the trunk, too. Grocery shopping will be a breeze - at least once you're out of the store.

The instrument panel is easy to read, and logically laid out. The Fusion SEL comes with cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors, keyless entry, leather-wrapped steering wheel with integrated audio, cruise control and climate switches, automatic climate control, and six-way power driver's seat.

In addition to the leather seats, the major options available on the Fusion SEL include heated front seats, traction control, power moonroof, and a "safety" package that includes side air curtain and anti-theft alarm.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with four speakers. You can upgrade to what Ford terms an "audiophile sound system." That'll cost you 420 bucks, and get you a six-disc changer and four more speakers. Both systems will play mp3 coded discs. The audiophile system fills the car with great sound. An optional navigation system would be a nice offering.

As for safety features, the Fusion comes with side impact protection, child latch safety system and a passive anti-theft system. The key is new, too. It's an integrated key fob that includes the release switches for the doors and trunk, and panic alarm.

The 2006 Ford Fusion SEL starts at a bit under \$22,000. Add the safety package, puddle lamps, heated seats, anti-lock brakes, traction control, leather seats and audiophile sound system and you're at \$25,000. That's not bad for a mid-size that's as fun to drive as the Fusion.

Ford may have found a car that can live up to its commercial.

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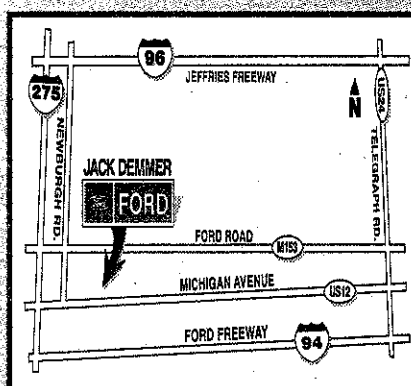
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Ford's Edge, Shelby Convertible, Concepts

Last week in Detroit Ford debuted its Edge crossover SUV, a Shelby GT500 convertible and two other exciting concepts.

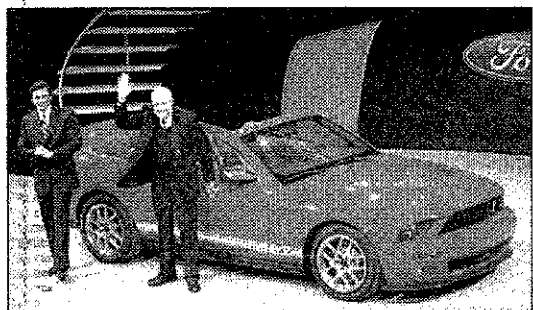


The Ford Edge debuted at the NAIAS with a bold three-bar grille similar to the Ford Fusion midsize sedan. The Edge is powered by a new 250-horsepower 3.5-liter V6 with a 6-speed automatic transmission.

Aimed to compete in the hot crossover SUV market, the Ford Edge debuted at the NAIAS with a bold three-bar grille similar to the Ford Fusion midsize sedan. "Edge underscores the bold, American design direction for all Ford vehicles going forward" said Mark Fields, president, The Americas, Ford Motor Company.

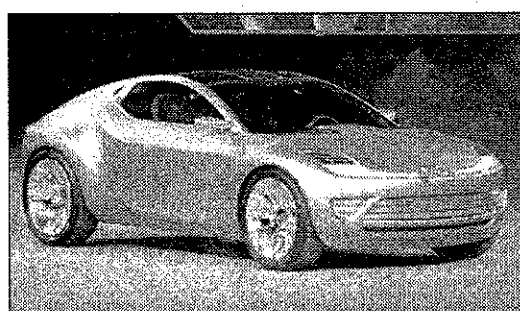
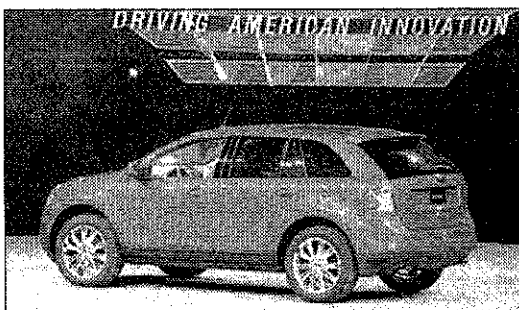
The profile is emphasized by a raked windshield and a fastback hatch with an integrated spoiler, while the high beltlines and the wheels are pushed out to the far corners of the vehicle deliver an aggressive stance.

