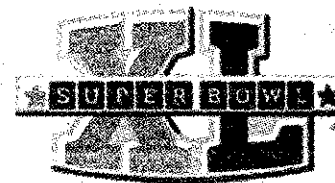


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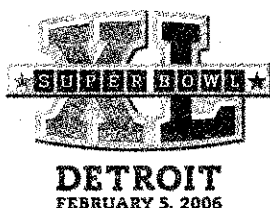
Honky-tonk women

Friends to dance with Rolling Stones at halftime

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Most days Colleen Walter manages her home, hangs out with good friends and enjoys the company of her husband and dogs. But for the past couple of weeks, she's been preparing — along with 18 of her girlfriends — to be a super groupie for the Rolling Stones.

No, Walter and her friends won't be vying to get back-



stage, and they do not plan on hitting the road to follow the Stones. But they will be dancing on the turf at Ford Field when the Stones take to the

stage at halftime of Super Bowl XL on Sunday.

Walter and company were selected to be among the 2,000 dancers who will be allowed on the field during the halftime show. Walter, a long-time Rolling Stones fan, heard earlier this month that the NFL would be accepting applications for groups of 20 or more to participate, and immediately started a flurry of e-mails to her friends. In less

than two days, she had a group of 25 pals (and her husband) who agreed to apply with her, and then a very long week of waiting to hear if they were selected began.

"First we had to choose a team name," she said. The choice was easy: They call themselves the "Honky Tonk Women." They have had to sign waivers stating they're all in

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From left, RaeAnn Stella, Donna Hoard, Colleen Walter (of Canton), Margaret Jardine, Cindy Rubis, Val McFarland, Denise Smith, Marilyn O'Brian, Kristen Costantino and Monica Jacobson are just some of the friends that earned the chance to dance at halftime of the Super Bowl.

Chamber luncheon to feature IKEA official

A representatives from IKEA will be the guest speaker at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Summit on the Park.

Joseph Roth, director of public affairs for IKEA, will make a presentation emphasizing how meeting the customer is integral to the IKEA concept. Roth's program will discuss various customer service tactics that will help businesses to create a positive shopping experience for their customers.

"The chamber is excited to have Mr. Roth join us as our guest speaker," said chamber President Dianne Cojei. "We are looking forward to having IKEA as a part of Canton and feel that this is the first of many partnerships that will benefit the entire business community."

The luncheon is open to both chamber members and the general public. The cost is \$20 per person, and reservations are needed. Admission includes networking opportunities, a full buffet luncheon, and the program. Reservations can be made by contacting the chamber at (734) 453-4040 or visiting the chamber's Web site and downloading the online registration form at www.cantonchamber.com/events-form.asp.



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Allen Elementary students enjoy the show and learn about bullying behavior during a magical performance at an assembly.

Magician teaches kids to stop bullies

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Eleven-year-old James Bushaw remembers what it was like as a kindergartner to ride the school bus and walk the hallways at Allen Elementary.

"When I was younger, I would have fifth-graders come up and shove me, and I would have problems on the bus," recalled Bushaw. "I was really easy to get

to cry. I think I was a fun victim."

Bushaw said he eventually learned to ignore the taunts, and when the big kids realized it wasn't fun anymore, they stopped.

Now a fifth-grader at Allen, Bushaw is using that experience to help other kids who are bullied, by being part of

PLEASE SEE **BULLIES, A8**



Magician Jason Hudy performs a rope trick with help from student Kylie Berghoffer during a demonstration to show elementary students how to deal with bullying.

Popular program leads Canton families to a healthier lifestyle



Patti and David Banka, with daughters Jennifer, 8, Jeana, 11, Katie, 6, and Kenzie, 14, will be participating in 100 Days to Health.

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Patti and David Banka say it with confidence. This is their year. It's the year they get in shape and it's the year they go on a cruise. And the whole family is looking to a popular Canton Township program to help them get there.

"After having children (four daughters) I was getting heavier and heavier, and was less active," said Patti Banka, 42. "Of course my New Year's resolution was to get healthier, so I was looking for ways to do that."

She and her husband saw an announcement in the township's newsletter, Focus, about a program called "100 Days to

Health." They were interested. Very interested.

Their goal? To lose 100 pounds between them. And when they succeed (not if) they'll treat themselves to a cruise. The couple's four daughters — Kenzie, 14, Jeana, 11, Jennifer, 8, and Katie, 6 — are also participating.

"As a family we want to be active," Patti Banka said. "Our oldest runs track so she wants to get in shape for that, and my 11-year-old is already the healthiest eater in the family. As a mother I'm conscious of making good choices. We don't eat as many fruits and vegetables as we should."

They'll get plenty of help from the program, which is the result of a partnership between

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Canton Township Leisure Services and the Canton Community Foundation. The program began four years ago and has grown fast, said Canton Health and Wellness Coordinator Amy Lockmondy.

The first year, the program attracted some 350 participants, but the coordinators started it in January the following year, and immediately the number of program participants more than doubled. This year, Lockmondy hopes that 1,000 will have signed up by the time it launches this weekend.

Participants receive — for a cost of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children — a calendar of events, a packet of information

on physical activity, stress management, weight management, and program tips and details. They also are invited to participate in family nights at Arctic Edge, weekly evenings out at the Summit, a community breakfast, educational programs and lectures, aerobics classes and a body composition analysis.

And the more you participate, the more you benefit, and could possibly be eligible for a grand prize, a \$500 credit at AAA. The winner will be chosen from entry slips collected at each of the program events.

For more information about 100 Days to Health, which runs this weekend through May 6, contact Leisure Services at (734) 394-5496.

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Coming Thursday in Filter



Bar's eye view
Filter takes a look at super bars for watching Super Bowl XL

Ride a bus to Super Bowl events

If you want to enjoy Super Bowl activities and avoid traffic problems, the advice from SMART transportation officials is to take the bus.

"We highly recommend riding the bus downtown to avoid huge traffic problems and remember this intersection: Michigan and Cass Avenue as a hub," said SMART General Manager Dan Dirks.

The NFL Experience at Cobo Hall, the Motown Winter Blast and the Super Bowl game all take place in a short timeframe and traffic is expected to be heavy.

"We are expecting huge crowds at these events. And we intend to run regular service, however, we will call for detours as needed," Dirks said. "All detours will lead to Michigan and Cass Avenue where we will have extra staff on hand to help direct passengers. Also on hand will be the SMART Cruiser Warming Station."

Passengers can board all buses from this location, as well as the People Mover. For service bulletins, check out www.smartbus.org.

Passengers who ride the bus downtown can also buy passes for unlimited rides between SMART, DDOT, The People Mover and Transit Windsor.

Each of the transportation agencies are offering a commemorative transit pass to travel the Detroit metropolitan and Windsor, Ontario, areas.

Single or multiple day commemorative passes are available. To view available passes or purchase them online, go to: https://www5.ci.detroit.mi.us/comersus/store/comersus_spla.sh.asp.

Passes can also be bought online at SMART's Web site and at designated Ticket Centers.

Shuttle locations include:
 ■ Wayne State University, \$10 parking fee, the Lodge and I-94 off of Warren Avenue.
 ■ Northland Center, free parking, Greenfield Road in Southfield (between Eight Mile and Nine Mile).
 ■ The Detroit Zoo, \$10 parking fee, I-696 and Woodward Avenue (west of I-75).
 ■ Fairlane Town Center, free parking, Southfield Freeway, (M-39 and Michigan Avenue).
 ■ Macomb Mall, free parking, Gratiot Avenue (between 13 Mile and 14 Mile).

Service fare options are \$20 for a commemorative four-day pass, \$7 for individual roundtrip fare or \$25 for four individual roundtrip fares. Day passes will only be available for purchase at Park and Ride locations.

All other passes, including the commemorative four-day pass, are available at multiple locations throughout Detroit. Call (313) 933-1300.

For more information, go to www.sbxl.org and www.detroit-mi.gov/ddot/index.html.

Art fair applications due

Applications to participate in the 2006 Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair are due March 5. This year's fair will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17 around the Cherry Hill schoolhouse located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

To be accepted to the fair, artists must submit a completed application, three digital images, a non-refundable jury fee of \$20, a \$150 booth fee, and a resume.

This juried show is an excellent opportunity for a limited number of qualified fine artists. The head judge at this year's fair is national and international acclaimed sculpture artist, Mark Chatterley of Williamston, Mich. Accepted categories of fine art include: Ceramics, clay, drawing, etching, jewelry, glass, graphics, mixed media, oils, acrylics, photography, sculpture, weaving, watercolor and wood. Pre-manufactured or mass produced art is not permitted.

Acceptance to the fair will be delivered on or before April 3 and booth fees will only be refunded before July 5. To obtain an application go to www.canton-mi.org or call Kris Darby at (734) 560-6169 or Joyce Murphy at (734) 394-5174.

Van Buren Schools meetings

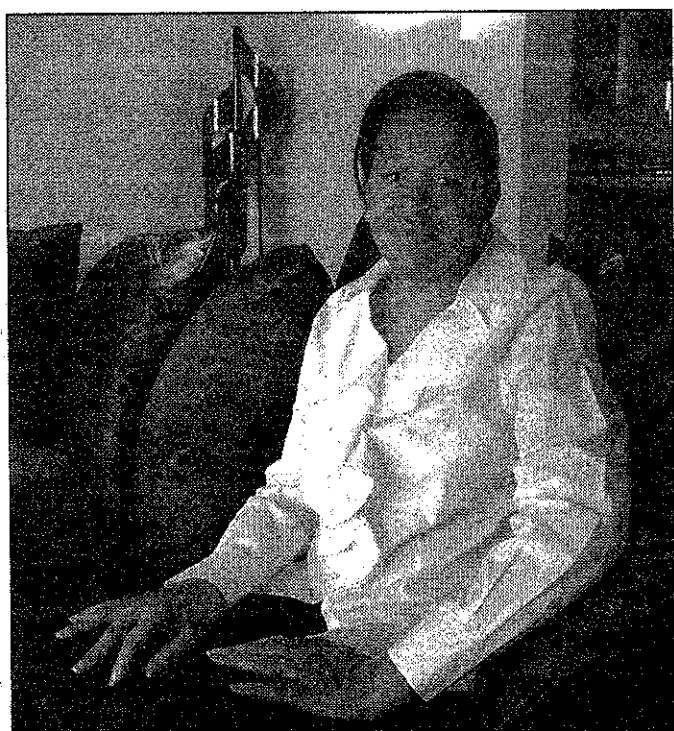
The Van Buren Schools Board of Education will hold several important upcoming meetings, including a special board meeting/work study session at 7 p.m. on Jan. 30. The board will discuss the 2006-07 budget, including such topics as bus replacement and technology.

From 7-9 p.m. Feb. 6, there will be a special town hall meeting and long-range strategic planning session. And 7-9 p.m. Feb. 7, the board will hold a special meeting to gain public input regarding the Feb. 28 bond to pay for the construction of a new Belleville High School.

All meetings will be held in the Belleville High School Food Service Center, which is located at 555 W. Columbia Avenue in Belleville. For more information, call (734) 697-9123.

Patterson hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's



Mentor of the year

Canton resident Helen Bell, who is a poet and substitute teacher, was honored Monday as Mentor of the Year by the Westland Youth Assistance Program, after she helped a 17-year-old boy improve his behavior. Bell, married for 32 years and with three adult children, was brave enough to engage in such activities as basketball with the boy, who she was mentoring. "I am a firm believer that you cannot teach without learning," she said. "I am grateful for what I have learned (from Youth Assistance)." Bell also has had her poetry published, and Motz noted that Bell won a Writer's Choice Award from the International Society of Poetry.

district director, Sue Trussell, will hold office hours for all constituents of State Senate District 7, in the Plymouth District Library's Waldorf Room 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Preschool story times for children 3-5 to 5 years old are also scheduled at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The library is located at 223 S. Main in Plymouth. All constituents are welcome. For more information, call the library, (734) 453-0750, or Patterson's Lansing office, (517) 373-7350 or (866) 262-7307.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers -- a social, civic and charitable organization -- welcomes the public to its Feb. 1 general meeting, beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, located at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center, between Woodmere and Weathersfield).

Dr. Jim Ryan, superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Schools, will be the guest speaker, and will discuss issues surrounding the May bond vote.

For more information, including a complimentary Newcomer newsletter called the "Canton Connection," visit them on the Web at newcomers.angelcities.com, or call

(734) 495-0520.

Lighthouse Aglow

Canton Lighthouse Aglow International invites all women to join in Saturday, Feb. 4, at St. Joseph's medical center on Palmer at Canton Center Rd. at 9:30 a.m. for food, fellowship, and a word on "What is prophecy?" with Margaret Moline. For more information, call Rochelle at (734) 981-6908.

Chinese culture fair

A Chinese Culture Fair is planned as part of the Connect with Your Neighbors series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, there will be an opportunity to experience Chinese culture with demonstrations in several art forms.

Mingwei Yao will present origami, the art of paper folding that originated in China around 105 AD.

Learn about Chinese calligraphy from Chen Li, the graceful and powerful movements of tai chi, demonstrated by Julie Burt, and penging bonsai, a free form and artistic style of bonsai, by Connie Bailie.

The Connect With Your Neighbor series offers a chance to learn about the

many diverse cultures within the Canton community. People of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

The Chinese Culture Fair is free and will take place in the library's community room. There is limited seating available, so please register by visiting the library or call (734) 397-0999. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

Canton Toastmasters

Learn how to develop communication and leadership skills that will boost your self-confidence and personal growth through Toastmasters International. Toastmasters was created to help men and women learn the art of speaking, listening, and thinking. These are vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

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.

Symphony salute

Student-run radio station 88.1FM partners with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra on a program called Salute to the Plymouth Symphony.

The third program will air on 88.1FM at noon Friday, Feb. 3; 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8; and at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. It will preview the symphony's Feb. 11 concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

Salute to the Plymouth Symphony will feature an interview with Nan Washburn, musical director and conductor; Jeffrey Zook, guest performer; and Marion Gross, Plymouth Symphony violinist for 47 years.

Patterson hours

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XL-ent events shape Super Bowl week

There are plenty of events to enjoy as Super Bowl XL week unfolds. For more events, click on www.hometownlife.com and look for Filter or go to sbxl.org for more listings.

■ NFL Experience
An interactive football theme park with games, displays and entertainment, 4-10 p.m. Feb. 1-5, Cobo Center, Detroit, \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12, call (866) TIX-4NFL (849-4635) or visit www.ticketmaster.com or www.superbowl.com.

■ Taste of the NFL
An annual event of fine cuisine and entertainment featuring a top chef and player representative from each NFL team. (Detroit will be represented by Brian Polcyn, chef and owner of Five Lakes Grill and instructor at Schoolcraft College.)

During the past 14 years, it has raised nearly \$6 million for hunger relief charities that feed children and the homeless. Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest will benefit from this event.

Sponsors for Taste of the NFL XV include: Gallo of Sonoma, Xbox 360, Allouette/Chavrie Cheese, ConAgra Foods, Inc., SIKU Vodka, Ecolab, Rock Financial and WXYZ-TV (Channel 7).

Tickets to Taste of the NFL and copies of the 2006 Restaurant Guide, featuring recipes of the dishes served, can be purchased by calling (952) 835-7621. Individual tickets are available for \$400, early entry VIP tickets are \$600. For more information, visit the Web site at www.tasteofthenfl.com.



Representing the Detroit Lions at last year's Taste of the NFL were Julia Polcyn, Chef Brian Polcyn of Five Lakes Grill and former Detroit Lions player James Hunter. Chef Polcyn is back again at this year's event Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Rock Financial Showplace.

■ Bowling
Super Bowl NFL Charities Bowling Classic, at least 40 former NFL players will bowl to benefit NFL's Youth Education Center in Detroit, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, Super Bowl Lanes, 45100 Ford Road in Canton, (734) 459-6070

■ NFL Alumni Bocce Ball Tournament
Inaugural tournament, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3, Palazzo di Bocce, 4291 Lapeer Road, Orion, \$6,000 per team of four, (952) 443-3979 or www.nflalumni.org

■ Groove Detroit: Art in Motion

Fund-raiser for The Children's Center hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Penske with buffet, open bar, live entertainment, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, Ford Conference & Event Center, Dearborn, \$450, (313) 262-1112 or www.thechildrenscenter.com.

■ Ultimate tailgate party
"40 Super Years of Football & Rock & Roll," with food, dancing, Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament and more, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, Farmington Hills Manor, 23666 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, \$1,000 per

table of 10 or \$100 per ticket, (248) 474-3440.

■ Family football festival
"Farmington Family Football Festival" features games and activities for the family, food, showings of *Friday Night Lights* and *The Longest Yard*, at Farmington Civic Theater, noon Saturday, Feb. 4, Shiawassee Park and Downtown Farmington, free, (248) 474-3440.

■ Motown Winter Blast
Ice skating, snow slide, marshmallow roasting, dog sled rides and 22-restaurant Taste of Detroit, Feb. 2-5. Visit motownwinterblast.com.

Transportation companies enjoying landmark business

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

If you're thinking about enjoying the sights, sounds and special events of Super Bowl XL this coming weekend and would like to travel around in style without hassling with parking, you had better move quickly.

Limousine services, recreational vehicle rental companies and auto rental companies in the metro Detroit area have been swamped with requests from football enthusiasts the world over.

Sue Jarvis, owner of Aristocat Limousine Service of Troy, is having the time of her life, professionally. She's really busy.

"Like you wouldn't believe," she said. "This is the best blessing this city ever had monetarily."

Aristocat has 60 limousines and nearly all of them are booked for the Super Bowl. There have been calls from corporate officers from all over the world looking for transportation that weekend.

"We've been getting calls like there's no tomorrow," Jarvis said. "We've got a little bit of availability left over."

She said she's seen the banners along I-696 for shuttle service from malls to the event area in downtown Detroit and can't think of how bad the lines are going to be getting there and back Super Sunday. But it's not like there are a lot of other options out there.

"Every rental car company in the area is booked," Jarvis said. "This is fabulous, the most unbelievable financial opportunity for me."

Larry Andree is the owner of A&S RV Rental in Auburn Hills. The calls for recreational vehicles started in October and the company rented its last one just three weeks ago.

"Most of them went to individuals," he said. "But we got a lot of corporate calls looking for multiple units."

He said a production company called looking for five RVs for its crew. A lot of companies in town to do work for the Super Bowl are using RVs as mobile hotel rooms so they can keep their people close by where they'll be working.

Although they're already sold out, calls are still coming in.

"We refer them to our dealer association or to the newspapers," Andree said. "There are some people who are renting their own RVs through the classifieds."

Enterprise Rent-a-Car in Romulus was contacted by management at Metro Airport and the NFL to come up with a plan to handle the increased traffic the Super Bowl would bring.

"Business couldn't be better," customer service representative Brian Colt said. "There's been a dramatic increase in the number of reservations for the coming week. We've been getting calls from all over the country."

The company has increased its fleet of available vehicles from its normal standing count of 800 to nearly a thousand cars. He said the company has been planning for the event for months.

Luxury transportation provider Metro Cars has ramped up its operations considerably, but it's still business as usual on the curb at Metro Airport.

"We service the airport and that will continue throughout the Super Bowl," Vice President Kevin Dunbar said. "But you can still walk out of the terminal and get into one of our cars without a reservation."

That's because Metro Cars has come prepared. The normal fleet of 375 drivers steering 110 luxury sedans and 45 shuttle buses has grown to almost 500 drivers, 200 sedans and 65 buses.

Skies won't be crowded until after the game

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

With professional football's premier event just a week away, the entire region is gearing up for the crowds, the fans, the events and the logistical snarls that will be Super Bowl XL.

While the city of Detroit is

changing traffic patterns to accommodate tens of thousands of football fans, the Federal Aviation Administration and local airports of all sizes are changing the way the region's airspace will operate during the event.

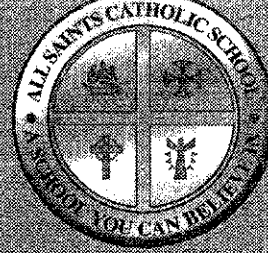
Oakland County Director of Central Services J. David Vander Veen said the flight

restrictions shouldn't affect Oakland County International Airport very much.

"There's a four-mile restricted area around Ford Field," he said. "After the game's over, planes will be able to depart at a rate of 30 per hour."

An area from 10 miles to 30 miles outside the event, planes must fly in constant

contact with the FAA, have plans registered with traffic control and be sending out transponder codes. During the event, there will be no flight training, sightseeing flights, banner towing, crop dusting, ballooning, hang gliding or parachuting inside that 30-mile ring from 4 p.m.



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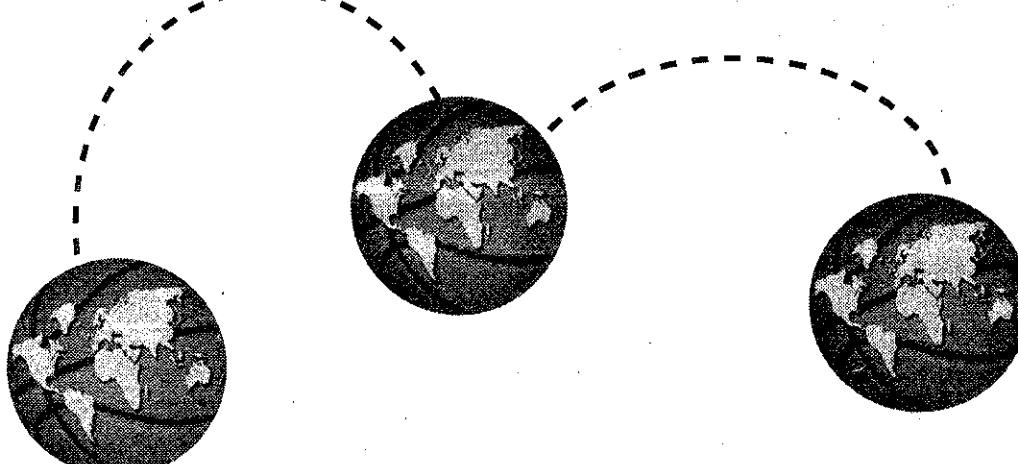
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Butler says he can attract independents

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Senate candidate Keith Butler says he is the only Republican candidate who can attract enough independent and Democratic voters to defeat Democratic incumbent Debbie Stabenow in



Butler

November. "I am the only Republican running who has a history of getting the votes of independents and Democrats. Michigan is a state that in off-presidential years, Democrats have a three-point advantage," he said in an interview Thursday prior to giving a short talk on health care to the Suburban Republican Women's Club at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant banquet center in Livonia. Butler is competing against Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and Jerry Zandstra, a minister from western Michigan, for the Republican nomination. Butler is also a minister, the founding pastor of the Word of Faith International Christian Center Church. He served in the Detroit City Council from 1990-94.

"I'm a real Republican," he said. "I'm not a career politician, but I do have electoral experience. I'm an individual who has started something from the ground up. I have 250 employees and I know what it's like to pay bills and take care of employees."

Butler said he was raised a Democrat, but became a Republican more than 25 years ago.

"I don't feel I left the Democratic Party, I feel they left me. I was raised a Democrat, but the party moved away from that Democratic Party," he said.

Social issues were his primary reasons for becoming a Republican.

"I'm a strong believer in the right to life, the traditional American family," he said. "I

Name: Keith Butler
Occupation: Former pastor, Word of Faith International Christian Center Church
Wife: Deborah, three children

believe you should reward hard work and initiative. I'm a strong believer in national defense and a vigorous foreign policy."

MISTAKES MADE

Yet while Butler says it is important for the United States to "stay the course" in Iraq and support the new Iraqi government, he was critical of the the prosecution the war.

"No question there have been serious mistakes made in the prosecution of the war in Iraq," he said. "I personally believe in the Powell Doctrine that you don't go into someplace unless you have overwhelming force. Not having enough boots on the ground, in my view, opened the door for the insurgency."

He said he supports the president's position on not dealing with Hamas, following the group's unexpected defeat of Fatah for majority representation in the Palestinian parliament. Hamas has said it opposes the existence of Israel and hasn't renounced the use of arms.

On domestic issues, Butler said health care was a major concern and a major contributor to the problems faced by Detroit automakers. He said he is working on a detailed health care proposal that he will be releasing as the campaign goes on.

"We have to be much more competitive, lower costs and get rid of burdensome regulations," he said.

"I think the federal government can do something in the health care arena that will help everyone, but at the same time help the auto industry and other businesses so our economy doesn't carry the full weight."

He said he regards education as a "national security" issue, as

we need to compete with other nations. He said the administration's No Child Left Behind program has been successful in raising test scores and narrowing the gap for minority students.

"We have to have massive amounts of math, science, reading and language. I support all initiatives that do that," he said.

He said he also supports having students attend classes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 11 months a year.

Butler is opposed to the "Michigan Civil Rights Initiative" ballot proposal to ban affirmative action. He said the proposal will have unintended consequences, such as barring single-gender classes and programs for women in underrepresented professions.

"As for whether affirmative action was ever a good idea, certainly it was after 200 years of slavery and legal discrimination," he said. "Without a doubt, the majority society, since they did the oppressing, needed to help those they had oppressed."

In his short talk to the Suburban Republican Women, Butler proposed that the health care system needed to be automated and that everyone needed to have access to health care information. In addition, he said the current system put too much emphasis on acute care rather than prevention and fitness and didn't give users a "stake" in the system that would make them more responsible for their health care costs.

He also reiterated his anti-abortion position.

State Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, said the party was fortunate to have three good candidates.

"I he'll bring a fresh perspective coming from a big city," she said. "He also has a good faith-based following. People are looking for a moral person."

Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson called Butler a man of great "moral fiber and character."

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Where are the royalties?

Authors collect books, files, but not money from closed publisher's building

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Local authors loaded boxes of their books and files out of First Page Publications Friday, finally gaining access to their belongings more than a month after the Livonia-based publishing company closed its doors.

The reason for the closing remains a mystery to authors who published their work through the local company. Many are seeking answers, and wondering how to collect thousands of dollars of royalties on works they've sold.

Ken Rogers, an author from Oak Park, knew nothing of the closing until last week. While some authors associated with the business received letters explaining that First Page was going out of business, Rogers was not contacted. He had heard the news from a fellow writer.

Like many of the 75 authors associated with the business, Rogers is owed money. The property he was owed he was able to collect Friday morning.

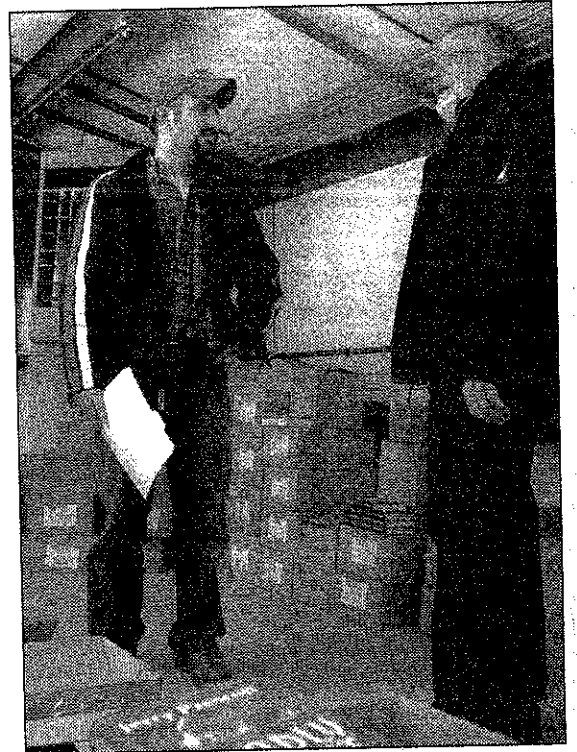
"It's a good company," he said. "It was. I started with Proctor Publications in Ann Arbor."

In October 2004 writer and publisher Joe Aller bought Proctor Publications, and later renamed it and relocated to Livonia. Calls and messages left for Aller Friday were not returned. According to author Shannon Trost and illustrator Kim Peterson the business closed in late December and Aller has returned few phone calls or e-mail messages to explain why.

"He's responded to random people and said 'I'm working on the details,'" said Peterson, a Plymouth resident.

The building was opened by the landlord so writers could pick up their books, electronic files and other property.

But no one knows how to obtain their royalties. Authors at the site estimated that at least 50 people are owed between \$1,000 and \$10,000, depending on how well their work has sold. Trost said she has tried to meet with Aller



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Author Chad Lampert of Battle Creek (left) and illustrator Dave Messing of Livonia check with each other to see if they have seen each other's works among the piles of boxes left behind.

since last November to discuss royalty payments. But she had no luck.

"It's heartbreaking," said Trost. "These are people's hopes and dreams. Basically this place has been closed since Dec. 23. We've had no access."

Sam Offen, a West Bloomfield resident, published his book of memoirs as a Holocaust survivor through First Page Publications. Titled *When Hope Prevails*, Offen said the book has sold "hundreds and hundreds of copies" since May, but he knew "something was wrong" with the publishing company.

"I didn't get one penny," Offen said.

He began to notice fewer employees working at First Page. Offen was among the authors who showed up Friday to collect personal photographs and materials he used for the book.

While he admits he's confused by what has happened, Offen plans to sell the copies he has, and to continue to donate the proceeds to the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, as well as to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Other writers impacted by the closing are focused on what will happen next. Rogers said he's "considering the prospect of a possible lawsuit. You got a lot of upset people."

Trost said: "We would just like him to be held accountable."

Police chase down suspect

POLICE BEAT

Canton police arrested a man after an armed robbery Jan. 19. According to police reports, officers were called to the Shell gas station at 40400 Michigan Avenue, at 1:20 a.m. The clerk there told officers that a man came into the store, used the rest room, then demanded the money from the cash register. "Give me your money," he said to the clerk. "I don't want to hurt you."

The clerk handed over \$120 in cash and the man got into a dark green minivan and drove away. A few minutes later, officers saw a similar van near Palmer and Canton Center roads, and tried to pull over the vehicle. The driver didn't stop immediately, but pulled into a driveway in a subdivision in that area, got out and started running from police.

Officers were able to catch him after a short foot chase. He was arrested and charged with armed robbery.

FALSE REPORT

A Superior Township man is facing charges after he reported his truck stolen, then changed his story multiple times when talking to Canton police.

According to police reports, the man told police on Jan. 21 that he had dropped off a friend, though he didn't know the friend's name or exact address, and was approached by a man who threatened to kill him if he didn't hand over the keys to his truck. He said the man took the keys and drove away.

He told police he didn't want to report the crime because he was afraid, but then decided he wanted police to help him find his stolen vehicle, so he changed his mind.

However, when police began investigating the complaint, they found that the man's friend, who is staying at the Barbu motel on Michigan Avenue, had actually borrowed the truck.

The man had been staying with the friend for two days, and the friend said they'd spent much of that time smoking crack cocaine. At one point, the man told the friend that he could borrow the truck. But when he took it out for a drive, he was stopped in Washtenaw County and the truck was impounded by police.

The owner of the truck was charged for filing a false police report.

LAWN DAMAGE

A Canton homeowner called police after someone destroyed some 20 yards of sod on her lawn.

According to police reports, the homeowner heard some commotion at approximately 10:30 p.m. Jan. 24 outside her home on Stonebridge Way. When she looked outside, she saw a white car driving away from her house. She thought the driver had tried to turn around in her driveway, but had missed the pavement, and wound up tearing up \$500 worth of sod.

Police noted that there are tire tracks across the next two neighboring lawns, as well.

CARS ROBBERED

Canton police are looking for suspects who broke into five cars which were parked at a Joy Road business.

According to police reports the cars were parked at the business overnight from Jan. 23 to Jan. 24. Someone broke into the cars by breaking windows and cutting through one convertible roof.

