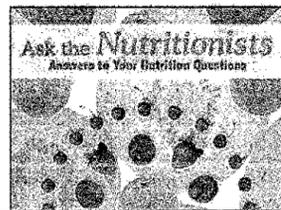


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Incumbents unopposed on school board ballot

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Van Buren Schools Board of Education will have some continuity during an important time in the district's history, as incumbents David Peer and Victor Hogan will run unopposed on the May 2 ballot. The two were the only candidates to meet Tuesday's filing deadline for the four-year terms.

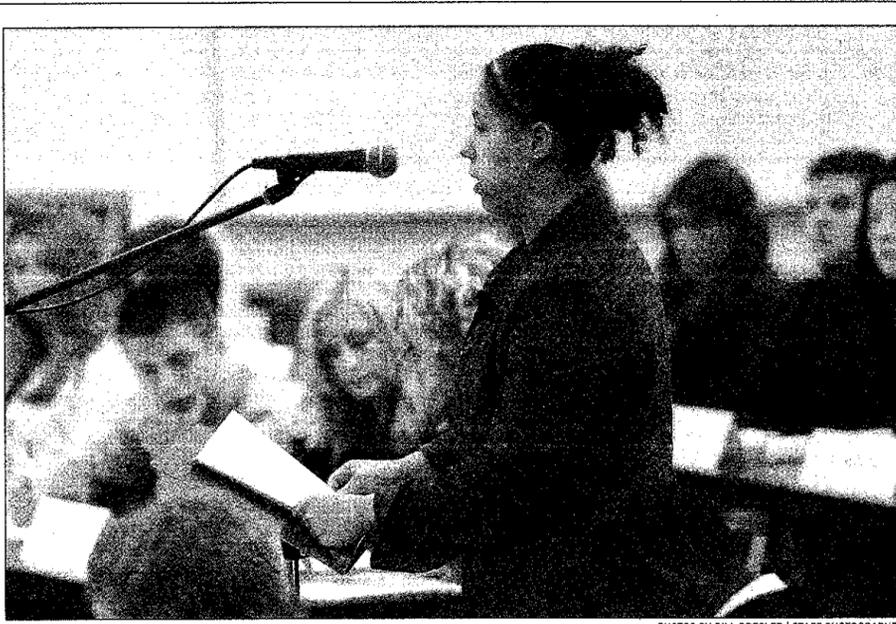
Peer, who is the current board president, is seeking his fifth term. He is an Ypsilanti resident. Hogan, a Belleville resident, is currently serving his first term on the board. He is the board's secretary. Van Buren Schools spokesman Paul Henning said the district is fortunate the two men are running for re-election.

"David has been a fixture on the board for a number of years and brings a lot of knowledge to the table," he said. "Victor is a very good member of the board. He always has something to add when there is discussion."

The district is in the middle of a campaign to persuade voters to approve a \$111 million millage to construct a new high school in Van Buren Township. The election will be held Feb. 28. District officials have been trying to get a new high school built for several years to replace the aging Belleville High School, which they say is inadequate to meet today's educational standards.

Voters shot down a similar bond proposal in 2004 by a vote of 4,593 to 2,226.

About 300 Canton students, who live in the southwest portion of the township, attend schools in the Van Buren district.



Justine Cane addresses the mock legislature on a proposed bill at Plymouth Christian Academy on Friday.

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Session lesson

Mock legislative conference introduces kids to politics

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

After spending two days in caucus, the legislators grabbed their foam cups of coffee and talking points and headed to the floor to debate the merits and flaws of a house bill which would ban stem cell research in Michigan. If not for the absence of commotion and cacophony, it would be hard to tell the difference between their legislature and the House floor in Lansing.

The legislators weren't elected representatives at all — they were students who participated in a "mock legislature" exercise at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton. Students from PCA and Agape Christian Academy spent three school days getting some hands-on lessons about the political process as part of PCA's first

Student Statesmanship Institute, a Biblical leadership training program established by the Foundation for Traditional Values.

"I've always had a mock legislature in my government classes," said PCA government teacher Kelly Gillette, who brought the on-site program to the school. "But it was smaller, so it didn't always feel as authentic to the students as this does."

In order to get enough students to participate — 44 in total — he invited home schooled students and the students from Agape.

On Friday's legislative agenda were six items, selected to be of interest to the students because of their political content — like the stem cell research ban, a Constitutional amendment to define marriage, and a bill that would limit the number of drivers



Representative Ashley Boebinger listens to the debate during the mock legislative exercise.

teenagers can have in the car while they're behind the wheel.

For two days, the students were visited by lobbyists — real professional lobbyists, that is — and by

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Police department losing five longtime officers to retirement

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton Police Officer Leonard Schemanske opened the worn and yellowed cardboard box and began sifting through the stack of snapshots inside. He smiled when he found one of himself.

He was a rookie then, with a full head of dark hair and a somewhat smaller belt than the one he wears today. He is retiring this spring, along with four of his colleagues who are also hanging it up this year to head off into retirement.

Some of Schemanske's best days in the 25 years he's been on the force, he said, were when he worked as a DARE officer in the schools.

"I still have people who come up to me to tell me that I did make a difference in DARE," Schemanske said.

His colleague, Ken Winkler, also said his experience with DARE was the most rewarding time he spent in 30 years on the force. Winkler's last day on the job will be next month.

"You go from being a patrol officer, and everyone hates you, to being a DARE officer and everyone loves you, and the kids know who you are. That's pretty rewarding," he said.

Though he doesn't know what he wants to do in his retirement, besides spending a little time relaxing and hanging out with his 14-year-old son, he knows for sure that it will have nothing to do with law enforcement.

Winkler was one of the original 10 full-time officers who were hired in 1978 after Canton voters passed a millage to fund a full-time police department. He started thinking about retirement at the end of 2003, when he had one of the hardest years of his life. In July of that year, his colleague Lew Stevens was killed on the job when his parked patrol car was struck by a speeding driver.

Just five months later, the department suffered another blow when off-duty Officer Brian Darow died after he fell off his roof as he was putting up Christmas lights on his house.

"That definitely made me think," Winkler said. Police Officer Bruce Roderick, who was also one of the original 10 officers in 1978, is also retiring this year. Officers George Sharp and Fred Pytell will also leave after their longtime service.

Now comes the challenge of trying to replace them, according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro. "The challenge for us this year is when you have this number of retirements, the department is losing a tremendous amount of experience with those seasoned officers," he said.

The department will bring in nine officers — five to replace those who are retiring this year, and two to replace two officers who left last year, and two due to the creation of two new positions.

IKEA cometh

Meetings offer ideas for local businesses to capitalize on millions of new visitors

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It seemed funny to Bart Patterson when he heard the story of a man who had stopped by a Michigan Avenue pizza parlor. Apparently the man had been in Canton for a long weekend for a sports tournament of one kind or another. And he had ordered pizza for dinner four nights in a row. It's not that he liked pizza all that much.

"The guy said he couldn't find downtown Canton, and didn't know where else to go for dinner," Patterson said.

Patterson's story prompted chuckles in the room full of business owners and managers as they gathered for coffee at Bailey's Pub this week for the first in a series of informational breakfast meetings hosted by Canton's DDA and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

It's that tourist — and hundreds of thousands, if not millions just like him — that Canton businesses are trying to attract, and the Canton chamber and the DDA teamed up with the township administration to help businesses market themselves, and Canton as a whole.

Though IKEA, which will open this summer and is expected to bring some 2 million visitors to Canton every year, is all the buzz right now, it's really more of a reason for ramping up efforts that were already underway said Patterson, chairman of the chamber.

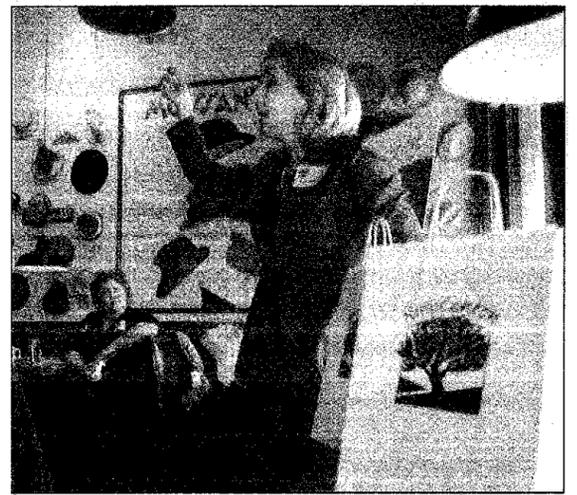
"IKEA is the reason we're doing all of this now, but how many kids come here for soccer every Memorial Day? Thousands," he said, referring to the Canton Cup soccer tournament, which draws some 19,000 visitors to Canton every year. In total, Victory Park, the

site of the Canton Softball Center and Arctic Edge ice arena, combined with Canton's soccer fields, have been bringing about 40,000 visitors a year to the area already.

And Canton's business owners, including the 300 which are in the DDA, are hoping to capitalize on Canton's coming of age.

CANTON'S COMING OF AGE

Sandy Vartoogian is one of them. Vartoogian, of Livonia, co-owns with Westland resident Jan Poe, Feather Your



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Karyl Niemi explains the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Shop Canton program, which is designed to help businesses attract IKEA customers.

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Cirque du Soleil brings Delirium to Detroit

DEATHS

B
Maurice Clinton Beers
 Beers, 92, died.

C
Paul D. Carter
 Carter, 96, of Dearborn, died Jan. 27.

Charles E. Childs
 Childs, 87, of Plymouth, died Feb. 2.

Edward L. Chmielewski
 Chmielewski, 83, died.

D
Madaleen M. Doherty
 Doherty, 78, of Wayne, died Feb. 6.

Paul N. DuBrico
 DuBrico, 85, of Waterford, died Feb. 9.

H
Richard T. Hartzell
 Hartzell, 70, of Orchard Lake, died Feb. 8.

K
Helene G. Kvet
 Kvet, 88, of Birmingham, died Feb. 6.

L
Katy Lee Howell Lett
 Lett, 80, of Birmingham, died Feb. 6.

M
Zachary Scott (Zak) Metzker
 Metzker, formerly of Rochester, died Feb. 4.

N
Craig Steven Nielsen
 Nielsen, 53, died Feb. 9.

P
George Frederick Pepp
 Pepp, 75, of Burnsville, N.C., died Feb. 5.

Robert Ahlman Peterson
 Peterson, 62, of Grand Rapids, died Feb. 9.

Laura Anne Polakowski
 Polakowski, 42, of Franklin, died Feb. 5.

Virginia V. Pryce
 Pryce, 86, died Feb. 7.

R
William E. Ramsay
 Ramsay, 54, died Feb. 5.

Ronald Dean Roberts
 Roberts, 74, of Gold Canyon, Ariz., formerly of Farmington and Livonia, died Nov. 23.

Walter J. Roberts
 Roberts, 85, of Plymouth, died Feb. 7.

S
Marian Beck Schultz
 Schultz, 62, of Plymouth, died Feb. 7.

Dolores R. "Laurie" Seregny
 Seregny, 78, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 5.

W
Jerome William Webb Sr.
 Webb died Feb. 3.

Robert S. Whiting
 Whiting, 79, of Traverse City, died Feb. 6.

Z
Gary F. Zatorski
 Zatorski, 65, died.

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

Euchre tournament

The Exchange Club of Canton will hold its annual charity euchre tournament from 4-10 p.m. Feb. 18 at Summit on the Park in Canton. Proceeds from the event will benefit local scholarships and the prevention of child abuse. Tickets for the event are \$50, which includes food and an open bar. There will also be door prizes, a silent auction, raffles and more. For tickets or more information, call Richard Piwko at (734) 981-1149, Jon LaFever at (734) 394-5470, or David Loveland at (734) 207-8943.

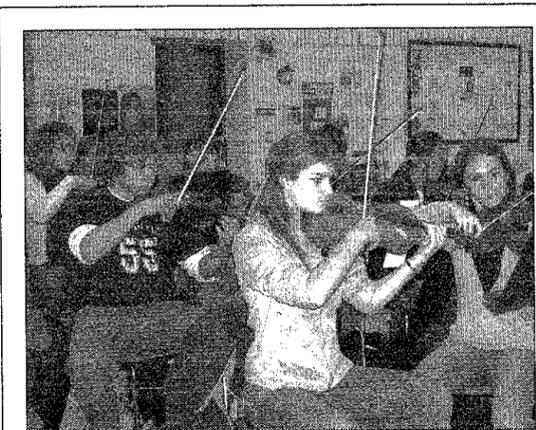
Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the bi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and October, and features more than 50 businesses from the community which display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance and travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Admission is free, and the expo is open to the public. Other features include a cash bar and door prizes.

For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Construction site theft seminar

Construction site theft is an ongoing problem for both law enforcement and the construction industry. The Canton Police Department has partnered with Plymouth Township Police, Northville Township Police and Crime Stoppers to present a construction site theft prevention seminar. "We Nail Thieves" is being held Friday, Feb. 24, from 2-4 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park. Officers will teach proven crime prevention strategies that will help prevent theft at job sites, secure heavy equipment and reduce the overall



Excellent evening

The Educational Excellence Foundation of Plymouth-Canton schools presents 'An Evening of Excellence,' 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb 17 at the Village Theater in Canton. The event is a fund-raiser for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools that showcases outstanding performances by more than 200 of the district's students. Performing groups include the P-CEP Wind Ensemble, P-CEP Orchestra Strings (above), P-CEP Fancy Schmancy, Park Players, Second Stage Players, West Dream Team, Central Jazz Band, P-CEP Madrigals and Winter Guard. Tickets are \$100 per person (6:30 p.m., strolling dinner, wine, performance, dessert, champagne) or \$50 per person (7:45 p.m., performance, dessert, champagne). A portion of the ticket price is tax-deductible. To order tickets or for more information, call Carole Kody at (734) 416-2718 or e-mail to: Kodyc@pccs.k12.mi.us

cost of theft. The goal is to create an environment that makes it difficult to steal. This informative seminar is recommended for builders and their management level representatives.