"Edge also is packed with Ford innovation—from its panoramic glass roof and laptop-friendly center console to a fuel-saving engine and advanced safety features," said Fields. Edge is



The convertible version of the Ford Shelby GT500 was also unveiled, powered by a 475-horsepower 5.4-liter supercharged V8 engine with a 6-speed manual transmission.

powered by a new 250-horsepower 3.5-liter V6 with a 6-speed automatic transmission for both improved performance and fuel economy. Available all-wheel



The Reflex concept is powered by an advanced diesel-electric hybrid engine with next-generation lithium-ion batteries. J. Mays, Ford's group vice president of design and chief creative officer, described the Ford Reflex concept as the latest exploration of the American small car.

drive is tuned with an emphasis on performance.

The interior features seating for five or the ability to carry objects up to 8 feet long with the rear seats and the front passenger seat folded. The center console is configurable for different storage needs and can accommodate a laptop computer. The available panoramic Vista Roof features a tilt-and-slide front panel and a fixed rear glass panel for an open feel.

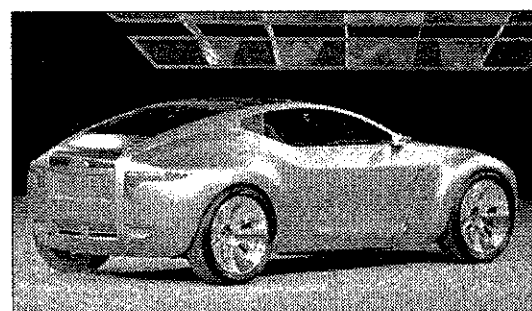
The convertible version of the Ford Shelby GT500 was also unveiled, powered by a 475-horsepower 5.4-liter supercharged V8 engine with a 6-speed manual transmission, making it the most powerful Mustang ever produced.

Carroll Shelby and the Ford Special Vehicle Team combined modern technology with classic Shelby performance

elements to create the newest version of the Shelby GT500 including the famous Cobra logo, Le Mans racing stripes and Shelby name.

Concepts Across the Spectrum

J. Mays, Ford's group vice president of design and chief creative officer, described the Ford Reflex concept as the latest exploration of the American small car. Interior seating includes two front seats and an innovative rear seat that can fit two children, one adult, or a baby within an attachable integrated



The Ford F-250 Super Chief concept flexible-fuel vehicle takes its design inspiration from the classic American Super Chief locomotive. The oversized rear seats are inspired by spacious club chairs and rear ottomans raise up out of the floor.

baby seat.

The Reflex is powered by an advanced diesel-electric hybrid engine with next-generation lithium-ion batteries and is expected to deliver up to 65 mpg and accelerate from zero to 60

mph in less than 7 seconds.

The design features reverse butterfly doors, solar panels in the headlights and taillights that recharge the hybrid-electric battery, and solar panels in the roof that power electric fans to cool the interior when the vehicle is parked.

On the other end of the spectrum, the Ford F-250 Super Chief concept is a bold American flexible-fuel vehicle that can run on hydrogen, E85 ethanol or gasoline.

The exterior design is inspired by the classic American Super Chief locomotive, the headlights repeat the checkered design of the glass roof, and the grille is a new interpretation of the Ford three-bar grille design.

The profile is emphasized by the high beltline and small window graphics, the tailgate is hinged to both sides and bold fender flares cover 24-inch wheels and tires.

The interior features American walnut, brushed aluminum, and rich brown leather. The ceiling is coffered in the



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North American Car/Truck of the Year

In a single automaker sweep, the Honda Civic and Ridgeline pickup took both awards last week in Detroit. The Japan-based automaker was the big winner at the first press conference on the floor of the 2006 North American International Auto Show in Detroit as the Civic and Ridgeline were named car and truck award winners, respectively, for 2006.