There was some \$600 worth of items stolen from the cars, and the culprit caused more than \$4,700 worth of damage to the cars.

By Carol Marshall

Library recognized for multicultural programs

From Indian Classical Dance to Konami Japanese music to Chinese New Year celebrations, the Canton Public Library is "ahead of the pack with regard to multicultural programs and services for the public" according to the Library of Michigan's LM4X newsletter.

The Canton Public Library was recently recognized by the group for creating a Multicultural Initiative com-

mittee (MCI), identifying program possibilities and creating a calendar of events to cater to Canton's diverse population.

As a result of discussions from the MCI, the library has increased the size and scope of its International Language Collection to a total of 20 languages, including the recent addition of Marathi, Kannada and Romanian titles. A page on the Internet branch,

www.cantonpl.org, details the International Language Collection with a complete list of languages, a list of newly arrived material and links to other resources in Michigan.

The library has materials to help new residents make a smooth transition to the community including information on applying for citizenship, learning a new language, and other resources. The library

also works with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools English Language Learners program.

Program coordinator Marcia Barker heads up the library's programming, scheduling Japanese musicians and Hispanic storytellers alike. She says the library hopes to reflect Canton's increasingly diverse population and help build understanding between

neighbors.

"The people that attend are overwhelmed and grateful that we have opened a dialogue for understanding. The programs present aspects of a culture that people might not have an opportunity to experience otherwise," she said.

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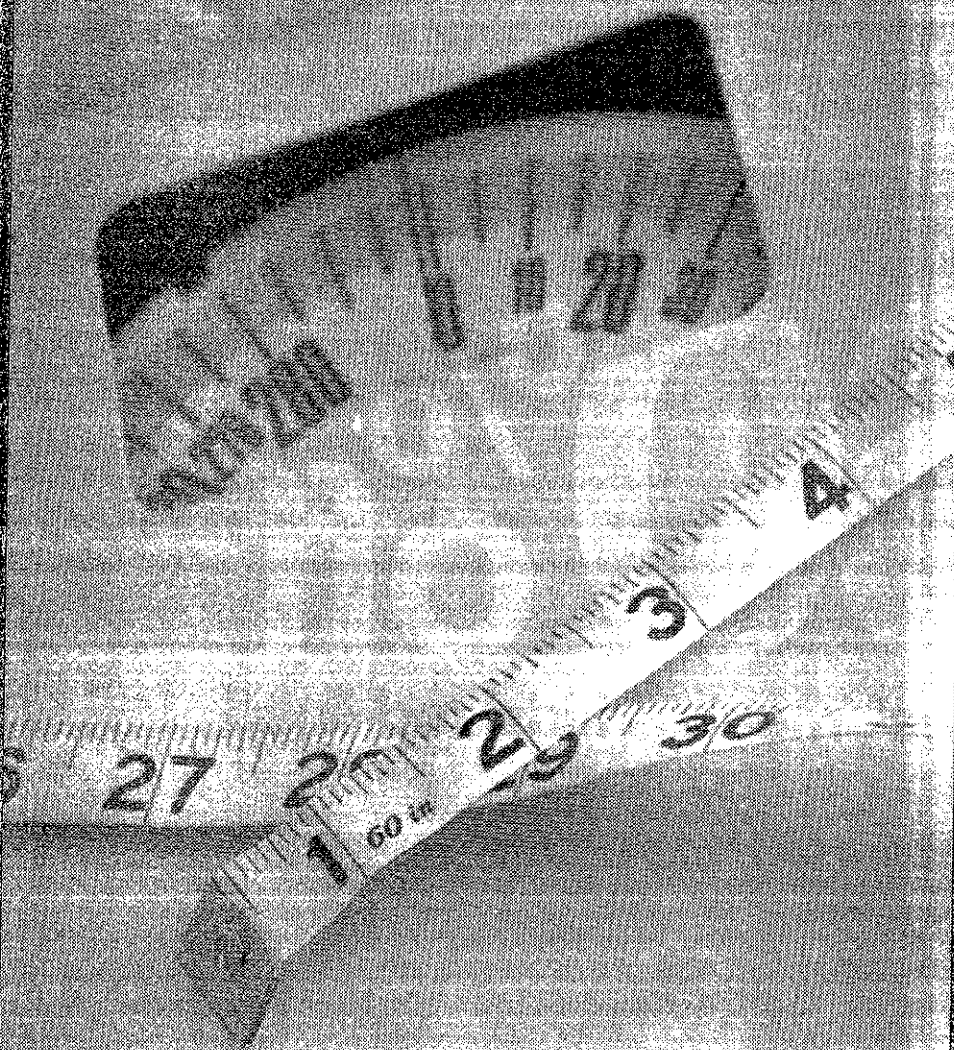
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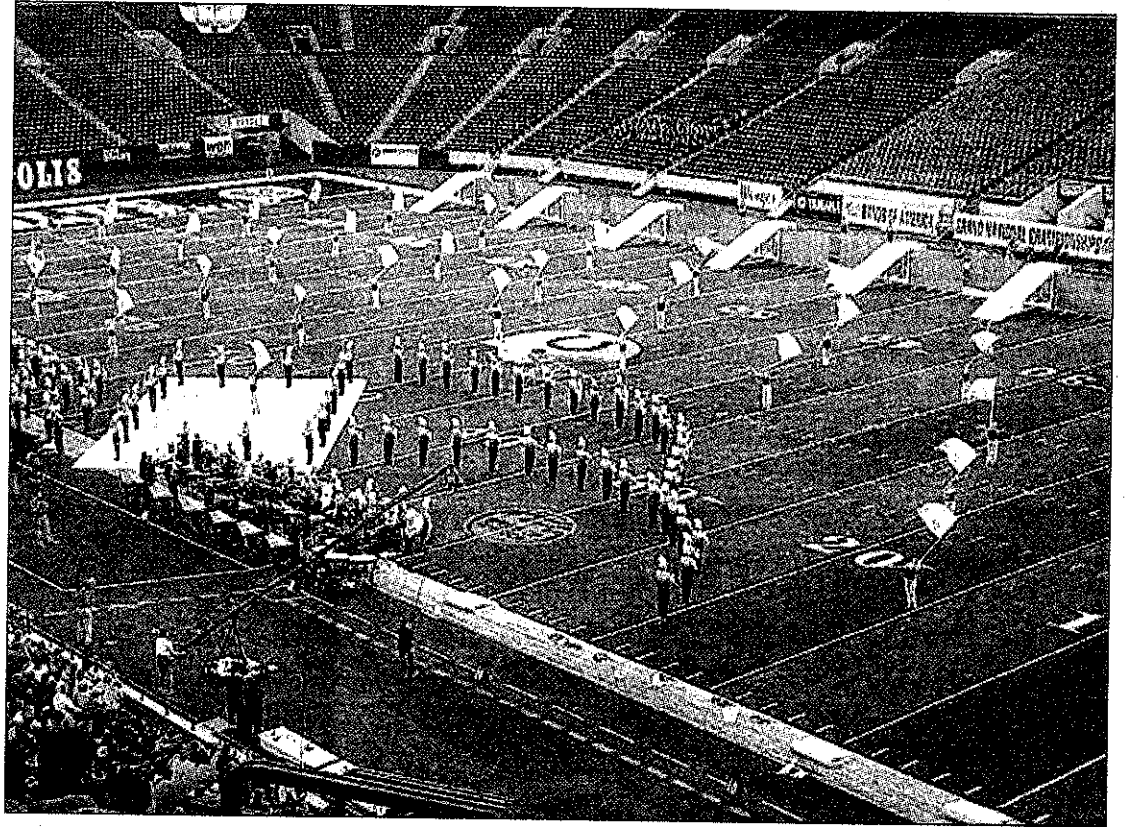


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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band finished ninth at the national competition last fall in Indianapolis.

Talent show, auction boost bands

BY ADELE ARMBURSTER
CORRESPONDENT

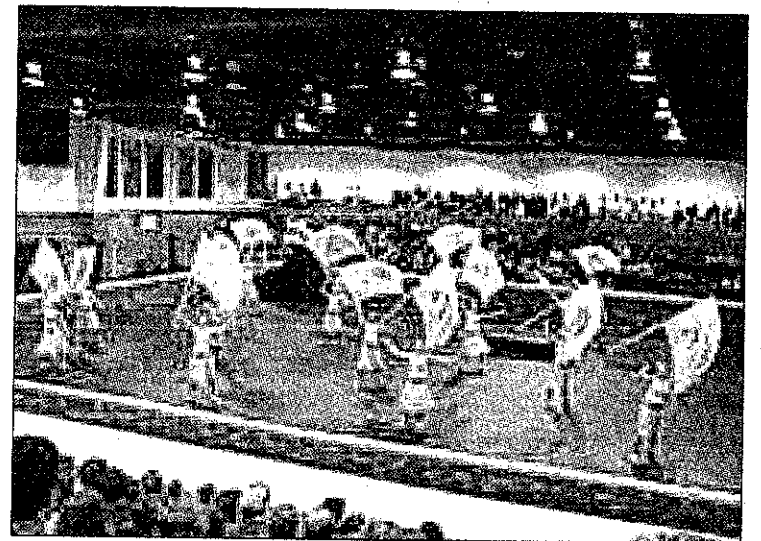
Members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park band program are inviting people from the Plymouth-Canton community to attend "Variety Is..." a talent show and auction sponsored by the band program Feb. 3-4 in Salem High School.

The talent portion of this annual event showcases the talents of P-CEP students in the performing arts. Organized and directed by band students, the talent show begins at 7:30 p.m. in Salem's Logan Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

"Variety Is..." will feature different performers each evening and will mark the final appearances of the 2005 P-CEP Marching Band, which placed ninth in the Bands of America National Championship Finals in Indianapolis in November.

The band is an extracurricular activity under the leadership of Band Director Marc Whitlock. It accepts musicians without audition; day band enrollment is not required. In addition, students may earn a varsity letter as well as obtain physical education credit.

The auction preview and bidding starts at 6 p.m. each evening with winning tickets drawn after the talent show finale Saturday, Feb. 4. Winners need not be present.



The Feb. 3-4 talent show and auction will benefit the band programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Local merchants, restaurants, museums, golf courses, hotels and the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters (the parent organization for the P-CEP Marching Band), have donated items to the auction, proceeds from which will help support upcoming P-CEP Winter Guard competition and transportation expenses.

Like the P-CEP Marching Band, the P-CEP Winter Guard is a program sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters.

It provides an opportunity to develop students for the Marching Band's Color Guard and enhances the skills of those who are already part of the Color Guard.

Considered the sport of the arts, Winter Guard and Color

Guard combine music and dance with the spinning of flags, rifles, and sabers.

The competitive achievements of the Marching Band are due in part to its Color Guard.

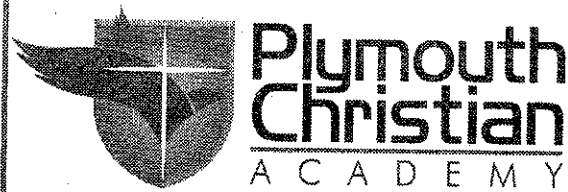
Both Winter Guard and Color Guard are coached by Jennifer Leseth, whose talent as a Color Guard/Winter Guard coach is well respected and recognized throughout the United States and abroad.

In 2004, Leseth recognized the need for a year-round guard program and began the P-CEP Winter Guard.

The program now supports two teams which compete at state, regional, and national levels.

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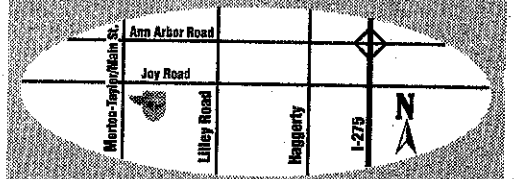
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Helping to heal

Church volunteers hit the road to help Katrina victims rebuild

"I had a glimpse of what the world looked like through our Heavenly Father's eyes ... and I cried."

Kristyn Pillitteri
NorthRidge Church
volunteer

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Kristyn Pillitteri and others at NorthRidge Church were affected by the devastation inflicted by Hurricane Katrina last fall about the same way most other Americans were: Sadness, sympathy for the victims, an "I wish there was something I could do to help" feeling.

Instead of feeling the feeling fleetingly and then letting it pass and moving on with their lives, Pillitteri, a Livonia resident, and more than 150 other volunteers clambered into rented vans, headed in seven different teams over two months to Kiln, Miss., to help victims start reclaiming their lives.

That is when the level of devastation - and the feeling of hopelessness left in its wake - became exceedingly clear.

"The mission ... became real to us when we not only witnessed the overwhelming destruction, but the overwhelming pain," Pillitteri wrote in a letter to friends and family when she returned. "The devastation throughout was horrific. It was incredibly sad, to say the least."

Pillitteri, and the other NorthRidge volunteers, were in Kiln because of the church's desire to "put hands and feet" to their assistance. In the immediate wake of the hurricanes, NorthRidge did its part to help from afar, donating some \$25,000 and sending some 27,000 pounds of food to the storm-ravaged area.

HANDS AND FEET

In the end, though, church officials leaned on one of their core values: The idea you have to do what you can to help the hurting, the poor and the sick. "As soon as (the hurricane) happened, we knew we were going to respond, (and) initially we sent money, but that's not what we're all about," said Beth Harris, NorthRidge's outreach coordinator. "It wasn't enough. You can do all you want from afar, but we wanted to put hands and feet to it. We went down and lived this disaster."

NorthRidge had already worked on other programs with Samaritan's Purse, the international relief organization headed by Franklin Graham, the son of the Rev. Billy Graham. Samaritan's Purse was leading relief efforts in the Gulf Coast region, so partnering again seemed "like a natural fit," according to Harris.

The first order of business: Find volunteers. No problem; hundreds of people signed up. Next order of business was organizing the teams. Seven different teams of varying sizes were assembled, with all volunteers actually paying \$150 for the privilege of going. Through Samaritan's Purse, NorthRidge hooked up with a church in Kiln, where volunteers slept on cots, showered in trailers and cooked meals in a makeshift kitchen.

HARD WORK

That was at night. During the day, they were in hurricane-damaged homes, tearing down drywall, gutting houses and hauling mounds of waste to the garbage. The amount of work needed at first overwhelmed the volunteers.

"I expected to see a lot of devastation, but I didn't

expect it to be so widespread," said Daryl Urban, a mason contractor from Westland who was down there in November. "We had teams down there before us who tried to explain it, but there really aren't any words."

The teams started work on Monday morning, going eight hours a day through Friday evening doing what they called a "full mud-out." According to Harris, the teams took the homes, which hadn't been touched since the hurricane hit Labor Day weekend, from attic to slab.

Everything had to go, including furniture, clothing, appliances, toilets, sinks and tubs. They removed drywall, wood paneling, insulation, ceilings and flooring. And much of it was done under the watchful eye of the homeowners, who had a hand in the decision on what might be salvageable.

"You had to be careful, because you were throwing their lives to the curb," said Paolo Ivanov of Northville, a volunteer who made the trip less than six months after undergoing a quadruple bypass operation. "It's easy to become insensitive, because that's the job you're there to do."

The job was hard for the residents to watch, at least at first. According to the volunteers, many of them still seemed to be in a bit of shock over the events, a little put off by the fact these strangers were poring through their belongings.

EMBRACING AID

However, they said, it didn't take them long to warm up. "It was very difficult ... some of them were a bit standoffish at first," Urban said. "They knew we were coming in to

clean out their belongings. Sometimes it took them a couple of days to understand we were there to help."

More than anything, it was the people who affected the NorthRidge teams the most. There was "Pizza Man Tony," a homeowner who insisted on providing doughnuts and pizza, despite the volunteers' pledge not to accept anything from the people they were there to help. There was Diane and her family, living in a FEMA trailer on the property.

And then there was Jimmy, an "80-ish" man who has lived in Kiln his whole life. A victim of polio, Jimmy told volunteers he rode out the storm for 14 hours in 175 mph winds atop his home.

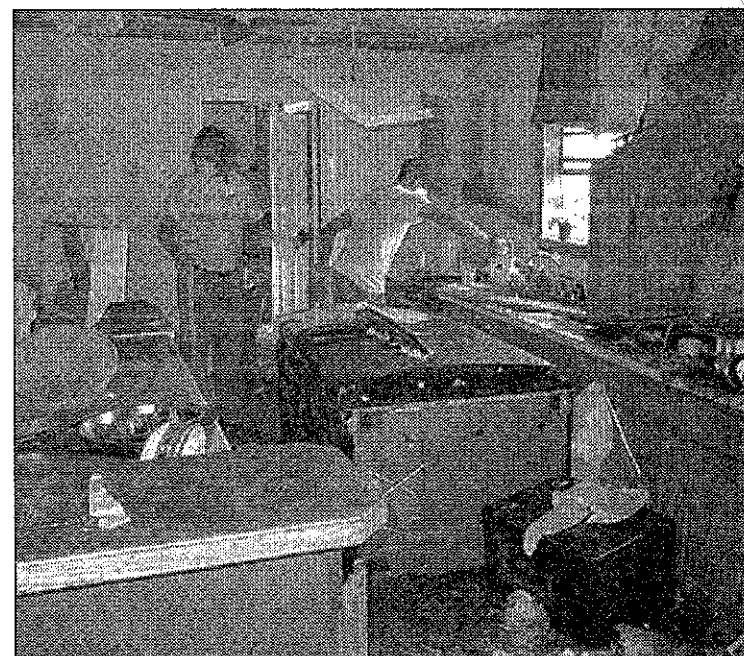
"He'd lost his wife a few months earlier," Pillitteri said, tears welling in her eyes. "He told us he was thankful for that, because he didn't think he'd have been able to save her."

The experience left the NorthRidge volunteers feeling blessed to have been a part of it.

"We saw just in the week we were there 16 houses were done," the Livonia woman said. "It was life-changing. I know that sounds like a cliché. It changed me more than it changed them."

LOOKING AHEAD

Those experiences left the volunteers headed down with NorthRidge's second wave of teams - the first of which leaves next week - eager to help. For Deb Gering, an operating room nurse from Canton who'd just visited New Orleans for a conference months before the hurricane, it was



Phil Pressotto of Livonia and his son, Nathan Pressotto of Royal Oak, sift through debris left behind in a Kiln, Miss., home following Hurricane Katrina. The pair were in Kiln as part of a relief team sent by NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township.

tough watching on television as people struggled in the aftermath.

"It was hard for me to wrap my head around seeing all those people suffering," said Gering, clinical manager of the OR at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit. "I had a friend who went, and the stories she told blew me away. My compassion for people makes me want to go. God is telling me, 'It's your turn.'"

Kelly Murphy-Smith of Northville has been where the people of the Gulf Coast have been, having once lost her home to a fire. She and her husband, both firefighter/paramedics, both wanted to help. Her husband went in November; Murphy-Smith is scheduled to go next month.

"I know what its like to feel alone, because there was no one to help me," said Murphy-Smith, now a stay-at-home mom.

"It's a blessing to be going, because people think the work there is done. People think things are getting finished. But there's not a lot of people

going down there."

Despite the grueling work and the long schedule, teacher Angela Oliver of Canton is looking forward to going next month.

"I immediately felt, 'I wish I could go,' but there was no way I could go at that time of year," said Oliver, who teaches math at West Middle School in Plymouth. "I was like, 'OK, God doesn't want me to go yet.' (Now) I think I'm more excited about where I'm going on vacation than anyone I work with."

That level of enthusiasm doesn't surprise pastor Brad Powell.

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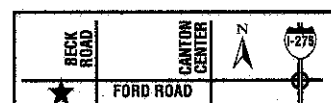
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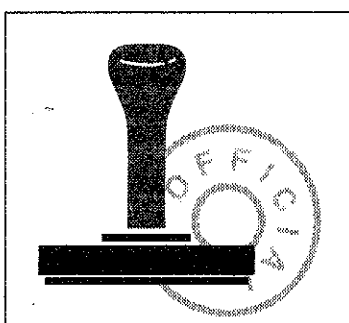
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 Mary Jane Ball
 Ball, 87, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 24.
 Jo Ann Boyne
 Boyne, 62, of Pine Way, Ga., died Jan. 26.
D
 William Joseph DeYonker
 DeYonker, 82, died Jan. 21.
E
 Richard F. Eberline
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F
 Irene M. Fischer
 Fischer, 84, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 20.
H
 Charlotte A. Harding
 Harding, 64, of Rochester, died Jan. 18.
J
 Charles "Hurshei" Johnson
 Johnson, 81, of Oscoda, died, Jan. 18.

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 Millet, 78, of Birmingham, died Jan. 16.
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 Edna A. Schneider
 Schneider, 88, of Rochester, died Jan. 20.
W
 William (Bill) J. Wink Jr.
 Wink, 83, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 25.

BULLIES

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a six-student peer mediation team at Allen.
 Principal Marcia Moore said students have to apply to become part of the team, and those selected are trained in the art of mediation by the Wayne County Intermediate School District.
 Allen fifth-grader Rebecca Lechevalier, 10, said the biggest skill is learning how to listen.
 "During the peer mediation trial, the bully and the person being picked on have to listen to each other's story, and then retell it and tell how each other feels," said Lechevalier. "I decided to do this to learn some life lessons, and get along better with my classmates. It's worked a lot better than I thought."
 Jason Hudy of Livonia uses his talent as a magician, mesmerizing children with magic tricks while giving them the message that bullying isn't acceptable. But, what is a bully?
 "Somebody who picks on you and is mean," answered first-grader Nolan Kerwin during an assembly at Allen Wednesday, where the underlying message from Hudy was tolerance.
 "Everyone is different, but we are all the same," Hudy explained to students. "It's not what's on the outside that counts, but what's on the inside."
 "Bullying is never OK," added Hudy, who also urged those who see a bullying situation to report it. "Sometimes doing

nothing at all is just as bad as being a bully."
 Students walked away understanding the importance of not being a bully.
 "It could hurt your feelings," said kindergartner Genevieve Benson, who said if she saw someone being bullied, "You could tell the teacher or principal."
 Plymouth-Canton Schools has an anti-bullying task force, whose mission is to have a learning environment that is safe for all children. Currently, the program is being taught in the middle schools, where much of the problem with bullying both starts and exists.
 "I see bullying, and I have a passion against it," said Bob Hayes, director of student services. "Every child has a right to learn, and sometimes the bullying and teasing in the hallways impacts a child's ability to learn, and that's not fair."
 The anti-bullying program began with a \$7,500 grant from the Canton Community Foundation, and Hayes is hopeful of expanding it to the elementary grades.
 Moore, who has worked at the middle school and elementary levels, said bullying starts at an early age.
 "We've seen a reduction of bullying in our school because of the intervention that we have put into place with peer mediators and our counselor," said Moore. "It seems to become prevalent in fourth and fifth grade, but I have seen it in kindergarten."
 At West Middle School, counselor Valerie Swift said the anti-bullying curriculum is helping to change the culture and climate as students understand that bullying is unacceptable behavior and won't be tolerated. But, there are still some problems.
 "We see it more in the middle school because they start getting into cliques, and they're more peer oriented," said Swift. "The social aspect of middle school is huge. They live for lunch, recess and the changing of classes to see friends."
 Swift says when it comes to bullying, boys and girls do it differently.
 "With girls, it's jockeying to be the queen bee," said Swift. "They do it with body language, with looks, starting rumors and freezing people out. They are more subtle."
 "Boys are more physical," added Swift. "They might shove somebody into a locker or knock books off a desk."
 Sarah Dabaja, 13, of Canton Township, said last year she was teased by a group of so-called friends because she wore her hijab, a head dress symbolic of her Muslim heritage.
 "They made fun of me about my religion, and made fun of my family," said Dabaja, now a seventh grader. "I got used to it, but it still felt bad."
 After discussing the problem with Swift, Dabaja found the solution in a new group of friends.
 "I learned that if these kids aren't good to me, I shouldn't be hanging out with them," said Dabaja.
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DANCERS

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good health and are able to participate in three rehearsals, the first of which was yesterday and was expected to last from 2 p.m. until as late as 10 p.m.
 Walter chose a group of friends — most of whom she met at Canton's Rose's Restaurant, where she and her husband are regular patrons — and crossed her fingers as she waited to hear they'd been chosen. But she thought her team had not been picked when the deadline to be notified came and went last Sunday. But late that evening, she checked her e-mail and found the confirmation there in her mailbox.
 "I screamed," she said. "My husband was in the shower

and I screamed so loud that he came running out, putting on his shirt and yelling, 'What's wrong? Are you OK?'"
 Oh yes, she was just fine, she said. She grabbed her cell phone and started calling her friends to share her good news. The husbands and boyfriends of her pals claim that they don't have even the tiniest bit of jealousy that the women get to attend the big game.
 "There's no promise that we'll get to see any of the game, and they all want to watch," Walter said. "So most of them will be hanging out at home or here at Rose's to watch the game. And to watch for us."
 Walter's friend, Margaret Jardine, knew all along they would be chosen, even though it was after they filed their

application that the original age restrictions were lifted. At first, applicants were told that only those under the age of 45 would be chosen.
 "But there was so much backlash they changed their minds. I mean it's people who are over 45 who made the Stones famous. We are their fan base," said Jardine. "Which worked out well because they wouldn't have let me do this because I'm older than that."
 So what are the Honky Tonk Women doing to prepare for the big day? They've made big, glittery signs to carry with them, and have met to excitedly plan over Cosmopolitans and Bloody Marys at their favorite restaurant. But mostly, Jardine said, they just dance.
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The Super Bowl represents the latest pearl in a string of big-time sporting events that have landed here in the past couple of years.

As a journalist, you get the full brunt of the sporting event's impact on the community, and quickly understand that there is much more to the occasion than the competition itself.

The Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills and last summer's Major League Baseball All-Star Game came with the appropriate amount of pre-event hype. Both events showcased the best of our state, were

successful in every aspect and left a good feeling — and lots of cash — throughout our communities.

I didn't participate in our All-Star coverage and, not being much of a baseball fan, didn't pay too much attention to "All-Star week."

When the Ryder Cup came to town, it was a dream come true to help coordinate our newspaper's efforts to explain to our readers that the event was much more than just a golf tournament.

I know journalists are supposed to be jaded about everything, but as a golfer it was hard not to be in awe of the greatest talents in the world of a sport you enjoy playing. Plus, I got to see how the sponsors, the golfers and a flood of volunteers worked together to ensure a successful event.

But neither the All-Star Game nor the Ryder Cup comes close to the sheer magnitude of Super Bowl week. And while much of the media spotlight has been trained on the game, the parties, related events and guessing which celebrities will or won't show, what stunned me was how many community groups and "ordinary" people are going to benefit directly from the big game.

The "SBXL Community Impact Schedule" totals a whopping 21 pages of activities and events specifically geared toward supporting myriad local charities and institutions. The breadth of activities being done this week in the name of Super Bowl XL is staggering in its diversity, from planting trees in Southfield to combating carbon dioxide generated during the week, to a reception with Miss America to benefit the local Make-A-Wish chapter.

Throughout the week, NFL players, league officials and other celebrities will criss-cross southeast Michigan visiting children's wings of area hospitals, conducting youth sports and fitness clinics, building "home kits" for Habitat for Humanity and bestowing large grants to construct a new youth center in the city and

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refurbish the Cass Activity Center.

The only chance a Lions player has of seeing the Vince Lombardi Trophy is if he scores a seat in the owner's box, but that hasn't stopped several players from volunteering their time to help those less fortunate.

This town has had to endure plenty of bad news lately, and more bad days appear on the horizon. The domestic auto industry is in the tank, people are scrambling to keep their homes heated and their gas tanks full, and all signs point to a nasty governor's race which is sure to fill our television screens with attack ads for weeks on end.

It is easy to become cynical in this town. Easy to say, "It's just a game," or "The media can't wait to slam Detroit," or "They're just putting a pretty dress on a pig."

But we should all be glad the Super Bowl is coming. Because all of the good that comes with us will remain for a lot longer than memories of what took place on the football field.

■ You can't make this stuff up:

It never ceases to amaze me the lengths some will go to find a news angle to exploit.

Earlier this week, I received an e-mail press release titled, "Why Super Bowl Fans Stink."

The release was hyping one Bill Downs, described as one of the "foremost experts on dieting and digestion."

Mr. Downs, according to the release, was making himself available for interviews to discuss how Super Bowl partygoers could avoid "gassing out their guests at this year's party."

The culprit? "Super Bowl party foods have an unspoken dark side that's among society's last taboos: The unsportsmanlike flatulence that results from gastrointestinal distress," the release warned. "Indeed, football fans around the country will be joining the inactive list as their bodies fail to digest a perfect storm of spicy, saucy, salty and fatty foods."

I passed on an offer to interview Mr. Downs. And I passed on a chance to contact the PR firm representing him to ask how it could send out such a ridiculous release.

And if I watch what I eat Super Bowl Sunday, I won't be passing anything else.

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Joe Bauman

Time for us to pull together, face new economic reality

For those who had not heard the warning bells that we are confronting a rapidly changing, disruptive, informational and technologically driven global economy that will defy predictability, the sobering news from Bill Ford Jr. on "black and blue Monday" was a jolt of reality that hit many right between the eyes.

To put it simply:

What we once had is now gone.



Tom Watkins

Gone are the days when the "Big Three" dominated the auto industry. Japan and Korea are gulping huge portions of the auto market pie and China and India are licking their lips.

Gone are the days when one could drop out of school and enter the factory and a middle-class lifestyle.

This is our new reality. As was stated repeatedly during Ford's "Way Forward" press conference: If we do not change, we will not exist.

This statement also rings true for local governments, schools and students. Whether you are a private or public enterprise, you cannot survive let alone thrive without casting off the anchor, negative attitudes, gotcha politics, archaic laws and public policies that bind us to yesterday's 20th century moorings.

What we make of this new reality is up to us.

How can we benefit from this new reality? While we implore our elected leaders to see the urgency and take action for the plight of the throngs of people having their lives torn apart by the global tide, we need to individually take responsibility for this transformational global tsunami that has hit us.

What we can and should do.

1) Talk to your children and reinforce the need for education beyond high school. Clearly a child without a solid education today is an adult without much hope for a productive future.

2) Realize that change is inevitable, but progress is optional. Lifelong learning from the cradle to the grave must be a goal for all. Do not wait for your layoff notice; take advantage of our great community colleges, apprenticeship programs or universities to advance your knowledge and skills.

3) Legislators: Embrace the state Board of Education's call to enhance the rigor and curricula offering that all high school students must master. The quality of our system of public education and our economic prosperity are inextricably linked. The children of Detroit, Grand Rapids and Novi are not com-

peting with the kids from the school district or state next door. They will be competing with the children of the world.

Having traveled to China numerous times, I assure you their system of education is on steroids and their desire for quality education unmatched. When the Chinese are producing 10 times the number of engineers that we do in the United States, you know we have a problem.

4) Educators: Take note, like the auto industry you are going to have to make significant improvements in enhancing quality and accountability, controlling health care and pension costs and consolidating, merging and, in some cases, eliminating school districts.

5) Mr. President and Congress: Realize that our manufacturers, especially our auto industry, are at risk of imploding. We need national policies that help and a bare minimum do not hinder or exacerbate industry weaknesses.

Issues that deserve our immediate attention include:

■ National health care reform (the health care burden adds an extra \$1,500 to each domestic auto maker's cost of producing a car). This provides an unfair cost advantage to our foreign competitors.

■ Protect Americans from intellectual property piracy that is allowing our foreign competitors to steal our ideas and financially benefit from our creativity.

■ Provide a significant investment in math, science and technology. We need this investment to maintain America as the center of innovation.