Anyone interested in attending should reserve a seat by calling the Canton Police Department's Community Relations Division at (734) 394-5325.

Township board to meet

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the township administration building.

Computer seminars

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Canton Computers to provide a series of computer related seminars throughout 2006. The seminars are open to chamber members and the public, and are designed to teach participants a variety of skills. The next class, "Photo

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

Relay for Life kick-off

Canton is teaming up with the American Cancer Society to bring the Relay for Life to the community for the eighth year. In preparation for the annual event, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill (42500 Cherry Hill Road) will be hosting a kick-off rally 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. The informational meeting is open to anyone who is interested in participating or learning more about the 24-hour relay being held on May 20-21 from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Canton's Heritage Park. With last year's record-breaking \$250,000 in contributions, Canton's Relay for Life event has raised more than \$1 million in the past seven years. Relay for Life is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost and a rally for the community to fight cancer. To RSVP for the kick-off event, please contact Jamie Chapman at (248) 483-4320

or via e-mail at jchapman@cancer.org. For more information on the event, call Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

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, is your 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.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the University Center Classrooms 1 and 2 located at Madonna University Residence Hall, 14221 Levan Road in Livonia.

The Red Cross is in desperate need of donations, which are distributed to southeastern Michigan hospitals. Being a donor is safe, simple and only takes a short time. To schedule a donor appointment, call the Office of Student Life at (734) 432-5428. Walk-in donors are welcome. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old and can donate every eight weeks or no more than five times per year.

Arts ensemble

The second-annual Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble takes place at Canton High School 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 11.

It is a juried show featuring local art and handmade crafts. Music will be provided throughout the day performed by PCEP students, and food will be available for purchase, including a bake sale. Admission is \$2, with all proceeds benefiting the Plymouth-Canton music program.

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Senate passes Toy water board bill

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

In the ongoing battle over who controls the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, has decided that it's time for the suburbs to have a greater voice in how that water department is run.

Legislation introduced by Toy, SB 372, was approved Tuesday by the Michigan Senate.

The bill would create an advisory board that would have oversight over the DWSD rate process, ensuring that rates are fair and reasonable. The bill would also require advance notice of rate changes and only allow one rate change per 12-month period.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Similar legislation three years ago was vetoed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who called the legislation divisive and said other means could be used to correct any problems in the DWSD.

"It's time to shine the spotlight on the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and ensure there's more accountability in how it operates," Toy said in a press release. "Half the state of Michigan is served by the department and changes are needed. My legislation isn't a takeover of the department, but a way to ensure that the water department's operations are reviewed and that recommendations for improvements are made."

U.S. District Judge John Feikens ruled earlier this year that Detroit can be the only owner and operator of the DWSD, shooting down Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch's bid for a regional authority. McCulloch has alleged that the city can own the system while governance that includes the DWSD's customers can be established.

At the same time as his ruling, Feikens said the city and its customers need to have a closer, more collegial relationship.

Toy said years of action in the courts hasn't worked for

DWSD customers and it's time for a new solution.

"What has (Judge) Feikens done to help?" she asked. "Is he the judge and jury for the whole issue?"

She said half the state's population hasn't been able to get straight answers about their rates or question DWSD officials about no-bid contracts for work on the system. The legislation would put more accountability into the system through better oversight.

"There would be three representatives for Detroit and one each for Oakland, Macomb and Genesee counties," Toy said. "They'll review the contracts and with another set of eyes going over everything, the operation will straighten up."

What the customer communities do with the water when it flows through their city, she said, is not the focus of the legislation.

"Some communities may mark up the prices and tack on fees, we're talking about wholesale rates," Toy said. "Problems keep appearing. We have a responsibility to do something. People just want representation that's fair and equitable and they want responsible answers."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's press secretary Liz Boyd echoed Judge Feikens' ruling that the DWSD system is not something that falls under the jurisdiction of state lawmakers.

"This issue will not be resolved through litigation or legislation," she said. "DWSD owns the system, local governments need to work with the city."

She said the region has just finished with a picture-perfect example of cooperation, Super Bowl XL, and there needs to be a replay of that.

"It was a beautiful example of people working together," Boyd said. "We can do that again."

Publisher turns final page on book promise

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Patrick Olson heard about a plan in the winter of 2004 to provide at least 100 new books for every K-5 classroom in the Plymouth-Canton school district, he didn't hesitate in sponsoring the program to acquire 35,000 books.

Olson, the founder of Hayden-McNeil Publishing, Inc., in Plymouth, which publishes textbooks for colleges, involved his Patrick and Patricia Olson Foundation by first collecting books from the community, and then supplementing those with books donated by his publishing connections.

This week, Olson delivered on his promise, as all 15 elementary schools in the district received their collection of new books.

Third-grade teacher Julie Dillon at Isbister Elementary was thrilled to get her new room library.

"This class is a group of readers, and to have 100 new books to choose from broadens their understanding," said Dillon, who taught Olson's two children.

"A lot of the books that are here today are ones that connect with our curriculum, such as biographies, insects and science. You can never have enough books."

Madeline Klozik, 9, of Plymouth, took a moment from reading *The Rough Face Girl*, one of the new books in the collection.

"I like to read, Harry Potter is my favorite," said Madeline. "I've read them all, and I'm waiting for the seventh book to come out.



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Hannah Sharrer, Christian Scheske, Liz Kady and Bailey Riegall look through the new books delivered by the Patrick and Patricia Olson Foundation.

"I like books because they describe anything," she said. "Even if it's a book with no pictures, they can describe it and you can really see it."

Carter Schenk was deep into *The Magic Tree House*, which spurred his imagination.

"It's an imagination tree, you can wish yourself anywhere," said Carter, 9, who lives in Canton. "That seems really cool."

Olson said he still has about 5,000 books collected from the community to distribute to the schools.

What Olson won't say is how much the program cost him.

Despite his connections with publishing companies,

they didn't come through with the remainder of the books, which means Olson purchased them out of his own pocket.

"I was expecting to get a substantial number of publisher donations, but that didn't happen," said Olson. "Hurricane Katrina hit, and I had a very difficult time convincing them we were anywhere as needy as they were in Louisiana, where whole schools were washed away."

"To honor my commitment, I was able to get a deal with Scholastic Books to provide 100 books per classroom," he said. "We'll end up with about 40,000 books."

Olson, a 1979 graduate of Canton High School, spent only one year in the Plymouth-Canton school district after moving from Minnesota. However, that one year made a great impact on him.

"A lot of people complain about the scale of the high schools, but for a new kid moving in from Minnesota, the size of the school allowed me to find friends right away because the population was so much bigger," Olson said. "I had a couple of really powerful teachers who changed my thinking a lot."

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Police add safety tips to Web site

The Canton Police Department recently added more than 15 safety tips to its Web site. A wide variety of topics are included from home security to identity theft.

Tips for all ages are also covered, including Internet safety for children, teen dating and personal safety for adults. Topics are covered in detail and include many suggestions for crime prevention and awareness.

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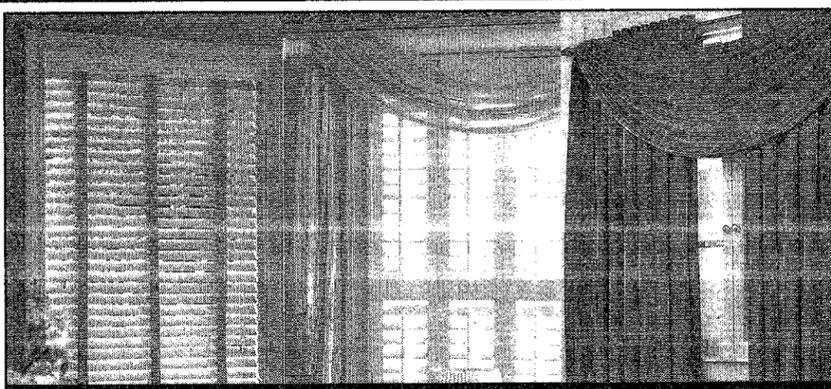
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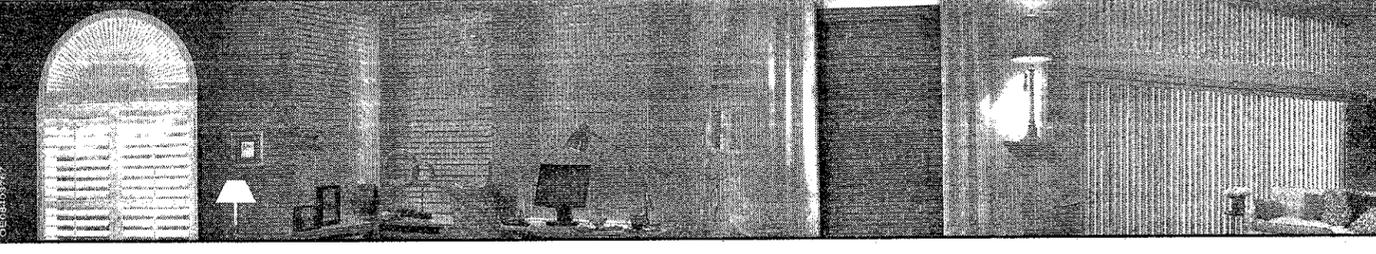
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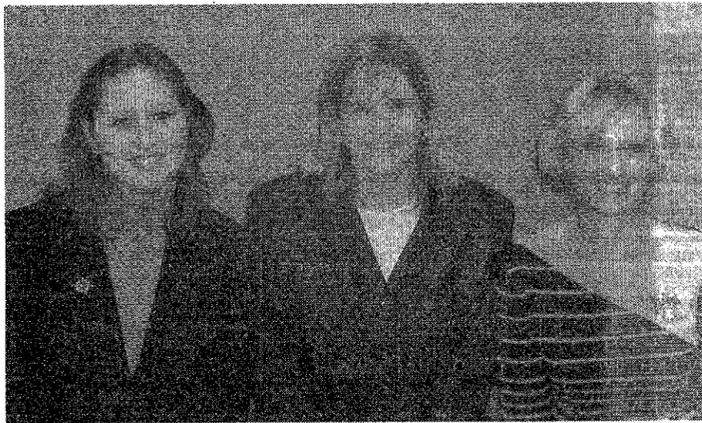
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Commission rezones much of the vacant land along Michigan Ave.

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Pindzia looked at some 150 homes before he bought his first one six months ago. He chose the house, just off Geddes and Beck, for the wooded area behind the house. Teeming with deer and fox and other wildlife, the property right behind his house has offered a quiet and peaceful buffer between his home and the rest of the world. But the buffer could disappear - quickly.

The 34.5 acres behind Pindzia's house is owned by Schafer Development, which has asked to rezone the property from rural residential to regional commercial. The zoning would allow for a shopping center and big box stores.

He's concerned that development may encroach close to his house, and if it does, there's only one thing he and his wife can do: "We'll move," he said.

But the property, as it is used now, is not meeting its full potential, according to George Shea, who is the attorney for the developer that owns the property.

"In terms of tax rolls, this property development will be much more valuable to the township than it is undeveloped," said Shea. "It holds much more value than being a reserve for fox and squirrels."

The planning commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning; commissioners said property rights on both sides of the property line need to be considered.

"When you buy something, if you or your subdivision doesn't own (the abutting property) you have no control

over it," said commissioner Melissa McLaughlin. "The guy next door does have property rights."

Unfortunately, some residential developers charge a premium for homes built next to wooded lots, even if the developer doesn't own adjacent property.

"People have been fooled," McLaughlin said. "That's not fair, especially if they charge you for it."

The planning commission and township board had determined that commercial uses were best for that area of Michigan Avenue, and in November approved amendments to the township's future land use map. That parcel had been designated light industrial on the map, but Greg Demopoulos noted that the commission had later determined that industrial zoning no longer works very well on Michigan Avenue.

"But commercial does," he said.

The property is large enough to accommodate a 300,000-square-foot shopping center. A center of that size would require special land use approval, according to Planning Director Jeff Goulet.

But resident Chris Rakovalis, who lives just to the north of the property, would be just as happy to see it remain rural residential.

He's concerned about his property values, especially since the state economy is so weak that houses are taking a long time to sell, he said.

He's also not so sure that Michigan Avenue is ready for further commercial development, at least not until the economy improves.

"I want to remind people that a mile or so to the east,

the Singh development (has attracted) not one company in seven years," he said. He was referring to a light industrial, research and development park on Michigan Avenue between Lilley and Morton Taylor. The property has three buildings on it now, and only two are occupied, but the developer had planned to construct eight there.

Part of that parcel - 6.25 acres of its total 24 - was unanimously recommended to be rezoned Monday evening from light industrial to commercial, to accommodate a potential customer, Michigan Academy of Gymnastics, which would like to buy the property and build there, according to Shea.

In other business Monday, the planning commission unanimously approved a recommendation to rezone 15.85 acres on Michigan Avenue, east of Morton Taylor, from single family residential to multiple family residential.

The commission also recommend special land use approval for a light manufacturing building for Takao North America. Commerce Drive south of Koppernick.