This is the first time in the 13-year



North American Car of the Year, the Honda Civic

history of the North American Car and Truck of the Year (NACTOY) awards that a single car brand won in both categories. Honda executives beamed over their twin wins, and they also seemed a bit shocked at the history-making occasion.

"We certainly hoped for one [award]; we didn't expect two," said Jon Mendel, senior vice president of automotive operations at American Honda Motor Co. "I don't know how you top this."

The awards come just a week after American Honda reported a 12th straight year of annual sales increases in the U.S. American Honda also sells vehicles under the Acura brand.

The Civic, which for years has been America's top-selling small car, was re-engineered and restyled for an eighth-generation in the 2006 model year. With a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$14,360, the Civic won over Ford's new Fusion sedan by just 40 points.

Specifically, the tally from an international group of automotive journalists showed the Civic received 244 points, while the Fusion received 204 points and the Pontiac Solstice roadster garnered 134 points.

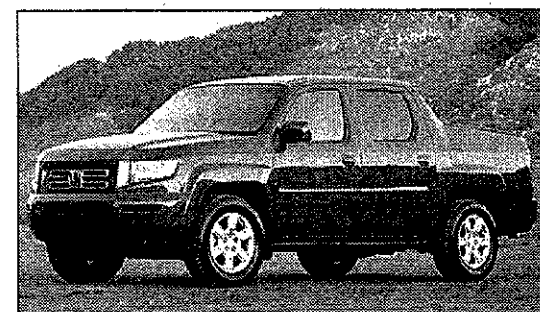
In the truck category, Honda's Ridgeline pickup had a commanding point total over the other finalists.

With a starting MSRP of \$27,700, the Ridgeline is Honda's first pickup and received 296 points from the journalists.

It was followed by the Nissan Xterra SUV with 120 points and the Ford Explorer with 119 points.

The NACTOY awards are unique because they are not given by a single publication, radio or television station. Rather, they are given by 49 automotive journalists from the United States and Canada.

Winning vehicles are selected based on such factors as innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value for the dollar. To be eligible vehicles must be "all new" or "substantially



North American Truck of the Year, the Honda Ridgeline

changed" from the previous model.

Dozens of 2006 vehicles were eligible, but NACTOY jurors whittled the field down to 14 cars and 14 trucks on which they voted. Each juror had 25 points to assign for the car category and another 25 points to assign for the truck category.

Since the awards began, domestic automakers had won the North American Car of the Year six times. Japanese automakers have won three times, and European automakers have won four times.

On the truck side, domestic automakers have won North American Truck of the Year eight times. Japanese companies have won three times and European automakers have won twice.

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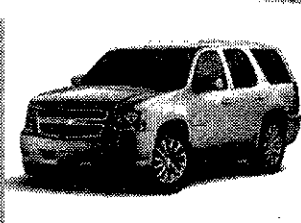
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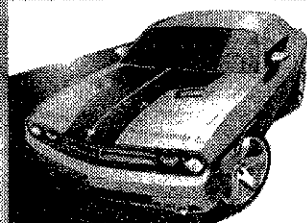


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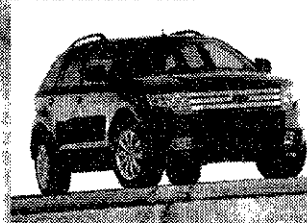
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Chevrolet Tahoe
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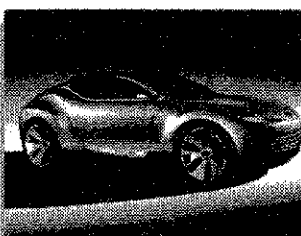
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Ford Edge
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Hyundai Santa Fe
Larger than the current model and adds a third-row seat. It will be offered with either 2.7- or 3.3-liter V6 engines and a five-speed automatic.



Ford Reflex Concept
Advanced diesel-electric hybrid engine. 65 mpg, solar panels, inflatable safety-belt and airbags.