■ Invest significant new resources in research and development

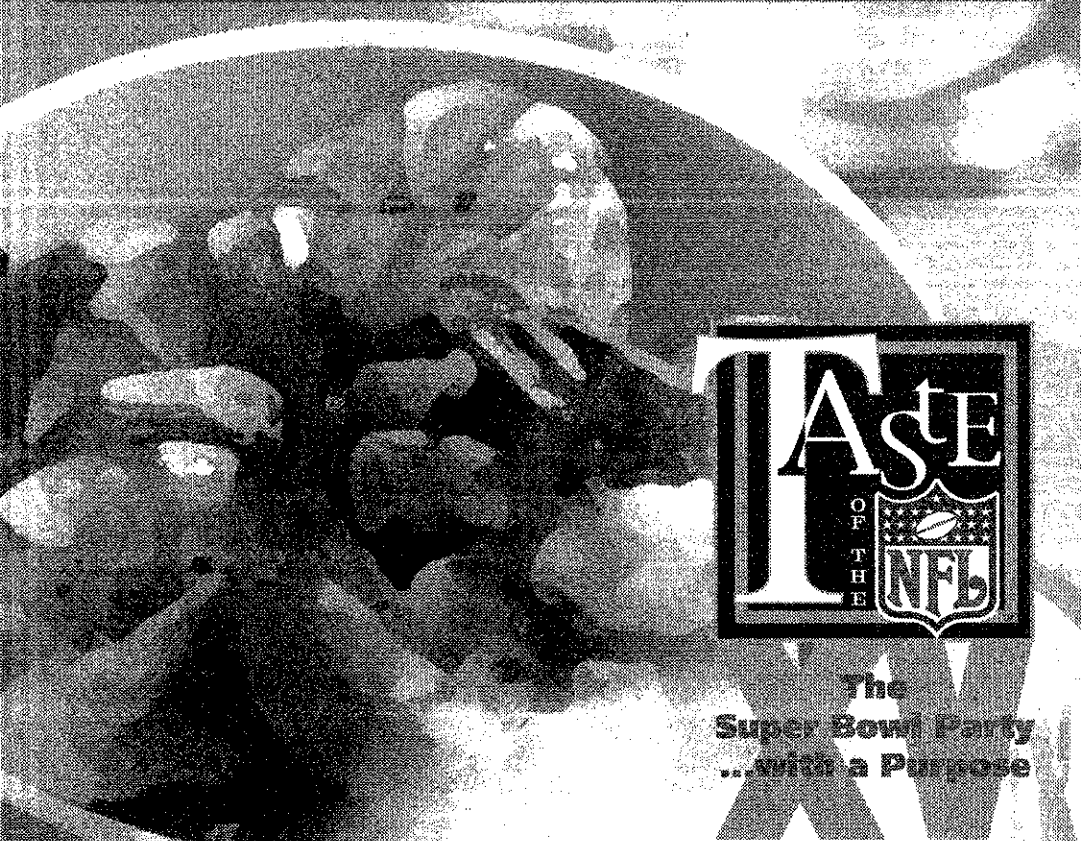
■ Develop training and retraining program that rivals the GI Bill, the Marshall Plan and the Civilian Conservation Corps that will provide every willing person the means to obtain the skills, education and experience to prosper in this great country of ours.

To paraphrase former President Bill Clinton: There is nothing so wrong with American workers that cannot be fixed by American investment in its people.

From my days as a boxer, I learned that it is not the number of times you are knocked down, but the number of times you get back up that counts. The Ford announcements Monday may have left us black and blue, but if we pull together, no one can count us out.

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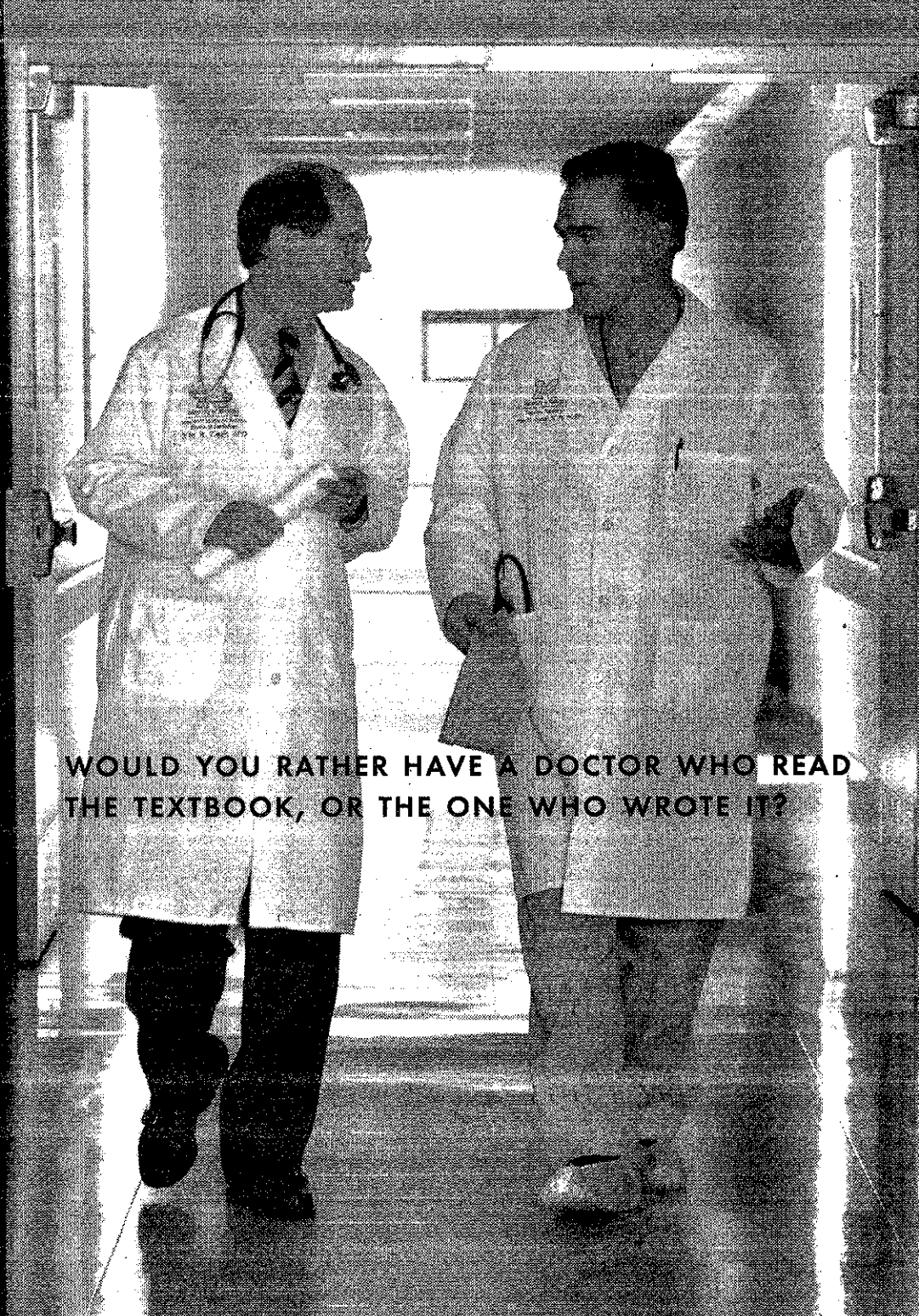
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Gov. Granholm comes out swinging in annual address

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

You might say Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm came out swinging during her fourth State of the State address at the state Capitol Wednesday night. Granholm's willingness to fight — for Michigan's families, the automobile industry, "the middle-class way of life" — was a common theme throughout her speech.

She also took a few jabs at the Republican-dominated state Legislature for dragging its feet on a few of her proposals, particularly those concerning education and the state's minimum wage, which hasn't been raised in nearly a decade. Not surprisingly, the Republicans in attendance were cold to many of her comments, while Democrats cheered wildly, including Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and former Attorney General Frank Kelley, who has been attending State of the State addresses for more than four decades.

But it wasn't the people in attendance Wednesday that Granholm was speaking to. She made it clear from the beginning that she was "speaking directly to the people of Michigan." Thus, she focused on issues impacting working families, including access to health care, work training programs for unemployed workers, education and especially the economy, which dominated the governor's comments.

Granholm said her administration has worked with the Legislature to create a plan that has helped create and retain 327,000 jobs "that would have gone to some other state or, more likely, some other country." Despite the fact that Republicans passed out leaflets that suggested the state was hemorrhaging jobs under Granholm's leadership,



Gov. Jennifer Granholm makes a point during her State of the State address Wednesday.

she said 99,000 more people were working now than when she first took office.

Still, Granholm admitted the state has challenges when it comes to the economy. With frequent discouraging announcements coming from the auto industry, including Ford Motor Co.'s decision this week to close its Wixom plant and lay off more than 1,500 employees, she said the state needs to diversify its economy away from its complete dependence on the automobile.

One area where Michigan could do this, according to Granholm, is to encourage investment in alternative energy sources, including hydrogen, solar, wind and even utilizing waste from landfills. In fact, she said many Michigan companies are already working on such technology, and to emphasize her point, she held up a hydrogen fuel cell that was developed

by a firm in Ann Arbor.

"The Great Lakes State will be the alternative energy epicenter of America. Since we are the home of the automobile, it is our proud, patriotic duty to be the state that ends our nation's dependence on foreign oil," said Granholm, who added

that Michigan would never abandon the auto industry.

EDUCATION A PRIORITY

The need to improve the state's education system also played a huge role in Granholm's address. She called for quick action on her propos-

al for a tougher core curriculum for state schools and more investments in education. She also challenged the Legislature to pass her new \$4,000 Merit Award scholarship proposal, which will help students pay for college.

In addition, the governor called for measures to protect children from bullying, engage parents in the education process and ensure that teachers receive training in maintaining discipline in the classroom.

Perhaps the most contentious proposal of the evening was Granholm's call for raising the state's minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour, which she said hasn't been changed in nine years. She suggested if the Legislature refused to do it, the voters would do it by referendum.

"If this Legislature is not willing to raise the minimum wage in this state, I assure you the people of Michigan will," she said.

Canton resident Mark Slavens, who is also the president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, attended the speech and agreed with much of what the governor said, and was especially happy to hear her proposals on education.

"I thought it was inspiring and optimistic. I was glad she concentrated on the three big 'E's' — the economy, energy and education," he said. "What she said about education excites me because she is challenging our curriculum. We have to set a tough curriculum and start challenging people in our schools."

Republicans had mixed feelings about Granholm's plans.

"I agree with the governor that despite all of the gloom and doom there really are some very positive things going on in our state," state Sen.

Laura M. Toy, R-Livonia, said. "While our transition into a new global marketplace has and continues to take its toll on Michigan's economy, we have all been working very hard to protect and create jobs in our state."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, who chairs the Senate's Technology and Energy Committee, said he was pleased to hear the governor's call for more investment in alternative energy sources.

"I was the first person on my feet when she called for alternative energy. I've been working on this for three years," he said.

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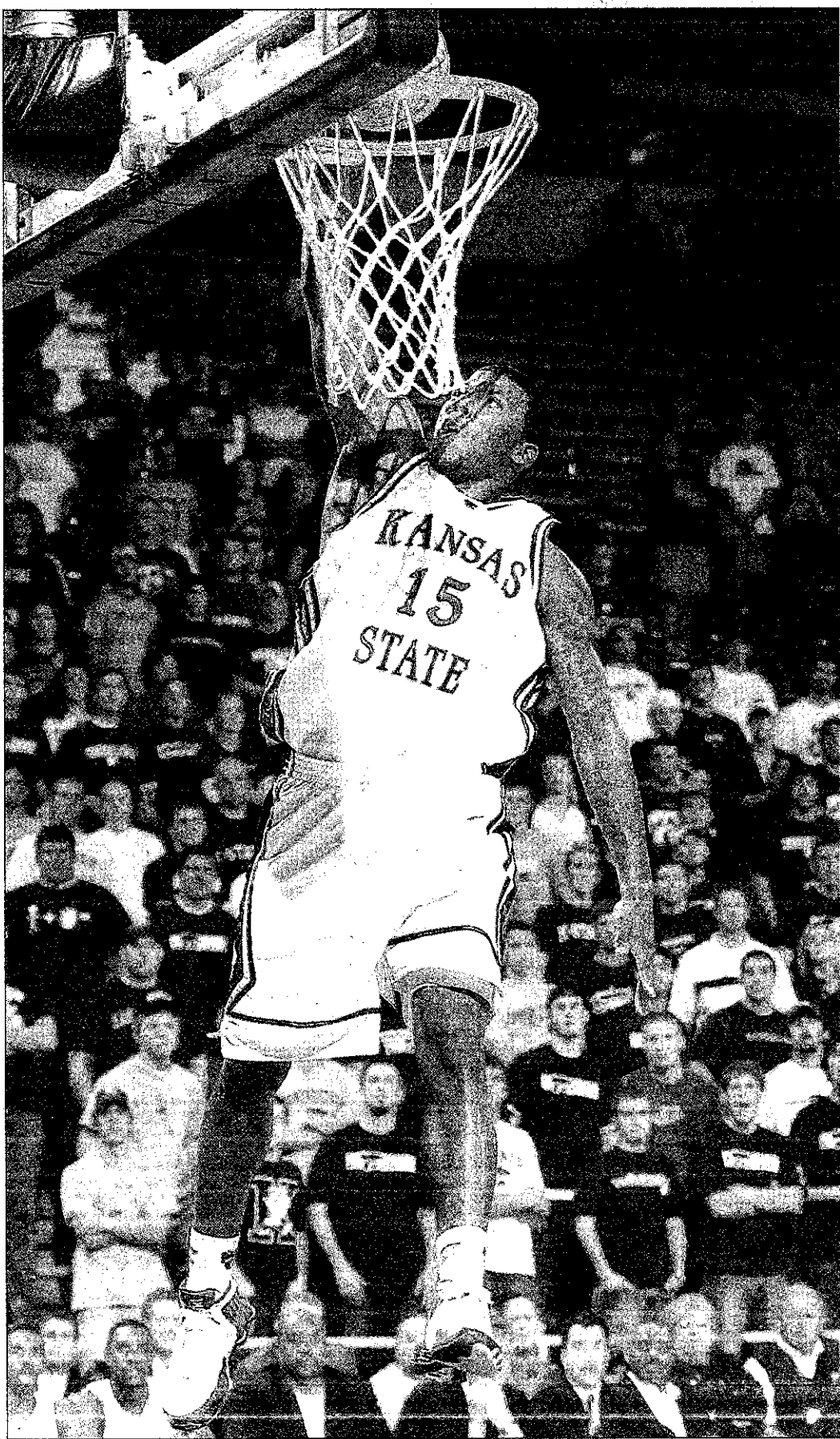
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Former Salem standout David Hoskins soars in for a dunk during a Kansas State game earlier this season. Hoskins, a sophomore, has been a key component in the Wildcats' resurgence this season and was the team's second-leading scorer heading into Saturday night's game at Colorado.

Rising star

Former Salem basketball phenom Hoskins is shining at Kansas State

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The orange Nike basketball had **TURNOVER** written all over it as it zipped a few feet off the Iowa State gymnasium court towards streaking Kansas State forward David Hoskins on the night of Jan. 7.

Hoskins, the second-most prolific scorer in the history of Salem's basketball program, was a couple of minutes into his Big XII debut with the Wildcats — and only seconds away from making a lasting first impression on the Cyclones and their rabid fans.

"We grabbed a rebound at the other end and David took off from underneath the basket," remembered Kansas State head coach Jim Wooldridge. "David ran right by his guy and our point guard threw a laser bounce pass to him. It looked like the ball was too far ahead of David, plus it was at his ankles.

"Somehow, David reached down and caught the ball, then made the layup while getting fouled. That three-point play set the tone for us the rest of the night, and it was a great example of what David's been doing for us this season — playing all 94 feet of the court."

RIGHT AT HOME

Following a freshman season at Central Michigan University that he's glad is in the rear-view mirror and an inactive redshirt year at Schoolcraft Community College last season, Hoskins has re-emerged this season as a multi-faceted college basketball force. The 6-foot-5, 225-pound sophomore earned a spot in the Wildcats' starting line-up, which he has solidified by averaging 12.6 points per game during K-State's surprising 12-4 start.

"I love it here," Hoskins said, emphatically. "I'm starting at small forward where I can do

THE HOSKINS FILE

- **Name:** David Hoskins
- **Hometown:** Canton
- **Age:** 20
- **Hoop credentials:** Second on Salem's all-time scoring list with 1,299 points. Played in all 30 games as a freshman at Central Michigan University during the 2003-04 season, averaging 8.0 points and a team-high 1.2 steals. Sat out last year as a red-shirt at Schoolcraft Community College. This year is Kansas State University's second-leading scorer.
- **Big games:** Scored 25 points for K-State in a 72-70 loss to Iowa State on Jan. 7; scored 18 points in a 79-64 victory over Missouri on Jan. 21.
- **Primetime player:** Local fans of Hoskins can see him in action Wednesday, Feb. 22, when K-State hosts nationally ranked Texas on ESPN2 at 8 p.m.

multiple things. When I have a smaller guy guarding me, I can post him up, and when I have a big guy on me, I can start outside and slash. It's a lot like what I used to do at Salem."

Hoskins said the biggest difference in his game since he left the Rocks is something that can't be measured in a boxscore.

"I play a lot harder than I used to," he admitted. "In high school, I knew I was going to touch the

PLEASE SEE **HOSKINS, B3**

Sidelines

Rock icers fall

Salem's hockey team suffered an 11-1 mercy rule-shortened loss to Walled Lake Central Friday night in a game played at the Lakeland Ice Arena. Kris Brant scored the lone goal for the Rocks at 8:32 of the second period.

3-on-3 hoop

Northville Parks & Recreation is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday, March 25, and Sunday, March 26, at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville. The team fee is \$85, which includes T-shirts and awards to the first-place teams.

The tourney will be divided into four age brackets for both girls and boys: 8-10, 11-13, 14-15 and 16-17. Registration forms can be picked up at the rec department office at 700 W. Baseline Road in Northville.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School.

The clinic, which costs \$25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a T-shirt. Contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or at pcmyers@hotmail.com.

Baseball sign-ups

■ The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Organization has started registration for the spring 2006 season. Registration 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.

Call (734) 394-5489. ■ The Canton Little League will be holding a registration session for the 2006 season on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Four Seasons Internet Café, located at 3500 Lilley Plaza in Canton.

Players from Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township are eligible to play in the Canton Little League. Teams will play a 20-game schedule and compete in a Father's Day tournament and a tournament against teams from Belleville. Contact Ray Waack at (734) 397-0147.

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. 17-18. The clinic is open to girls 3 years old through eighth grade. Registration is Monday from 6-8 p.m. in Plymouth High School's athletic wing. Contact Cheryl Zuzo at cpz3@comcast.net.

Can't-miss Chiefs burn Pats' nets

How scorching was the shooting display put on by the Canton basketball team Friday night in its game at Livonia Franklin? There was a moment in the first half when I seriously thought the smoke coming from the tips of the Canton players' fingers might set off the school's fire alarms.

OK, there was no smoke. But there was plenty of offensive fire — at least on the Canton side of the court.

The Chiefs were hitting shots at such an alarming rate — they drained 15 of their first 18 attempts — that when senior guard Rob Eppler missed a desperation, half-court heave just before the halftime buzzer, you could hear groans coming from the Canton side of the gym. You would have thought Eppler missed a wide-open layup — but that's life when your team is shooting so good that Kobe Bryant would have a hard time getting playing time.

GOOD 'D', BETTER 'O'

Canton finished the night shooting 66 percent from the field against a tough, scrappy Franklin squad that prides itself on its defense. Two other factors that made the performance impressive was that it was on the road and it came in a pressure-packed, must-win game.

Junior forward Ryan Waidmann was the hottest Chief, going 9-for-9 from

PLEASE SEE **WRIGHT, B2**

WLAA title hopes still alive for Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton and Livonia Franklin squared off in a game of Western Lakes Activities Association "Survivor" Friday night in the Patriots' gymnasium.

The Chiefs not only survived, they thrived. Riding a teamwide torrid shooting touch, Canton bounced the Patriots, 63-42, to improve to 8-3 overall and 4-1 in the WLAA. Franklin dropped to 6-5 and 3-2, respectively.

The Chiefs found nylon on 15 of their first 18 shots while racing to an insurmountable 40-11 halftime advantage.

A big part of the winners' gaudy 66-percent shooting night was the product of crisp passing, which broke down the Patriots' half-court trapping defense with relative ease. On several occasions,

Canton junior center Ryan Waidmann found himself alone underneath the basket following his teammates' hot-potato passing exhibition.

"I've been preaching team basketball and tonight we played team basketball, especially in the first half," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "We moved the ball real well against their trap and we scored off dribble penetration, too."

The game was essentially a must-win situation for both teams as far as the WLAA title chase is concerned, considering Walled Lake Central and Northville have started the season 5-0 in league play.

"Both teams were 3-1 coming in, so this was a very big game," Paye reiterated.

PREP BASKETBALL

ed. "Everybody stepped up for us. That's the best game I've seen Ryan play."

With 1:35 left in the first quarter and the Patriots trailing, 20-8, Franklin coach Russ Keberly tried to light a spark under his team by replacing all five starters. The subs responded, holding Canton scoreless for the remainder of the quarter.

"To me, that was a defining moment for us," Keberly said. "I saw a lot more energy out of the kids I put in than I did from the ones I took out. When I put the starters back in, I thought they would feed off that, but it didn't happen."

"I'll take a lot of the blame for the way we played tonight. I must not be doing a good enough job of preparing them to play. Ultimately, though, it's going to come down to the kids playing consis-

PLEASE SEE **CANTON, B2**

Last-second shot is a winner for Rocks

Salem's Grant Stone is only a sophomore, but the 6-foot-3 swingman made a senior-like play at the end of Friday night's game against Westland John Glenn.

Stone connected on a short jumper from inside the key with three seconds left to give the Rocks a stirring 57-55 triumph over the visiting Rockets. Salem has now won 3-of-4 to improve its record to 3-8 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. John Glenn slumped to 2-9 and 1-4, respectively.

Although Stone was the hero, he received plenty of help along the way. Junior forward Brian Baumgart led the Rocks with 13 points. Senior for-

ward Billy Leddy added 12 and Stone netted 10, all of which came in the first quarter with the exception of his game-winner.

The Rockets were led by junior guard Josh Neldon, who twined 17 points, including four triples. The long-range sharp-shooter buried three threes in the third-quarter alone as Glenn overcame a 12-point deficit to take a one-point lead into the final eight minutes. Glenn outscored Salem, 20-14, in the third stanza.

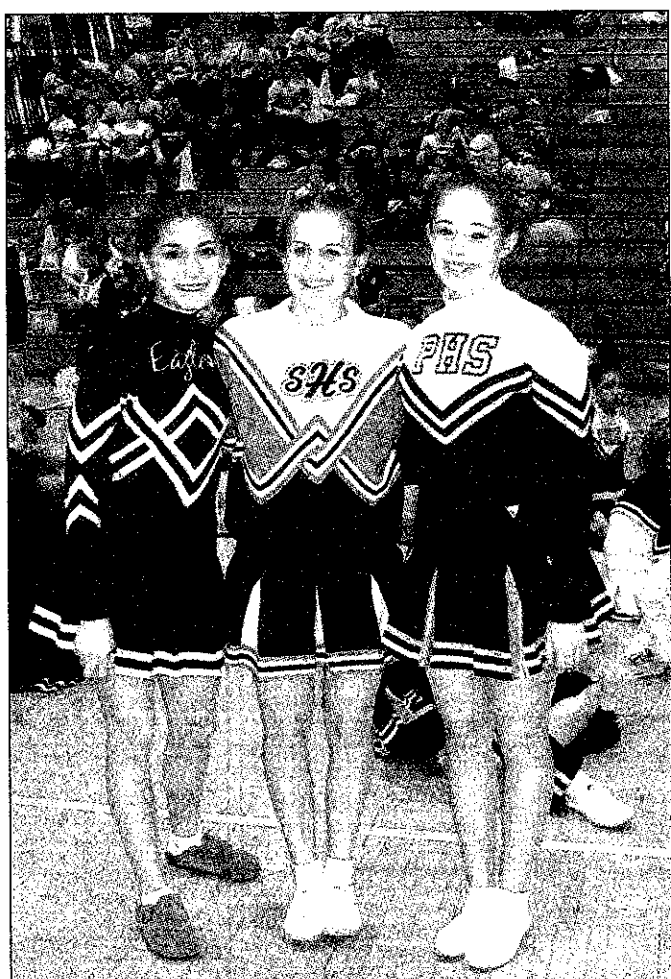
Sophomores Earl Hardison and Ryan Lopez chipped in with 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the Rockets.

Salem swished 11-of-21 from the foul line, while Glenn hit 9-of-19 free shots.



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Salem's Grant Stone strokes a jumper over the outstretch hand of Westland John Glenn's Curtis Adams.



All in the family

Three cousins from different high schools competed recently in the pompon regional competition held at Livonia Churchill High School. All three girls qualified for state competition and will be competing against each other for their respective teams on Feb. 12 at Eastern Michigan University. Pictured (from left) are Nikki Ramos (Redford Thurston), Beth Kretunski (Livonia Stevenson) and Jessie Bono (Plymouth).

HOSKINS

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ball just about every time down the court. Here, you have to work hard every possession or you're not going to touch the ball at all."

Kansas State's resurgence this season — they were 3-2 in the Big XII standings heading into Saturday's game at Colorado after being picked to finish 11th in pre-season polls — has mirrored Hoskins' re-emergence on the collegiate scene.

"David has come in this year and done a very good job for us," Wooldridge said. "We can use him all over. When we get the ball to him, he manufactures points, either with field goals or from the free throw line."

"And I mean this as a compliment — I think David can become an even better player over the next couple of years and help take our program a long way."

ONE OF ROCKS' FINEST

Salem coach Bob Brodie has mentored hundreds of players during his long and successful tenure, but not many players owned the complete basketball package like Hoskins.

"He's one of the four or five best players I've coached here," Brodie said, without hesitation. "Dave was such a fierce competitor and he was versatile. He could shoot the three, he could slash to the basket or he could post up smaller players down low. The only problem I had with Dave was that sometimes he was too unselfish. He wanted to get everyone involved so he'd distribute the ball. That's just the way he was."

"I learned so much from coach Brodie and the entire staff at Salem," Hoskins said. "They helped set me up to become a Division 1 basketball player."

ONE AND DONE

Hoskins' freshman season at CMU started on a promising note when he scored 16 points in his first collegiate start against the University of Michigan. Three months later, the Chippewas were 6-

24 and falling apart at the seams.

"I learned a lot at Central, but it wasn't the right fit for me," Hoskins said.



Hoskins

Hoskins transferred to Schoolcraft for the 2004-05 season so that he could showcase his above-the-rim skills to Division 1

coaches who regularly scouted the Ocelots' talent-rich team.

"Right before the season started, we found out Schoolcraft wouldn't be allowed to play in the post-season (due to off-season rules violations), so I didn't feel I'd be maximizing one of my years of eligibility by playing there," he said. "It was tough sitting out last year. I've been playing basketball pretty much year-round since I was 6-years-old, so not playing was difficult. But it made me appreciate what I'm doing now even more."

FUTURE PRO?

Hoskins admitted his ultimate goal is to play professionally some day, but that's not what he's focused on these days.

"Yeah, that's a dream of mine," he said. "It's something I hope I can accomplish some day, but I'm focusing on Kansas State right now and what I can do to help this program. I'm going to work extremely hard the next three years and try to get better."

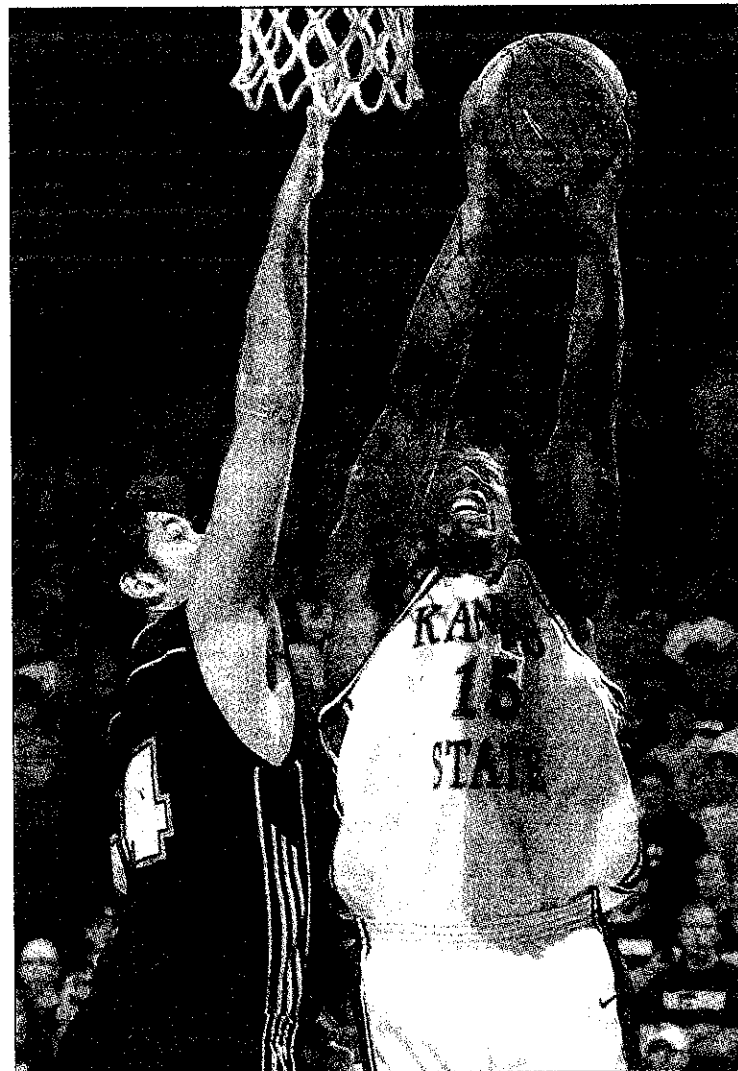
"I'm going to ride out basketball for as long as I can. When it ends, I'll focus on something else."

Hoskins is majoring in psychology with a minor in business.

"I'd like to work with teenagers some day, maybe at a boy's home or something," he said.

When that time comes, Hoskins will no doubt have some incredible stories to tell the teens — including the time he turned a turnover into a highlight-reel three-point play in his first Big XII basketball game.

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KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Kansas State sophomore David Hoskins goes up strong for two points in a game earlier this season. Hoskins is averaging 12.6 points per game, which is second best on the team.

State-ranked Livonia gymnasts edge Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP GYMNASTICS

Jan. 25 at Plymouth H.S.

Livonia Unified's state-ranked gymnastics team is still unbeaten, but it had to sweat out a tight victory over Canton Wednesday night.

Livonia survived against the Chiefs, 145.05-143.65, to improve to 5-0. Canton dropped to 4-1.

"I was very pleased with our performance against the No. 2 team in the state," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "We were balanced and scored 36-plus points on three of the four events. Kara Ahern took first on beam and Alyssa Kelley won the vault, but everyone had a good meet."

The Chiefs' top all-around performer was Kate Staley, who placed third with 35.95 points. **LIVONIA UNIFIED 145.05 CANTON 143.65**

Vault: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.35; 2. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.3; 3. Paige Albers (LU), 9.15; 4. (tie) Andrea Pisani (LU) and Jessie Murray (C), 9.05 each.

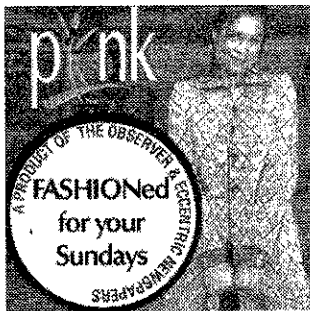
Uneven bars: 1. Pisani (LU), 9.3; 2. Megan Powers (LU), 9.25; 3. Kate Staley (C), 9.15; 4. Murray (C), 9.05; 5. Supplee (LU), 8.7.