According to Takao representatives, the building will be the company's North American headquarters, and will employ about 40 people in its research and development facility. The company's largest client is Honda.

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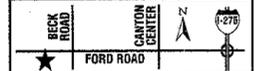
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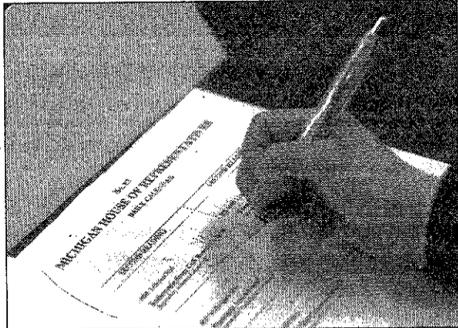
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Members of the mock legislature vote on a bill Friday at Plymouth Christian Academy.



Legislators carefully consider the merits of bills before voting.

STUDENTS

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local officials, attorneys, and county officials, who gave them some insiders' looks at the political process.

By the time they got to the "House floor," in front of visitors and parents, they were well aware of their assigned party's arguments, and they knew how they were supposed to vote. As part of the program, the group was broken up into caucuses — not Democrat or Republican, but "red" for the more conservative party and "blue" for the more liberal party. Each caucus researched and developed arguments on each of the issues, and before they did, a word of warning went out to visitors and parents who were present to watch the proceedings.

"If you hear your boy or girl spouting off something that you don't necessarily believe in, don't be alarmed," said James Muffett, SSI president. "They

haven't been brainwashed." He added that the students were simply role playing in order to present opposing views.

The stem cell ban failed, even though it received more than half the votes. Just as in real life, a two-thirds majority was required in order to pass the Constitutional amendments.

"That was by far the best part of all of this, and the thing that really sold me on the program — the hands-on nature of it," Gillette said.

Gillette has seen in some of his students a spark that makes him believe that they could as adults pursue political careers.

But there are some things that must be acted out, especially at conservative Christian schools. When asked if there were any future real-life "blue" voters in the legislature, Gillette paused for a thoughtful moment before shaking his head.

"No," he said. "But I think there are quite a few centrists."

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Fatigues to approbation

Students show their mastery of words at annual spelling bee

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Protectorate, noncombatant, mercurial, brigadier.

Big words to say, big words to spell. Big words that were stumbling blocks along the way to crowning the 2006 Wayne-Westland Elementary Spelling Bee champions.

It was a contest between fifth-graders Laura Darnell of Madison Elementary in Westland and Abhishek Roy of Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton, and when Darnell cor-

rectly spelled approbation she claimed the title.

"I guess my dad has to give me 20 bucks now," said Darnell, holding the American Heritage Dictionary she received as the contest winner. "He said he'd give me \$10 for second place, \$5 for third place and \$20 for first place."

"It was a nail biter for me," said her mother Marlene.

This was the 26th year the district has sponsored the Earle Chorbagan spelling bee. It was the brainchild of Chorbagan, at the time an



Sign of relief Robin Roach (right) as her daughter Chelsea Roach, fifth grader at Schweitzer Elementary spelled her word correctly. Also with a smile (left) Schweitzer Principle Diane Nichols.

assistant principal at Adams, and the school's media specialist, Edrhe Truesdell Smith, who proposed it after a region-wide spelling bee was discontinued in the 1970s.

Up until last year, youngsters in the fifth-eighth grades competed in the district-wide contest. Now there is a spelling bee for fifth-graders and one for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

Chorbagan, who has been retired from the school district for more than 20 years, was at Adams Middle School Thursday to present the awards to Darnell and Caitlin Moreno, a student at Marshall Middle School, who claimed the middle school title.

In the elementary competition, it took just seven rounds to get to the final three — Darnell and Roy, who were their respective school champions, and Chelsea Roach who, as runner-up, filled in for an ailing Hayden Smith, the Schweitzer Elementary spelling champion.

By the 11th round, just Darnell and Roy were left to

spell word after word, round after round until he misspelled metabolize and she followed the correct spelling of billiards with approbation.

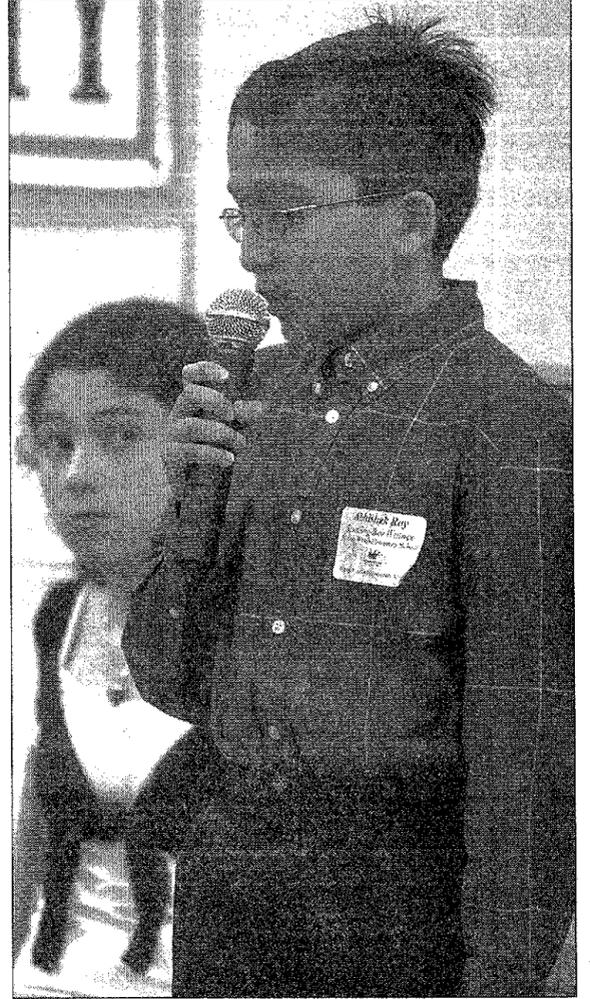
It looked as if Roy had the contest wrapped up when he broke into a grin on hearing his word fatigues in the 13th round, but a missing letter 'I' kept Darnell's hopes of winning alive.

Both Darnell and her mother credit her interest in reading for her spelling abilities. She only spent a few days a week preparing for the spelling bee. And winning the competition makes up for a less than perfect grade in spelling.

"She got a B. It was her first one ever," said her mother. "She always gets A's."

Principal Sue Kelly had to check with fifth-grade teachers Rene Love and Madeline Sommerman before proclaiming Darnell as the first Madison student to ever win the spelling bee. To celebrate, she plans on taking Darnell out to eat.

"We're going to Red Robin," she said. "This is so exciting."



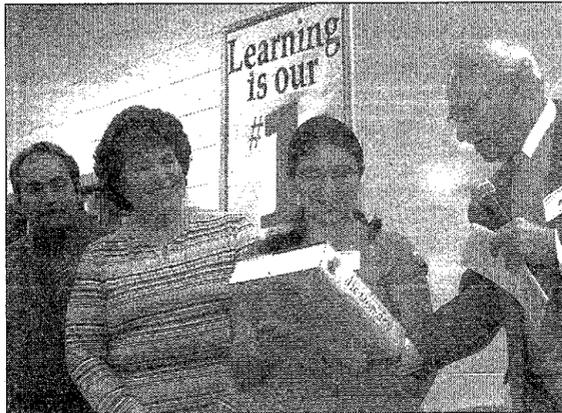
Winter-Walker fifth-grader Abhishek Roy attempts to spell a word as Laura Darnell, fifth-grader at Madison Elementary, watches.

Chorbagan was there to present the dictionaries and traveling plaques to the two winners and took time to praise the school district as well as the students.

"I want to congratulate the

district for continuing a program that promotes language arts skills," he said. "Nice way to go Wayne-Westland."

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Marshall Middle School eighth-grader Caitlin Moreno receives an American Heritage Dictionary from Earle Chorbagan after winning the middle school spelling bee. Looking on are her parents Gonzalo Moreno and Sharon Mink.

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District pilots all-day kindergarten at four schools

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Tina Simpson was wondering how she was going to manage a full-time job and having her son Cameron in kindergarten.

Now she has an answer – a pilot full-day kindergarten program that will be available at four Wayne-Westland schools during the 2006-2007 school year.

"This is great," said the Westland resident. "As a single parent, I know how difficult it's going to be to juggle being there to pick him up and then what to do with him afterwards."

The Wayne-Westland school board Monday evening voted to implement the pilot program at Wildwood Elementary – Simpson's neighborhood school – Walker-Winter in Canton, Roosevelt-McGrath in Wayne and Hicks in Inkster.

School officials are hoping the program will increase enrollment which has been on the decline since the 2002-2003 school year when there was 1,050 kindergarten students. This year, the number is below 950 students.

According to Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction, the declining numbers are due primarily to a maturing school community and the increased needs of working parents.

"Working parents need to know their children are safe and supported for a full day," he said. "School districts that have implemented this program have seen an increase in their enrollment due to the needs of parents being met."

Barresi told the board that

the district's current kindergarten curriculum lends itself well to an expanded program. The schedule would include reading, writing, language arts, science, social studies and mathematics as well as time for play and social interaction.

"We would have the ability to spend the morning doing a lot of the literacy work along with writing," said Rebecca Finnegan, a kindergarten teacher at Hicks Elementary who worked on the pilot program committee. "The children will have more time to explore."

Barresi stressed that the children would be in the school buildings all day, and parents who believe their child isn't ready, could opt for a half-day program.

"We will work with the families," Barresi said.

When questioned about students being able to handle an all-day program, board member Martha Pitsenbarger was assured by Wildwood Principal Amy Carpenter that while the first week of class is difficult for younger students, they do adjust.

"Usually, within a week and a half, they don't want to leave their friends, they want to stay," she said.

The four schools are geographically located – north, south, east and west – within the district and within its four primary communities of Westland, Wayne, Canton and Inkster.

Parents who live outside those four attendance areas would be able to enroll their children in the all-day program through the district's schools of choice program.

School officials are hoping to attract enough students to offset the increased costs. But what the district does receive from the state for kindergarten students could be shrinking. State officials are talking about paring down payments for kindergartners.

"Would decreased funding allow for an all-day kindergarten, I don't know," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "I don't know where that's going, but we're working with legislators to prevent it (the decrease)."

Barresi told the board that an enrollment assessment will be done at the end of the pilot year. There also will be a parent survey done and a literacy assessment to see how well the all-day students do.

The program drew praise from board members.

"This is wonderful," said Pitsenbarger. "I'm glad to see we're starting this pilot program. When both mom and dad work, this will be a plus."

"It's a wonderful idea, it brings the kids up to speed quickly," said Trustee Skip Monit.

Simpson also thinks it's a wonderful idea. Her sister watches her son plus she spends "tons of money" for different kinds of sports program so Cameron can socialize with other children.

"I know there will be a definite adjustment for him for the first month, but it'll be nice," she said. "I feel guilty about putting him in day care, I'd rather he be where he's learning. He hears about the two recesses and gym and all the things his brother Tyler does at school and he wants to do it, too."

IKEA

FROM PAGE A1

Nest Antiques, on Ford Road, just past the Canton-Superior Township border. She's the kind of business owner who was ready for some changes and growth for her business. She's been in the 1,400 square foot small business for three years, and is a chamber member. But she's only experimented a little with different marketing ideas, including some print advertising and a new resident package the chamber has put together.

"I really like some of the ideas I've been hearing," Vartoogian said, particularly a visitor's guide, which will be published by the chamber and the DDA, and will be distributed at local hotels, restaurants and other businesses, and will be available at an informational kiosk just inside the doors of IKEA.

Though she hasn't tried specifically to attract visiting soccer moms and softball wives yet, she's confident that if they knew about her store, many would want to come see her. And so will IKEA's customers who are looking to add soft vintage accents to their home decor mix.

The morning meetings are the product of a plan that started coming together in July

when the business community and township administration got together to form a marketing committee. The committee was tasked with examining traffic, safety, community branding and marketing of the business community as a whole, but also with helping individual businesses market themselves.

"We are about to become a destination location," said DDA director Kathleen Salla. "It's an opportunity for us to work together."

THE 'WOW FACTOR'

The DDA had several years ago identified a list of priorities when it completed a master plan. At the top of the list was to create an identity for the business sector. It also included wayfinding signs to help visitors navigate the shopping centers. To meet that end, the DDA has agreed to pay \$1.3 million to add another 170 street lights along Ford Road. The DDA will also order, probably before summer, some \$30,000 worth of street banners to hang on those lights, Salla said.

But it's up to the individual businesses to create a "wow factor," said Roger Gallerini, a marketing specialist who was contracted by the DDA to help businesses capitalize on increased traffic in Canton.

Gallerini encouraged

business owners and managers to be sure they were offering a clean environment with dressed-up employees and good lighting in order to attract and retain new customers.

As the former franchisee of Burger King restaurants, he is well aware how easy it is to overlook the details.

"I'd be blind to all of the zits around the room," Gallerini said. "I didn't see the rip in the upholstery because it costs \$150 to fix."

But getting out of that mindset is worth the effort, he added.

And that's exactly what Vartoogian is getting ready to do, she said as she looked around the store, and wondered what color she and her business partner will choose when they paint the front porch this spring.

There are still four meetings available for Canton business owners and managers to attend.