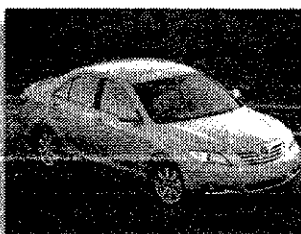
Honda Fit
Japan-made Fit slots beneath the Civic. The Fit, also known as the Jazz, is sold in Japan and is designed for in-city driving.



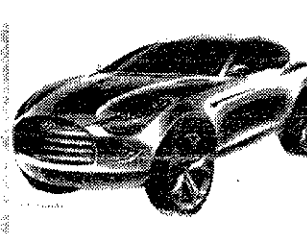
Nissan Urge Concept
Mesh bucket seats, compact F1-style steering wheel, a driver info monitor with built-in gaming system powered by Xbox 360.



Chrysler Aspen
Chrysler's first SUV. 235 HP V-8 engine. Cool features include remote start, and a Tire Pressure Monitoring system.



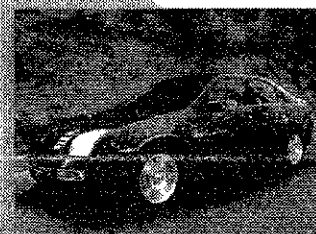
Toyota Camry
New and improved Best Seller. Will be available in hybrid form as well. Completely restyled and re-engineered for the 2006 model year.



Hyundai HCD-9 Talus Concept
The Hyundai HCD-9 Talus future sports car. Styled by Hyundai's California studio.



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Ford Fusion
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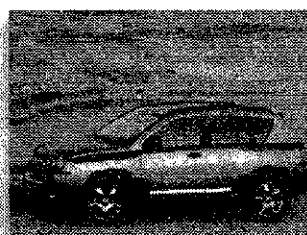
Lincoln MKX
Features turning headlamps, a panoramic glass roof, heated and cooled front seats, heated rear seats and a THX II audio system.



Nissan Versa
Nissan's new entry-level model, for about \$12,000 (CVT) and a standard 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine, 33 miles per gallon.



Volvo C30 Concept
A 2-door, 4-passenger coupe powered by a turbocharged five-cylinder engine. 260 HP, 6 speed.



Jeep Compass
A compact SUV with 4x4 capability and a long list of safety features and interior flexibility.



Mini Traveller
A station wagon version of the Mini. The seats are suspended. The dashboard appears free-floating. Front seats swivel to side/rear.



Kia Soul Concept
A crossover utility vehicle geared toward an active lifestyle. Drawer in rear for wet or muddy items.

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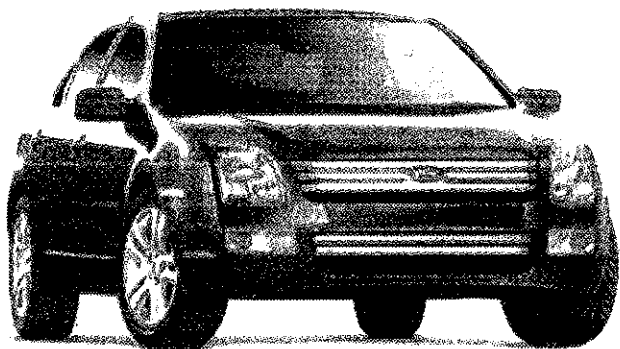
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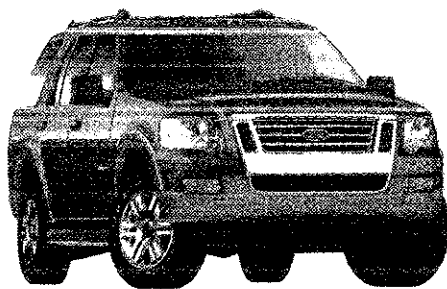