Balance beam: 1. Kara Ahern (C), 9.5; 2. Supplee (LU), 9.4; 3. Julie Aurelia (LU), 9.0; 4. (tie) Albers (LU) and Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.95 each.

Floor exercise: 1. Albers (LU), 9.6; 2. Ahern (LU), 9.4; 3. Pisani (LU), 9.15; 4. (tie) Supplee (LU), Staley (C) and Burns (C), 9.1 each.

All-around: 1. Supplee (LU), 36.5; 2. Albers (LU), 36.2; 3. Staley (C), 35.95; 4. Ahern (C), 35.7; 5. Murray (C), 35.5.

Dual meet records: Livonia Unified, 5-0 overall and 4-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Canton, 4-1 overall and 4-1 WLA.



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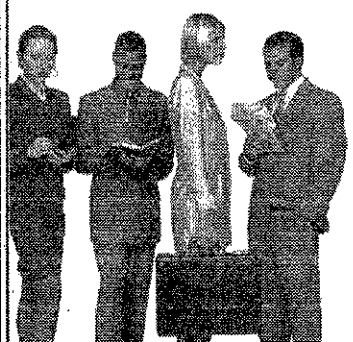
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'Super Bowl Countdown' set for Canton

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 today 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



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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

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- 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.

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SWIMMING RESULTS

CANTON 122 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 54
Thursday at Livonia Franklin
200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Nick Landis, Matt Carlson, Alex Marinica, Shogo Uno), 1:53.48; 2. Canton, 2:00.98; 3. Franklin, 2:17.20.
200 freestyle: 1. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:58.72; 2. Jon Templeton (C), 2:02.54; 3. Tim Tyler (LF), 2:17.49.
200 IM: 1. Derek Schmitt (C), 2:13.89; 2. Ross Schwarz (C), 2:17.51; 3. Chris Marinica (C), 2:26.02.
50 freestyle: 1. Matt Carlson (C), 24.43; 2. Nathan Phillips (C), 25.75; 3. Shane Shelton (LF), 27.37.
Diving: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 134.80.
100 butterfly: 1. Shogo Uno (C), 56.72; 2. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:03.79; 3. Richard Zhang (C), 1:08.00.
100 freestyle: 1. Chris Marinica (C), 54.98; 2. Nick Anthony (LF), 54.99; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 58.16.
500 freestyle: 1. Nathan Phillips (C), 5:24.09; 2. Kevin Karinski (C), 5:32.75; 3. Ian Gonzalez (C), 6:14.69.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Nick Anthony, Sean Wilson, Tim Tyler, Shane Shelton), 1:47.91; 2. Franklin, 2:04.75; 3. Franklin, 2:30.87.
100 backstroke: 1. Nick Landis (C), 1:02.78; 2. Alex Marinica (C), 1:08.62; 3. Nick Anthony (LF), 1:23.36.
100 breaststroke: 1. Richard Zhang (C), 1:16.05; 2. Russell McBain (C), 1:18.02; 3. Sean Wilson (LF), 1:21.75.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Shogo Uno, Derek Schmitt, Matt Carlson, Jon Templeton), 3:25.77; 2. Franklin, 4:08.61; 3. Franklin, 4:48.00.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 5-2.

SALEM 82
Thursday at Salem
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northern (Roman Sandler, Brian Carter, Eric Erdos, Matt Zavislak), 1:47.34; 2. Northern, 1:56.72; 3. Salem, 1:59.05.
200 freestyle: 1. Roman Sandler (WLN), 1:50.59; 2. Nick Leone (S), 1:54.28; 3. Matt Underhill (S), 1:55.73.
200 IM: 1. Brian Carter (WLN), 2:15.24; 2. Stan Chen (S), 2:16.12; 3. Eric Erdos (WLN), 2:17.52.
50 freestyle: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 23.21; 2. Brian Gerber (WLN), 23.59; 3. John Babb (S), 25.33.
Diving: 1. Travis Jneale (WLN), 234.65; 2. Kyle Powell (S), 162.95; 3. Joey Venteniglio (WLN), 156.80.
100 butterfly: 1. Eric Erdos, 59.09; 2. David Olson (S), 1:04.44; 3. Cameron Dunn (S), 1:04.65.
100 freestyle: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 51.33; 2. Nick Leone (S), 51.51; 3. Brian Gerber (WLN), 52.73.
500 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 5:16.02; 2. Paul Cotran (WLN), 5:29.59; 3. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 5:33.96.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Stan Chen, Nate Spala, Nick Leone, Matt Underhill), 1:37.72; 2. Salem, 1:42.74; 3. Northern, 1:43.27.
100 backstroke: 1. Brad Ratliff (WLN), 1:05.88; 2. James Crabill (S), 1:06.74; 3. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 1:08.23.
100 breaststroke: 1. Brian Cater (WLN), 1:05.26; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:07.97; 3. Roman Sandler (WLN), 1:08.28.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Matt Zavislak, Eric Erdos, Brian Gerber, Roman Sandler), 3:27.62; 2. Salem, 3:43.83; 3. Salem, 3:53.31.
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 3-3.

Turnovers costly for Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's basketball team took care of visiting Walled Lake Northern during the first quarter of Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game.

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they couldn't take care of the ball for the following three quarters.

Plymouth saw its 14-6 first-quarter lead fall under the weight of several crucial turnovers on the way to a 45-39 setback to the Knights. The loss dropped the Wildcats to 4-7 overall and 2-3 in the WLAA. Northern improved to 5-5 and 2-3, respectively.

"Turnovers killed us again," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We'd get a steal off our press, then turn the ball right back to Northern. We have to pick up our play or we're going to continue to fight a losing battle."

Sophomore center Jake Hager paced the Wildcats with 11 points. Also making offensive contributions to the Wildcats' cause were D.J. Coleman (eight points), Kulraj Sandhu (six) and Brandon Roberts (six).

Jordan Karbowski led the Knights with 13 points. Alex

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Ropek chipped in with 11 and Ryan Sheridan netted 10.

One of the game's key subplots unfolded at the free-throw line, where the Knights canned 18-of-25 shots. The Wildcats, on the other hand, were just 6-of-11 from the charity stripe.

After Plymouth jumped to a 14-6 first-quarter advantage, the Knights stormed back to cut their deficit to 18-17 at the half. Northern led 30-27 after three and held on for the road victory.

The Wildcats played without the services of a pair of regulars, Jim Wilbur and Alex Harvey.

BELLEVILLE 43, YPSILANTI 37: The Tigers twice overcame double-digit deficits to knock off the No. 2-ranked Braves in a game played before 4,000 fans at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. The victory propelled coached Mike Krogel's squad to 8-3 overall and 4-0 in the Mega Red Conference. Ypsi slumped to 10-1 and 3-1.

"We're one step up on them now at this point and time, but there's still a long way to go," said Krogel. "Now we have to validate tonight's win by beating Romulus on Tuesday. If we lose to Romulus, tonight's win will be a wash."

Senior swingman Leon Freeman paced the winners with 13 points. Marius Williams (10 points) Korel Dial (seven) and Carlos Clark also played well for the Tigers.

L.J. Frazier (10 points) and Woody Payne (eight) led the Braves.

Ypsilanti bolted to a 16-5 lead early in the second quarter before Belleville made a run to cut their halftime deficit to 18-15. The Braves padded their cushion to 25-15 in the third quarter, but the Tigers rebounded again and snatched a 33-25 advantage with eight minutes to play. The Braves fought back to within two on a couple of occasions in the fourth quarter, but could never overtake the Tigers.

"Marius Williams hit a big three for us at the end of the third quarter that got us going," Krogel said.

PCA 54, YPSI CALVARY CHRISTIAN 30: The Eagles rolled to a convincing win on homecoming in a game played in Concordia College's newly refurbished gymnasium.

Sophomore guard Trevor Zinn continued his stellar play by netting a game-high 21 points for the winners. Zinn buried five three-pointers and dished out three assists.

Seniors Ben Welton and

Caleb James turned in solid efforts for the Eagles. James carded seven boards, three assists and three points while Welton had four rebounds, four assists and two points.

"Both Ben and Caleb gave us a lot of energy tonight," said Plymouth Christian coach Doug Taylor. "They didn't score a lot, but they did everything else."

Following a slow start, PCA enjoyed a red-hot shooting night, especially from beyond the arc. The Eagles drained 6-of-7 triples in the second half alone and nine threes for the game.

"That is by far the most three-pointers we've made in a game this season," Taylor said. PCA led 6-5 after one quarter, 18-12 at the half and 30-18 with eight minutes to play. The Eagles soared in the final quarter, outscoring the Warriors, 24-12.

"Defensively, they packed it in with a two-three zone," Taylor said. "Early on, we tried to go inside, but there wasn't any room to work. In the third quarter, we started to push the ball a little bit more and we were successful with that."

Both teams struggled from the free throw line. The Eagles sank just 3-of-16 attempts while Calvary Christian was 3-for-21.

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Rock spikers keep rolling

Freshman setter Jansan Falcusan had 23 assist-to-kills and 13 aces Wednesday as WLAA co-leader Salem improved to 25-3 overall with a 25-15, 25-10, 25-19 victory over host Westland John Glenn, which dropped to 10-10-3 overall.

Teresa Coppellie added 12 kills and nine digs for the Rocks, who upped their WLAA record to 4-0. Teammate Lauren Price contributed nine kills and five digs.

Glenn is 1-3 in the Western Lakes. On Jan. 21, Glenn reached the semifinals of the Novi Tournament before falling to Birmingham Marian, 25-20, 25-14.

Senior Jennifer Swartz had 38 kills, 28 blocks and 27 digs on the day for the Rockets. Junior Virginia Butler added 37 kills, 26 blocks and 10 aces.

Setter Heather Lindon finished with a total for 43 assist-to-kills and 18 digs, while Amber Sportsman had 17 digs.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Glenn posted wins over Birmingham Groves (25-19, 19-25, 15-13), Canton (25-18, 25-14), Berkley (25-19, 25-20) and Dearborn (25-22, 25-19).

Host Novi handed Glenn its only other setback on the day, 17-25, 25-22, 15-11.

PLYMOUTH SWEEPS HURON

On Friday, the Wildcats knocked off Ann Arbor Huron, 25-18, 25-22 and 25-21, to improve their record to 25-6. The victory came just two nights after a disappointing loss to Walled Lake Northern.

Pacing Plymouth were Chelsea Quinlan (six kills), Courtney Buttermore (five kills), Jackie Dorre (nine kills), Brittany Hengesh (six kills), Sarah Haskins (28 assists), Kim Klonowski (six aces), Lindsay Vogelsberg (11 digs) and Brandi Swyhart (11 digs).

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Williams leads charge as Schoolcraft romps

Ryan Williams poured in 20 points Wednesday as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team downed host Macomb Community College, 91-78.

Seven-foot center James Davis added 18 points and 13 rebounds as Schoolcraft improved to 18-3 overall and 5-1 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

(The Ocelots squared off Saturday against conference leader Flint Mott in a battle for first place.)

DeMario Curry and Wallace Hall chipped in with 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the Ocelots, who led 53-35 at half-time before Macomb (8-11, 3-3) trimmed the deficit to four in the second half.

"We came out strong the first half, but we're still playing with too many peaks and valleys," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said.

Wynn Sarden led Macomb with 15 points.

SIENA HEIGHTS 98, MADONNA 81:
Forward Perry Gilbert scored 28

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points and grabbed 10 rebounds Wednesday to propel Siena Heights University (16-7, 5-2) to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph over visiting Madonna University (7-14, 2-5).

The Saints, who led by only two at intermission, 43-41, needed a 98-81 second-half run to subdue the Crusaders.

Perry also had six assists and four steals in 38 minutes.

DeMarcus Berry came off the bench to add 18 points for Siena Heights. He was 7-of-8 from the field and hit 4-of-5 triples. Guard Brian Biggs contributed 16 points, while Olajuwon Pinson also dished out six assists and scored nine points.

Forward Derrick Mudri led MU with 21 points and nine rebounds. D.J. Bridges (Canton) added 16 points and nine rebounds, while Danny Peters, Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson) and Charlie Henry each tallied nine points.

The Crusaders turned the ball over 23 times to the Saints' 14.

The Saints shot a blistering 54.8 percent from the field (40-of-73), while MU was a respectable 30-of-61 (49.2 percent), including 7-of-14 from three-point range.



Bronze medalists

Livonia Ladywood is headed to the Michigan High School Figure Skating State Championships Saturday, March 18, in Midland after a bronze medal finish last Sunday in District 3 competition at the Taylor Sportsplex. The Blazers, coached by Jennifer Goen, qualified along with United Farmington and Lakeand. Team members include (from left) Elizabeth deGeus (Ann Arbor), Erica Line (Garden City) and Carrie Szybisty (Redford). The team manager is Linda Szybisty.



Crusaders knock off Siena Heights

Taking charge in the second half Wednesday night, Madonna University defeated Siena Heights University, 68-56, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball game.

The host Crusaders (10-13, 5-3) were tied 25-25 at the break before pulling ahead. They did so with slightly better shooting from the floor and charity stripe than their counterparts from Siena Heights (4-16, 1-6).

In the second half, MU hit 14 of 30 field-goal attempts (.467 percent) and 12-of-16 from the free-throw line (.750) while the Saints connected on 12 of 27 from the floor (.444 percent) and six of 10 from the line (.600).

For Madonna, sophomore forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) paced the attack with 20 points along

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with six rebounds. Other Crusaders who scored in double figures included senior guard Lydia Prusinowski (17 points), junior guard and Salem alum Lindsay Klemmer (12 points) and junior guard Stephanie Childs (10 points).

The top rebounder for MU, with 13, was senior forward Sarah Thomson.

Pacing the Saints with 16 points was forward Laura Panozzo.

SCHOOLCRAFT 68, MACOMB 60: Schoolcraft College's hot season start continued Wednesday night with a road conference victory at Macomb Community College.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 18-1 overall and 4-1 in the Eastern Division of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, while Macomb falls to 8-9 and 2-4.

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Bobbie Jones

A real benefit

So it's been a few weeks since Jan. 1, and all those New Year's resolutions you've made. How's it going? Are you sticking to everything?

Well, I'm glad I gave everyone some time to get all of that stuff out of the way, you know, the weight loss pledges and the stop smoking rumpuses. All those things that you swear to end every year, but somehow something always happens, I know, we've all been there.

This year, how about trying something new that may have you enjoying every new year for a long time to come? I remember having a conversation with a dear friend last year where she said to me that she never saw anything in print that would produce a real benefit in regard to New Year's resolutions.

I think I know where my friend was coming from. Not, that weight loss and ending a bad smoking habit are not beneficial, but life contains so much more. Try some of these.

■ Make up with an old friend. Plenty of people struggle with broken relationships,

where years of anger and bad feelings have left both parties feeling empty and alone. So, why not look up that old friend, give a call or write a letter. When doing so, be kind and thoughtful in your words - you never know, good things could come of it.

■ Revamp your marriage. Here's one for you old married folks, and you young ones, too. If your marriage has been a little on the blah side, try something that could breathe life back into it

again. You can't find time for romance? Start leaving sweet love notes for your spouse in unsuspected places - your mate's face will light up with surprise.

If you are the mate that never goes out to pick up the pizza or Chinese food, make a change and surprise your family. If you are the one that never says please and thank you in your relationship, start saying it. You will be amazed at what a little niceness can produce.

■ Reconnect with your kids. Since this is the age of every hand-held electronic device anyone could ever hope to own, I'm sure parents have been having a difficult time getting their children's attention. Some parents may have even contributed to this distraction in their kids by giving them everything they have asked for when it comes to these gadgets.

Well, let this be the year you and your child put down the gadgets and pick up a conversation. It's just a thought, but I'm sure some kids are tired of missing their parents while they sit at home and play mind-numbing video games.

Plan some trips to the library with your child and explore some new cultures. Or, take a weekend and go on an outdoor adventure with your child. You never know - it could be educational for all.

These are a few suggestions for the New Year that just might prove beneficial in the long run for everybody, but you don't have to take my word for it.

Just give them a try and see where you end up.

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Wintertime fun

Snow or no snow, State Winter Games go on

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Canton Stars clop along in their snowshoes as if several inches of the white stuff were covering the field at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia.

Team members like Michael Pilotto plan to have fun at Special Olympics' State Winter Games Feb. 1-3, in the Traverse City area whether there is snow or not. Pilotto, 28, of Canton still talks about the dog sledding, ice fishing and snowmobiling he enjoyed last year along with the competitions organized by Special Olympics Michigan for people with disabilities. Many of the 17 local teams from Area 23, including Wayne-Westland and Redford, are going to the State Winter Games at Grand Traverse Resorts and Spa in Acme, Howe Ice Arena in Traverse City and Schuss Village in Bellaire. Around 950 athletes and 700 volunteers are expected to take part in the cross country and alpine skiing, snowboarding, and figure and speed skating competitions.

"It's fun," said Michael Pilotto, who's snowshoed for four years. "Exercise is one of the best things for Michael," adds his father, Joe. "He enjoys all of the socialization."

Pilotto also bowls, plays basketball, and runs track. He's the only Area 23 athlete going to the National Games July 1-8 in Iowa with coach Kathy Siarto. But first Pilotto must psych himself up for the 30- and 50-meter snowshoe competitions.

"Traverse City doesn't have any snow, but I'm not worried," said Siarto, a Plymouth resident who's coached snowshoeing four years. "If there's no snow in Traverse City, they'll put down straw. The competition is divided by age, sex, ability. When they arrive, time trials will place athletes of like ability together. If there is snow in Traverse City, they will be on a groomed surface."

Siarto's 20-year old son Kyle says "it's harder to run on ground" but he likes snowshoeing.

Billy Ardt makes snowshoeing look easy even when running on bare ground. The 22-year old doesn't give up easily as evidenced by the ribbons and certificates in his Livonia bedroom. Ardt has taken part in competi-

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PHOTOS BY LAUREN RUPRECHT

Michael Pilotto of Canton plans to have fun participating in Special Olympics snowshoe competitions Feb. 1-3 whether there is snow or not. His mother, Elizabeth, is doing her part to help support the organization by plunging into the Detroit River on Feb. 4 to raise funds.



The Plymouth Canton Stars are leaving Jan. 31 for the State Winter Games in the Traverse City area. Pictured are Billy Ardt (left), Kyle Siarto, Kathy Siarto (coach), Lindsay Ruprecht, Randy Leslie, Cristian Lawless, Mary Rossow, and Michael Pilotto.

Mural artist gives of herself while fighting back tears

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

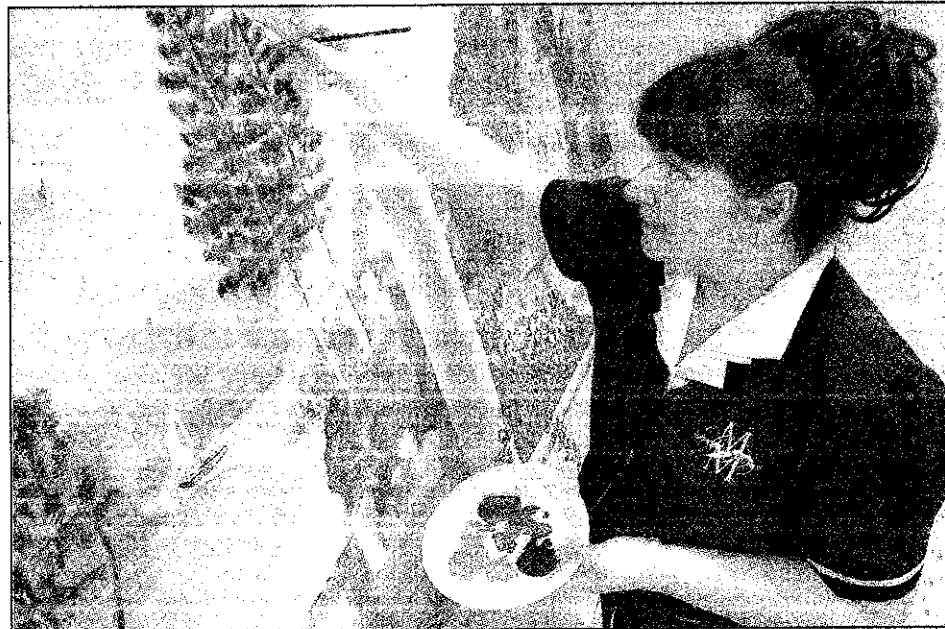
Slavica Petrovic-Geissler artfully dabs paint onto the walls of the break room at Manoogian Manor in Livonia. The lake scene reminds her of Croatia.

As much as Petrovic-Geissler loves her native country she's not about to leave America or the residents of the nursing home. She's in the process of sketching portraits of the elderly men and women to hang outside their doors. Petrovic-Geissler, a 44-year-old Livonia resident, volunteers her time to not only cheer residents but staff at Manoogian Manor where she works part time in the house-

keeping and dietary departments. Throughout the day she frequently fights back tears for herself and her family, but at Manoogian Manor Petrovic-Geissler only thinks of others.

Her husband, Omar Momami, was deported on Aug. 29 to Jordan, his native country, after attempting to renew a work authorization card. Their 7-year-old daughter Sarah was forced to leave seven days later and joined her father in Jordan. Shortly after, Petrovic-Geissler contacted U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's office. According to Tara Andringa, an aide to the senator in Washington, the

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Slavica (Gloria) Petrovic-Geissler, an employee at Manoogian Manor in Livonia, works on a mural she has been painting in the break room.

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

1. "The Hostage," W.E.B. Griffin
2. "The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell," Lilian Jackson Braun

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4. "Predator," Patricia Cornwell
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5. "Axle Annie and the Speedgrump," Robin Pulver

Bloodmobile scheduled for college

American Red Cross blood supplies are seriously low again this winter. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Schoolcraft College Thursday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be in the lower level of the

Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center. Donors can make an appointment by calling 734-462-4422. Walk in donors also are welcome. The Red Cross will be at the Radcliff Center in Garden City

Thursday, March 16 from noon until 7 p.m. Walk-in donors are welcome, or telephone 734-462-4786 for an appointment. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Law allows parents access to student's school records

At the onset your correspondent shares that much of her writing over a 20-year span has encouraged parents and schools to become true partners in children's education.



Teens in 2006

Alice McCarthy

For example, when I began a series of newsletters about children's health for parents, one of my goals was to promote parent involvement in health education. Some 14 years and 10.4 million copies later, the feedback from those who purchase the *Healthy Newsletters* remains enthusiastic. In the '90s I chaired a nationwide committee on parent involvement in schools sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National School Nurses Association. Let's be clear: The direct involvement of a parent or parents throughout the entire elementary and secondary years is of vital importance to your child's success in school. It was for our five (my kids just looked the other way when they saw me, often a lone sentinel, in the halls of Seaholm High School!). It can be for yours. Think about how much you can give to your school and to all children, not just your own. Now comes No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and the controversy arising from school performance standards. But did you know that, specifically, NCLB provides parents with rights to gain access to student and school performance data and teacher quality information? Thus, parents are provided with new oppor-

tunities and responsibilities as rightful partners in school and district improvement.

Writing in the January 3, 2006, issue of *Education Week*, Denis Doyle of Schoolnet in New York City and William Slotnick of Community Training and Assistance Center, Boston, indicate that once parents understand their responsibilities they will want "parent portals" and schools will need to respond.

What are "parent portals?" According to Doyle and Slotnick, they are "electronic portals that provide easy access to educational information about students, teachers and schools via the Internet." The portals will give parents unprecedented access to information about their children's performance and their schools (as well as other schools).

The authors maintain that, "Parents and educators must both be able to understand school performance and teacher-qualification data to be effective partners in school accountability and improvement."

Doyle and Slotnick contend that the following elements are important for effective parent involvement:

- Effective vehicles for parent participation. This means "provision of computer and Internet access as a bottom-line reality for all parents and for leadership development that builds a parent's capacity to be active in school decision making.
- Readily available resources for parents online and at the schools.
- Education for parents about requirements of No Child Left Behind.
- Information to strengthen parent's understanding of the curriculum and instruction program.

■ Programs to ensure a voice for underrepresented parents.

■ Training across the district.

■ Teaching community members to use technology to communicate with each other.

■ Allowing access to student records and relevant instructional resources.

■ Building collaborative skills among community member and faculty to enhance improvement strategies.

A tall order! You bet! But as I have long believed and these authors agree, "Over the long haul, school and community ties have to be strengthened...The end is improved academic outcomes for all students."

Now with NCLB we parents have a mandate - "No Parent Left Behind" (NPLB).

Education Week is available for \$78 per year by calling (800) 728-2790 or by going to www.edweek.org.

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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office staff contacted the Detroit district office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and has followed up numerous times since on the status of the case but has not received a final response.

In the meantime, Petrovic-Geissler waits. Life is so different now. One year ago Sarah was a student at Roosevelt Elementary in Livonia. A certificate of appreciation shows Momami was valued as an electrical engineer at Sprint in Farmington.

Today, Petrovic-Geissler paints and sketches to fill her empty hours while hoping someone will sponsor her artwork. Petrovic-Geissler is self-taught except for a few drawing classes she took at a young age in school. But by age 8, she was already winning awards for her art.

"When I have a break I sketch the people," said Petrovic-Geissler who's fondly called Gloria by residents and staff. Slavica means glory in Croatian. "Since coming to America) I have felt some freedom that I can paint, draw, do anything. This is just God's gift. I can't explain.

"Three years ago I painted my first murals at the Wayne Cafe. I saw murals and felt I can do. Even my husband was surprised by my talent."

A photographic portfolio of her paintings features subjects ranging from deer to lakes.

"Michigan is similar to nature in Croatia," said Petrovic-Geissler who fled her country after the war with Serbia. "The climate is similar to Michigan and has the same

natural lakes."

Manoogian Manor administrator Rose Marie Arakelian says the murals beautifully depict Michigan scenery.

"They've added a lot to the manor," said Arakelian of Waterford. "She said she wanted to jazz it up. We never know what she's up to. One day we came to work and it was there."

Assistant administrator Stephanie Dallakian thinks Petrovic-Geissler is as wonderful as the murals she paints.

"She's multitalented," said Dallakian of West Bloomfield. "For Christmas she had residents baking cookies that were served at the annual Christmas party. They loved it. She came in on off hours to do that. Residents and families here love the portraits.

"One resident had no family. Gloria would go and buy her clothing and we offered to give her the money but she wouldn't take it."

The irony of working at Manoogian Manor hasn't escaped Petrovic-Geissler. Alex Manoogian escaped from the Armenian genocide and came to the U.S. where he invented the single handle faucet, founded MASCO Corp., built St. John Armenian School in Southfield and then Manoogian Manor for the Armenian aged with nowhere else to go.

Petrovic-Geissler believes in the American dream. Momami has a job waiting for him at Nextel when their legal problems are resolved.

"There's no country better in the world than America," said Petrovic-Geissler. "We still hope we're going to have a place here to live and work."

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Pageant seeks applicants for Ms. Wheelchair Michigan

The Ms. Wheelchair of Michigan Pageant is an opportunity for women in wheelchairs to shine even brighter.

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GAMES

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tions ranging from poly hockey to softball.

"I love to participate and do my best. Win or lose or fall, I'll get back up," said Ardt.

"It makes me very happy to see him try so hard," said Ardt's mother, Carol.

EVERYONE WINS

All competitors receive a medal or ribbon. Mary Rossow of Northville has accumulated quite a few over the last 20 years. Rossow, 28, is snowshoeing for a third year on the team that includes Randy Leslie and Lindsay Ruprecht.

"The best part is to come in first, but one year there was ice on the snow and I fell on the ice," said Rossow.

"They're all winners in one way or another," said Debbie Lawless, a Canton parent whose 16-year-old son Christian is snowshoeing for a second year. "He likes anything where he's moving. They have a lot of fun."

The theme this year is Fiesta so Barbara Smith is doing her part by making green, yellow

and red jalapeno fleece print scarves and ear warmers for athletes, coaches and chaperones. Her daughter, Lauren Ruprecht, is putting the word out about the games. The Livonia resident is a public relations member of the Wayne County Special Olympics Management Team. She began volunteering 10 years ago at age 15. Sister Lindsay was 14 then and had participated in the games since age 8. Their father, Joel Smith, volunteered with Special Olympics long before. Today, he's director of Area 23.

Michigan is divided into 39 areas which offer athletes the opportunity to participate in more than two dozen sports year round. Area 23 presents several major tournaments including basketball in February, bowling in August and poly hockey in November in addition to hosting state tournaments for cycling, golf, and softball in Canton.

Children as young as 6 can practice but cannot compete until age 8. There is no upper age limit.

"I do it because I love it," said Joel Smith. "As a volunteer you

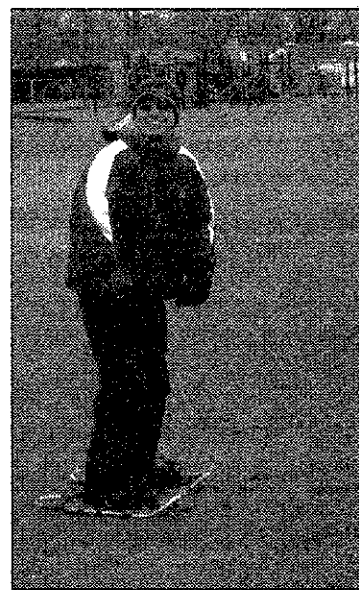
get so much more than you get. It's the look in the eyes of a parent who doctors and educators have said their child would never accomplish anything. To see them win a race, it's the look in the parent's eyes and the child."

CALLING ALL POLAR BEARS

Elizabeth (Bethann) Pilotto is getting ready to take the plunge in the Detroit River at noon Saturday, Feb. 4, as her way of showing support for the Michigan organization and athlete David Faoust who's doing it for a second year. The annual Polar Plunge and Post Plunge Party is presented by the Law Enforcement Torch Run, an international group of police officers and corrections personnel who raise funds for Special Olympics.

"I didn't want David to do it alone," said Bethann Pilotto, mother of Michael. "There are prizes for the best costume so he's going to be Fred (from The Flintstones). I'll be Wilma. My boss at Papa Romano's (Plymouth) Brad Collinash is Pebbles.

"I like to try new things. I don't know what I'm getting



LAUREN RUPRECHT

Billy Ardt makes snowshoeing look easy even when running on bare ground at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia.

myself into. But you jump in and get out. It's not like I'm going to be swimming around."

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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. January grads contact Al Weiss, (248) 737-9313, or Esther Bornstein, (248) 851-6625. June grads contact Barbara Keidan, (248) 646-7199, or Saul Saulson, (248) 932-5177.

Denby High School
Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in

Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

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Class of 1956
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A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For 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 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, e-mail 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. 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.

ENGAGEMENTS



Wojtowicz-Lauer
Audeen Wojtowicz and Ed Wojtowicz announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Paige Wojtowicz of Livonia, to Robert Lauer of Canton.

Julie is a graduate of Churchill High School, Livonia. She attends the National Institute of Technology, Dearborn, in the medical assistant field of study. She is currently employed in the restaurant industry.

Her fiancé, Rob, is the son of Jennifer and Dennis Lauer of Canton. He is a graduate of Canton High School. He is employed as a retail sales associate.

Robert and Julie are planning a fall wedding.

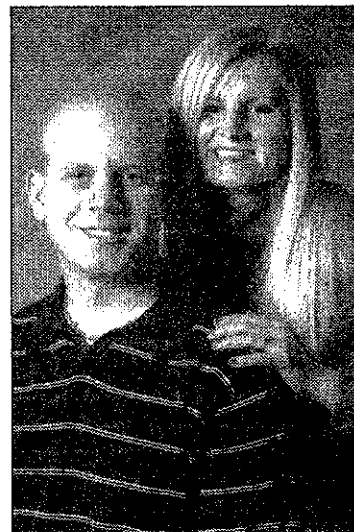
Vander Meulen-Flohr

Wendell and Sharon Vander Meulen of Belmont announce the engagement of their daughter, Trista Anne, to Gregory Flohr of Ionia.