Each meeting will be 8-9:30 a.m. on the following dates and locations: Feb. 13 at Outback Steakhouse, Feb. 15 at Panera Bread, Feb. 16 at Carrabba's and Feb. 21 at Emagine Theatre. To RSVP or for more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

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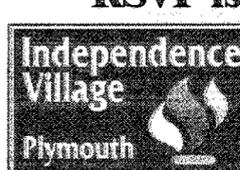
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Andy Knisely stroked to a first-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle in Thursday night's 97-87 victory over Wayne Memorial. Knisely also won the 200 individual medley and was a member of the Wildcats' winning 200 freestyle relay team.

'Cat swimmers upend Zebras

Please see complete results on Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's boys swimming victory over Wayne Memorial Thursday night was "Knisely" done.

Led by Andy Knisely's individual victories in the 100-yard freestyle (52.73) and 200 individual medley (2:11.50), the Wildcats outlasted the Zebras, 97-87, in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division meet held at the Canton High School swimming pool.

Wayne touched first in nine of the 12 events, but the Wildcats' depth prevailed.

Knisely also served as the anchor leg on the Wildcats' first-place 200 freestyle relay team, which also included Michael Conger, Ben

Ambrose and Joseph Eudy.

The Zebras were paced by Jarrett Machovec, who placed first in diving (215.10) and the 100 backstroke (1:01.32) while playing key roles on his team's first-place 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay foursomes.

Plymouth's Casey Molloy didn't win an event, but he earned runner-up points in the 200 freestyle (2:03.84) and the 500 freestyle (5:42.82). Also placing second for Plymouth were Michael Conger (50 freestyle and 100 backstroke), Justin Magill (diving), Sorin Oprican (100 butterfly) and Frank Su (100 breaststroke).

A pair of Plymouth relay team's also placed second: the 200 medley relay quartet (Andrew Justus, Dan Stoscup, Sorin Oprican and Ben Ambrose) and the 400 freestyle relay unit (Knisely, Conger, Molloy and Eudy).

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Lasting impact

Coppiellie has been a difference-maker for Rocks since the start

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's getting to the point in Teresa Coppiellie's high school athletic career when opposing volleyball and basketball coaches see her step onto the court before a game or match, let out a deep sigh, then wonder to themselves: *Isn't she ever going to graduate?*

Coppiellie — now a junior at Salem — has been a thorn



Prep Profile

in the side of rival coaches since the fall of 2003

when she cracked the Rocks' varsity basketball team's starting line-up as a freshman.

Three months later, she earned a starting spot on the

PLEASE SEE COPPIELLIE, B2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem junior Teresa Coppiellie has already earned six varsity letters in volleyball and basketball.

— Canton 32, Plymouth 31 —

Bridges' 'D' powers Chiefs over Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASKETBALL

Canton's Andre Bridges may not have been Superman Friday night against Plymouth, but he definitely played like the Man of "Steal."

The senior guard struggled offensively, hitting just 1-of-11 shots, but he more than compensated for his shooting woes by picking up six steals to lead the Chiefs to a down-to-the-wire 32-31 victory on the Wildcats' court.

Plymouth senior forward Josh Le Duc had a chance to win the game at the buzzer, but his turnaround, 15-foot baseline jumper bounced off the back of the rim.

"We figured if anybody was going to step up and hit a shot, it would be Josh, so the play was designed to go to him," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Ideally, we would have liked it to be three or four feet closer to the basket, but it was a pretty good look."

Bridges' most significant theft came with 1:17 left when he picked the ball clean from a Plymouth player on the left wing. He dribbled the length of the court, was fouled and drained two free throws with 1:10 remaining to give the Chiefs a 32-30 advantage.

Plymouth sophomore point guard Brandon Roberts made 1-of-2 free throws with 56.4 seconds to go to make it 32-31.

"Coach Paye always tells us that even if we're struggling offensively, we can still contribute on the defensive end, and that's what I tried to do," said Bridges. "This is a big win for us

because we see these guys every day at school and we all have friends that play for Plymouth."

The win improved Canton's record to 11-4 overall and 7-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Plymouth, which slipped to 5-10 and 3-6, needs a victory Tuesday night at home against Salem to qualify for the WLAAs post-season tournament.

Van Wagoner said the low score didn't surprise him.

"The way we've been playing defense, I didn't expect Canton to score like they have been," he said. "If we could have scored our usual 40, we would have won going away. We were getting good shots, we just weren't knocking them down. We got to the line a lot, but we couldn't knock them down either."

Canton senior forward Andy Larsen enjoyed another strong offensive game off the bench as he poured in a game-high 12 points and yanked down six rebounds. Bridges finished with eight points and six boards, while junior center Ryan Waidmann chipped in with four points and six rebounds.

Senior guard D.J. Coleman led the Wildcats with nine points. Le Duc had seven points and 13 rebounds, and junior forward Austin Barnett racked up four points and seven boards.

Plymouth struggled from the free-throw line, finding the net on just 6-of-17 attempts. Canton hit 8-of-13 shots from the stripe.

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, B2

Sidelines

Youth wrestling

Seven members of the Canton Wrestling Club turned in gold-medal performances at the Van Dyke Wrestling Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 5. Placing first for the Chiefs were: Ben Griffin, Connor Johnson, John Leclerc, Sean Lee, Dan Poupore, Braden Price and Donnie Watkins.

Brad Trubowski, Anthony Abro and Luke Denzer placed second in their respective divisions while Westen Price and Waleed Faraj took third. Miranda Peterson was the lone Canton wrestler to place fourth.

YMCA classes

The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for its Winter II youth sports classes. Among the classes offered are:

■ Y-Hoops, an instructional basketball program for 4- and 5-year-olds. The class, which will be held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. from March 7-April 11, will focus on teaching kids the joy of basketball and the sport's fundamentals.

■ Y-Pucks, a floor hockey program for kids between the ages of 4 and 6 that will focus on teaching the joy of the game and fundamentals. The program will be held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. from March 9-April 13.

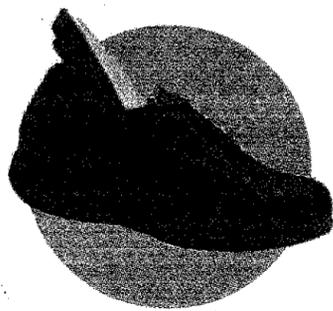
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Churchill icers roll over Salem, 8-2

In a WLAALakes Division game Wednesday night at Edgar Arena, Livonia Churchill (11-4-4, 4-2-1) rolled to an 8-2 victory over the visiting Salem (3-16) as Dave Graciak, Garrett Miencier and Nathan Milam tallied two goals apiece.

Zac Archer and Phil Wendecker each chipped in with a goal and assist.

Milam and D.J. Konfrst had two assists each for the Chargers, who led 3-0 after one period and 5-2 after two periods.

Salem's Steve Heilser and Roman Kahler each scored power-play goals in the second period.

Churchill goaltender Alex Campbell made 10 saves, while Salem's Bob Smith faced 31 shots.

COPPIELLIE

FROM PAGE B1

Salem volleyball squad. She's one of those rare athletes that come around about as often as winning lottery tickets.

But, according to her coaches, she's much more valuable than any ticket.

"If I remember correctly, in Teresa's first game her freshman season, she had 14 or 16 points against West Bloomfield," said Salem basketball coach Fred Thomann. "She was a very, very good defender right from the start, and a good rebounder too."

"Now, she does a number of things well. She has outstanding leadership qualities and she's worked hard to become a scorer for us."

"Probably the most impressive thing about Teresa is that she knows how to win. She figures out ways to get her team in a position to win games."

DIG THIS!

An all-around contributor who rarely leaves the court, Coppiellie has been a major component in the Salem volleyball team's incredibly successful 31-5-1 start. She's teamed with fellow front-row force Lauren Price and fresh-

man setter Jansan Falcuson to give the team a powerful bump-set-YIKES! offensive attack that few teams have been able to consistently defend.

"Teresa has been a huge factor in our success this season," said Salem volleyball coach Amanda Suder. "Her leadership is outstanding, she's very athletic and she's one of the most coachable players on the team. When I ask her to try something, she does it, no questions asked."

"I knew a little bit about her before I took the job (before this season)," said Suder. "But I didn't know she'd make such a huge impact on our team this year. She's one of our top hitters and top defensive players. Teresa could probably leave after this year and play in college. She's that good."

PIVOTAL MOMENT

On Jan. 23, the Coppiellie-led Rocks enjoyed a three-game "statement" victory over previously unbeaten Livonia Churchill. Coppiellie's versatility was in full display as she racked up 19 digs and 18 kills, which is like a football player scoring four touchdowns on offense and 10 tackles on defense — in the same game.

"We've had a lot of good times so far this season, but

beating Churchill was probably the best," Coppiellie said. "When I was a freshman, we played them six times and both teams won three. But last year, they beat us pretty badly, so to win this year against them was nice because it's turned into a huge rivalry."

LOVE AT FIRST SET

Coppiellie started learning how to bump, set and spike at an age when most kids are learning how to ride a bike.

"Lauren Price's mom is the one who got me interested in volleyball in the fourth grade," Coppiellie recalled. "What I remember most about starting out was how much fun the sport was. I enjoyed it from the beginning."

Coppiellie has played club volleyball ever since. Once the high school season ends in March — the way Salem is playing, it may be late March — she will take a week or two off then join her Oakland Juniors team.

"Club volleyball is fun, but it's more serious than high school volleyball," she said. "College recruiters usually do their recruiting at club tournaments because there are so many good teams and good players there."

"We travel all over the

United States. This year, we're going to Atlanta, Milwaukee and Florida. It's expensive, but it's worth it."

Coppiellie said she enjoys being the go-to person on her athletic teams.

"I love it," she said. "But I'm more of a team player than anything, especially in basketball. If you ask Fred, he'll probably tell you I pass too much."

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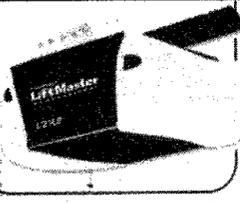
Coppiellie's accomplishments carry over to the classroom, where she has compiled a 3.75 grade-point average. The National Honor Society member said she especially enjoys the challenges that her pre-calculus math class offers.

"It's getting to the point now where I really have to study hard at math to get good grades," she said. "Before this year, I didn't have to put a whole lot of effort into it."

Coppiellie's future is bright as she is getting serious looks from several collegiate volleyball programs. So, it won't be long — a little more than a year — before opposing high school coaches can stop worrying about facing the multi-talented Coppiellie.

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BASKETBALL

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The Wildcats led 7-6 after one quarter before reeling off a 7-0 run over the final 50 seconds of the half to extend their lead to 20-12. Senior guard Brent Jones capped the half by sinking a 22-foot triple with 0:01 showing on the clock.

"I thought we played kind of scared and tentatively in the first half, and I told the kids that at halftime," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "Plymouth came out and played confidently and they took it to us. But we turned it around in the second half and did a lot better job of getting the ball inside to Ryan and Andy."

Plymouth opened the second half with a reverse layup from Le Duc to grab a 22-12 lead, however, Canton closed the third quar-

ter with an 11-3 run to cut its deficit to 25-23. Le Duc accounted for Plymouth's only two third-quarter field goals.

Canton's first second-half lead came with 4:35 remaining when Larsen scored inside following a slick pass from Bridges to put the Chiefs ahead, 28-27. Thirty-five seconds later Larsen converted a reverse layup to make it 30-27. Coleman tied it at 30-30 with a free throw at the 3:18 mark and a soft jumper from the lane with 1:52 left.

The game was played before one of the largest, most enthusiastic crowds to ever watch a basketball game at Plymouth High School.

"I thought the atmosphere was outstanding," said Paye. "It was a fun night of high school basketball."

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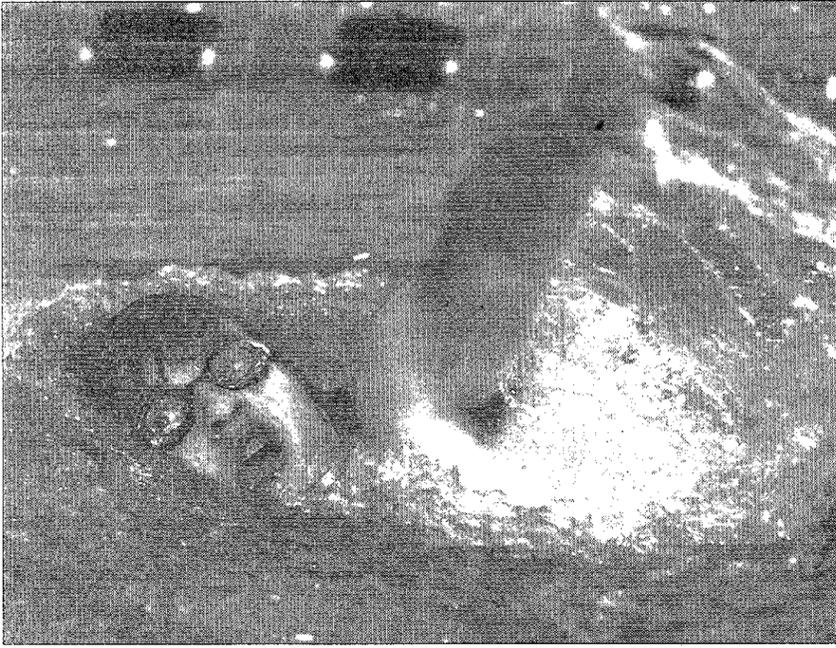
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During Thursday's meet against Wayne Memorial, Plymouth's Casey Molloy finished second in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:42.82.

Whalers' goalies blank London

Although the Plymouth Whalers' 3-0 victory Friday night in London was a team effort, the Whalers' Chicago Connection came up big in a physical, playoff-style game before a sellout crowd of 9,090 at the John Labatt Centre in London.