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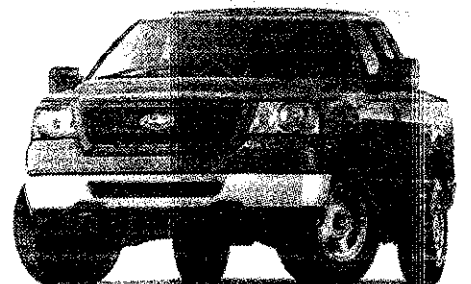
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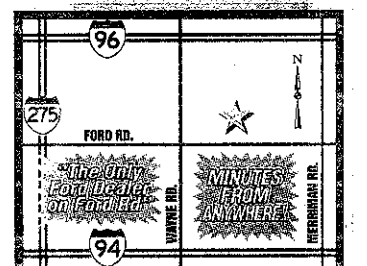
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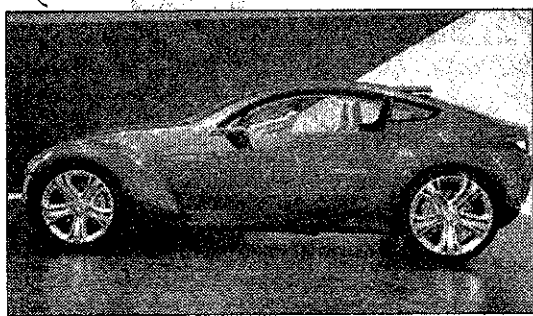
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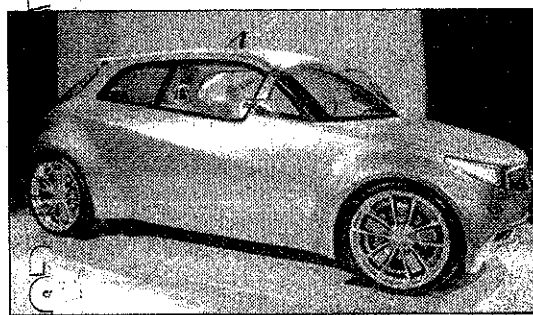
Fourteen semi-trailers are needed to carry the 75,000-plus yards of carpet used for the exhibits -- enough carpet to cover the length of 750 football fields. The theatrical lighting and sound equipment that enhances the auto show experience requires enough electricity to power a 180 homes for a year.

Creating the show itself takes about 10 weeks, and more than 1,500 carpenters, stagehands, electricians, riggers and ironworkers work full-time to set up and dismantle the displays.

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Lincoln's 2007 MKX Luxury CUV, MKS Concept

The 2007 Lincoln MKX luxury crossover and the Lincoln MKS provide a look at the future design direction of Lincoln.

Offering the luxury, comfort, and convenience that would be expected from a luxury car, the 2007 MKX luxury crossover-utility vehicle (CUV) offers features such as adaptive front lighting, a Panoramic Vista Roof, heated and cooled front seats, heated rear



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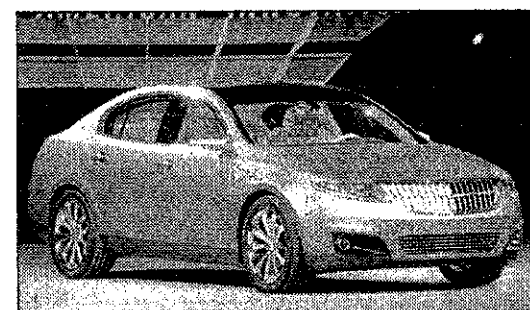
seats, a 14-speaker THX Certified audio system and DVD navigation.

The MKX is powered by a 250-horsepower 3.5-liter V6 engine combined with a 6-speed automatic transmission. It has an intelligent all-wheel-drive system tuned with an emphasis on luxury performance and confidence in all-weather driving. With unibody construction and four-wheel independent suspension, the MKX is tuned to provide a comfortable ride and a confident driving experience.

The exterior design is defined by a high beltline with chrome trim at the base of the window graphic and on each side-view mirror. The accentuated wheelwells highlight 18-inch wheels that are positioned out at the ends of the vehicle, producing short front and rear overhangs. The clean front fascia wraps around to the side of the vehicle. Fog lights have chrome surrounds that mir-

ror the exhaust tips at the rear.