Trista is a graduate of Ferris State University. She is employed with Spectrum Health Blodgett.

Her fiancé, Gregory, is the son of Bruce and Linda Flohr of Livonia. He is a graduate of Ferris State University and is employed with Auto Owners Insurance.

Gregory and Trista are planning an April wedding at West Cannon Baptist Church.



Tice-Mueller

Mark and Cheryl Tice of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Ann, to Pete Mueller of Belleville.

Stephanie is a graduate of Stevenson High School. She earned her bachelor of science degree and teacher's certificate from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed by Wayne-Westland Community School District teaching at Stevenson Middle School. She is also the evening supervisor at Jackson Early Childhood Center in Livonia.

Her fiancé, Pete, is the son of Peter and Anna Mueller of Ann Arbor and Ms Janice Anderson of Westland. He is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is currently employed by Swift Transportation Co. as terminal service manager.



Pete and Stephanie are planning a June wedding at Northridge Church in Ann Arbor. After a honeymoon in the Caribbean, they will make their new home in the Livonia area.

Poole-Mahoney

Rocky and Alana Poole of Chandler, Az., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Michelle, to Sean Andrew Mahoney, of Phoenix, Az.

Lindsay is a 2001 graduate of Mesa Mountainview High School. She graduated from the University of Arizona College of Public Health in 2005 with a bachelor of science in health sciences specializing in health education. Lindsay is an academic counselor at University of Phoenix in Phoenix.

Her fiancé, Sean, is the son of Winom and Charlie (Charlotte) Mahoney of Livonia. He is a 2001 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central in Redford. He graduated cum laude from the University of Arizona Eller College of Management in



2005 with a bachelor of science in business administration specializing in management information systems. He is a technology risk consultant at Protiviti in Phoenix. Sean and Lindsay are planning a spring wedding in Phoenix, Az.



Verardi-Mulvihill

Gary and Nancy Verardi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Verardi, to Dan Mulvihill, Jr. of Livonia.

Kerri is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2000 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is a pharmaceutical sales rep for Santarus, Inc.

Her fiancé, Dan, is the son of Dan and Kathy Mulvihill of Brighton. He is a 1996 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a 2000 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed in the real estate field.

Dan and Kerri are planning a June wedding at St. John's Golf and Conference Center.

ANNIVERSARY

Snodgrasses' Golden

Bill and Mary Ann Snodgrass of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 21, 2006. An anniversary reception was held at the Garden City Church of Christ fellowship center where they are active members. Among the guests were Bill's parents, Bill and Irene Snodgrass of Westland (married for 66 years), family members and friends.

Bill and Mary Ann were married Jan. 21, 1956, at the Wayne Church of Christ (then located on Sims Street in Wayne). Upon his discharge from the Navy, they moved back to Michigan, living in Norwayne, later buying a house in Garden City where they still reside and are active in their community.

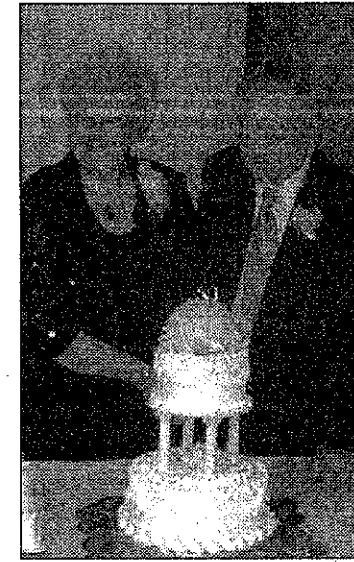
Mary Ann is the scholarship director of Wayne High Schools Alumni Association. She is past president of Garden City Rotary, Village Painters, Medical Assistants and PTA. She has been employed with Carriage Hill Clinic, the State of Michigan, and S.S. Kresge Co.



Bill is presently president-elect for the Garden City Rotary. He is retired after 31 years as a heavy mechanic maintenance supervisor for Wayne County out of Metro Airport.

He is a former teacher of O&E Learning for Ford, Chrysler and GM, and a former teacher for Garden City Adult Education.

He was active in Boy Scouts during his son's time in



Scouting and in later years served again as a Scoutmaster for a neighbor boy. Bill is a past business owner of Tony's Small Engine Sales and Repair in Inkster.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict.

Bill and Mary Ann have one son, Michael, married to Lynn. They reside in Jacksonville, Fla., with their sons, Nathan, 8, and Kyle, 4.

NEW VOICES

Liliana Grace Knoll

Dan and Beth Knoll of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Liliana Grace, on Jan. 1, 2006, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. She joins big brother, Joshua, almost 4 years old.

Liliana's grandparents are Tom and Barb Yack of Canton, and Edwin and Susan Knoll of Vassar. Her great-grandmother is Fran Rupperecht of Frankenmuth.

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: quest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties. For more information call Joe Castrodate (248) 968-5197.

Parents Without Partners

Wayne Westland Chapter of Parents Without Partners February Dance will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Brownstown/Dearborn Moose Center, 2212 Sibley Road between Telegraph and I-75. For more information contact Mary Murdock, (734) 722-5383, or Pat Tokar at (248) 478-8977.

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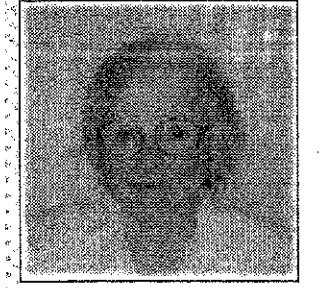
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MARY JANE BALL

Age 87 of Rochester Hills, January 24, 2006. Loving wife of George. Dear mother of George A. Jr. (Anne) Ball, Janet A. (James) Delaney, David L. (Jennifer) Ball and Cindy J. (Mark) Eby. Grandmother of David (Amy) Ball, Karen (Arthur) Doble, Jennifer (Dhamnika Dharmapala) Delaney, Jeffrey Ball, Eric Eby and Stacey Eby. Great grandmother of Benjamin and Nathaniel. Mrs. Ball was a graduate of Elmira College and received a Jr. Aeronautical Engineering Diploma from NYU, and enjoyed world traveling. Along with her husband, Mary Jane was a founding member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ. Mrs. Ball was a devoted wife, mother and friend. Memorial Service Sunday, February 19, 2006, 2:00 PM at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memorials to the church. Online guest book: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com.

JO ANN BOYNE

Age 62, of Pine Way, Ellijay, Georgia, died Thursday, January 26, 2006. Survived by her husband, Gerald Boyne; daughters Veronica Boyne of Redford, MI, and Karen Grimm of Brighton, MI; son David Boyne of Hartwell, and two grandchildren, April and Kevin Boyne. Also survived by sisters, Patricia Young of Ellijay, Lucy McCastland of Saranac Lake, NY, and Betty Hill of Lowville, KY; brothers, Donnie Tucker of Clanton, NY, William Tucker of Beartown, NY, and Robert Cline of NY. Memorial services Monday, January 30, 2006, Chapel of the Bernhardt Funeral Home, Chaplain David Lagrand officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Georgia Mountains Hospice, 70 Caring Way, PO Box 580, Jasper, GA 30143. Arrangements by The Bernhardt Funeral Home, 706-635-4325.



RUTH HITCHCOCK KANE

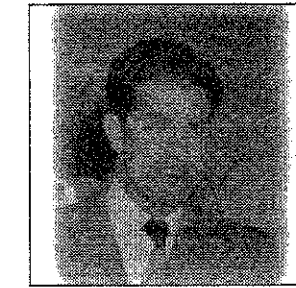
March 21, 1910 - January 24, 2006. Ruth passed through the gates of larger life late Tuesday afternoon at Alterra Assisted Living of Grand Blanc. Formerly from Plymouth, Bay City and Saginaw, Ruth was the daughter of Henry and Caroline Liskow Hitchcock, sister of Oren L. Hitchcock and wife of Stan Kane, who have all preceded her in death. Ruth's great loves in her life were her family, gardening, and music, antiques and Christian service. She was a devoted Episcopalian, a fine wife and loving and devoted mother. She is survived by sons William and Stephen, daughter-in-law Terry Pokay Kane; grandchildren Katie, Bill and Jessica Ruth. The family would like to express a deeply heartfelt thank you to the staff at Alterra for the gentle, kind, and loving care they provided Ruth the past five years and also to the caregivers from Genesis Hospice. A memorial service will be held 1 PM Saturday, January 28 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI. Any donations in her memory should be directed to the Mariners Inn of Detroit, 445 Ledyard St., Detroit, MI 48201. Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, 810-629-9321.

REBECCA "BECKIE" MILLET

Age 78 and a lifelong resident of Birmingham, died January 16, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Ms. Millet received her teaching degree in California and returned to Michigan in 1972 and taught at Clawson High School, where she received many awards, including "Teacher of the Year". Beckie had a Master's degree in English and Special Education. She was a devoted teacher who loved her kids. Beckie is survived by her sister, Shirley (Jack) Fawcett. A memorial service will be held in April. Contributions appreciated to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors (248)435-0660.

ROSALIE MOXIE

Age 79, of Livonia, MI, died Wednesday, January 25, 2006, in Chelsea, MI. She was born July 1, 1926, in Grafton, WV, the daughter of James A. and Pearl H. (Stafford) Thorn. Rosalie was a life member and Past President of the Northville VFW Post #4012 Auxiliary. She had been a beautician since 1956, and was the former owner of Paquin House Beauty Shop. Survivors include two nieces, Carol D. (William) Ostrander, and Linda (Leon) Stricklin; three nephews, Wesley (Mary) Pietila, James (Paula) Pietila, and Robert Thorn. She was preceded in death by two brothers, John Thorn and James Thorn; two sisters, Betty Pietila and Joclair Thorn. Funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 28, Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. Jeff Bradley officiating. Burial at Parkview Memorial, Livonia.



HERBERT CHARLES PERRINE

Born in Dayton, Ohio April 09, 1921 - January 26, 2006

Age 84 passed away on January 26, 2006. Herbert was born in Dayton, Ohio and raised in Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduating from Cooley High School, he worked a long and satisfying career with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, beginning in 1941 until his retirement in 1980. He took a leave of absence from Ford's to serve in the Army in WWII (1st Army, 30th Division in the 120th Infantry Regiment) from April 15, 1944 until his honorable discharge on December 23, 1945. During the Battle of the Bulge, he was taken prisoner by German soldiers in Thurmont, Belgium on January 13, 1945. He was encamped primarily at Stalag 12 A in Limburg, Germany until liberation by the 6th Armored Units of the U.S. Army in Hattenrod, Germany on April 6, 1945. After the war, he attended Wayne State University, graduating with a degree in Business Management in 1950. Herbert and his wife, Anita, settled in Livonia in 1955 raising four children. Herbert was outgoing and enjoyed spending time with his family, and his many friends at Ward Presbyterian Church, The Redford Harmony Club, the Livonia DAV Post #114, and the Livonia YMCA. He enjoyed singing and playing the harmonica, and was a loyal sports fan to many teams. Herbert was preceded in death by his parents, Earl J. Perrine (1941) and Agnes (Hildebrand) Perrine (1960), his brothers Jack, Harold, Russell, and sister, Mary. Survivors include his wife, Anita (McVeigh) Perrine, son, Daniel, of Livonia, and daughters, Gale (Rich) Garvey of Madison, Wisconsin, Peggy (John) Saville, of Livonia, and Lori Polzin of Saginaw, Michigan. Grandchildren include Evan and Stephen Garvey (Madison), and Sarah and Kyle Saville (Livonia). His sister Dorothy Hinz, of Sparta, Michigan and several nieces and nephews also survive him. Visitation will be on Sunday, January 29 from 2 pm until 5 pm and 6 pm until 9 pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home located at 36100 5 Mile Road, Livonia Michigan. A service will be held at 10:30 am on Monday, January 30 at Fred Wood Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made in honor of the Livonia DAV Post #114 or the American Cancer Society

DR. RICHARD GALPIN PEARCE

Of Metamora, Michigan, age 81, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, January 25, 2006. He was born in Detroit on September 12, 1924. He practiced veterinary medicine at the Pearce Veterinary Hospital in Southfield for 40 years. He was passionate about riding and was an active member of the Metamora Hunt and served on the board of the Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center. He was active in land conservation and was instrumental in preserving Jonathan's Woods in the hunt country. His love of animals took him to Borneo where he helped repatriate abandoned pet orangutans to their native habitat. While there, he saw the need for a hospital that served the needs of the indigenous people of Borneo and was instrumental in its creation. The immense determination and dignity shown by he and his loving wife Patricia in meeting the challenges since his disabling stroke in 1996 inspired everyone who knew them. His loving wife, Patricia Pearce, his children, Colleen and Clark Pearce, both of Massachusetts, and five grandchildren, Ethan Payne, Chris R. Payne, Hannah Payne, Caleb Pearce and Eli Pearce, survive him. Contributions in memory of Dr. Pearce are being accepted by Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center, 1223 Brauer Road, Oxford, MI 48371, phone 248-628-7433.



WILLIAM J. JR. "BILL" WINK

January 25, 2006 peacefully at home in Bloomfield Hills. Age 83. Second generation Chevrolet Dealer, Dearborn. Husband of the late Patricia (nee. Miller) for 53 years. Dear father of Judi A. Duerr, William J. III (Karen) and the late Carol A. Schaeffer. Loving grandfather of Jason, Joshua, Lindsey, Collin and Hanna. Brother of Betty Kilgore. Friends may visit at St. Thomas More Church, 4580 Adams (brwn Wattles & Long Lake), Troy, Thursday 10:30am until memorial Mass 11:00am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Detroit Automobile Dealers Association Charitable Foundation, 333 W. Fort St., Suite 2010, Detroit MI 48226. For information call: A. J. Desmond & Sons (248)549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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Grace & Glorie
Arbor Hospice & Home Care partners with Duo Damas Productions for "Grace & Glorie," a humorous and heart-warming play by renowned playwright Tom Ziegler. The opening gala will be held 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Set in a tiny cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains, "Grace & Glorie" is a modern-day comedy, which features Grace, a feisty octogenarian with incurable cancer, who has returned to her beloved homestead cottage to die. She is cared for by a volunteer hospice worker named Glorie, a Harvard MBA graduate and sophisticated urbanite who is a recent transplant to the rural area and is the volunteer hospice worker assigned to assist Grace. Acclaimed producers Joanne W. Hulse and Gloria Logan will be at the helm of the production. Gloria Logan will also star as Glorie in the production. Donna Adams Schulte will play the character of Grace. Proceeds from the production will benefit The Arbor Hospice Foundation, which supports the programs and services of Arbor Hospice & Home Care. Tickets to the Opening Night Gala on Friday, March 24 are \$75 each, and include an opening reception



Art on display

'Stepping Stones' by Indiana artist Tom Slack is one of many works by Slack and Russian-born artist Felix Braslavsky that will be among the featured selections of fine art on exhibit at Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art in Northville during February. The exhibit's opening night reception takes place during Northville's 'First Friday Art Walk' 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. During the wine and cheese reception, guests will be serenaded by the soothing sounds of a live performance by a musical duo playing the acoustic guitar and keyboard.

with a chance to speak with the cast at 6:30 p.m. and the production beginning at 8. Other show times are 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25 and a matinee performance 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26. Tickets for those productions are \$40 apiece. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Glenda Gordon Kime at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at

(734) 662-5999, ext.152, special@arborhospice.org, or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care online at www.arborhospice.org.

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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. Contact June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or (313) 610-2561.

Diabetes seminar
The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, "Your skin: Keeping it All Together," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the hospital's auditorium. The speaker is registered nurse Donna Choma. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge; pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

Bariatric seminar
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia now offers bariatric surgery, performed laparoscopically 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 Dittillies 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 Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

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.

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.

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Rob from Allen Park e-mails asking about the effectiveness of his workout. He wants to know if performing the same exercises repetitively will make his body so efficient that it will actually burn less fat.

Rob, you know the first time you go for an extended run - it's tough! But as your lungs and heart grow strong, the same run becomes less of a challenge. That means it takes less energy to perform your workout and that translates into less calories burned. Although you'll still get benefits from your routine, you want to try to constantly increase your fitness level and that means you'll want to vary your workout.

A recent study examined two groups of women in walking programs. One group walked up hills, the others walked a flat surface. After eight weeks, the hill climbers had lost more weight. They burned an average of four and a half more calories immediately after the workout.

Gwen from Madison Heights e-mails asking about the best way to boost her metabolism.

Gwen, a potent combination of both weight lifting and aerobics is the best way to boost your metabolism to the max! Weight training is a girl's best friend because it helps re-build muscle mass you lose as you age.

Of course, the other main ingredient to weight loss is a proper diet. But be careful not to eat too little, as that will make the body think it is being starved and you'll burn less fat. Even a fit person has about 27 billion fat cells in their body. Women have more because they need the energy reserves for childbirth. Liposuction is thought by some to be the only way to permanently remove fat, but the remaining fat cells will just grow back bigger if you overeat!

Always remember, a combination of proper diet and exercise is the smart way to go for maximum results!

If you have a question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com.

Campaign raises awareness of heart disease in women

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Susie Dubin suddenly felt her body explode with heat before a tingling sensation moved down her arms. At age 53 she was having a massive heart attack while driving home from the office on Dec. 29, 1999.

Heart disease is the number one killer of women in America and Dubin is speaking out about the risks. After surviving three hours of surgery at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Dubin promised to donate her time to the American Heart Association (AHA) and the hospital's heart institute.

On Feb. 3, the West Bloomfield resident will be among the thousands of women wearing red as part of the American Heart Association campaign to raise awareness. Every year since 2004, the Go Red for Women movement has continued to expand by

organizing activities and encouraging women to wear the Red Dress lapel pin, a symbol for heart disease in women.

On Feb. 13 Florine Mark interviews Dubin for a Channel 7 television news segment on heart disease in women. Feb. 14 Dubin speaks at a cocktail party at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, and on March 2, she struts down the runway for a fashion show and luncheon at the Dearborn Inn. Dubin will wear one of the red dresses designed by students from the International Academy of Design & Technology in Troy for a tour.

In between engagements she is co-chairing the AHA's Gala Heart Ball at the Renaissance Marriott on May 20. A live auction includes a pair of Oprah's red shoes and a diamond and ruby red dress pin from Tapper's Jewelry in West Bloomfield. For information about the ball or March 2 luncheon, call (248) 827-4214. The luncheon concludes a morning of seminars, screenings and a silent auction.

"I never had pressure on my chest and don't recall not being able to breathe. For a long time after the heart attack I kept saying I don't have any symptoms, but I was exhausted all the time.

"I had high cholesterol which had gone untreated by my doctor. My brother had heart problems and had a stent put in, but doctors never ordered



Susie Dubin (left) appears with Florine Mark on a Channel 7 television news segment about heart disease in women on Feb. 13.

a stress test for me. It's important to be your own advocate. You have to believe in yourself and how you feel and consider maybe that's not the doctor for you."

Women need to take matters into their own hands when it comes to their heart health, says Katie McManus, communications coordinator for the AHA Greater Midwest Affiliate in Southfield. Like Dubin, she's a survivor who's warning women about the dangers of heart disease. McManus underwent mitral valve replacement at age 33, but that didn't stop her from running a half-marathon in Arizona in January for Train to End Stroke, a fund-raiser for the American Stroke Association, a division of AHA. On Feb. 3, McManus will wear a red sweater received as a Christmas present.

"Nationwide monuments are going red, anchors are wearing red. The word is going out there," said McManus, 40. "All kinds of companies are going to allow people to wear red on casual day and pay \$5 to raise money. On Feb. 4, the Red Dress Tour begins at the Detroit Public Library with health screenings from 1 to 4 p.m. then it's on to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital Feb. 6-13 and Crittenton Hospital Feb. 13-17.

"Go Red for Women raises women's awareness and helps them learn to take action to reduce their personal risk of heart disease. Don't wait until you have symptoms. It's important to know your numbers - cholesterol, blood pressure, glucose - and get to your doctor regularly.

"People think symptoms have to be obvious but they really don't have to be. Most start slowly with mild pain or discomfort in the chest and other areas of upper body, shoulders, back, neck, jaw or even the stomach, one or both arms, and shortness of breath. A heart attack can occur without chest discomfort. Symptoms may include breaking out in cold sweat, nausea or

lightheadedness."

McManus says a woman should talk to her physician about good and bad cholesterol, and smokers should quit. Women everywhere should keep their waist circumference less than 35 inches. To do so, she suggests trying the 41 recipes in the new Love Your Heart Diet published by AHA.

"It's about eating a balanced diet. We try every fad diet, but it's eating in moderation and getting out there and being active at least 30 minutes on most days," said McManus who isn't sure if she'll run another marathon. She and her sister Maureen Lemon of Livonia raised funds and trained together for 5½ months before the marathon. "I want to continue walking. You don't have to be an athlete. I like to get out and walk."

Dubin changed her eating habits after the attack damaged 70 percent of her heart. On a recent afternoon she answered the phone out of breath and needed to rest after lifting a heavy object. Her heart is pumping at only 18 to 20 percent of capacity. If the number continues to fall, she could become a heart transplant candidate.

"I always want to pack as much into every day as I can," said Dubin who looks forward to spending time with Howard, her husband of 38 years, sons Arthur and Matthew, and grandchildren Aliva, 1½, and Marcus, 1. "I got involved with AHA because I could not survive without their research funds, the equipment they've helped to develop. I'm very grateful to them."

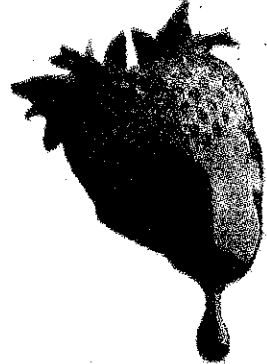
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Katie McManus (left), niece Mallorie Lemon and sister Maureen Lemon participated in P.F.Chang's Rock n Roll Marathon in Arizona in January.

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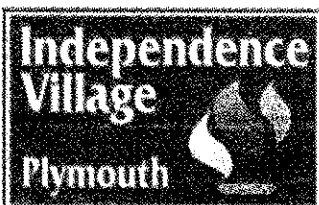
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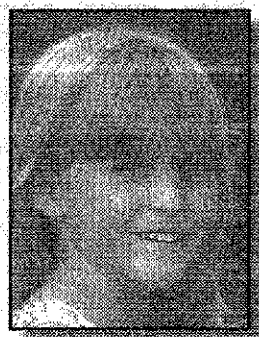
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Seminar set for Feb. 15

A bariatric educational seminar will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Speakers are Surgeon Tallal Xen, M.D., director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Paula Magid, director at the hospital's new bariatric center. To register for the free seminar, call (734) 655-2692.

Help given to caregivers

A 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.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JANUARY

Arthritis Foundation classes

Beginning in January exercise and self help programs includes warm-water and land-based exercise programs, tai chi, and a six-week series that provides participants with the keys to successful arthritis self management. Locations are available in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Westland and numerous locations throughout Michigan. For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter at (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

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 Glinski at (313) 278-4428.

Stress reduction

Workshops to learn the seven danger signs that indicate when your body is under too much stress and how to decrease emotional, chemical and physical stress 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. Guest lecturer is Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., who will also teach trigger point therapy, a natural way to relieve tight and sore muscles. No charge. To sign up or for more information, call (734) 455-4444. Seating limited.

Grief support group

For any adult who has experienced a loss, sessions began 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 17, and continue to March 7, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady. No charge, but donations appreciated to defray program expenses. Advance registration required. Call (248) 348-4980.

Yoga classes

Begin in January at the Assarian Cancer Center in Novi and Providence Hospital in Southfield. Times are 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday, Nov 1 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Southfield; 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Novi; 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Southfield, and 12:30-1 p.m. Friday, Novi. Presented by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts, the classes are \$10 walk-in, \$80 for 10-class card, \$70 for 7-week evening session. For information, call (248) 465-5455.

Volunteers needed

Avalon Hospice, serving Oakland county, is looking for a few friendly visitors to volunteer four hours per week, in their own community. After a few conveniently scheduled training sessions, you may sit and visit with a patient, provide emotional support for a patient's spouse, assist with a meal or on occasion do some light house-keeping. Call Brian for more information at (248) 320-0106 or e-mail him at bhansen@avalonhospice.org for February/March training classes.

UPCOMING

Musicians seminar

Preventing injuries in instrumental

musicians, a lecture with audience participation format, topics include posture, physical therapy, and other methods of movement education such as the Alexander Technique and Pilates 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Oakland Physical Therapy, Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River, Suite B124 (use northeast entrance), Novi. No charge, but registration required. Call (248) 380-3550. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments. In order to properly evaluate performing posture, participants should wear form-fitting shirts and tops.

Sharing & Caring

Couples advocacy: Dinner and sessions for patients and partners 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, reservations required, call (248) 551-8585, in the first floor conference room at the Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends on Thursday evenings. To learn more about programs or to have a schedule of speakers mailed to you, call (248) 551-8585.

Go Red event

The Detroit Historical Museum will show support for the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement to raise awareness about heart disease in women by offering free admission into the museum on Feb. 3 for anyone wearing red. The museum is located at 5401 Woodward Avenue in Detroit and is open 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (313) 833-1805.

G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6-7 p.m. Feb. 3 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.

Recovery Inc.

The group meets Feb. 3, and every Friday, in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-0027.

Go red event

Free health screenings for blood pressure and cholesterol 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 4, at Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. To register, call Sylvia Rose at (248) 208-7073.

Half hour to health

An informative look at how the human body works and the 5 aspects of health 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 and 21, at Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444.

Diabetes presentation

Your skin: Keeping it all together, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, (use Main Entrance on Five Mile), Livonia. For information, call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is Donna Choma, RN. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge. Pre-registration not required.

Parenting with love and logic

Classes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, refresher course for all ages of children, March 8 (pre-teens and teenagers), April 12 elementary age, and May 10 special needs, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Registration required. Fee for single is \$15, \$20 for a couple. Call (734) 655-1100.

"Parenting with Love and Logic" is a common-sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures.

Think trim

Don't give up, win the weight game, an alternative to dieting will be presented 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Fee is \$31. Learn how to develop a moderate approach to eating and exercise. To register, call (734) 462-4448. For information on Think Trim program, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com.

Free Fit Kits available from local chiropractors

The Michigan Chiropractic Association, in association with the Michigan Steps Up campaign is offering free Fit Kits from participating MCA doctors. The kits are intended to help residents improve their overall wellness.

The Michigan Chiropractic Association is offering a two-step wellness New Year's Resolution in support of Michigan Steps Up, the statewide healthy lifestyles campaign led by Michigan Surgeon General Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom and the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Step One: The Fit Kit Campaign, presented by the Michigan Chiropractic Association, is aimed at helping to promote a healthy lifestyle and getting Michiganians up and active. An estimated 1,000 kits will be distributed in Southeast-Michigan to any resident who goes to a participating MCA doctor's office. Statewide, more than 2000 kits are being distributed. The Fit Kits will help jumpstart a person's new fitness routine and includes health information, pedometers, a guide on how to start on a new, healthy lifestyle and a listing of free to low-cost local programs in the area to assist people in getting active and healthy. Residents can pick up a free kit at any participating doctor's office through January. The public can find participating doctors on the MCA Web site, www.michiganchiropractic.org and listed below.

Step Two: Michigan Steps Up, developed by the Michigan Department of Community Health and hundreds of local stakeholder organizations under the direction of Wisdom, is an ongoing healthy-lifestyles campaign that serves as a long-term solution aimed at helping people understand, improve and continue their new healthy lifestyle. People can visit the interactive Web site at www.michiganstepsup.org to find tools to help them begin their long-term wellness goals in three key areas: Move More, Eat Better and Don't Smoke. Tools include a

customized Personal Plan, Daily Journal, and a detailed Health Risk Appraisal that can be printed and taken to the next doctor visit. The site also offers healthy recipes and snack ideas, healthy choices for eating out, daily health tips and links to hundreds of health-related resources.

"We all have a stake in the health status of Michigan residents," said Wisdom. "I am grateful to the Michigan Chiropractic Association for its commitment to finding solutions for getting all residents to move more, eat better, and not smoke."

"This two-part program is excellent," said Dr. Sam Caruso, MCA president. "The MCA is offering to jump-start a person's new wellness plan with the Fit Kit and the Surgeon General's campaign is helping find a solution with its Web-based program that offers immediate feedback."

For more information, visit www.michiganchiropractic.org or www.michiganstepsup.org.

Fit Kits are available from Dr. Sam Caruso, 179 N. Park Blvd., Lake Orion, (248) 693-4800; Dr. James Kravis, 26146 W. Six Mile, Redford, (313) 537-8100; Dr. Steve Upchurch, 2436 Rochester Road, Royal Oak, (248) 545-8550; Dr. Christie Prosper, 4203 Rochester Road, Royal Oak, (248) 616-0900; Dr. Jonathan Cromwell, 33211 Grand River Ave., Suite B, Farmington, (248) 477-1492; Dr. David Kolbus, 28511 Orchard Lake, Suite C, Farmington Hills, (248) 489-9700; Dr. David Guzzardo, 39769 Garfield, (586) 286-6616, and Dr. Laurence Gallagher, 43740 Garfield, (586) 228-0270, Clinton Township; Dr. Jeff Buller, 294 W. Tienken, Rochester Hills, (248) 652-9191; Dr. Paul Rumph, 5732 Williams Lake, Waterford, (248) 673-1215; Dr. Eric Dilts, 1183 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, (248) 624-6111, and Dr. Greg Peroff/Dr. Shanon Dicks, 4347 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor (734) 662-4000.