With the win, Plymouth (26-23-1-3) moved back into first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, one point ahead of Saginaw (27-24-1-0), which lost, 4-1, in Ottawa Friday night.

Plymouth is now two points ahead of Windsor (24-23-3-3), which won, 4-1, in Sarnia Friday night.

London — the top team in the OHL's West Conference and second overall in the OHL with 75 points — suffered its second-straight defeat at home.

The Knights lost Thursday night, 2-1, to Kitchener in over-

time.

Plymouth got goals from Chicago native Mike Letizia in the first period and second-period goals from Gino Pisellini and Jared Boll.

Plymouth goaltenders Justin Peters and Justin Garay set a franchise record as they became the first-ever tandem to combine efforts in a single game for a shutout. Peters stopped 31 shots in 45 minutes of work and Garay finished up with two saves the rest of the way.

Plymouth penalty-killers shut down London's league-leading power play (28.9 percent) by going 11-for-11 on the penalty kill — including four separate London two-man advantages.

On Thursday, the Whalers dropped a 2-0 decision at Windsor before a crowd of 3,077 at the Windsor Arena.

Spitfires' goaltender Anthony

Guadagnolo was the difference, stopping 28 Plymouth shots for his fifth shutout of the season. Guadagnolo's shutout tied him with Kitchener's Dan Turple for the league lead.

Guadagnolo was the game's first star much like he was on Jan. 21 when he let the Spits to a 2-1 win over the Whalers at the Compuware Sports Arena. Plymouth goalie Justin Peters earned second-star honors after he stopped 35-of-37 shots.

Keaton Turkiewicz's ninth goal of the season at 13:35 of the first period proved to be the game-winning goal for Windsor. Peter Aston's power-play goal and 11th of the season came at 8:30 of the third period.

Plymouth's best chances to score came in the second period when the Whalers outshot Windsor, 12-6, and hit a couple of goal posts.

SWIMMING RESULTS

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Machovec, Hermatz, Mosier, Erdmann), 1:51.96; 2. Plymouth (Andrew Justus, Dan Stoscup, Sorin Oprican, Ben Ambrose), 2:01.04; 3. Plymouth (Peter Nolan, Frank Su, Tony McLaughlin, Paul Snyder), 2:04.15.
200 freestyle: 1. Porta (WM), 2:02.14; 2. Casey Molloy (P), 2:03.84; 3. Holland (WM), 2:07.61.
200 individual medley: 1. Andy Knisely (P), 2:11.50; 2. Mosier (WM), 2:21.63; 3. Hermatz (WM), 2:25.04.
50 freestyle: 1. Erdmann (WM), 23.93; 2. Michael Conger (P), 24.57; 3. Peter Nolan (P), 26.41.
Diving: 1. Machovec (WM), 215.10; 2. Justin Magill (P), 178.90; 3. Beyer (WM), 140.05.
100 butterfly: 1. Porta (WM), 1:04.41; 2. Sorin Oprican (P), 1:04.66; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:07.08.
100 freestyle: 1. Andy Knisely (P), 52.73; 2. Erdmann (WM), 53.31; 3. Holland (WM), 56.42.
500 freestyle: 1. Mosier (WM), 5:30.78; 2. Casey Molloy (P), 5:42.82; 3. Justin Scaparo (P), 5:54.92.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Michael

Conger, Ben Ambrose, Joseph Eudy, Andy Knisely), 1:40.79; 2. Wayne (Porta, Holland, Beyer, Mosier), 1:40.80; 3. Plymouth (Jack Distel, Peter Nolan, Frank Su, Casey Molloy), 1:46.08.
100 backstroke: 1. Machovec (WM), 1:01.32; 2. Michael Conger (P), 1:01.50; 3. Andrew Justus (P), 1:11.37.
100 breaststroke: 1. Hermatz (WM), 1:10.21; 2. Frank Su (P), 1:15.06; 3. Dan Stoscup (P), 1:15.41.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Porta, Holland, Machovec, Erdmann), 3:41.34; 2. Plymouth (Andy Knisely, Michael Conger, Casey Molloy, Joseph Eudy), 3:47.99; 3. Plymouth (Jack Distel, Paul Snyder, Ben Ambrose, Tony McLaughlin), 3:59.04.

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Brad Farris, Weston Laabs, Will Blickle, Brody Blickle), 1:40.62; 2. Canton (Nathan Phillips, Matt Carlson, Shogo Uno, Chris Marinica), 1:48.62; 3. Northville (John Bardsley, Greg Sheppard, Joe Kargula, Jack Temple), 1:50.16.
200 freestyle: 1. Chris Keady (N), 1:43.32; 2. Derek Schmitt (C), 1:50.21; 3. Nick Landis (C), 1:53.56.
200 individual medley: 1. Brad Farris (N), 2:01.23; 2. Matt Carlson (C), 2:04.97; 3. John Bardsley (N), 2:09.70.
50 freestyle: 1. Brody Blickle (N), 22.70; 2. Will Blickle (N), 23.50; 3. Shogo Uno (C), 23.50.
100 butterfly: 1. Brad Farris (N), 52.91; 2. Shogo Uno (C), 57.09; 3. Joe Kargula (N), 59.14.
100 freestyle: 1. Chris Culkin (N), 50.13; 2. Derek Schmitt (C), 51.46; 3. Jon Templeton (C), 52.56.
500 freestyle: 1. Nick Landis (C), 5:01.91; 2. Greg Sheppard (N), 5:02.51; 3. John Bardsley (N), 5:05.09.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Jack Temple, Weston Laabs, Brody Blickle, Chris Keady), 1:32.64; 2. Canton (Derek Schmitt, Jon Templeton, Chris Marinica, Nick Landis), 1:37.75; 3. Northville (Paul Young, Colin Smith, Kyle Adams, Mark Stuber), 1:40.66.
100 backstroke: 1. Will Blickle (N), 57.07; 2. Chris Culkin (N), 59.36; 3. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:00.97.
100 breaststroke: 1. Weston Laabs (N), 1:02.86; 2. Chris Keady (N), 1:03.75; 3. Brody Blickle (N), 1:05.60.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Brad Farris, Will Blickle, Chris Culkin, Chris Keady), 3:17.05; 2. Canton (Shogo Uno, Jon Templeton, Matt Carlson, Derek Schmitt), 3:23.76.

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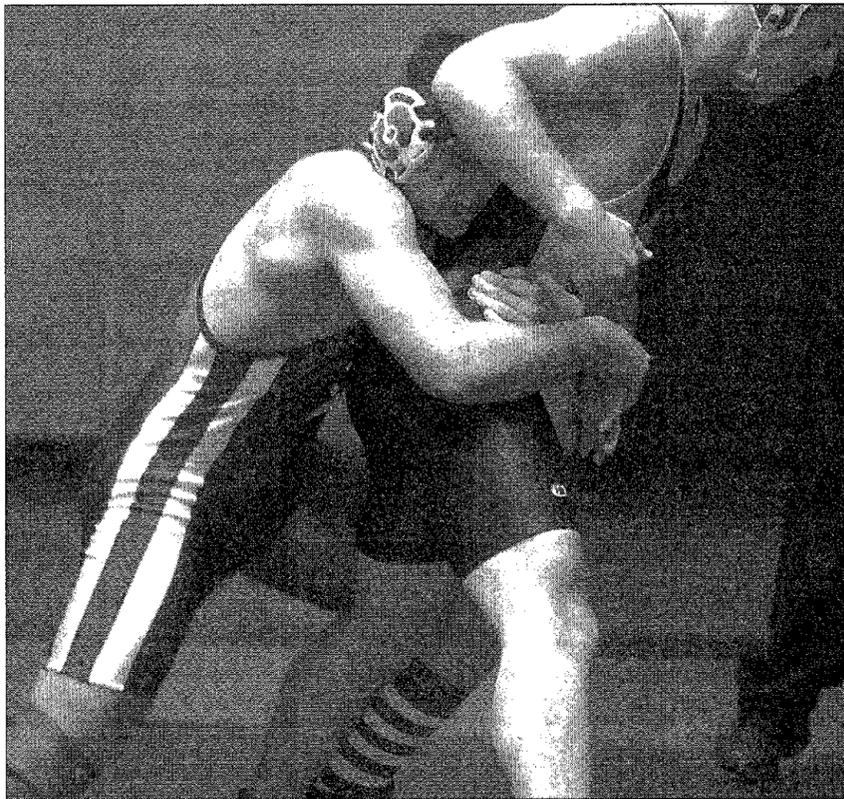
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"The kids are excited about the win," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We were without three of our starters, so I think a lot of people thought it would be a closer match, but we beat them pretty good."

The Knights led 15-12 after six matches, but the Chiefs responded by winning three straight to put a stranglehold on the win.

Randolph said the best match of the night was the 171-pound battle between Canton's Kiel Price and Northern's wrestler, who was a state qualifier in 2005. Price lost was pinned with 26 seconds left, but he won the praise of his coach.

"Kiel wrestled his tail off," Randolph said. "Kiel was leading, 5-3, when he got pinned. He was disappointed, but he wrestled great."



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Salem 189-pound wrestler Jeremy Henderson (left), pictured above in a meet earlier this season, recorded a pin in the Rocks' 53-23 victory over Wayne Memorial Thursday night.

0: 152: Waldie (WLN) dec. Joe Sanders, 1-0; 160: Marwan Faraj (C) won by decision; 171: Dropewski (WLN) p. Kiel Price in 5:34; 189: Alex Amberg (C) pinned Ruggies in 2:23; 215: Tom Bonnell (C) pinned Sizemore in 4:46.
Dual-meet records: Canton, 24-4 overall and 5-1 in WLAA Western Division; W.L. Northern, 4-2 in WLAA Western Division.

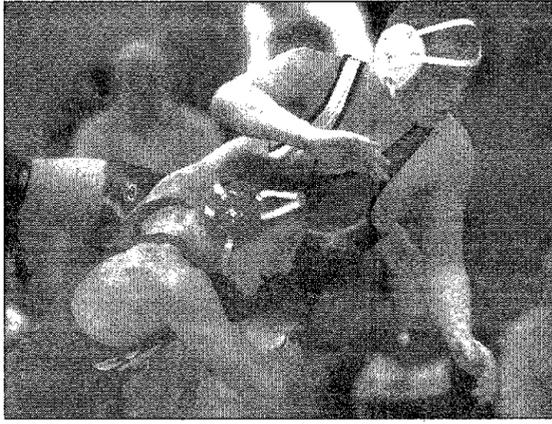
SALEM TRIUMPHS

The Rocks improved to 2-4 in the WLAA's Lakes Division thanks to a convincing victory over Wayne Memorial.

Five Salem wrestlers recorded pins: Josh Santilli (119 pounds), Jerald Bankowski (130), Jake Bennett (145), Jeremy Epley (152) and Jeremy Henderson (189).

CANTON 42
W.L. NORTHERN 24
Thursday at Northern
HAY: Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Brailean in 26 seconds; 103 pounds: Carl Lucke (C) p. Sutton in 1:07; 112: West (WLN) decision Ryan Schnettler, 4-3; 119: Roseier (WLN) pinned Adam Fleischmann in 1:10; 125: Giesey (WLN) dec. Sam Santilli, 5-1; 130: Pichla (WLN) dec. Steve Cox, 13-10; 135: Corey Phillips (C) p. Faett in 3:20; 140: Joe Wilson (C) won overtime dec. over Koenig, 16-14; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) won by technical fall over Fenwick, 16-

SALEM 53
WAYNE MEMORIAL 23
Thursday at Salem
103 pounds: Chad Dunn (WM) won by technical fall over Kevin Bennett; 112: Jamie Preiss (WM) decisioned Alex Kemp, 2-1; 119: Josh Santilli (S) pinned R.J. Quinn, 0:18; 125: Cory Mervyn (S) won by void; 130: Jerald Bankowski (S) p. Anthony Adams, 1:40; 135: Johannes Olind (S) won by void; 140: Jake McFaddin (WM) dec. Justin Kanes, 7-5; 145: Jake Bennett (S) p. Robert Walsh, 4:17; 152: Jeremy Epley (S) p. Charlie Malnar, 1:45; 160: Jeff Elswick (WM) p. Sam Lapper, 0:45; 171: Stedman Frye (WM) p. Phil Creed, 0:18; 189: Jeremy Henderson (S) p. Derrick Ingraham, 0:47; 215: Alex Smith (S) won by void; 275: Hussein Ajami (S) won by void.
Dual meet records: Salem 2-4 WLAA; Wayne, 1-21 overall, 0-6 WLAA.



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Canton's 135-pound Corey Phillips, pictured above in action earlier this season, notched a pin in the Chiefs' 42-24 victory over Walled Lake Northern Thursday night.

Simply ama-Zinn

Sophomore's 33 points pace PCA win

Sophomore guard Trevor Zinn torched the nets for 33 points Friday night to lead Plymouth Christian Academy to a 62-50 victory over host Oakland Christian. Twenty of Zinn's points came in the second half.

"Trevor came up big when we needed him to," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "It was a close game going into the fourth quarter, but he helped us pull away. Trevor took over the last three minutes."

Also playing well for the Eagles (8-7 overall and 2-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) were Matt Saagman (11 points and seven assists) and Ryan Barber (four points and 10 boards).

Brent Kulik led OC with 21 points, 12 coming on four three-point shots.

"In the fourth quarter we played a box-and-one and put Ben Welton on Kulik," said Taylor. "Ben did a great job defending him."