Inside, the MKX features a comfortable interior that officials said is the quietest Lincoln interior yet offered. Interior trim includes satin-nickel accents on the steering wheel, center console and door panels, as well as genuine wood trim on the dash, steering wheel and door panels. The large, legible gauges have a look inspired by precision watches.



Described as expressive yet refined styling, the MKS concept begins with a modern interpretation of the classic Lincoln grille. The MKS is powered by a 315-horsepower 4.4-liter 32-valve V8, with a 6-speed automatic transmission and all-wheel-drive.

Future Lincoln Design Direction

Peter Horbury, executive director of design, North America, Ford Motor Company, described the Lincoln MKS concept car as a strong indication of the design direction for Lincoln and the brand's next flagship sedan.

Described as expressive yet refined styling, the MKS begins with a modern interpretation of the classic Lincoln grille, combining the waterfall style with the signature crosshatch star. The LED adaptive front lights wrap back into fenders finished with inset grilles at the rear of the fender. The wheels have five primary spokes and five offset spokes in contrasting polished and vapor-blasted alloy finishes.

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General Motors Declares They Are In The Game

Declaring that "we're in the hybrid game," officials for General Motors Corp. unveiled two gasoline-electric hybrid SUVs.

The two SUVs will go on sale in the U.S. in each of the next two model years. And the giant automaker promised more hybrids "in every market segment" will come by the end of the decade, including a hybrid version of its Cadillac Escalade by calendar 2008.

GM's Tom Stephens, group vice president of powertrains, said consumers can expect a 20 percent improvement in fuel economy from the two initial hybrid vehicles—the 2007 Saturn Vue Green Line and the 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe SUVs—over comparable gas-only models.

The Saturn Vue Green Line hybrid will be in showrooms this summer with a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price of less than \$23,000. This is some \$4,000 less than the current lowest-

and nickel-metal hydride battery pack to supplement a 2.4-liter Ecotec four-cylinder engine with 170 horsepower, the Vue cannot run beyond a few seconds solely on electric power. The Ford and Toyota Hybrids can run for extended periods on electric power.

Rather, the Vue's hybrid system is designed to supplement the gas engine, via extra launch power as a driver starts up from a stop, as well as via additional power for passing maneuvers.

The Vue does save gas by turning off



The Tahoe Hybrid

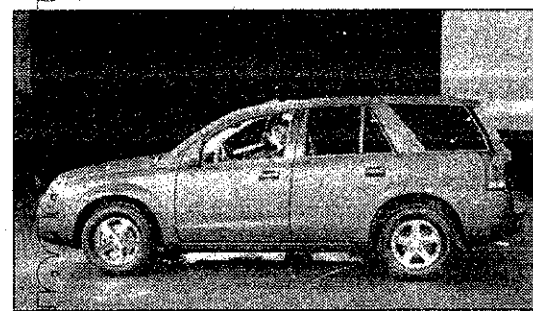
the gasoline engine when the vehicle comes to a stop, say at a stoplight. The engine starts automatically when the driver lets up on the brake pedal.

GM officials have called the Vue system a simpler hybrid technology than that of competitors like Toyota. As a result, the Vue system adds about \$1,500 to the price of the vehicle vis-à-vis the \$3,000-plus cost for the more complicated Hybrid Synergy System of Toyota, they said.

The second hybrid SUV from GM, the 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe, has a more robust hybrid system that does allow the vehicle to operate solely on electric power, when possible.

When it debuts in about a year and a half, the Tahoe Hybrid and its twin, GMC Yukon Hybrid full-size SUVs will become the largest hybrid vehicles on the market.

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The 2007 Saturn Vue Green Line hybrid SUV

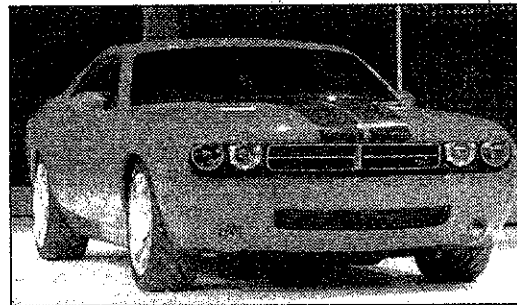
priced hybrid SUV, the 2006 Ford Escape Hybrid.