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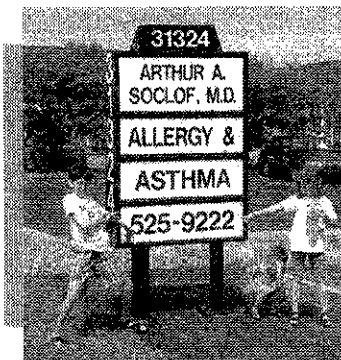
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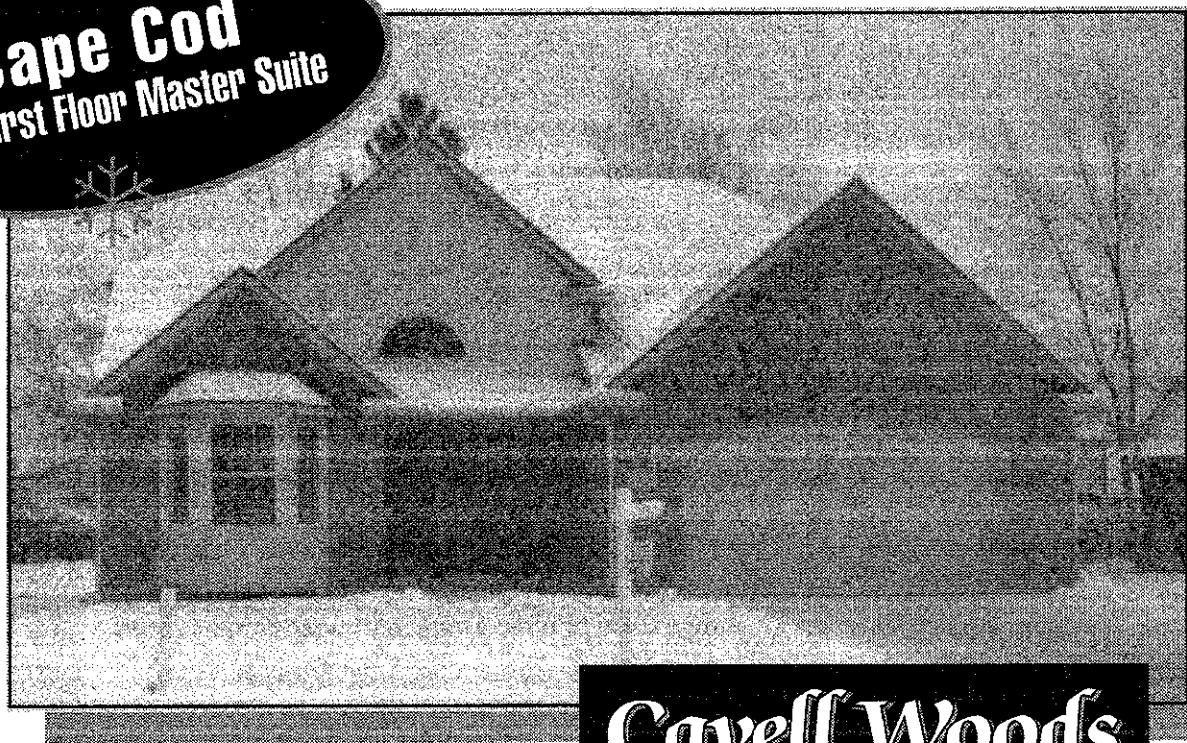
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DOWN-TO-EARTH HOMEBODY
SBF, 37, 5', 160lbs, single mom of 2, nice smile, hard-working, N/S, seeks teddy-bear type SBM, 37-42, N/S, kids +, for friendship, maybe LTR. ☎848200

ENJOYS CHURCH
BF, 59, looking for a man who also enjoys going to church, movies, bowling and the casinos occasionally. ☎892813

HONEST/OPEN MINDED
BF, 54, intelligent, cute, caring N/S, slim, health oriented vegetarian. Enjoys ethnic foods, travel, art, culture. ISO kind, considerate, honest, emotionally mature man. ☎894301

FRIENDSHIP FIRST...
Possible relationship. Single white young-looking female, 59, brown/brown. Looking to meet someone with similar interest, 55-70. Must like music, art, dining, dancing, family activities, sports, pets, N/S. ☎905774

SWEET & SINCERE
WF, 38, 5'4", 108lbs, two children, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, beaches, art, museums, theater, movies, fine dining. Seeking attractive WM, 39-52, who is fit and secure. ☎579528

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?
Are you a big, tall, handsome man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to share life together. ☎443339

SHALL WE DANCE?
I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out. ☎812098

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

VERY ATTRACTIVE
Classy, slim, young-looking, SWF, 57, with good personality and values, financially/emotionally stable, ISO SWM, 53-64, with same qualities for serious relationship. ☎867073

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Loving, attractive SWCF, 74, trim, fun, N/D, N/S, homebody type, seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s. Let's talk! ☎794040

SOULMATE SEARCH
Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

LOVING LEO
Widowed W/PF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. ☎759316

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
SWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent, kind-hearted, young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling, camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean), music book stores, and laughter. ☎759907

GREAT COMPANION
SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎633527

FRIENDS FIRST
SWF, 59, pretty young-looking, professional, medium build, long brown/brown, wants to meet family-oriented man, pet lover, 55-65, who appreciates art, music, dancing, dining out, travel, sports, classic cars, fitness, fun. ☎890404

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

HAPPY & SECURE
DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. ☎669606

GOOD LOOKER
Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR. ☎725001

KIND HEART
Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60. ☎742466

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER
SWF, 49, 5'5", full-figured, brown/brown, romantic, lovable, humorous, likes entertaining, traveling, family time. Seeking SM, 40-56, N/S, social drinker ok, who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR. ☎861408

I CAN LOVE YOU BETTER
Very sexy SBF, 26, 5'1", 120lbs, caramel complexion, short black hair, Libra, smoker, hair stylist, enjoys singing, cooking, dining in/out, movies, concerts, and plays. Seeking BM, 27-37, for LTR. ☎890302

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HAPPY DAD
Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. ☎715711

HOPE TO FIND U SOON
SBM, 38, 5'10", 195lbs, home-owner employed, compassionate, fun, likes romantic movies. Looking for honest, sincere, hard-working independent woman. ☎887760

FREE SPIRIT
SWM, 42, 180lbs, 6', brown/brown vegetarian, likes skiing, cooking, going out, picnics in the park, long walks, stargazing. ISO SWF, 24-44, N/S, with kids ok. ☎887753

A BIT ABOUT ME...
SWM, 37, 5'9", medium build, employed. I enjoys waterskiing, hunting, travel, etc. Looking for SW/HF, who has similar interest, 37-50. ☎894297

OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY
DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed, N/S, socially drinker, great SOH. I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship. ☎891796

WELL, HELLO
SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easy-going and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. ☎597126

HOW YOU DOIN'?
Ladies, if you seek a good guy, devoted and real, to share a little romance and happiness with, take a chance on me. SM, 23, looking for the real thing. ☎895867

FRESH START
Separated BM, 32, N/S, occasional drinker, no kids, enjoys writing poetry, watching sports, and having fun. Seeking woman, 23-59. ☎897857

ACTIVE MAN
Honest, sincere SWM, 29, 5'8", athletic build, Leo, smoker, loves dancing, throwing darts, movies, long walks. Seeking woman, 24-35, for LTR. ☎900632

DINNER AND A MOVIE
SBM, 24, peanutbutter brown complexion, 6', 219lbs, solid, wavy, curly hair shoulders, looking to chill with SF. Let's have a few drinks, shoot some pool, and see where it goes! ☎904803

NO DRAMA
SBM, 18, NS, seeking fun freaky single black female with a good head on her shoulders. ☎906190

COUNTRY BOY AT HEART
Nice-looking SM, young 66, healthy, 6', 190lbs, N/S, N/D, trustworthy, spiritual, ISO attractive SWF, 50-60, slim-medium build for quality LTR. Let's talk. ☎790586

SEEKING CULTURED WOMAN
SWM, 80, 5'8", 155lbs, healthy, intelligent, college-educated, N/S, seeks slim, educated, attractive WF, 65-75, N/S, who loves classical music, opera, Stratford Festival, and travel. ☎882041

TRY ME
SWM, 47, very nice guy, Scorpio, N/S, seeks SWF, 28-50, outgoing, with heart of gold, tired of being single. ☎900893

A GOOD MAN
Kind, respectful Italian SM, 44, 5'7", 186lbs, black/brown, nice smile, dimples, likes movies, dining, weekend getaways, cultural events, fairs, festivals. Seeking a nice, commitment-minded, affectionate woman who appreciates the same. ☎902243

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING
Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. ☎547524

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC
Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. ☎642092

POSITIVE OUTLOOK
SWPM, Aquarius, N/S, seeks affectionate W/PF, 30-50, N/S, who enjoys activities by sunlight, moonlight, or candlelight. ☎888927

SENSE OF HUMOR!
Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, very laid-back and family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, and going to Canada. Seeking SF, 20-45, race open, H/W proportionate, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎822912

GREAT CATCH
SWM, 6', self-employed, 180lbs, handsome. Seeking intelligent, financially secure, attractive woman, who likes pool, camping, bowling, movies, dining out and traveling. ☎878998

HI, LADIES
Male, 27, 6', 200lbs, brown/brown, Libra, N/S, loves traveling to Canada. Seeking marriage-minded woman, 19-35, N/S, to get serious with. ☎893158

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SM, 46, N/S, employed, well-groomed, seeks sincere, respectful, loving lady to share quality time with. I enjoys movies, dining out, cooking in, quiet nights at home. ☎895333

BIG-HEARTED TEDDY BEAR
SWM, 50, Pisces, N/S, N/D, loving, caring, humorous, seeks attractive WF, 35-57, H/W proportionate, N/S, for relationship. Westland. ☎898042

SLIM-MEDIUM BUILD
SBM, 32, 5'9", Taurus, N/S, who enjoys museums, books, good music, and having fun. Seeking WF, 25-40. ☎900239

MARRIAGE MINDED
SWM, 47, 5'10", employed. Seeking SF, 30-40, race open. I enjoy movies, sports and cuddling at night. Seeking someone for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎895403

WORKING OUT
SWM, 46, 6', brown/brown, N/S, children at home, enjoys working out, playing sports, bowling, dining out and dancing. Seeking SWF, 30-55, for friendship and maybe more. ☎905047

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

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎869189

MAN WITH PIZZAZZ...
Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy, cultural events, outdoor activities, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎517123

GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL
Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. ☎210772

EASY ON THE EYES
Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. ☎259844

NOT LIKE ALL THE REST
SWPM, 5'8", brown/blue, fit, enjoys biking, jogging, being outdoors, music, movies, reading, concerts, good conversation, being with friends and family. Seeking emotionally available SWPF, 28-44, who is passionate about life. ☎611391

ADVENTUROUS
SWM, 41, seek SF to become friends, maybe more. Must be smart, have SOH. Blend into me. All I want is: you to be happy. If you want this, call ☎595394

AN EASYGOING GUY
Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 47, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoys being romantic, dining out, movies, and the outdoors, friendship, possible LTR. ☎862812

WEST SIDE OF DETROIT
SBM, 28, 5'11", curly black/dark brown, smoker, loves bowling, skating, and shooting pool. Seeking BF, 18-40, who wants nothing but respect. ☎888903

PISTONS FAN
SBM, 23, 6', 150lbs, long hair, Pisces, smoker, works hard. Seeking a really fun, cool woman, age open. ☎889908

LET'S CHILL TOGETHER
SBM, 29, 5'7", athletic build, Pisces, smoker, loves working on cars. Seeking down-to-earth woman, 20-46, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎891970

HEART OF ROCK-N-ROLL
SAM, 30, Sagittarius, N/S, loves tv and sports. Seeking WF, 18-49, N/S, to share life with. ☎890083

EBONY QUEEN WANTED
SWM, 31, 6', 200lbs, financially secure, Aries, N/S, loves working out, sports, music, cars. Seeking BF, 21-35, N/S, for possible LTR. ☎891744

LEISURE IS BEST SHARED
SBM, 28, 6'2", Virgo, N/S, loves movies, bowling, and shooting pool. Seeking a cool, down-to-earth BF, 23-35, N/S, to join me. ☎893419

LOOK ME UP
SBM, 55, 5'10", 198lbs, medium complexion, brown eyes, enjoys fishing, movies, music, sports, travel, picnics, more. Interested in meet an outgoing, sweet woman for friendship and possibly more. ☎893600

NEW TO THE AREA
SBPM, mature, emotionally/financially secure, N/S, D/D free, church-oriented. Seeking sincere, attractive, mature SF, preferably over 40. Race open. Variety of interests. ☎897756

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎860305

SECURE
WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

LOOKING FOR WHAT...
I've been missing. SWM, 32, 6', 195lbs, brown/hazel, good-looking, Libra, N/S, loves to keep fit. Seeking woman, 18-60, N/S. ☎846777

KIND, HANDSOME TEACHER
SWPM, 53, 6', 220lbs, light smoker, social drinker, looking for one good woman. Please call. Troy area. ☎864792

SEARCHING IN LAKE ORION
I'm 50 years old. DWM, 5'7", 170lbs, N/S, Sagittarius, hazel eyes, likes water sports, movies, dinner. Seeking pretty SWF, 45-51, 5'-5'8", N/S, for LTR. ☎812505

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

NICE GUY
SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S, Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

ANTIQUES LOVER
BM, 57, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower gardening. Seeking woman, 40-63. ☎262429

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY
Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings, charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more. ☎548455

NEW DREAM TEAM?
Spend some time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. ☎550046

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW
Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading, etc. Seeking SWF companion. ☎114862

PICK A WINNER
SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking, youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. ☎730508

GREET AND MEET
SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active, enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports. Seeking easygoing, friendly, light-hearted SWF, age open. ☎241526

LIFE'S A CABARET
Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's share life, romance, and laughter. ☎480718

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

SIMPLE REQUEST
WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with. Age open. ☎833911

WELL-BALANCED MAN
Emotionally/physically healthy SWM, 52, Sagittarius, N/S, enjoys travel, weekend getaways, theater, concerts bicycle riding, and karaoke. Seeking WF, 38-54, N/S. ☎848173

TRUE GENTLEMAN
DWM, 60-years-young, 5'9", 240lbs, good health, N/S, N/D. I enjoy movies, music, dining, classic cars and just-living life. Seeks SWF, 45-50, 125-130lbs, 5'4"-5'6". ☎886694

BRINGING US TOGETHER
Why go it alone? If you're a decent, friendly lady, I'm a nice-looking, upscale SWM, 40s, looking to connect. ☎534514

POSITIVE PERSONALITY
Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, fun-loving. Seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more. ☎514300

To All Our Bell Ringers We Wish to Say...



Abt, Colleen
 Allen, Gene
 Allen, Jim
 Anderson, Joan
 Applegate, Christina
 Ash, Russell
 Ashley, Rose
 Asian Pacific American Club
 Atkinson, Heather
 Back Home Bakery
 Bacyinski, Darlene
 Baidas, Jaime
 Baker, Karen
 Baker, Lauren
 Balluff, Bruce, Brandon & Frances
 Bartlett, Cynthia
 Bateman, Ruth
 Battaglia, Brittany
 Beacon High School
 Bell, Greg
 Belleville B.P.W.
 Belleville Chamber of Commerce
 Belleville First United Methodist Church
 Belleville High School Interact Club
 Belleville Post Office
 Belleville Rotary
 Bentley Elementary Student Council
 Berg, Bonnie
 Bergevin, Laurie
 Berlanga, Lisa
 Besonen, Gary
 Bethany Bible Church
 Blackburn Family
 Bohr, Maureen
 Boka Family
 Bonnett, Nicky & Anthony
 Bord Family
 Boshaw, Ronald
 Boy Scout Troop #1537
 Boy Scout Troop #743
 Boyer, Sue & Cara
 Brent, June
 Brooks, Jason
 Brownie Troop #422
 Bruder, Ginger
 Budd Family
 Bunch, Dave
 Burke, Chuck & Pam
 Busch's
 Bush, Ron
 Cabrerros, Sharon
 Cadwell, Denise
 Calcaterra, Daniel
 Camann, Sue
 Cannon, Katie
 Canton Big Boy
 Canton B.P.W.
 Canton Charter Academy
 Canton Exchange Club
 Canton Friendship Church
 Canton Goodyear Tire
 Canton Rotary
 Canton Senior Adult Center
 Carl, Yvonne
 Carrico, Christie
 Carter, John
 Cates, Eric
 Centofanti, Adam
 Chagas Family
 Champagne, Mary
 Chapin, Gordon
 Chapman Family
 Charles, Joy
 Cherry Hill United Methodist Church
 Civitans
 Clark, Alexandra
 Clark, Heather
 Close Up Students
 Cole, Jan
 Colizzi, Joy
 Community Financial
 Conrad, Robert
 Cooper, Bob & Nan
 Corliss Family
 Cox, Beth & Bill
 Cox, Charlie
 Cox, Christina
 Cox-Burnett, Robin
 Cox-Burnett, Rentals L.L.C.
 Craig, Glenn & Chelsea
 Cronin, Chris
 Crosswinds Community Church
 Cub Scout Pack #746
 Cub Scout Pack #854
 Cub Scout Pack #903
 Currie, David
 Currie, John
 CVS of Plymouth
 Czarkowski, Marlene
 Daisy Girl Scout Troop #114
 Dalessandro, Sharon
 D'Angelo, Jennifer & Dominic
 Darichuk, Sheri & Dennis
 Darrow, Tracy
 Davidson, Crystal & Beulah
 Davis, Gary
 DECA
 Delaney, Joann
 Demsky, Kevin
 Denomme, Max & Tim
 Derby, Roxann
 Detrich, Sam
 DeVriese, Beverly
 DeWater, Jean & Matthew
 Dibble, Sam
 Dinan, Barbara & Emily
 Dobbs, Paul
 Dodge, Sandy
 Donnellon, Joy
 Dostert, Amy
 Dozier, Michelle
 Drakes, Kathy & Alex
 Dunlap Family
 Dunn, Cameron
 Eckardt, Donald & Hank
 Edgecomb, Gregory
 Edgemont Elementary PTO
 Eiben, Matt
 Elliott, Elmer
 England, Vicky
 Engle, Thomas
 Ermatinger, Josh
 Farmer Jack of Belleville
 Farmer Jack of Northville



Farmer Jack of Canton
 Farrand Elementary Brownie Troop #2105
 Favro, David
 Fink, Jackie
 Finlan Insurance
 Fiorentino, Eric
 First Baptist Church of Plymouth
 First Presbyterian Church of Northville
 First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
 First United Methodist Church of Northville
 First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
 Fleming, John
 Flowers by Katherine Rose
 Foley, Rachel
 Forrester, Catherine, Tom & Jenny
 Forsthoefel, Mark
 Foss, Mary Ann
 Frazzini, Gail
 Fuciarelli, Laurie
 Gail, Therese
 Gallagher, Pat
 Garback, Marsha
 Garbarino, Kim
 Geneva Presbyterian Church
 Genrich, Mary
 Germain, Lindsey
 German American Club
 Gideons
 Gill, Haramol
 Gimble, Denise
 Giovanelli, Wendee
 Girl Scout Troop #137
 Girl Scout Troop #857
 Gnanert, Denise
 Gorton, Michelle
 Gossett, Debra
 Gray, Dick
 Gray, Matt
 Grazioli, Marshall
 Greenberg, Sid
 Gregory, Chris
 Gregory, Kara
 Grim, Mary & Rebecca
 Grzywacz, Pat
 Hagen, Father John
 Hammer, Mark
 Hamrick, Susan
 Hanosh, Diane
 Harmon, Sam & Maryann
 Harrison, Lee
 Harsba, Hugh
 Hartmann, Cari
 Haslick, Roger
 Head, Ellen
 Heller, Alyssa & Shelly
 Heminger, Dennis
 Hernandez Family
 Herrick, Desiree
 Hill, Clark
 Hill, Meghan
 Hiller's of Northville
 Hiller's of Plymouth
 Hlady, Sandy
 Hoffman, Ryan
 Hogue, Kera
 Hoisington, Russ
 Holiday Market
 Holiday, Court
 Holmes, Lauren
 Holstein, Susannah
 Horton, Karen
 Huber, Jack
 Hulscher, Alex & Mary
 Husted, Don
 Innes, Donna
 Isbister Elementary
 Jackson, Valerie
 Jacob, John
 Jamison, Ann

Jaskierny, Doug
 Jeleniewski, Terry
 Jeong, Kristin
 Jimmy John's of Plymouth
 Johnson, Al & Lindsey
 Johnson, Carolyn
 Johnson, James
 Johnson, Richard
 Johnson Family, Nancy
 Joliffe, Happy
 Jones, Jeff
 Joseph, Chris
 Jowsey, Nancy
 Junior Girl Scout Troop #54
 Karam, Elizabeth
 Kasprovicz, Carol
 Kaump, Aaron & Bob
 Kenwal Steel Corporation
 Kieliszewski, Kevin
 Kissel, JoAnn
 Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton - Breakfast
 Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth-Noon
 Kiwanis Club of Plymouth - Evening
 Kmart
 Knight, Douglas
 Knights of Columbus
 Koch, Ronald
 Koebbe, Michael
 Koet, Marsha
 Kohl, Judy
 Kohler, Daniel
 Kroger of Plymouth
 Kroger of Canton
 Krumbach, Kevin
 Kruse, George
 Kruszewski, Sandy
 Kuxhaus, Pat
 Lake Pointe Bible Church
 Lang, Steven & Paul
 Lawler, Patricia & Jim
 Lazich Family
 Leclerc, Robin
 Leib, Irene
 LeMasters, Sandy
 Lenover, Danielle
 Levine, Jessica
 Linebarger, Barbara & Amber
 Links of Pheasant Run
 Lipmyer, Bob & Jane
 Livermore, Carol
 Lomske, Kenneth
 Longridge, Marge
 Lorenz, Beth
 Lucidi, Amy
 Lynch, Derrick
 Lynn, Holly
 Mack, Kelsey
 Magnuson, Amanda
 March Tire
 Marschak, Stella
 Martin, Kathy
 Martin, Kaylie
 Martin, Ted
 Marti's Gift Gallery
 Massengill, Marilyn
 Matchette, Eric & Alyssa
 Mayes, Laura
 Mayflower Centre
 McCarthy, Shannon
 McCloud, Allison
 McCullough, Don
 McCusker, Cassey
 McGrath, Mike
 McKendry, Bill
 McKenzie, Lorna
 McLaughlin, Elizabeth
 McMichael, Jim
 Merrifield, Cindy

Merritt, Carol
 Mersch, Jackie
 Michael's
 Middlemass, Rick
 Mikulski, Brent
 Millard, Janet
 Mitchell, Shannon
 Modica, Sarah
 Mom and Me
 Montroy, Marsha
 Moore, Jay
 Moraine Elementary
 Morency, Cindy
 Moretto, Ashley
 Morrow, Tanika
 Morton, Drex
 Moser, Faith
 Mother's Club Life Members
 Nagelhout, Aliza
 National Honor Society
 National Junior Honor Society at Canton Charter
 Neibengen, Diane
 Nicely, Carol
 Noll, Sandra
 Norgrove, Leora
 Norman, Melissa
 Northville Christian Missionettes
 Northville City Employees
 Northville Fire Department
 Northville High School NHS
 Northville Kiwanis
 Northville Police Department
 Northville Post Office
 O'Connor, Sue
 Oestrelcher, Dick & Bobbi
 Oliver, Pam
 Optrex America, Inc.
 Orin Jewelers
 Osgood, Linda
 Osmer, Mike
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 Our Lady of Victory
 Overholt, Gene & Jane
 P.C.C.A.
 P.E.O.E.A.
 Page, Frank
 Palarchio, LeAnn
 Palic, Jeffrey
 Partain, Kristi & Rachel
 Patton, Diane
 Pawlowski, Nancy
 Peck, Colleen
 Peltz, Norma
 Pepper, Debra
 Pierzynski, Tina
 Pietron, Rachel
 Plater, Brian & Susan
 Plymouth B.P.W.
 Plymouth Big Boy
 Plymouth Canton Administrators
 Plymouth Canton Interact Club
 Plymouth Community Dispatch
 Plymouth Community Fire Department
 Plymouth Lions Club
 Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors
 Plymouth Optimist Club
 Plymouth Post Office
 Plymouth Super Center
 Plymouth Twp. Clerks Office
 Pops, Annette & Jeffrey
 Portrey, Lindsay & Donna
 Postma, Lauren
 Price, Barb
 Prinz, Steven
 Przebienda, Keri & Jack
 Range, Helen
 Reality?
 Reid, Kristina
 Rent, Wilma

Reynolds, Becky
 Richardson, Steve
 Ridgewood Elementary Faculty & Staff
 Rienas, Bob
 Riga, Terry
 Riley Family
 Ring, Jodi
 Rissman, Brad
 Roberts, Jessica
 Robinson, Taylor
 Roebuck, Charlie
 Romanik, Dr. John
 Rood, Pat & Roger
 Roose, Rose
 Rotary Club of Plymouth - Morning
 Rotary Club of Plymouth - Noon
 Rotary Interact Club
 Rowe, Heidi
 Rucker, Joan
 Rudick, Bernice
 Ryan, Jean
 Ryan, Mary Beth & Nick
 Ryan Family, Sara
 Saint, Mary Ann
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Replace grief with action

With reports of high death tolls since hurricanes hit the Gulf Coast, and other natural disasters elsewhere, it seems timely to turn attention to the important, although uncomfortable, subject of death and dying and grief and grieving.



Len McCulloch

of the most respected authorities on the subject. She died in 2004.

She identified five stages in the process of passing away: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Other workers, came to identify these same stages as applicable to mourners - the loved ones left to live after the loss of another.

David Kessler wrote with Kubler-Ross. He also worked with thousands of mourners as well as the dying, including Mother Theresa, who was credited with beginning the hospice movement. Kessler recently published a book, *On Grief and Grieving*. Therein he concisely shows how the five stages of death and dying are indeed the five stages of grief

and grieving for those of us who go on living after losses. Furthermore, he postulates a possible sixth stage which could be termed "replacement." This is a highly adaptive and healthy stage of grieving whereby the mourner creatively recaptures the energy which was once confined to the loved one and invests it in a new person, activity, adventure, etc. which not only gives the death meaning, but allows other people to benefit from the loss.

A good example of this is the founding of Mother's Against Drunk Driving by the mother of a daughter killed by a drunk driver.

Another example of this sixth stage is exemplified in the movie *An Unfinished Life* starring Robert Redford. After being locked into anger and depression over the premature death of his young adult son, he finally begins to resolve his issue by accepting a new relationship with his estranged daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

It is important to know that these stages of grieving don't occur in any time frame or in any predictable order. A mourner can pass to and from, in and out, of the various stages over a long period of time. The object of mourning isn't to "get over the loss" as much as it is to "learn to live with the loss" preferably in a way the lets some good come

to the world at large.

It is also important to realize the "tasks" of the mourning process. Other writers in the field of death and grieving note four basic "jobs" that must be done: 1) to accept the reality that the loved one is dead, 2) to express grief in all its various forms, 3) to get use to the absence of the loved one and finally, 4) to replace. I think it is this "task of replacement" that correlates with the end stage of grieving.

The Red Cross Mental Health Disaster Specialists, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, EMS workers, and others will be dealing with survivors of recent disasters for a long time to come. The lines of mourners who are in need of help are very long. All need to know that there are stages to the process of grief as well as tasks that can be accomplished through the journey of mourning. Hopefully, this can replace some of the chaos with greater understanding for those tragically affected by loss and faced with the difficult, but healing task of mourning.

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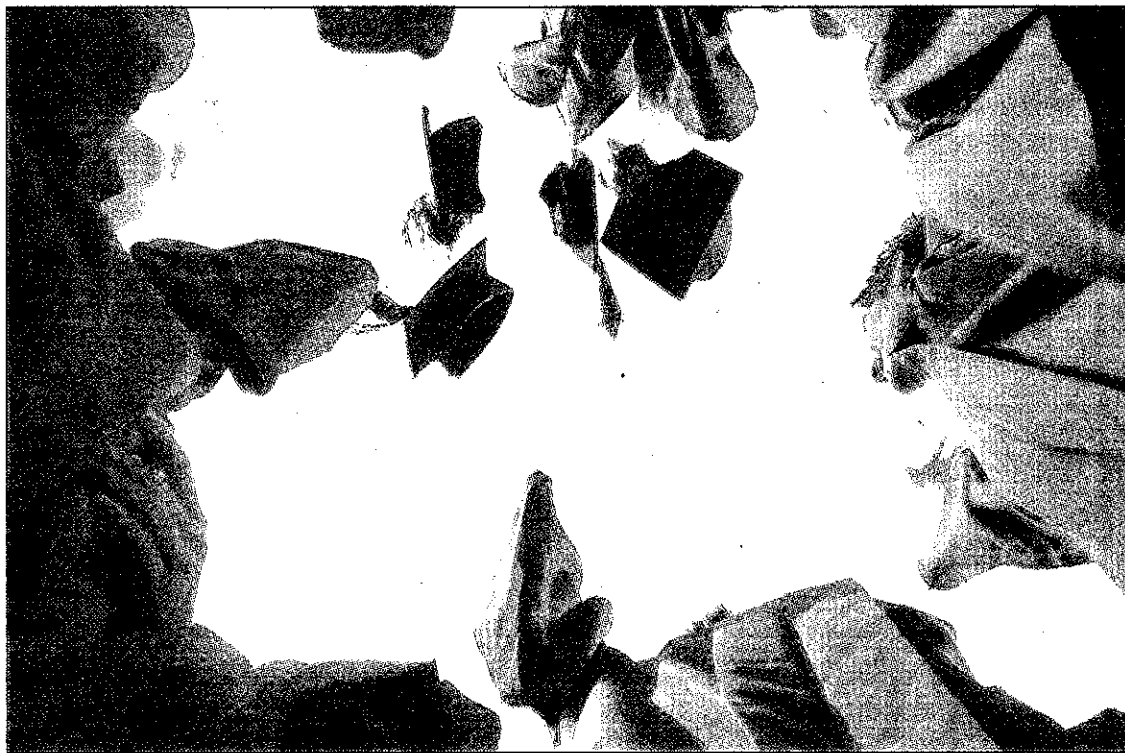
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CollegeGrad.com names top 500 entry level employers for 2006

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (PRWEB) — As college students return to campuses nationwide to begin the spring semester, CollegeGrad.com, the No. 1 entry level job site, announces the Top 500 Entry Level Employers for 2006. The list represents more than 145,000 jobs for the class of 2006, with a 9.1 percent increase in hiring over 2005. The list of employers is available online at www.CollegeGrad.com/topemployers and includes links to the home page, careers page and college page for each employer.

Among the Top 500 Entry Level Employers, 61.4 percent are planning to hire more college grads in 2006 than in 2005, 15.9 percent will hire the same and 22.7 percent will be hiring fewer. "It's exciting to see the positive hiring trend continue for the class of 2006," said Brian Krueger, president of CollegeGrad.com. "For the third consecutive year, we are seeing employers increasing their entry level hiring. This means higher demand for college students and a more robust entry level job market."

Employers recruiting the class of 2006 are truly focusing on their college recruiting efforts as a top priority. Steven Jungman, division director of ChaseSource, LP says, "Hiring new and recent college graduates has shown me how harnessing and channeling all of that raw energy and creativity can really add momentum



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to both existing and newly-formed companies."

Recruiters are noticing this year's students are more well-rounded compared with previous years' students. These students have a lot to offer entry level employers. "College grads entering our corporate management training program are abreast of the latest industry trends, techniques and technology," said Randy Goldberg, executive director of recruiting for

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Campus career centers have noticed the significant hiring increase. "North Carolina State's campus career fairs are bursting at the seams with employers, and opportunities for intern-

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Others are having similar experiences, receiving a greater number of requests for information sessions than ever before, and selling out job fairs months in advance.

The CollegeGrad.com survey results name Enterprise Rent-A-Car as the No. 1 Entry Level Employer for the fourth year in a row, with 7,000 projected entry level hires for 2006.

In addition to Enterprise Rent-A-Car, CollegeGrad.com details the hiring plans for more than 500 top entry level employers. While many on the list are household names such as Microsoft, General Electric and Boeing, there are also many lesser known employers such as TechSea, Medi-Dyn and Bisco Industries. But large or small, they are all actively seeking to hire college grads.

Career centers remind students that in order to be ready for their job search, they need to start the process early. "The work of carefully researching employment options, analyzing what you have to offer an employer, and preparing to talk about it must be done by each job seeker," Schroeder said. "And it doesn't matter if hiring is going full blast or nearly at a standstill — the more you prepare, the better the result!"



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Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate will hold a free Career Seminar at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 5767 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 538-2222.

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For more information or to register for the classes, contact Ednette Mixon at (734) 261-2611, Ext. 7017. A full schedule of class topics is listed on the Alberici Web site, www.alberici.com.