After pulling out to a 21-14 first-quarter lead, the Eagles trailed 26-25 at the half after scoring just four second-quarter points. The game was deadlocked at 39-39 heading into the final eight minutes of action.

The Lancers dropped to 1-12 and 0-6.

PCA hit 15-of-23 free throws. OC was 6-of-16 from the line.

"I was proud of the boys for the way they came out aggressively," said Taylor. "We took it to them. Our press forced quite a few turnovers."

NORTHVILLE 48, SALEM 32: The Mustangs' magical season — they are now 15-0 overall and 9-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association — continued Friday night when they outscored the host Rocks, 25-13, in the second half.

Jerah Dixon paced Salem with nine points. Alvin Storrs (15) and Chris Lorente (12) led the Mustangs.

"We were all right in the first half and only trailed by four (23-19)," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We were deliberate with the ball in the first half. We didn't stall, but we took our time. We held them to one field goal in the second half, so our

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defense was good.

"But in the third quarter, it was Katy bar the door. They did a nice job of defending us, getting in our face, and they played well at both ends."

The loss dropped Salem to 3-12 overall and 3-6 in the WLAA.

Salem travels to Plymouth on Tuesday for a game set to tip-off at 7 p.m. With a victory against the Wildcats and win over struggling Wayne Memorial on Friday would ensure the Rocks' a berth in the WLAA post-season tournament, which will commence the following week.

AGAPE 46, HURON VALLEY 35: On Friday, Derek Leathers scored 17 points and hauled in 17 rebounds, and Jack Anleitner added 16 points, 10 boards and six assists, as host Canton Agape Christian (9-4, 5-3) downed Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-11, 2-6) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference-Red Division game. Tyler Majeski also played well for the winners, netting eight points.

"The difference was when we switched from a zone defense from a man-to-man in the second half," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "Their shooting percentage dropped after that."

Richard Zabrzenski and Kurt Metzger each scored eight for the Hawks, who trailed 24-16 at halftime and 38-38 after three quarters. Agape made 10-of-14 free throws, while Huron Valley was 5-of-9.

BELLEVILLE 81, WILLOW RUN 47: On Friday, the state-ranked Tigers improved to 12-3 overall and 7-0 in the Mega Red with a convincing home victory over the Flyers. The hosts led 17-9 after one quarter, 38-17 at the half and 62-31 with eight minutes to play. All-State candidate Leon Freeman led Belleville with 30 points and 16 rebounds. Also shining for the winners were Darius Hardrick (13 points), Mike Donaldson (11), Brian Zantop (seven), Jarrett Stovall (seven), Randle Green (seven) and Marius Williams (seven assists).

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Northville edges Canton

Canton's volleyball team gave powerful Northville all it could handle Wednesday night before falling in four games, 25-9, 25-19, 20-25 and 25-21.

"The girls played a lot better than they did Monday night (a three-game loss to Westland John Glenn)," said Canton coach Kristi Drinkhahn. "They started a little slow the first game, but they warmed up and played much better after that. Offensively, the girls stepped up their game 100 percent. Our passing was great."

Drinkhahn praised the play of five players who excelled against the Mustangs: freshman Gina Waite (five digs and four serve receptions), sophomore Hannah Mills (four digs and seven serve receptions), senior Rachael Beaudoin (six serve receptions and one kill), senior Kelsey Bailey (eight kills) and junior Joellen Heldt (five kills and four digs).

PLYMOUTH 3, WAYNE MEMORIAL 0: The Wildcats improved to 28-7 overall, 5-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 3-0 in the WLAA's Western Division with their 25-18, 25-6 and 25-15 victory over the Zebras.

The Wildcats were paced by Lindsay Vogelsburg (15-for-15 on serves, seven aces and 10 digs), Sarah Haskins (25 assists), Claire Baptist (15 digs), Brandi Swyhart (17 digs) and Janet Hanchett (11 kills).

PCA 3, INTER-CITY 2: On Thursday, the Eagles (15-12 overall) won a thrilling five-game match over Chargers: 19-25, 25-15, 25-13, 26-28 and 16-14. The victory left both teams at 6-3 and in a second-place tie in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. Oakland Christian leads the division with a 9-0 mark.

"It was an exciting match, point for point," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "Neither team had a big lead the entire night."

Henry said Kelsie Tietjen and Julie Bahbah both came through with clutch plays in the fifth and deciding game. Tietjen finished with 21 kills, 21 digs and 16 service points while Bahbah chalked up 30 digs, 13 kills and 11 points.

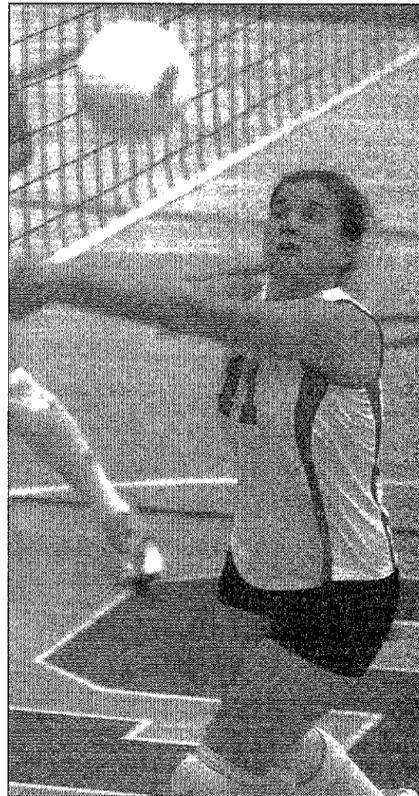
Freshman Mim Monroe also turned in a stellar performance as the team's libero, notching 31 digs. "Mim did a great job tonight," Henry asserted.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 3, PCA 0: On Tuesday, the Eagles suffered a three-set loss to the unbeaten Lancers: 25-21, 26-24 and 25-21.

"It was a hard-fought match," said Henry. "We were really pretty evenly matched."

Standouts for PCA included Tietjen (18 kills, 20 digs, two blocks and seven points) and Bre Ruark (20 digs, 11 assists, four kills and six points).

SALEM 3, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0: In a WLAA match Wednesday, first-place Salem downed host Livonia Franklin in three games, 25-20, 25-16, 25-19. Salem is 31-5-1 overall and 8-0 in the Western Lakes, while the Patriots fall to 10-16-5 and 2-6.



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Canton's Kelsey Bailey, pictured above in a match earlier this season, contributed eight kills in the Chiefs' four-game loss to Northville Wednesday night.

Liz Dempsey, a junior, had seven of her team-high 16 kills in the second game. She also had 24 digs along with teammate Jaleece Lavine, who also had 24 digs.

Laura Marshall contributed eight kills (.412 percent) with three ace serves in the first game as the Patriots got off to a 7-1 lead.

With starting setter Rachael Riesen out of the lineup, Franklin coach Danielle Wensing switched from a 6-2 offense to a 5-1. Cassie LaPrairie moved into the Libero spot and sophomore Kelly Powers stepped in as setter and finished with 25 assists.

"I was very impressed with the way Powers handled the pressure and ran the court smoothly with her offense," Wensing said.



Future Eagle

On Feb. 1, Plymouth senior Josh Le Duc signed a national letter of intent to play football for Eastern Michigan University. The 6-foot-4, 210-pound Le Duc played tight end for the Wildcats last fall. Also pictured are Plymouth football coach Jay Blaylock (seated to Le Duc's right), Le Duc's mom, Carol (standing), and Plymouth assistant football coach Mike Sawchuk.



'Great White' success

The Plymouth Great White Shark hockey team recently captured the Little Caesar's Mini-Mite regular-season division title. The team won six of its final seven games to finish with a 15-2-3 record. The team consists of Colton Borke, Shane Bryans, Phillip Collingwood, Nicholas Corker, Joe Fontana, Michael Gaffka, Carson Grainer, Jared Lee, Paul Maurer, Jason Passucci, Jacob Rebecca, Emerson Taylor and Michael Wisner. Tom Bryans served as head coach. He was assisted by Steve Borke, Nick Passucci, Vince Grainer, Garrick Lee, Kip Maurer, Bob Wisner and Lynwood Taylor.

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

CANTON 143.8 PLYMOUTH 119.5 Wednesday at Plymouth H.S.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 36.40; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 35.9; 3. Kate Staley (C), 35.50; 4. Kara Ahern (C), 35.10; 5. Jordan Brodehl (P), 33.7; 6. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 33.4.

VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.5; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 9.0; 3. Kate Staley (C), 8.8; 4. Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.7; 5. Kara Ahern (C), 8.6; 6. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.5.

UNEVEN BARS: 1. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.3; 3. (tie) Kara Ahern (C) and Kate Staley (C), 8.7; 5. Andrea Houdek (C), 7.8; 6. (tie) Jordan Brodehl (P) and Kaitlyn Burns (C), 7.5.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Jessie Murray (C), 9.2; 3. Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.8; 4. (tie) Kara Ahern (C) and Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.5; 6. Andrea Houdek (C), 8.4.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.5; 2. Kara Ahern (C), 9.2; 3. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.9; 4. Kate Staley (C), 8.8; 5. Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.5; 6. Jessie Murray (C), 8.4.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR February meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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Bid Division descriptions include:

117:Acoustical Treatments

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2006 where they will be opened and read publicly. These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. 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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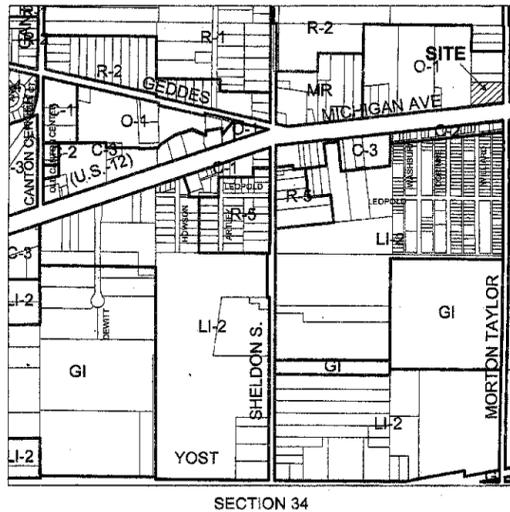


PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

PATEL REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 133 99 0003 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the northwest corner of Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue.



SECTION 34

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 2, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Canton at Walled Lake Unified, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Canton at T.C. Central, 11 a.m.

ICE HOCKEY

Tuesday, Feb. 14

W.L. Central at Salem, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17

Canton at Livonia Franklin

at Eddie Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

PCS Penguins at A.A. Pioneer, 4 p.m.

Livonia Stevenson at Salem

at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Salem at Plymouth

at Compuware Sports Arena, 6:40 p.m.

Canton at Saline

at Arctic Coliseum, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Feb. 13

Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

B'ham Roper at PCA, 7 p.m.

Canton at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Salem, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18

PCA at U-M Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.

Canton at Ladywood Invite, 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Madonna at Cornerstone, 7:30 p.m.

Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.

Cornerstone at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.

Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 17

Whalers at Oshawa Generals, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Whalers vs. Guelph Storm

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TBA - time to be announced.

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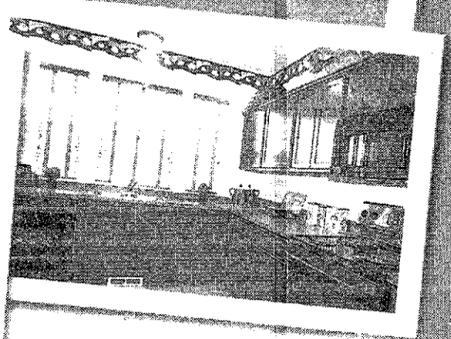
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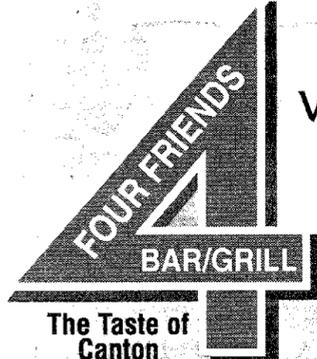


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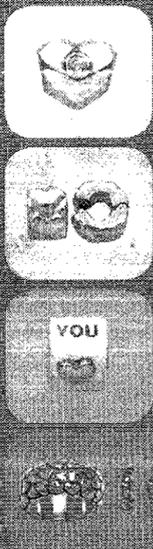
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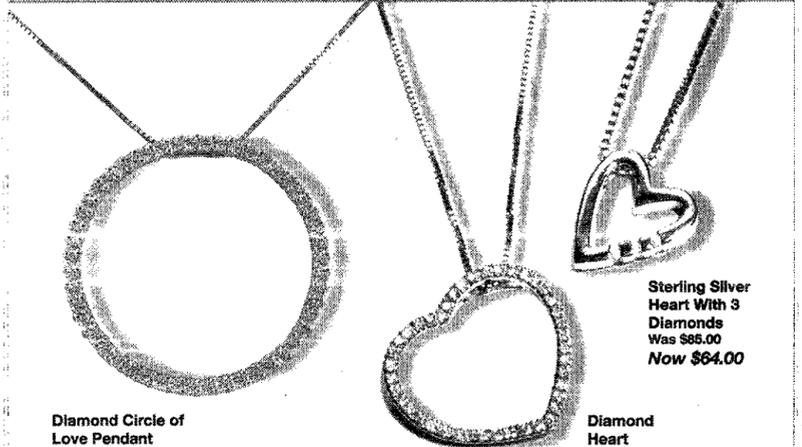
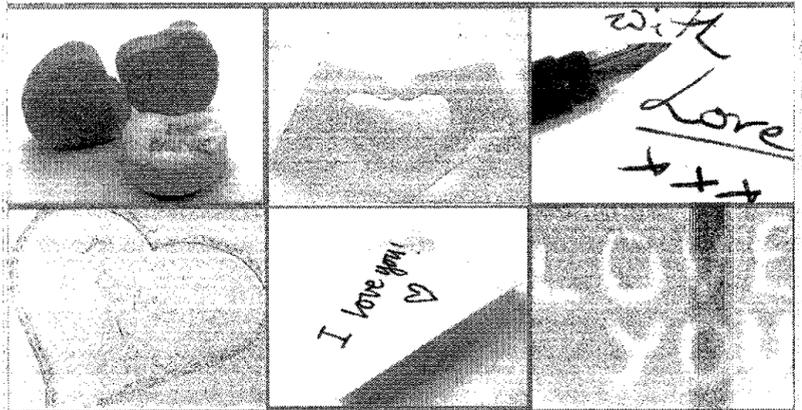


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For most of Super Bowl week, I felt if I heard the words "Super Bowl" one more time, I was going to scream.