Saturn General Manager Jill Lajdziak estimated fuel economy of the Saturn Vue Green Line of 27 miles a gallon in city driving and 32 mpg on the highway, which compares with 22/27 mpg in a gas-only four-cylinder two-wheel-drive Vue with automatic transmission. The hybrid Vue has front-wheel drive only.

While the Vue uses an electric motor

Chrysler Revives Two Venerable Names

Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria declared that she's "desperate" for Chrysler's new Imperial formal sedan concept. The petite television star of the ABC network program made her remark after riding onto the auto show floor stage in the roomy back seat of the Rolls-Royce-styled Imperial.



Dodge Challenger concept

But just as much media attention went to the bright, metallic orange Dodge Challenger concept coupe that debuted at the same auto show press conference. In fact, of the two concept cars with famous names from Chrysler's past, company officials are most likely to put the Challenger into production, according to industry sources.

Trevor Creed, senior vice president of design at DaimlerChrysler's Chrysler Group, said both concepts used the underlying platform from the 2006 Chrysler 300C. But for the Imperial, the overall length of the car was stretched 17 inches, while for the Challenger, the length was reduced by 4 inches.

The tall, striking, rear-wheel-drive sedan has four individual seats. Passengers sit nearly 7 inches higher in the Imperial than they do in the 300C, said Tom Tremont, who oversees Chrysler's advanced design studios. They enter easily, because rear doors are rear-hinged, not front-hinged as in a traditional car. Power comes from Chrysler's 340-horsepower, 5.7-liter, Hemi V8.

Chrysler's Imperials were memorable as large, formal sedans in the 1930s and '50s.

The Challenger was popular in America's muscle car era of the late 1960s and 1970s. Creed said the new, rear-wheel-drive Challenger concept drew its inspiration especially from the original Challenger that debuted in 1970. It is the model most sought after by collectors.

The characteristic wide-mouth grille is there. So are the rectangular tailpipes and pistol-grip shifter. Even the Challenger's black racing stripes on the hood are on the new concept. But instead of being done with paint, the stripes on the concept car are exposed carbon fiber.



Chrysler Imperial concept

The four-passenger Challenger concept also has six manual speeds, rather than the four speeds of the original car. The single, large rear taillight is illuminated by diffuse neon in the concept.

The Challenger concept is powered by Chrysler's 425-horsepower 6.1-liter HEMI V8 whose deep tones were heard at the press conference. Chrysler officials said the car should go from 0-to-60 miles an hour in 4.5 seconds, which is on par with many sports cars, and top speed is 174 mph.

"This is the faithful reincarnation of a muscle car legend," Creed said. If given a final OK for production, the Challenger could be in showrooms by the 2009 model year.

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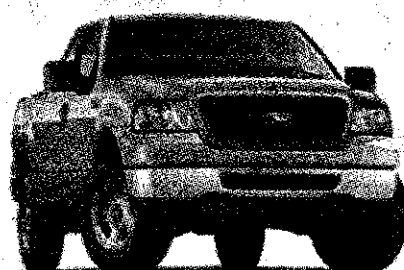


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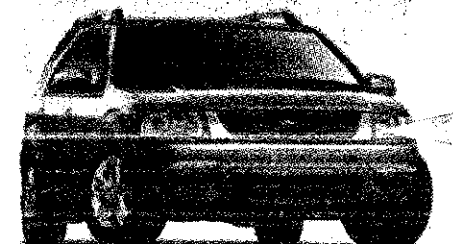


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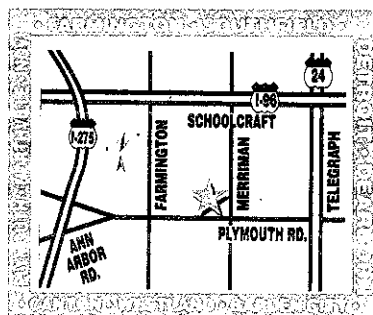
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