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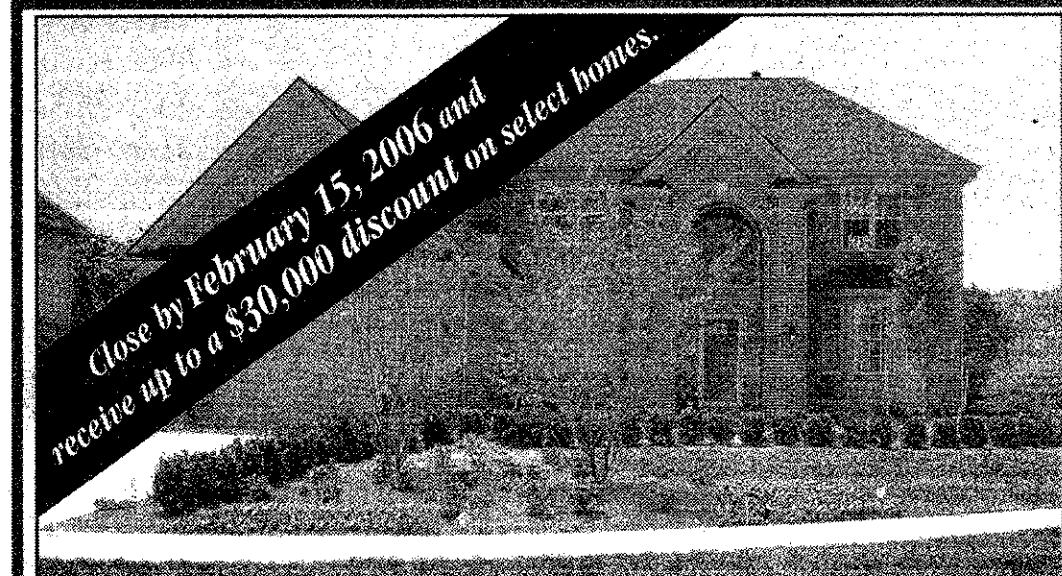
Flagstar Bank Home Lending is offering a free First

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Will New Urbanism movement change face of local development?

BY CAROLYN KELLY
GREAT LAKES BULLETIN NEWS SERVICE

Hank Dittmar is not exactly a household name, but he definitely works for one. Dittmar directs the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, a nonprofit organization founded by Sir Charles, The Prince of Wales. The foundation promotes New Urbanist development — a growing movement beginning to catch on in some Michigan communities that feature neighborhoods and towns where people can walk to work, schools, stores, public transit, and parks.

Before joining Prince Charles' foundation a year ago, Dittmar cut quite the noticeable path across the broad field of American transportation and land use policy. He was the co-founder and former president and chief executive officer of Reconnecting America, a nonprofit group that aims to link American cities and regions through high speed rail and bus lines.

From 1993 to 1998, Dittmar directed the Washington-based Surface Transportation Policy Project, one of the nation's leading advocates for transit policy reform. During that time he managed the coalition's campaign for the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, a landmark transportation bill that increased federal funding for public transit.

When he's not working closely with Prince Charles, an avid New Urbanist, Dittmar advises top officials on housing and sustainable development. We caught up with him just as he returned from a business trip to Saudi Arabia.

Institute: Why the rapid spread of New Urbanism?
Dittmar: I think what really has been going on in the development of American New Urbanism and British Traditional Urbanism is a mutual learning network. People are understanding that the techniques deployed in

modernist planning have failed and we need to devise ways to deal with sustainability and human beings and their need for communities that work.

Institute: To what extent is New Urbanism "new" in Europe, and to what extent is it a return to a tradition?

Dittmar: It's traditional in that there is a longer tradition of building communities there that still work. It's new because they are evolving new methods that deal with things like the auto, large-format retail, and live/work spaces.

Here in England, what you most often hear when someone describes modernist architecture is, "It's of its time." But we say, "It should be timeless, because if it's of its time, it'll be out of fashion in five or ten years." Cities should use basic design types that don't have to be thrown away, which is quite apart from questions of style.

It's about having a kit of parts that's been proven to work but can change over time to accommodate different situations.

Institute: What does "American" New Urbanism have in common with "European," "Asian," or "Australian" New Urbanism? What aspects seem to differ?

Dittmar: The pieces that are universal are walkable neighborhoods, the need for a network of streets and blocks where many routes are possible, and the notion that housing, buildings, streets, and public spaces are typological rather than based on a designer's unique vision. That mixed use and mixed income is desirable and that local material, culture, and adaptation are important to making coherent, lively places.

Institute: When I read through this year's CNU Charter Awards, I was struck by the emphasis on developing regional public transportation systems in places as diverse as Chongming Island in China and Sydney, Australia. Why is this so important?

Dittmar: Transportation systems are the skeletal

framework, the bones upon which regions and metropolitan areas grow. So we've gotta get the bones right; for the last 50 years, however, we're getting them wrong by building roadways and channeling all the traffic onto a limited set of high-volume roads. That's not going to carry us through climate change or the rising oil crisis and it's not going to give us communities where we walk around and maintain our health by being active. We've got to build New Urbanism around public transportation.

Institute: Do you think the same thing will happen in the U.S.?

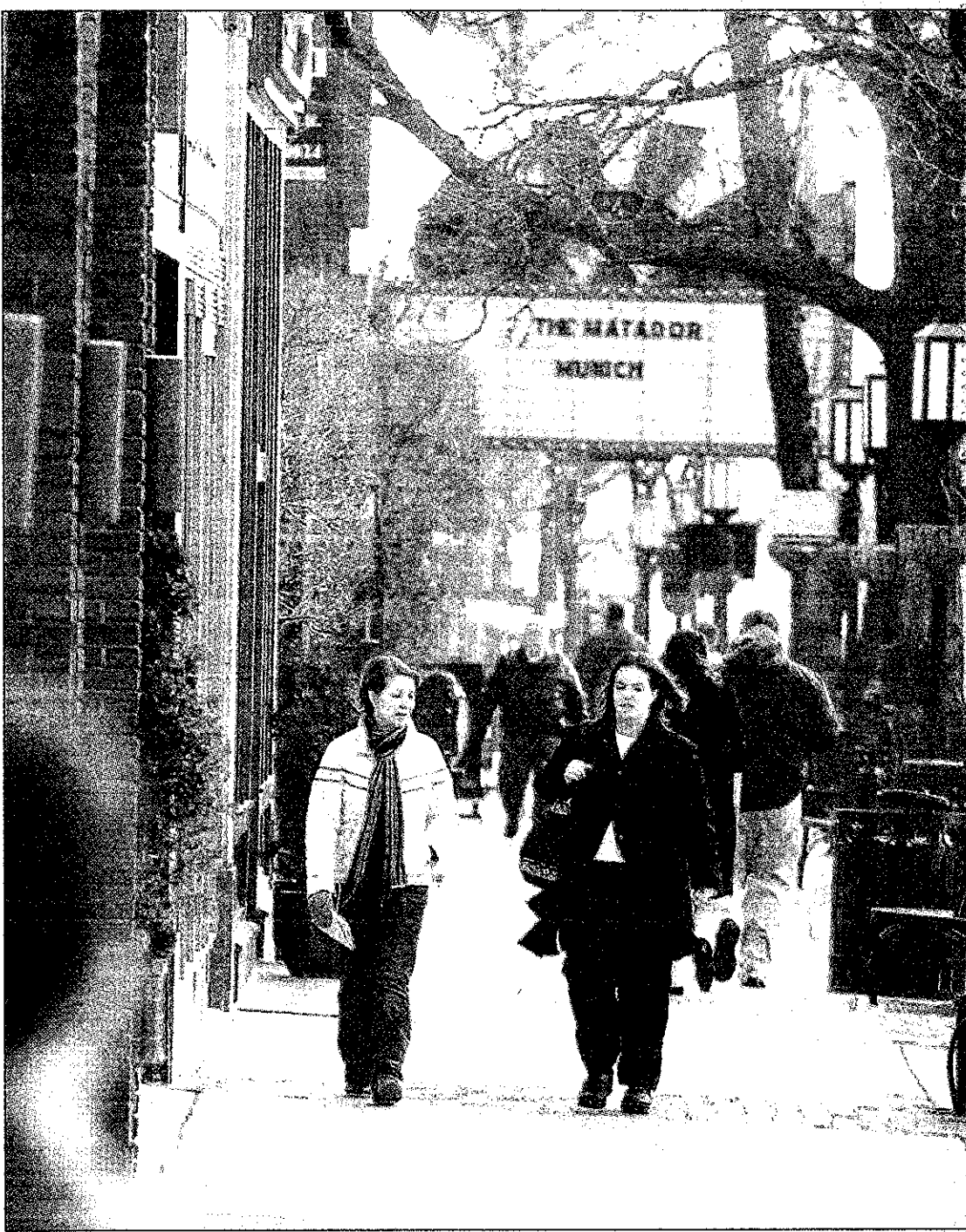
Dittmar: It's already happening. City after city is building more public transit systems, from Denver to Dallas. Places that were built around the auto are realizing that they need to retrofit themselves, and they're doing that despite small contributions from the federal government and outright hostility from some members of Congress. They're voting to raise their own money.

But it's hard for transit to succeed if it's in isolated pieces. Regions have to build a transit network that is as ubiquitous as auto networks.

Institute: What are the biggest challenges faced by New Urbanist developers?

Dittmar: Over the last 50 years, we built housing and community systems that are organized, financed, and engineered for financing turnaround times of five years rather than 50 years. But we could build things that last hundreds of years. So we're trying to create economic and production systems that value long-lived and high-producing assets.

That's very different from a Wal-Mart that pays for itself after six months. And Wal-Mart would prefer to see one of its stores vacant rather than have someone else reuse it because they might be a competitor.



The city of Birmingham turned to noted American New Urbanist Andres Duany in developing its 20-year blueprint for the downtown area.

Thinking short term is spreading worldwide, but all is not lost: Even as we sprawled, cities were coming back in the last decades in the U.S. The Prince of Wales visited the U.S. a month ago and saw incredi-

ble enthusiasm when we talked about the link between sustainability and tradition, between heirloom vegetables, complementary medicine, and traditional urbanism. Even as the economic system churns

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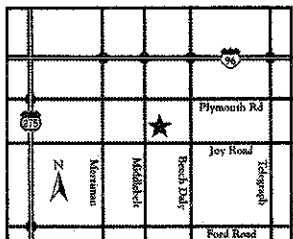


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 FARMINGTON HILLS - Beautifully updated with new carpet, hardwood floors in foyer and kitchen, new kitchen, new interior 6-panel doors throughout, newer furnace, air, windows, deck with great view and great Farmington Hills location! Call Jim Donohoe. \$99,900 (T30038) 313-570-5511	 LIVONIA - All brick Bungalow. Livonia with 1,467 square feet, 2 full baths, newer roof, electrical, water heater and more. 2 1/2 car garage with 220, heat, built in air lines and a second story for finishing or storage. Call Jim Donohoe. \$144,900 (L27815) 313-570-5511	 WESTLAND - Livonia schools, 3 bedroom brick Ranch with many updates. Central air, sprinklers, finished basement with kitchen, 2 1/2 car garage, circular driveway. Call George Haddad. \$189,900 (G30045) 248-231-0808	 LIVONIA - Check out this 2,000 square foot Ranch in Burton Hollow! Open floor plan offers gourmet kitchen with sky light. Updates include: roof, water heater, furnace, kitchen floor and carpet. Finished basement with sauna and shower. Call Judde Taormina or visit www.burtonhollow.com . \$265,000 (G34162) 734-634-2136	 LIVONIA - Another beautiful updated Burton Hollow Ranch. Newer kitchen with Corian counters and light oak cabinets. Ceramic floors in kitchen and baths. Hardwood floors throughout. Call Judde Taormina or visit www.burtonhollow.com . \$239,900 (G34177) 734-634-2136	 CANTON - Instantly appealing! Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Ranch with new floors, Corian in kitchen, stainless steel appliances. Including new roof, baths and landscaping. Wonderful finished basement with family room, full bath, work shop and storage. Call Carol Hussey. \$235,000 (25174421) 734-751-9563
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(313) 909-3778

Best Price Reduction



Bloomfield Township
Colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, beautiful hrdwd floors, newer roof, furnace, HWH, windows & carpet. Bloomfield Schools. \$299,900
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(248) 283-2305

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Stunning 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, hardwood floors throughout, kitchen w/Sub Zero, maple cabinets & granite. Marble ftrc in walkout basement. \$479,900
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Wings Lake Privileges



Bloomfield Township
Brick ranch on dirt lot deep in sub. 3 BR, open floor plan, remodeled kitchen w/stainless steel appls. & granite. \$349,900
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Brighton Schools



Brighton
Contemp. colonial built 1996. 4 BR, 4.1 BA, 3,052 sq. ft., fin. walkout w/rec. room, FR & bath. Lots of windows w/views of woods & lake. \$535,000
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Reduced!



Canton
End unit condo, 1,561 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Fin. bsmt. W/4th bedroom & closet. 2 car gar., living room w/frpc. All appls stay. \$209,900
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Canton
Updated colonial, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, newer windows, roof & siding. Large deck, sprinkler system. Plymouth-Canton schools. \$199,500
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Updated Ranch



Centerline
Gorgeous brick ranch across from park. Custom kit. w/maple cabinets, newer windows, fin. bsmt., 2 car garage. \$159,900
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Commerce
Quality built home on almost 3 wooded acres on Bass Lake, 263' frontage, 2,900 square feet, finished walkout. \$799,900
JIM MANDEVILLE
(800) 390-3939

Just Reduced



Dearborn
Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow w/updates galore - kitchen, baths, hardwood floors & roof. Fin. bsmt., 2 car gar. \$174,900
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Spacious Ranch



Farmington Hills
Tastefully decorated ranch w/vaulted ceilings, ftrpc in GR, large kit, windows of cabinets & counters. Fresh landscaping. \$284,800
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Motivated Seller



Farmington Hills
Sharp 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2500 sq. ft. colonial. Large kitchen, formal DR, family room w/frpc, fin. bsmt., 2 car gar. & more! \$169,900
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Farmington Schools



Farmington Hills
Lovely house in a great sub. 2,440 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement, move-in condition. \$329,900
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(248) 790-5181

Cute Condo



Farmington Hills
Beautifully updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Move-in condition with new kitchen. In unit laundry. \$127,500
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Immediate Occupancy



Farmington Hills
Completely updated home, 5 BR, 2 full baths, 3 powder rms. New roof, windows, furn, c/a & gutters. Prof. fin. bsmt. Fla rm. Warranty. \$339,992
VERONICA
(248) 252-8900

Almost 1 Acre Lot



Farmington Hills
Beautifully maintained ranch w/lots of updates - kit, roof, windows, drive, retaining wall, porch, sump, HWH. Hrdwd flrs, fresh paint, fin. bsmt. \$275,000
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Farmington Hills
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Condominium



Farmington Hills
1,300 sq. ft., 2 BR, 2 BA, large kit, laundry room, balcony. Clean! Association fee includes heat and water. \$121,900
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(248) 283-2288

Faces Park



Ferndale
Brick bungalow, 3 BR, 2 BA, basement, rec. room, hardwood floors, ceramic kitchen, fireplace, patio. \$159,900
GERALD FRANKLIN
(586) 242-9310

Lake Privileges



Hartland
Brick ranch, Anderson windows, 3 BR, 2 BA, bsmt, 2+ car att. gar. 1966 sq. ft. Round Lake & Long Lake privileges - All Sports. \$199,900
LAURIE BELTOWSKI
(810) 333-1585

Price to Sell



Huntington Woods
Cape cod, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, colonial, kit. w/iss appls. Large LR (22'x13') w/mfl fireplace. Newer windows. \$318,900
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Lakeront



Lake Orion
Rare investment opportunity - home w/75 on all sports lake & adjacent (75'x231') lakefront, handicap lot. \$441,750
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(248) 563-9217

Stately Colonial



Lathrup Village
Stately colonial with quality updates. 4 BR, 3 full, 2 half baths. 3,000+ sq. ft. Fin. bsmt., 2 car att. gar. Beautiful gardens. \$390,000
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Immediate Occupancy



Lathrup Village
Sharp condo w/private entry & patio. 2 BR, 2 BA, living room w/gas fireplace. 1st floor laundry. Updated Kitchen. \$119,900
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Just Reduced



Lincoln Park
Charming 3 BR, 2 BA bungalow - open floor plan, LR w/frpc, c/a, hardwood floors, fin. bsmt, 2 car gar. & carport. \$129,900
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Very Nice Updated



Livonia
Brick ranch, 1,825 sq. ft., 3 BR, 3 BA, 2 car att. gar. Updates: roof, wndvs, furn, c/a, firing. Indecog. Fin. bsmt w/2nd kit. & full BA. 1/2 acre. \$299,900
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Near Inlet Park



Livonia
Brick ranch, 3 BR, 2 BA. Updates incl. Roof, windows, furn, elec. Kit. w/oak cabinets, ceramic floor skylite. Bsmt, 2 car gar. \$179,861
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Just Listed



Livonia
Ranch, 3-4 BR, 2 BA offers large updated w/eng kit, open to LR, hrdwd flrs, 2 car gar., fin. bsmt & more! \$169,900
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Motivated Sellers



Livonia
Colonial, 2,569 sq. ft., 4 BR (poss. 5), 2 BA, huge Master Ste., updated kit, family room, fin. bsmt, Florida room & deck! \$189,900
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Special Deal



Livonia
Full brick colonial, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, never inground pool & deck. New furnace, c/a, elec., roof. 1,659 sq. ft. \$269,900
KYLE FOHL
(248) 231-2121

Immediate Occupancy



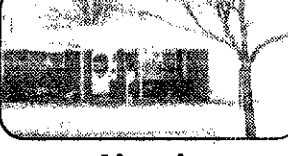
Livonia
Ranch w/many updates: new windows, flooring, gar. siding & overhead door. Hrdwd flrs in LR and Dr. 1st flr laundry. \$139,900
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End Unit Condominium




Livonia
Designer perfect w/view of park and gazebo. Cherry kit, w/granite island. Great room w/12' cent. & frpc. Garage \$184,900
DEBI ISAAC
(248) 505-6911

Lovely Brick Ranch



Livonia
Lovely brick ranch w/3 BR, family room, 2 car att. gar., finished basement. Open floor plan w/country kitchen. \$225,000
DIANA JOLLY
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Northville
Awesome brick ranch, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 2050 sq. ft., custom kit., beautiful GR w/hardstone gas frpc. 2 car att. gar., new windows. \$279,900
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Just Listed




Northville
Condo - 2-story, 3 BR, 1.5 BA offers updated kit., baths and dining room. Family room w/frpc. fin. bsmt, clubhouse & more! \$174,900
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Novi
42463 Park Ridge, N/10 Mile, W/Meadowbrook. tons of updates, 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. FR w/frpc, fin. bsmt. 2 car att. gar. \$269,900
LAURA PRENDERGAST
(248) 895-3264

2000 Square Feet



Redford
Unique & spacious 5 BR home 2 baths, bsmt, 2 car garage & extra lots included. Possible in-law quarters. \$168,000
JORJAN ALLEN
(313) 522-1106

Great Layout




Shelby Township
Sharp brick ranch w/ward flrs throughout! Huge kit, w/granite, MBR w/Jacuzzi, dbl. sinks & sep. shower. GR w/frpc. \$310,000
MICHELE COLTON
(248) 933-8500

Premium Wooded Lot



Southfield
Brick ranch, 1,372 sq. ft., 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 2 car att. garage, kit. w/leaving space and built-in oven. DW and cooktop. \$169,888
JOLIE LEVINE WARPOOL
(248) 212-9080

First Floor Condo



Southfield
Elegant 1,554 sq. ft. condo. Updated throughout, huge LR w/gas frpc. Newer windows & carpet. Ceramic in kit. 2 full baths. \$144,900
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(248) 569-4903

Open and Loving



Southfield
Fabulous 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo. Clean, neutral decor. Appliances stay. Many updates including windows. \$135,000
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(248) 932-8442

Move In At Closing



Southfield
Gorgeous 2 BR w/office. Huge kitchen w/appliances, ceramic tile/marble bath and half bath. Clean, neutral color. \$109,900
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Birmingham Schools




Southfield
Updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on a corner lot. New kit, cabinets, counters, sink & Pergo floor. Updated MBR bath. Hrdwd flrs in DR & Bns. \$227,500
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Investment Opportunity



Southfield
Large lot, 2 BR, 1.5 BA cute & clean! Family room, Florida room, potential plus! Large country-style kitchen. \$89,000
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2,800 Sq. Ft.




Troy
Lovely 4 BR, 2.5 BA updated brick colonial. Hrdwd flrs, newer kit., fin. bsmt, w/wet bar. Formal DR, 1st flr Indry. \$349,900
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Must See



Walled Lake
Gorgeous Hampton model w/top-of-the-line kit. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2-story FR w/granite frpc. Cul-de-sac location. 3 car garage. \$399,800
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3 Bedrooms, 5 Baths




Walled Lake
Extraordinary 3 BR, 3 BA contemporary. Fin. bsmt, w/wet bar. Hrdwd flrs in kit, DR & GR. LR w/bay nat'l frpc. \$269,900
ALAN MALISOW
(248) 569-4903

Well Maintained



Warren
Brick, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, LR, FR w/frpc. & doorwall to deck. Large open kit. Bsmt, 2 car att. gar. C/A. \$162,900
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(248) 895-3264

Immediate Occupancy



Waterford
Private entry condo w/1 car att. garage. Tastefully decorated, 2 BR, 1.5 BA, bsmt, LR w/bay nat'l frpc. All appls stay! \$119,900
DENNIS TERRY
(248) 302-2004

Cass Lake Frontage




West Bloomfield
Updated ranch w/walkout lower level with Cass Lake views & deeded 50' lakefront lot. Best of everything - awesome kitchen. \$524,888
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Condo Immediate Occupancy




West Bloomfield
Enjoy wooded views, 2 BR, 2 BA ground flr unit w/att. gar. LR adjoins patio. Eat-in kit. w/pantry. Appls. stay. \$167,888
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Custom Built



West Bloomfield
Spectacular 4,245 sq. ft. brick contemporary 4 BR, 2 BA. Loaded w/luxury amenities. 21' grand entrance. 2-story foyer. \$749,000
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Custom Built



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Fabulous contemp. brick, 2,567 sq. ft., 3 BR, 3.5 BA, 1st flr MBR, GR w/walkout ceilings. Fin. bsmt. w/full kit, 5th bedroom. \$229,000
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Fenced 1/2 Acre Lot



West Bloomfield
Completely redone in sub w/3 BR, large FR w/stone frpc. New siding, kit. and baths. Oversized 2.5 car gar. Deck. \$175,000
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Corner Lot



West Bloomfield
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Finished Walkout



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Corner Lot 1 1/2 Acre Lot



White Lake Township
Spotless, 4 BR, 3 BA brick ranch w/fin. walkout bsmt. on 1.5 acres! Two full kitchens, 2 frpcs. MBR w/Jacuzzi & sep. shower. 3 car att. gar. \$400,000
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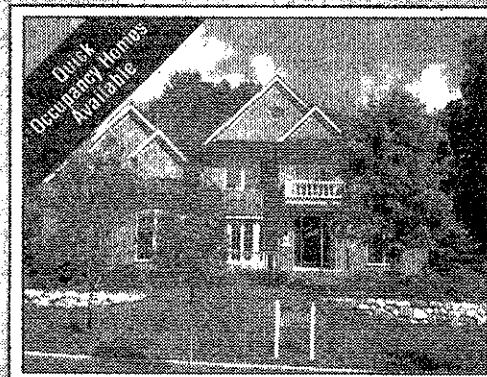


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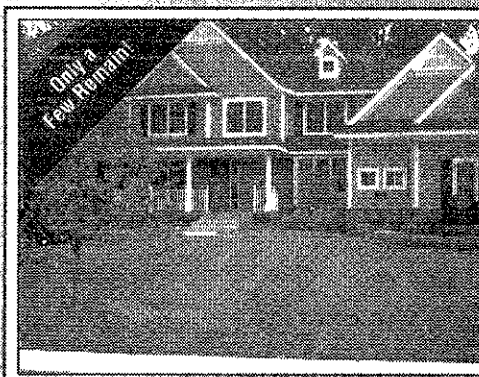
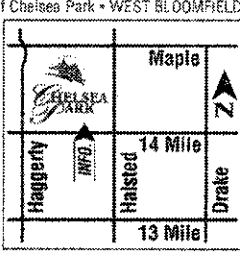


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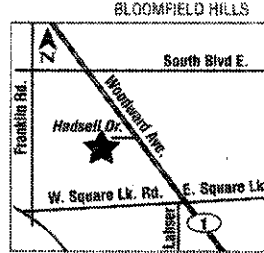
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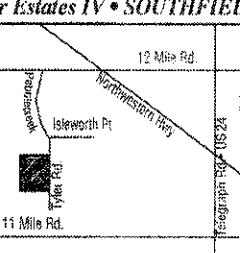
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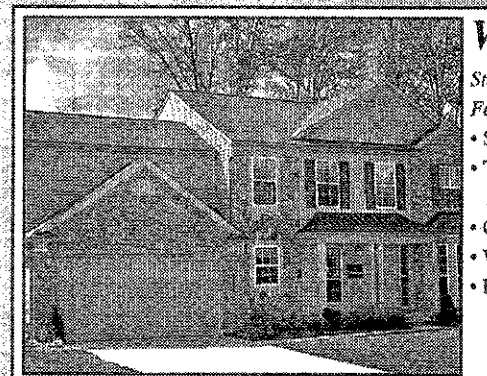
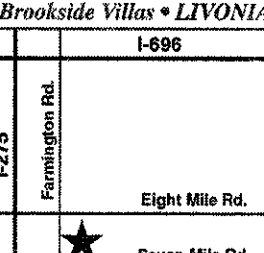
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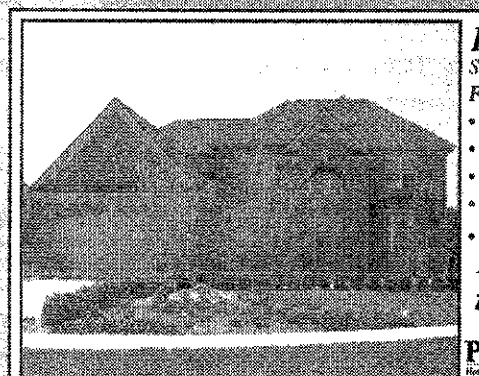
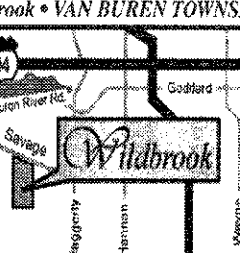
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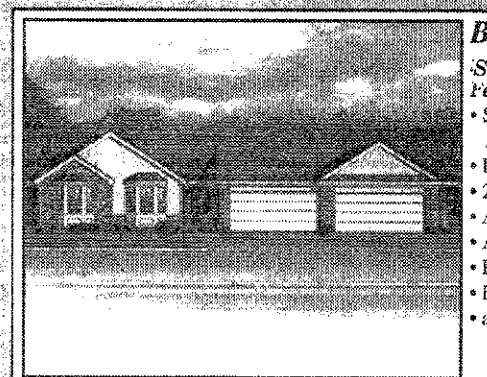
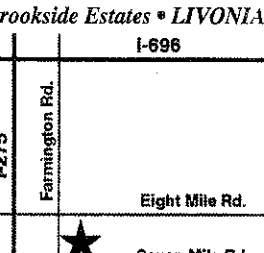
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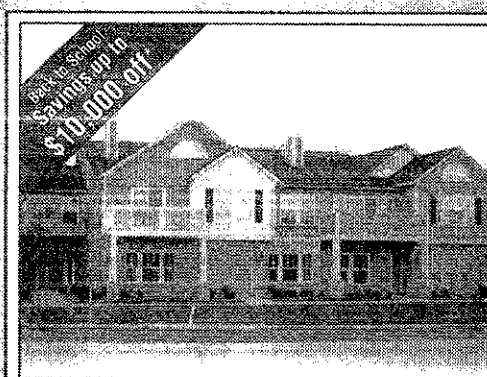
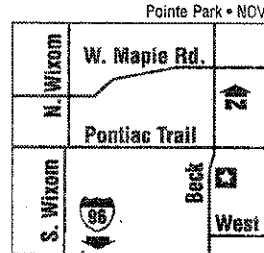
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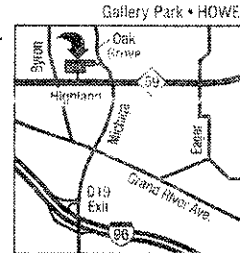
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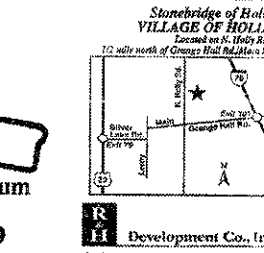
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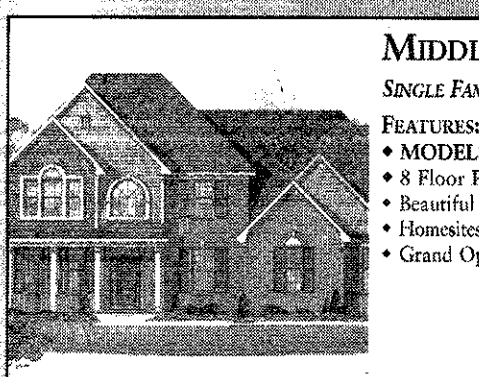
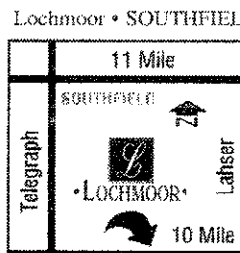
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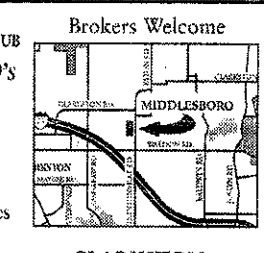
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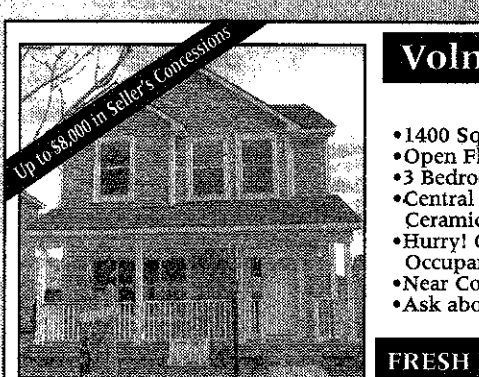
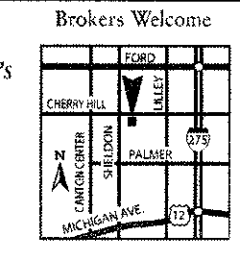
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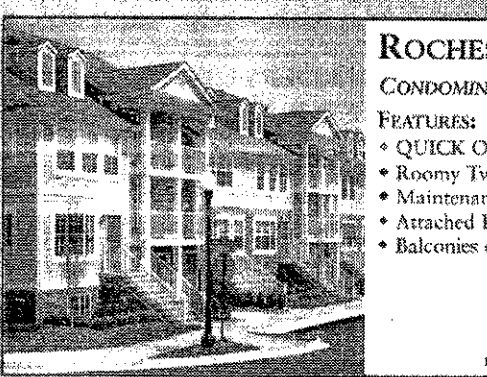
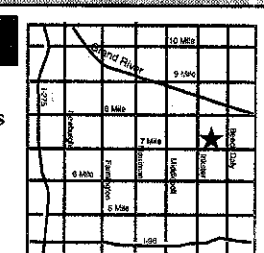
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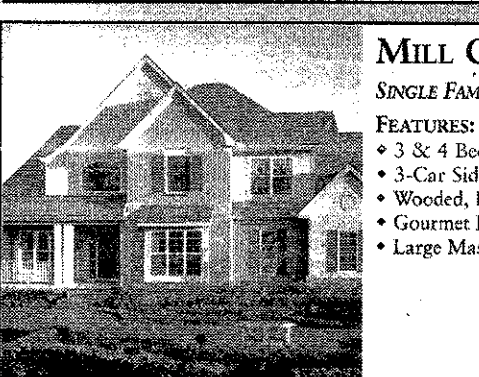
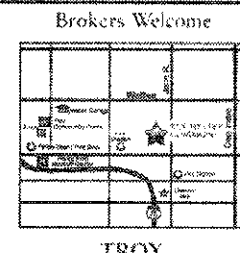
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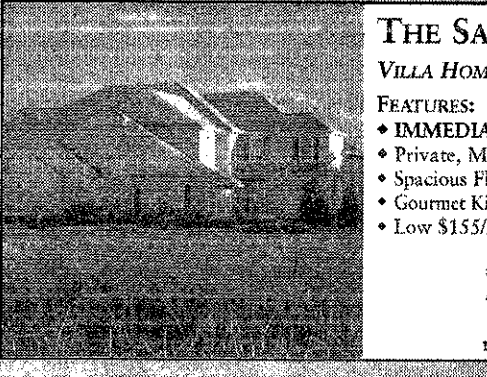
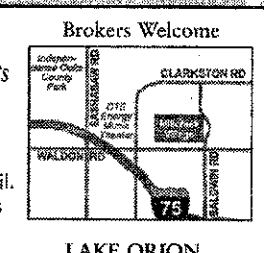
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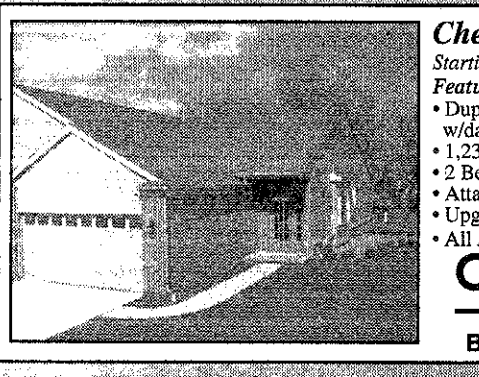
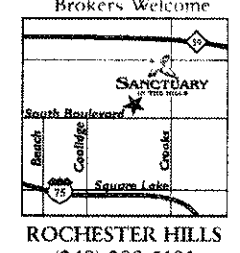
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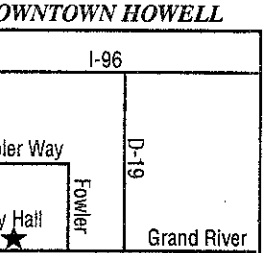
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■ The square footage. Although additions can be added they are often costly.