You couldn't escape it — on radio, on television, in every newspaper including ours, in every conversation. That's understandable, since it's the biggest sporting event in the world, coming to our town, one of only a dozen cities to ever have the privilege.

I just didn't care that much about the game, to be perfectly honest. Neither the Pittsburgh Steelers nor the Seattle Seahawks floated my competitive boat. The Jerome Bettis story was nice, but I wasn't getting to write it and, quite frankly, it got a little old by week's end.

So when people would ask, "Are you going downtown for any of the festivities?" my answer was, "Not a chance." First of all, I get lost when I try to drive down there. My sense of direction is perpetually broken to begin with, and when you throw in one-way streets I'm even more lost. Secondly, I hate crowds. I get claustrophobic in large throngs of people, pushing and shoving.

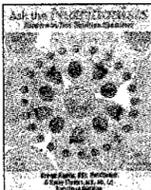
I'd read about the Winter Blast and the NFL Experience, and from all accounts Roger Penske and his crew did a great job scrubbing a fresh face onto downtown Detroit.

Like many, I wonder how much of that fresh face is actually clean-start, renewed city and how much is cover-it-up, slap some makeup on it effort. Time will tell. Still, I wasn't all that interested in getting involved.

Then I had conversations with some of the parents at one of my son's wrestling meets. One dad told me how easy it was to catch a shuttle

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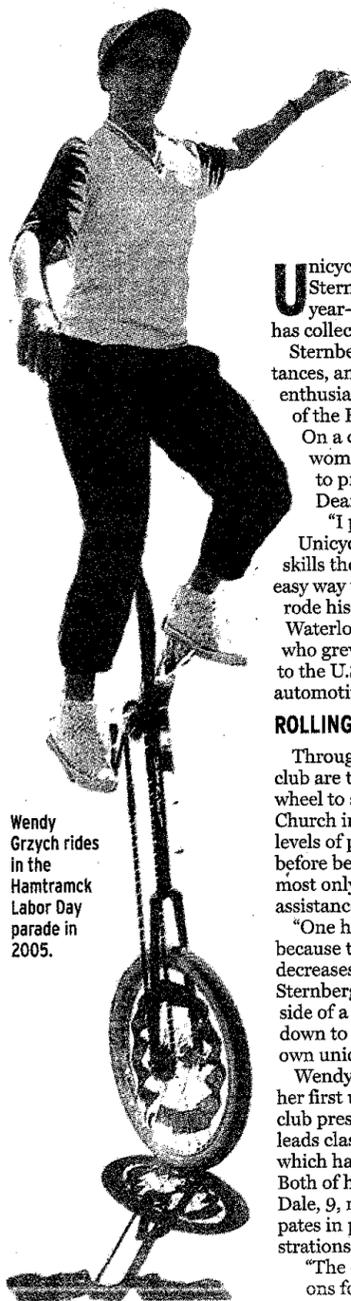
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Wendy Grzych rides in the Hamtramck Labor Day parade in 2005.

Wheeling around

Unicyclists ride for the challenge

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Unicycles are like potato chips. Marcus Sternberg can't have just one. The 34-year-old Farmington Hills resident has collected 10 in 14 years of riding.

Sternberg has a big wheel for riding distances, another for playing basketball. His enthusiasm is characteristic of members of the Redford Township Unicycle Club. On a cold Monday in January, men, women and children have turned out to practice at The Salvation Army in Dearborn Heights.

"I played hockey with the Toronto Unicycle Club. You improve your riding skills the more you play games. It's an easy way to learn," said Sternberg, who rode his first unicycle at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. Sternberg, who grew up near Vancouver, B.C., moved to the U.S. eight years ago to work as an automotive engineer for DaimlerChrysler.

ROLLING ALONG

Through March, he and members of the club are teaching the art of riding on one wheel to students at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. There are 10 different levels of proficiency a rider must pass before becoming a certified teacher, but most only want to learn to ride without assistance.

"One hour is all a student can do in class because their muscles really hurt and that decreases their motivation to learn," said Sternberg. "There are two people on each side of a new rider. By three weeks they're down to one person and usually buy their own unicycles. Until then they use ours."

Wendy Grzych, 37, was 9 when she rode her first unicycle. In addition to serving as club president, the Garden City resident leads classes. She's proud of the club, which has about 40 to 50 active riders. Both of her children, Amanda, 11, and Dale, 9, ride with the club, which participates in parades, competitions and demonstrations.

"The club was national parade champions for 2004 and 2005," said Grzych, a

substitute teacher in the Crestwood Schools. "It's really a great group with great family activities, a group of wholesome people who are always looking for something to do with the family."

Dwight Gibson is still mastering the unicycle after taking his first class last year.

"It takes a lot longer than kids," said Gibson, a 51-year-old Westland resident and Northwest Airlines flight attendant. "Older people are afraid of it because of one wheel."

Beverly Scott is learning to ride. The 65-year-old retired banker is always looking for a new adventure. A member of Tollgate cloggers in Novi, Scott also Rollerblades.

"I enjoy people and exercise," said Scott. "You have to have balance to ride a unicycle. There's always someone to help you at the club."

At 14, Jory King of Westland had no problem mastering one wheel. He's been doing 360s with his BMX bicycle for some time.

"I'm a daredevil," said King, a student at Wayne Memorial High School.

Rya Raub, a 14-year-old Garden City High School student, began riding almost a year ago "just for fun" after brother Peter, 12, joined.

'AWESOME'

"My friends think it's awesome," said Rya Raub. "It's something interesting to do. I met my boyfriend here."

Katie Helton is one of the younger unicyclists at 7.

"I've been doing it two years," said Helton of Dearborn Heights. "My cousins do it. When you unicycle it's fun because it feels like a bird."

David Holden of Redford frequently comes with wife Cathy and children Nathan, 15 and Katie, 13. "People come from far and wide," said Holden.

So do the bikes. Several brands dot the gym floor including Semicycle. Teresa and husband Sem Abrahams assemble the unicycles in a building in Redford after importing parts from The Netherlands.

They sponsor the basketball team which

meets Wednesday nights at Johnson Elementary in Westland.

About 15 members including Sternberg and the Abrahamses are competing in the world championship this July in Switzerland.

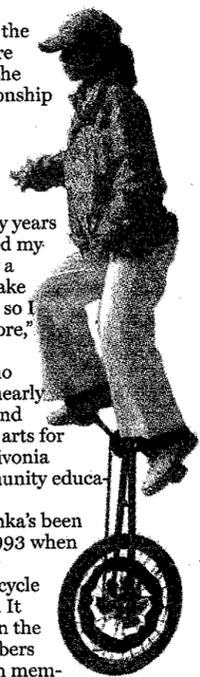
"I saw the club perform at a Redford Ox Roast many years ago and bugged my parents to buy a unicycle and take me to the club so I could learn more," said Teresa

Abrahams, who began riding nearly 30 years ago and teaches circus arts for ages 6-16 in Livonia Schools community education program.

Kathy Susanka's been riding since 1993 when daughter Lori received a unicycle for Christmas. It costs \$5 to join the club but members must maintain membership in the Unicycling Society of America which is \$15 for an individual, \$20 per family.

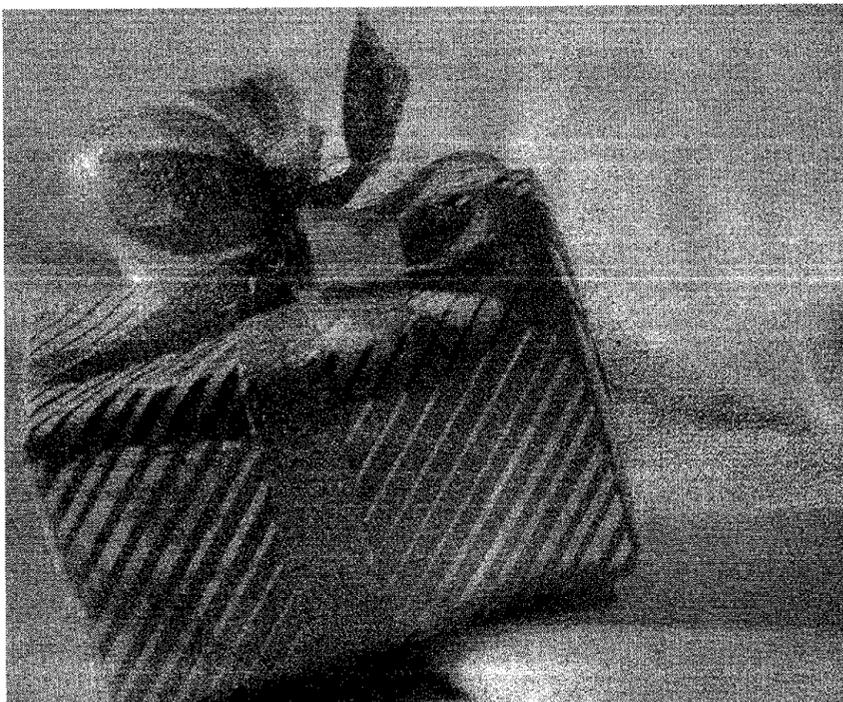
"As a club member you have to make one practice a month and perform two times a year," said Susanka. "The club receives a donation for performing."

Classes continue 9-10 a.m. Saturdays through March 25, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call Susanka at (313) 565-9843 or visit www.rtuc.org.



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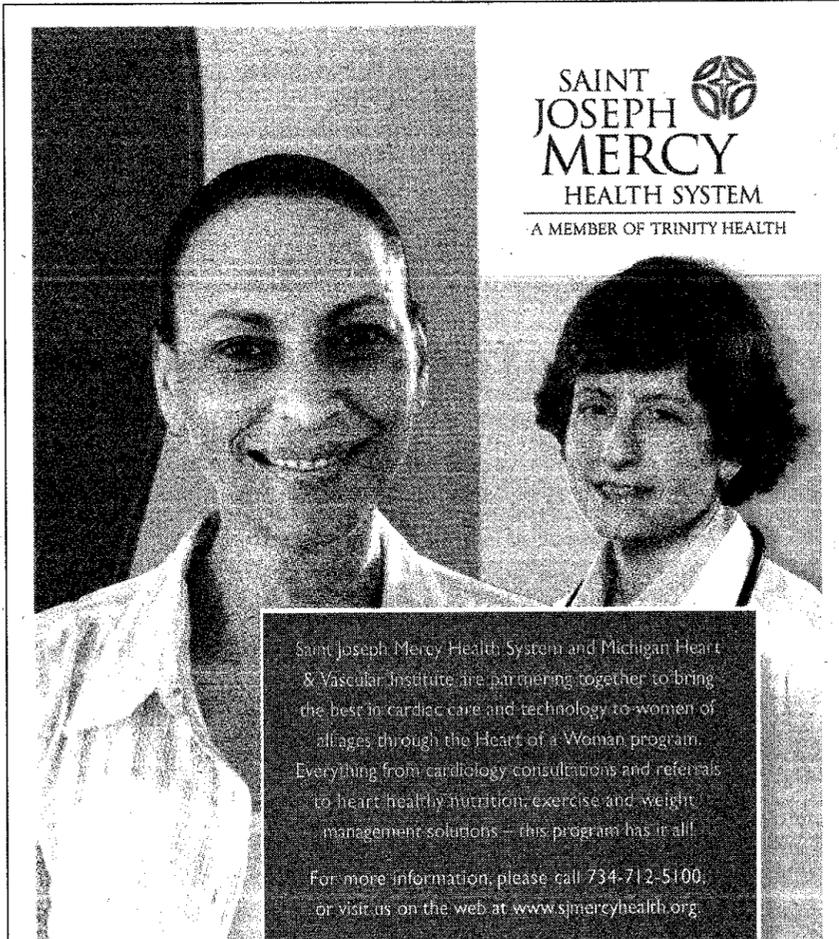
Grace Alexander shows off her unicycle skills during a demonstration for Family Day at Eastern Michigan University in October.



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Madonna University

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Olivet College

A total of 278 students have been named to the Olivet College 2005 fall semester Dean's List. To make the Dean's List, a

student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Heather Michalsen of Plymouth made the list by earning a 4.0 grade-point average for the semester.

Spring Arbor

Three Plymouth students and one from Canton were among those who made the Dean's List at Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Mich.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who have received a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester. Part-time students must

receive a 3.5 for the semester and carry a cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Local students on the list included senior **Andrea LaBenne** of Plymouth, an English major and the daughter of James and Sue LaBenne; senior **Brian LaBenne** of Plymouth, a clinical sociology major and the son of James and Sue LaBenne; freshman **Emily McHenry** of Plymouth, a psychology student and the daughter of James and Kimberly McHenry; and senior **Hannah Riddell** of Canton, a film studies major and the daughter of Mark and Cindy Riddell.