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There are some areas that are not as important when purchasing a house, such as:

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■ Clutter in the house. That too will be gone.

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I often tell sellers that it doesn't matter whether it's logical or not that the house should be kept immaculate for showings.

Buyers will normally decide whether they like it or not pretty early on in the process.

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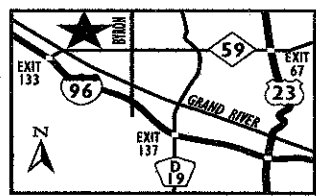
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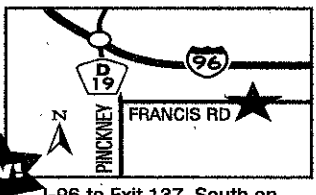
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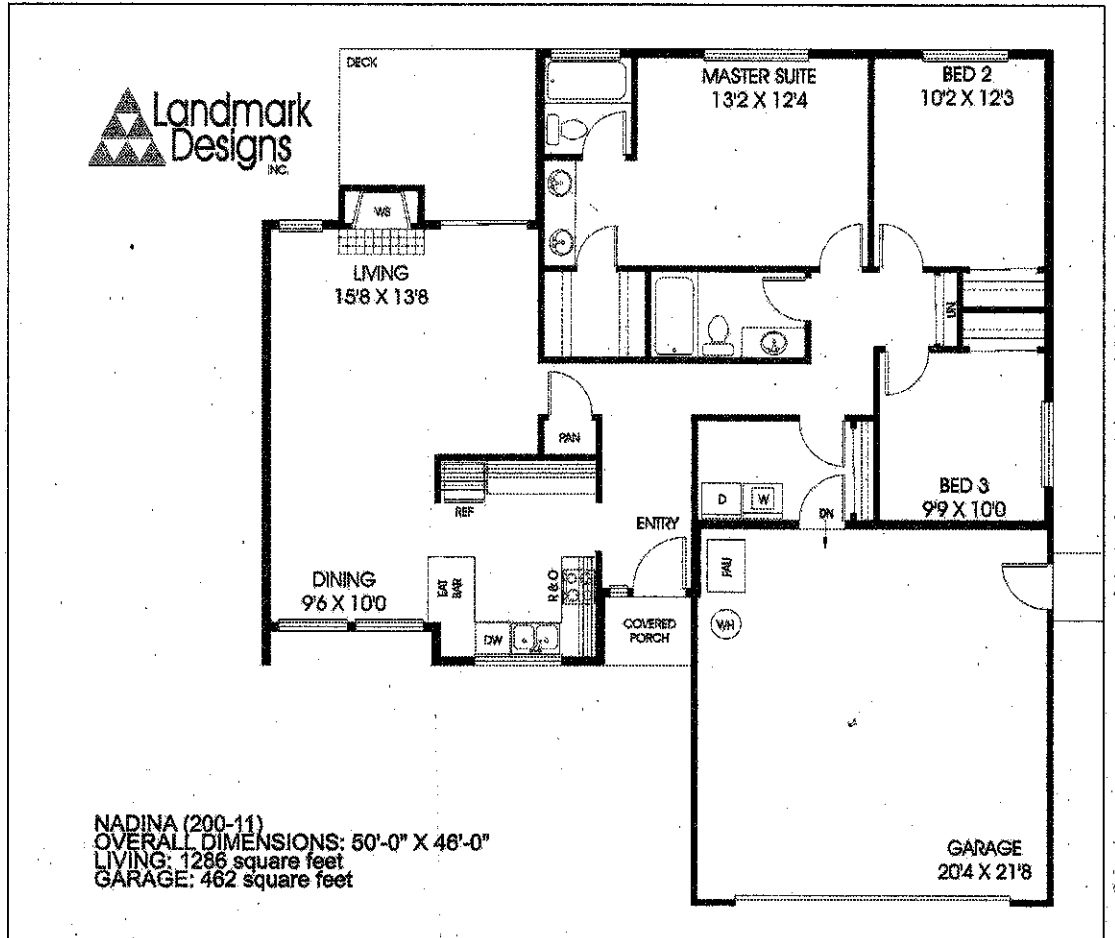
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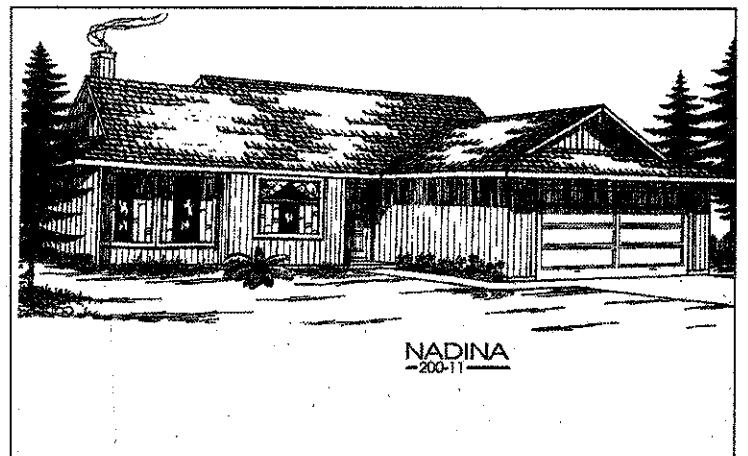
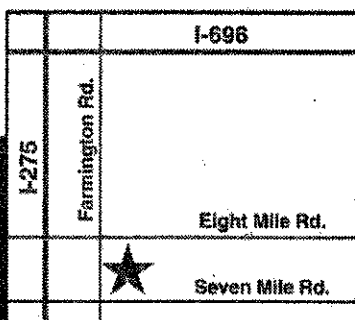
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 Cape Cod. Newer bit 3 or 4 BR. FF MBR, lg bonus rm w/brk BR w/whver pine fr & vaulted ceiling, GR w/frnc & cth ceiling, cherry cabs & granite cnts in lg kit w/brkstrm. Oak hwdw frs in entry, kit, GR, FFL, Beach.
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 All the upgrades in this 4 bedroom, 3 full & 2 half bath home. Att gar, full bsmt, gourmet island kit w/granite, mstr ste w/sitting area, hwdw frs & open floor plan backing to private wooded area.
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 Located in serene area walking distance from golf course. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial with professionally finished basement and all appliances included. New in 2005: furnace, A/C & fresh paint. Warr
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MILFORD Magnificent Cape Cod
 On approx. 1+ acre. 4 BR, 4.5 BA, vaulted entry & LR. Island kit w/cherry cabs. Lux main floor master. Hwdw floors in foyer, kitchen, breakfast nook & FR. Prof fin w/o wive bar, triple, game area & media room. 3 car gar.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Custom Built Ranch
 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Open fr plan. Spa rms. Hwdw frs, cth ceilings, lib w/cherry bl-ins, lg oak kit w/ite cnts & fr. Lg MBR white frnc, MBR w/marble fr, Jacuzzi. Guide-sae lot. Lk priv on Upper Straight.
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 In the Heathers, great layout and Bloomfield Hills Schools. 3 BR, 2.1 BA, LR and DR w/frnc. FR w/wet bar. MBR ste w/frnc. Theatre in finished LL. Deck balcony, FFL and 2 car attached garage.
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 Cust bit 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial presents high end features. Granite kit counters, custom cabs, glamour bath in master ste, lower level walkout offers finished FR w/frnc & bar for entertaining, patio & fire pit.
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 Has it all, on wooded 3.63 acre lot. Two story foyer & GR w/2 beautiful spiral staircases, FF MBR, 4 ad'l BR/FF on second fr w/Jack & Jill baths, 2 study rooms, fin w/o bsmt w/kit. Library, toy rm, spared no expense.
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 Within walking distance to town. Hardwood floors, beveled glass transom windows and French doors. Formal DR, heated sunroom and newer kitchen. Must see this one!!
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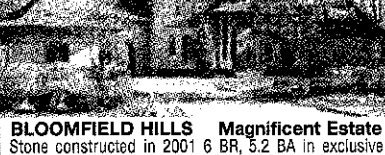
CANTON Exceptional Colonial
 Fabulous 4 bedroom, 3 full & 2 half baths in this 2000 built home. Grand 2 story foyer, dual staircase, FR w/wall of windows, gourmet kitchen has cherry cabs, 2 fireplaces, 3 car attached garage, bsmt & lg deck.
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TROY Lovingly Maintained
 Six-year-old colonial with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, large great room and huge deck overlooking the backyard. Beautiful professional basement with full bath. Hardwood foyer, neutral decor. Home warranty included.
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HIGHLAND Newer Model Custom
 South Bay Shores prestigious boaters comm, on Duck Lake, 2004 built, brick w/4 BR, 3.5 BA, 3+ garage, acre lot, best of everything used in this home. A must see. Vacant lots available too. Huron Valley.
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Magnificent Estate
 Stone constructed in 2001 6 BR, 5.2 BA in exclusive private community. FF MBR, 2-sty foyer & GR, extensive use of marble & granite, hwdw LL, fin w/o w/private aupar qtrs, kit, 2 BA, 2 BR, theater room.
(B48TUR) 248-626-8800 \$3,650,000



BLOOMFIELD TWP. Custom Built Ranch
 3 BR, 4 BA on hilltop overlooking pond. Picture windows w/view of large lot from virtually every room. Finished basement w/tons of storage, 3 fireplaces, heated 3 car garage and Walnut Lake privileges.
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GROSSE ILE Brick Stately Manor
 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath, att side entry gar, Pella windows, gas frnc, lg park-like yard. Open kit w/Corian counters & island, hardwood floors, ceramic baths, FR, den, office, library, DR & finished basement w/bath.
(B41MER) 734-455-5600 \$494,900



OAKLAND Magnificent Estate
 Situated on approximately 2.4 acres of beautifully manicured grounds. Fully automated smart house. Technology includes security surveillance cameras. Seven car garage. Finished walkout lower level.
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COMMERCE Immediate Occupancy
 On this sprawling brick ranch. Custom built features include approx. 4.5 acres, 3 car garage, spec deck overlooking woods, unique area of Commerce, 2 fireplaces, full walkout bsmt, cth ceiling, lg kitchen.
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BIRMINGHAM On Birmingham's Only Lake
 On huge lot. Beautifully decorated & landscaped. 4 lg BR's, 4 full BA's & 2 half baths. Large kitchen, FR, LR, DR & den. Walkout to pool & spa, 3 fireplaces, 4 furnaces, rec room, 3 sunrooms & so much more.
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SOUTH LYON Golf Course Custom Built
 The most beautiful views of the sunset down the fairway of this golf course frontage custom built 4 BR, 3.2 BA. Ready in April 2006. Come in to take your selection. 3 car side entry. Open floor plan, first floor master.
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CANTON New Construction Home
 Elegant cape cod w/4 BR, 3.5 BA, 4 car att gar, FF mstr w/sitting rm, lg WIC & bath w/corner garden tub, cth ceiling in open foyer & gr. Kitchen w/granite tops. Time to pick cabinets -> grand staircase.
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OAKLAND TWP. European Country Estate
 Old world charm meets modern day conveniences in this beautifully appointed custom built 5 bedroom 4 1/2 bath, 4 car garage home with golf course view. Fabulous amenities and exceptional detail.
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COMMERCE Beautiful, Spacious
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NORTHVILLE Great Blend
 4 BR, 2.5 BA cape w/WO bsmt. New const. FF mstr ste inc h/c & nar walk-in closets, lux BA w/jetted tub & stall shwr. GR w/2 sty wndws & frnc. Upper BRs incl Jack & Jill BA plus ad'l 1 BR ste. 3 car gar, hwdw frng.
(B46MER) 248-349-5600 \$750,000



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



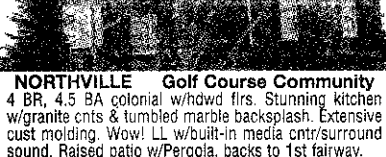
OAKLAND Over Three Acres
 Stone and cedar shake Cape Cod nestled in a natural setting. First floor master suite, gourmet kit, bonus room, 4 bedrooms, 4.2 baths, finished walk out w/kitchen, full bath & 5th bedroom. 4 car heated garage
(B52PIN) 248-652-8000 \$2,100,000



WATERFORD Stunning New Colonial
 On almost an acre 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/amenities galera. Main fr mstr. 2-sty great room w/frnc, hardwood floors, ceramic baths. Granite counters in kitchen. Walkout bsmt, 3+ car garage.
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FRANKLIN Beautiful Building Site
 Over 2 acres, rolling and wooded. Large pond in the back. House currently on property. Large lot provides plenty of room for any size home, pool, etc.. Birmingham Schools.
(B01WEL) 248-642-8100 \$1,074,900



NORTHVILLE Golf Course Community
 4 BR, 4.5 BA colonial w/hwdw frs. Stunning kitchen w/granite cnts & tumbled marble backsplash. Extensive cust molding. Wow! LL w/built-in media cnts/surround sound. Raised patio w/Pergola, backs to 1st fairway.
(B93RIV) 248-349-5600 \$659,000




ORION TWP. Picture Perfect
 On over a 1/2 acre cul-de-sac lot. Belmont plan with finished basement, deck and private yard. Island kitchen with pantry, GR with vaulted ceiling, MBR w/dressing area, tub & shower. Nice location in great family sub. MBR suite with sitting area. Three car side entry garage.
(B81COV) 248-524-1600 \$459,900



DRYDEN Majestic Country Estate
 Regal 5 bedroom, 5.5 bath home on approx 13 rolling acres of gorgeous pines and woods. Elegant decor, dramatic entrance w/curved staircase, soaring ceilings. 3 kitchens, 3 fireplaces, finished walkout LL, 6 car gar.
(B00ROC) 248-652-8000 \$1,699,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful 4 Bedroom Home
 Open floor plan, extra high ceiling, double staircase, master suite w/tub and shower, granite kitchen w/hardwood floor, spacious basement w/full bath, extra bedroom and office. Backs to protected woodlands.
(B20BRA) 248-626-8800 \$566,666



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Beautiful
 Quality built French Manor in Chestnut Hills. 4 bedrooms, 4.2 baths, located on large private lot. Updated gourmet kitchen with traditional European decor.
(B30CHE) 248-642-8100 \$1,050,000




NORTHVILLE Eastern Seaboard Cape Cod
 Country living in the city for this magnificent 5 BR, 4.5 BA home on over 2 acres w/pond near town. Circular drive, 4 car garage, stamped concrete terrace, hot tub & ext frnc, W/O bsmt w/gas frnc & screened porch.
(B00TIM) 248-349-5600 \$1,849,000




BLOOMFIELD TWP. Well Cared For
 Colonial with popular floor plan. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement, deck and private yard. Island kitchen with pantry, GR with vaulted ceiling, MBR w/dressing area, tub & shower. Nice location in great family sub.
(B19HIC) 248-524-1600 \$450,000



OAKLAND Wooded Estate
 Completely redesigned & rebuilt in 1994. Private retreat on approx 1.6 acres. Custom cabinets t/o, den w/private balcony overlooking courtyard & in-ground pool, master suite, finished walk out w/kitchen & bath.
(B21WHI) 248-652-8000 \$1,150,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Spectacular Newer Home
 Dramatic foyer, cstm details t/o, extensive use of marble & hwdw frs, kit w/granite cnts & backsplashes, upscale appls, columns btw LR & DR, step up MBR ste w/wet bar, lib & luxurious BA. W/O LL. Brick pavers. Pvt lot.
(B18BRA) 248-626-8800 \$1,100,000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Gorgeous Home
 Renovated inside & out, over 1/2 acre on private setting. Marble foyer, cherry kit w/granite, SS appls, master suite w/tub and shower, granite kitchen w/walk-out deck. Lib w/full ceramic BA, MBR ste w/granite & WIC. Jack & Jill BA, fin bsmt w/wdr rm. Bloom Schs.
(B99RAN) 248-642-8100 \$679,900



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
 Beautifully detailed - offers 4 spacious bedrooms, 4.5 baths. Master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/viking stove. Zero Zrc frng. Walkout LL w/heated floors. Sauna & full granite kit.
(B55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$989,900



TROY Interior Sub
 Newly built 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with Troy schools. Formal LR, DR, den, great room w/vaulted ceiling. Large kitchen w/center island. Breakfast area w/patio doors. Profes landscp w/paver patio.
(B16SEM) 248-524-1600 \$415,000



OAKLAND Custom Built Estate
 Approximately 7.5 wooded acres on Stony Creek. Finished walkout basement leads to indoor pool for year round enjoyment. 4 car att gar plus 3 car gar. open fr plan, 4 bedrooms, 6.5 baths, lg kit, deck w/gazebo.
(B05HIG) 248-652-8000 \$1,099,999



ORCHARD LAKE Extensively Updated Home
 2-sty entry & GR w/frnc, in last 2 months: carpet t/o, exterior stain & granite counters. Newer furnace, C/A, HWH & roof tear-off. LL walkout w/rec area. Pool & spa area w/decking & fountain. Backs to nature preserve.
(B13CHE) 248-626-8800 \$539,000




BEVERLY HILLS Fabulous
 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial w/secluded yard, pool, spa, stone patio & gardens. Remodeled kit w/granite, SS appls, brkfst area in Atrium setting w/cath ceilings. FR w/frnc, MBR ste w/2-way frnc, sitting area & Jacuzzi bath.
(B00LON) 248-642-8100 \$549,900



BELLEVILLE Lakefront Property
 Open fr plan w/Andersen drwl onto patio or deck overlooking wooded yard & all sports lk. Fishing & boating (dock incl) in your backyard! Profes landscp w/frnc drive. 2 frncs, LR & FR. Newer A/C & HWH.
(B07HAR) 248-349-5600 \$600,000



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



ADDISON Elegant And Secluded
 1997 stone and cedar custom built split level. 4 bedrooms, 2.2 baths w/soaring ceilings, 4 car garage plus pole barn for that car buff. Granite in kitchen. walk out basement, sun room and pool w/hot tub.
(B80LAK) 248-652-8000 \$899,000

Relocation Services
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Open Houses 3030

ROCHESTER HILLS SUNDAY 1:00-4:00 1929 Chalmers Dr. N. Walton W. Livernois Only \$369,929

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WESTLAND OPEN SUN. 1-4 7884 Rivergate N/Warren, W/Wayne Sharp condo home with a large living room, updated kitchen, oak cabinets, beautiful finished bsmt., attached garage. \$159,900.

CASTELLI 734 525-7900 Serving the area for 30 yrs

WESTLAND OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 118 Carson N/Cherry Hill & W/ John Hix 2003 condo! Oak cabinets, great room w/granite fireplace, 2 master suites w/loft, bsmt, attached garage. Home Warranty! Seller will pay 1 yr of association fees! Move-in ready! (CARH) Call Jill Adair Ginder (734) 634-8104

GMAC Real Estate The Kee Group (734) 451-5400

Ann Arbor 3040

DOWNTOWN, Mint Townhouse! Sat. & Sun., 12-5, 431 S. Ashley, 2 bdrm, 2.5 bath. Gourmet kitchen w/ granite, stainless, hardwood. 13 ft. ceilings, gas fireplace, hardwood in living room. \$499k. 734-327-9394

BAD CREDIT OKAY Land contract 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 cars, asking \$170k, worth \$210k. 888-356-6102 ext. 252

SMALL HORSE FARM Located on 5 acres, lg. barn w/ water & electric. Pond w/ picture like setting, 3 bdrm home w/ 2 full bath. A must see! \$298,000 Call: 734-699-5879

Belleville & Van Buren 3045

CAPE COD 2 bdrm., updates: kitchen w/oak cabinets, bath, hardwood floors, & more. Master bdrm. w/2 closets. Bonus room, bsmt., 2 car garage. \$169,900 (KE265)

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Beverly Hills 3049

OPEN SUN 1-4 9955 Old Pond Ct. Private Setting Contemporary. 3 Bdrm., 2.5 bath. Granite counters, Oak floors. Co-op to 1.25 %. \$569,500. 248-642-9452.

Birmingham 3050

Woodward Place The lifestyle offered, is a prestigious Birmingham address, convenient to shopping, dining, cultural events, entertainment & limitless other exciting choices to add to their quality of life. Woodward Place plan & amenities offer a private scenic meandering, fast flowing river & a courtyard that calls to you to stop and take time to sit, to read, play garden or just be, among large hardwood trees in a park setting in their own backyard. All the time knowing outside the gates, the fast pace world, awaits them, but for now while at home in Woodward Place it is their very own private, safe & beautiful little piece of paradise, shared only with others who have chosen Woodward Place to call home. Visit our model homes today. 1113 N. Old Woodward Call for appt. (248) 594-6680 Starting in the low 300's

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Bloomfield 3055

Just Reduced! BLOOMFIELD HILLS ELEGANT Attention to detail colonial with finished walkout. 4 bedrooms, updated kitchen, 2 fireplaces, private treed backyard. Lush landscaping, \$889,000. Vivian J. Wilson, Associate Broker Max Brook Realtors-Mable Cell: 248-521-8194 www.mbagent.com/vwilson

Brighton 3060

BRIGHTON/HOWELL Custom homes-New construction. Homes from \$150,000 in family sub. Only 3 lots left. 810-225-8944

Canton 3080

CANTON PRICED BELOW MARKET. 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2247 sq.ft., \$234,500. (734) 516-9639

CANTON -North, homes for sale, land contract, low down. Bad credit OK. Call Mike: 734-678-5400

CANTON COLONIAL Good home in nice Canton Sub. 3 bdrm, 2.5 baths, new roof, gazebo w/ lg. deck, needs decorating. Willing to sell below market before upgrades are installed. \$254,000, 734-844-8937

Canton Condo Open Sat. 12-4 42368 Saratoga Cr., N. of Ford, E. of Lilley, Sharp 3 bdrm., 2.5 bath, updated in '04. Newer kitchen, finished bsmt., 2 car attached garage. Close to X-yates, only \$208,900. Call Esther Baxter 248-981-7885 Mayfair Realtors 734-522-8000 ext. 243

CLASSIC COLONIAL Beautiful 4-bdrm., over 2,600 sq. ft. Private location next to pond. 3-car garage, partially finished bsmt. Granite island, cherry wood kitchen, stainless appliances.

DENISE MCGUIGAN 734-564-4310 REMERICA HOMETOWN III 6231 N. Canton Center Rd.

Great house & neighborhood. Parks, tennis courts. Many updates: foyer, picture windows, kitchen garden window, all other newer, 5 yr furnace, 3 yr. tear off roof, new chandelier and lighting - Barber carpet new in bsmt. fresh paint all throughout. This is a must see...3% deposit...pre qualified buyers. (MON46) (734) 451-5400

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Dearborn 3110

LAND CONTRACT OR LEASE 3200 sq. ft. 4 bdrm., lowest priced in sub. Call now for more info. Must sell. (734) 323-7263 KELLER WILLIAMS 36642 Five Mile, Livonia

RANCH 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 1787 sq.ft., fireplace, attached garage, full bsmt. \$238,000 by owner: 734-453-3399

RENT TO OWN- Colonial 4 bdrm 2.5 bath, 1 need \$219k, worth \$242k, land contract. 888-856-7034

Dearborn 3110

CLASSIC DEARBORN BEAUTY 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 3-story home updated to the max! Since 2002 - new roof, 2 furnaces, 2 c/a, 2 laundry centers, all windows, doors, stainless Jenn-Aire kitchen. Pro-finished bsmt, 2 1/2 car garage. Great location near Dearborn Country Club. DENISE MCGUIGAN 734-564-4310 REMERICA HOMETOWN III 6231 N. Canton Center Rd.

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COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Gorgeous brick Ranch on lovely park-like lot, just under 1/2 acre. Nearly 1,700 sq. ft., very desirable floor plan with 2 fireplaces, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and more! \$204,900. (26000549) Call Carol (248) 939-0993 CENTURY 21 HARTFORD (248) 478-6000

Farmington 3140

OPEN SUN-1-4PM. 33907 State 4 Bdrm, 3 bath, view at: m i h o m e n l i f e . c o m . \$398,500. 248-536-0089

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Farmington Hills 3145

30041 SHIAWASSEE INVESTOR/HANDYMAN SPECIAL! Priced way under market! Brick ranch, 3 bdrm., 1.5 bath, 2 car garage. Needs cosmetics! \$129,900 Call 248-414-7981

BY OWNER Colonial, 4 bdrm, 2.5 baths, 2+car garage. New kitchen, appliances, and flooring. \$182,500 or best reasonable offer. Inspection Sat., 10-5, Sun., 12-5. Home will be sold Sunday night to HIGHEST BIDDER. 734-765-4343

JUST LISTED! 3 bdrm., Cape Cod on lg. corner lot. Many updates. All appliances incl, plus home warranty. \$144,900. Call MYRA, 734-657-1167 for details. Gold Group Inc. 734-282-8000.

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THREE BEDROOMS bsmt, garage, \$130,000. \$395 cash to close. \$899/mo. Good! Poor-No Credit. 810-955-9549

Northville 3280

NORTHVILLE OPEN SUN. 1-3 695 River Park Village Baseline Rd/1 Block S of 8 Mile Charming brownstone across from historic cider mill. 2 Bdrm., 1.5 bath, vaulted ceilings, private bsmt, attached garage. Close to downtown. \$199,900. Nancy Baldwin 734-453-8800 Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake

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Troy 3410

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West Bloomfield 3440

(NORTHWEST) 3-4 br., 3 bath. Flexible layout, 1900 sq. ft. Big 2 car garage. With deck which views private wooded preserve. Below Market. \$299,900. Agents Protected. Call 248-761-3467 no listings.

Westland 3445

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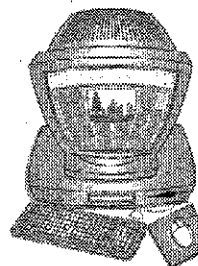
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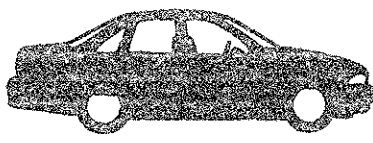
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Toyota 4Runner Limited V8 redesigned for 2006

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It wasn't so very long ago that there weren't a lot of choices if you wanted an SUV. Most automakers, if they even made one, only had one type and style. That's not the case anymore. From small, almost car-like SUVs to "luxury" SUVs from Mercedes, Lexus, Infiniti and others, to behemoths from Hummer, there are more choices than you can shake the proverbial stick at. Toyota has a complete line of SUVs, and its mid-size, the 4Runner, comes in a number of trim line and power train configurations; the SR5 (V8 and V6), Sport Edition, and Limited V8. Each of these can be either two or four-wheel drive. The Limited V8 4X2 is a solid combination of size, power and value.

The 4Runner has been redesigned for 2006, getting a new grille, front bumper, headlamps, fog lamps, rear bumper, and tail lights. New six-spoke, 18" alloy wheels are standard on the Limited V8, as are outside heated power mirrors, lighted running boards, roof rack, and tow hitch.

As its name indicates, the Limited V8 is powered by a V8 - a 4.7-liter, eight cylinder, 32-valve engine. It's rated at 260hp and 306 lb.-ft. of torque @ 3400 rpm. Using the recommended premium fuel, it gets moving quickly for such a big vehicle. Be careful - you'll quickly find yourself cruising 55mph in a 35mph zone without realizing it. Or maybe it was just me.

That engine is mated with an automatic five-speed transmission that shifts smoothly and effortlessly. Shift logic holds gears on inclines and descents, and the artificial intelligence shift control will adapt to different driving conditions.

The 4Runner rides and handles very well for an SUV. The front suspension is a double wishbone, with coil springs over gas shocks and stabilizer bar.



2006 Toyota 4Runner Limited V8. Type: Special purpose. Where built: Japan. Mileage: 17 city / 20 highway. Base price: \$36,110. Price as tested: \$40,085

In the rear it's a four-link rigid type with coil springs over gas shocks and stabilizer bar. There is some road feel, but overall the suspension smoothes out the rough spots and provides a good ride. The power assisted rack-and-pinion steering makes the 4Runner easy to handle, and the four-channel ABS braking system is excellent.

There's plenty of room inside the Limited V8, for people and for cargo. The 60/40 split rear seats fold down without the need to take off the headrests. The rear cargo area includes steel tie-downs, a cargo net and a cargo shelf, and will hold 75.1 cubic feet, with the seats folded down. The two-wheel drive 4Runner Limited V8 can tow up to 7300 lbs.

No problem stretching out either. There's plenty of leg and headroom here. The standard power leather seats can be heated, and are comfortable with good support.

The 4Runner Limited V8 comes with a bunch of worthwhile standard features. Dual-zone climate control, power windows, doors and locks, anti-theft alarm with engine immobilizer, cruise control, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, and universal garage door opener are all included. A multi-information display panel can show you a trip computer, fuel consumption, clock, outside temperature, aver-

age speed and miles-to-empty (quite useful to decide if you can really make it to the next gas station).

The standard audio system is a 360-watt JBL AM/FM/six-disc CD player, which can also handle mp3s and comes with ten speakers and a mini-plug to attach your portable music players. The integrated Bluetooth feature allows you to connect your cell phone, or other Bluetooth device for a hands-free communications system. An optional integrated GPS navigation system is available, and it's one of the better ones I've used. It's easy to figure out, and can display icons on the screen for fast food places, ATMs, hospitals, or a large number of other categories. If you just drive around your own neighborhood, it's probably not worth the \$2400 Toyota wants to charge you for it, but if you do any out of area driving, or find yourself constantly trying to read scraps of paper with directions, it might be worth the bucks. A rear-seat DVD entertainment system is available as an option, as well.

The 2006 Toyota 4Runner Limited V8 starts at about \$36,000. Even adding the GPS system, and side air bags still keeps you at about \$40,000. And in today's SUV market, that's not bad for a mid-size loaded with features.

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