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. "Mary, Mary," James Patterson
3. "Death Dance," Linda Lairstein
4. "Every Breath You Take," Judith McNaught
5. "S is for Silence," Sue Grafton

NON-FICTION

1. "For Laci: A Mother's Story," Sharon Rocha
2. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
3. "My Friend Leonard," James Frey
4. "The Year of Magical Thinking," Joan Didion
5. "Teacher Man," Frank McCourt

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Pete the Sheep-sheep!" Jackie French
2. "Trust Me, Mom," Angela McAllister
3. "Piggie Pie!" Margie Palatini
4. "Double Pink," Kate Feiffer
5. "Look What the Cat Dragged In," Gary Hogg

Strong fathers needed to fight 'the boy crisis'

Do we need to be alerted to boys' failure in school and personally by Newsweek (January 30, 2006) running a 1-1/2 inch headline "The Boy Crisis" over the photos of pre-adolescent boys?

Yes! Educators, parents, and business and community leaders need to seriously listen to the thought-provoking work of leading scholars related to this issue.

This is a column on the importance of fathers to young males. Yet, it must also concern mothers. This is such an important topic that this column and the next will be devoted to The Boy Crisis.

A recent release from Bradley Hospital in East Providence, RI, a premier medical institution devoted to research and treatment in psychiatric illness, and the book *Father Your Son: How to Become the Father You've Always Wanted to Be* by Dr. Stephan Poulter are the inspiration for this column. Next week, we will discuss the importance of a boy's emotional life.

To summarize the six-page, illustrated Newsweek article the author states: "One of the most reliable predictors of whether a boy will succeed or fail in high school rests on a single question: does he have a man in his life to look up to? Too often, the answer is no. High rates of divorce and single motherhood have created a generation of fatherless boys. In every kind of neighborhood, rich or poor, an increasing number of boys - now a startling 40 percent - are being raised without their biological dads."

The article continues: "Psychologists say that grandfathers and uncles can help, but emphasize that an adolescent boy without a father figure is like an explorer without a map. And that is especially true for

poor boys and boys who are struggling in school. Older males, says Michael Gurian (a quoted author), model self-restraint and solid work habits for younger ones. And whether they're breathing down their necks about grades or admonishing them to show up for school on time, an older man reminds a boy in a million different ways that school is crucial to their mission in life."

Newsweek also reports: "Thirty years ago men represented 58 percent of the (college) undergraduate student body. Now they're a minority at 44 percent."

What's the solution? James Break, a post doctoral fellow with the Bradley School in Portsmouth, RI, and Brown Medical Schools, cites the following opportunities for parents and teachers to help boys thrive in school.

Most people realize that girls mature physically faster than boys, but parents and educators need to understand that this also impacts the way boys engage in the classroom.

"The part of the brain that assists in response-inhibition, the prefrontal cortex, develops later for boys than for girls. As a result, boys are more likely to blurt out answers or be impulsive in class," says Break.

He suggests that one way of assisting boys in the classroom may be to structure tasks to include higher levels of energy and noise, thereby making allowances for impulsivity. Staging game show-based activities that separate the class into teams in order to test subject knowledge works well for boys. Another tactic includes using more hands-on learning, like group experiments, that incorporate movement and interaction.

Keeping boys engaged and interested in class is also linked to the subject matter. Surveys of boys' attitudes toward reading often cite "boring" topics as the number one reason why boys reject literature. Several lists of 'boy-friendly' themed books are available on-line and comic

books, magazines, and illustrated novels can also feed a love of reading, says Break.

"Boys are often taught that they should be autonomous and self-reliant and as a result, asking for help can often lead boys to devalue themselves," Break explains. Fathers need to offer assistance, nonetheless.

Parents can also help boys identify school staff members on whom they can rely for help with schoolwork, emotional stress or conflicts with peers. (Your columnist has always advocated for one special person at school to whom your son can go for help.)

Break suggests that parents make conversations about school a daily habit and send the message that school is a priority for the family.

"Try asking specific questions about certain subjects or ask about school topics that are of interest to your son," says Break.

Parents and teachers can help by identifying male family members or community leaders who place emphasis on education, and by inviting these men to speak with boys on a regular basis. Your columnist reminds parents of the value of Boy Scout masters and recreational and religious leaders being involved with their son. Community mentor programs can also assist in teaching the importance of school.

Parents should work closely with the school to identify when and how their son is performing poorly, Break says.

Parent-teacher communication is key to identifying if a student is slipping academically, and can produce collaborative means of bringing him up to speed.

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Teens in 2006

Alice McCarthy

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downtown from any of a half-dozen spots, solving my "afraid of driving in downtown Detroit" problem.

Phrases like "once-in-a-lifetime experience" were tossed around, and I started thinking they might be right. I turned 47 on Super Bowl Sunday, and the event probably won't come back to Detroit in my lifetime.

So, there were the boys and I, waiting in line to take the shuttle from Dearborn's Fairlane Town Centre to the Fort/Cass drop-off point downtown. We only waited about 15 minutes for the shuttle, and that turned out to be our longest wait of the day, despite the thousands of people who were at Cobo Hall for the final day of the NFL Experience.

Marcus and his friend, Jason, football players both, took off to hit all the skill challenges. The rest of us — Matthew, Robert, Andrew and I — spent more time looking at the historical stuff. The little ones (they're 8 and 7) wanted to try kicking and throwing the ball, so we did that, too.

It was neat watching Robert and Andrew — 75 and 59 pounds, respectively (most of it heart) — trying to move the blocking dummy. We watched a film of past Super Bowl clips, the surround-sound thundering with every on-screen hit.

I admit I didn't have much faith in Detroit's ability to host such a major event.

Mother Nature certainly cooperated by not dumping eight feet of snow on the city, but still, police and volunteers manned the streets, politely and, in many cases, cheerfully directing people.

I learned a lot in the few hours we spent at the NFL Experience. I learned my hands are about the same size as former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly, so maybe my youthful dreams of playing for the Miami Dolphins weren't so far-fetched after all.

I learned I can't kick a football through uprights only 20 yards away. I learned I can run the halfback challenge in 6.13 seconds, as long as I'm not required to actually hit anything with the football at the end of it.

I also learned people can surprise you.

Thousands streamed through Cobo Hall that day, yet I never saw any pushing or shoving, never heard a cross word from people waiting in line.

I discovered, to my joy, the need to have faith — in the city, in people. On this day, for this event, both proved a little faith can go a long way.

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Book aims to keep home fires burning

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Writing a book was not something Dominique McDonough had at first set out to do. It was a series of painfully honest e-mails from a girlfriend whose husband is serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq, which served as a calling to pick up her pen and get to work.

"It's not just about sex," she said of her book, *Sustaining the Sexual Force: A Military Spouse's Field Guide*. Rather, it's about staying connected in a romantic way.

McDonough's friend's husband had been away from home for a year's worth of long nights. The couple stays in touch using media that are gen-

erally about as romantic as the workplace water cooler — e-mail and instant messages.

The friend asked for advice on how to keep the romance alive when all they have is electronic communication, too-few phone calls, and old-fashioned letter writing.

And McDonough's book was born.

McDonough, who is constantly researching matters of the heart for her online blog about relationships, rustled up practical tips for those who are dealing with separation due to military deployment (though she said the information is useful for any couple involved in long-distance relationships).

"This is not the kind of information the military gives spouses," she said. Spouses get

advice on how to pay the bills and manage their households alone, how to stay on top of mortgages and insurance and medical care, but not how to keep the marriage afloat, McDonough added.

The advice she gives in the book is intended to help get the creative juices flowing — a sort of "how-to" write sexy love letters. She also offers tips on what is *not* sexy.

"There is such a thing as bad erotica," she said, her blonde curls bouncing as she shook her head and recalled examples of such. "And you don't want to write that."

The book offers advice such as how to go on virtual "dates" — you each log on and visit a museum's Web site and instant message while you're navigat-

ing it. And it offers more explicit instructions on the art of writing about fantasy.

"One thing you have to keep in mind is that even though most of the e-mail and letters won't be censored, they probably will be read by someone else, so you have to be very comfortable with that," she said.

Sustaining the Sexual Force is available through major book retailers such as Barnes and Noble, Amazon, Borders and BookFinder.com. For more information, e-mail Dominique McDonough at sustainingthesexualforce@yahoo.com or visit online at www.freewebs.com/sexualforce.

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Dominique McDonough of Canton wrote a book designed to help military couples sustain the romance in their marriage while a spouse is serving overseas.

AROUND TOWN

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Volunteer training takes place Feb. 18. Contact volunteer coordinator Ann Christensen for more information by calling (888) 973-1145.

Frog listeners

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for the ninth-annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey. Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two hour training workshop and learn 8 breeding calls from a CD that is provided. All materials are provided. Surveys are conducted independently on damp warm evenings, several times a month beginning in March and ending in July. This is a simple presence/absence survey in which participants identify what species are calling. Survey locations must be within the Rouge River Watershed in wetlands. The survey is a fun opportunity to spend time with family and friends outdoors learning about local wildlife. Families, students, seniors, etc., are encouraged to sign up. Pre-registration for workshops is required by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing picoordinator@therouge.org. Please provide your full name, address, phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend: Thursday, March 2, 7-9 p.m., Ypsilanti Civic Center, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti; Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-noon, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia; Tuesday, March 7, 7-9 p.m., University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn; Thursday, March 9, 7-9 p.m., Southfield Parks & Recreation, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield; or Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. to noon, Plymouth Board of Trustees meeting room, 42350 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Daddy-Daughter Ball

Northville Parks and Recreation invites young ladies and their special gentle-

men (dad, uncle or brother) to the 23rd-annual Daddy-Daughter Princess Ball. Live entertainment, dancing, crafts, games and treats will set the stage for one unforgettable night. Prince Charming will be there too, and is sure to make it magical! The ball takes place 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Recreation Center at Hillside (700 W. Baseline, Northville). Tickets are \$10 per person per dance, and can be purchased at the Recreation Center. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411. Tickets are limited and do sell out.

Genealogical societies

■ The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. March 2 for a presentation on "Genealogy and Adoption Research," presented by guest speakers from the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan, a search-and-support organization founded in 1972 by people directly affected by all aspects of adoption. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. A help session starts at 6 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (810) 227-7745.

■ The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. Guest speaker Chauncy Miller will talk about Elmwood Cemetery, giving facts and lore of Detroit's 150-year-old cemetery. The meeting and classes are open to the public free of charge, and guests are welcome. For more information, call (734) 425-3079.

Parenting seminar

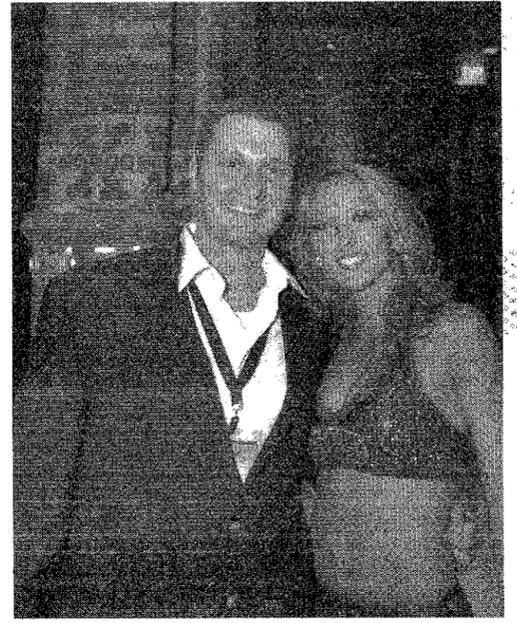
Jim Fay, one of America's most sought-after presenters in the areas of parenting and school discipline,

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

returns to the Northville area for two "Love and Logic" parenting seminars March 6 in the auditorium at the new Northville High School on Six Mile between Sheldon and Beck. The first session, 4:30-6 p.m., is for parents of preschool and elementary-age children; the second session, 7:30-9 p.m., helps parents learn how to quit arguing with their children, ways to handle recovery time and food issues, and how to get their children to help around the house. For more information, call (248) 344-8443.

Awakening artists

Capture the magic and fun of Narnia over Winter Break with "The Chronicles of Narni-ART," youth art classes conducted by Awakening ... The Artist Inside, a fine art studio and art supply store in downtown Northville. Daily workshops for youth ages 3 to 15 years are being offered from Monday through Thursday, Feb. 13-16. Student artists will learn traditional art techniques and skills while participating in age-specific classes with themes such as "Visiting Mr. Beaver's House" - "Through the Wardrobe" - "A Winter World" - "Adventures with Mr. Tumnus" and "Under the Spell of the White Witch." Using various mediums including sculpture, painting, mixed media, and colored pencils, students will create their own characters and imagine their own world through the Wardrobe with the guidance of experienced art instructors, Ms. Katra and Hughean. For additional information or to schedule a Narni-ART adventure call Awakening ... The Artist Inside at (248) 347-0807 or stop by the store located in downtown Northville, 111 North Center Street. Workshops range in price from \$25 to \$40 and include all materials.



JERRY ZOLYNSKI

Party time

James McFarlane of Canton hangs out with Detroit Pistons cheerleader Chelsea Cullen of Sterling Heights during the Super Bowl, a private party held Super Bowl Sunday at the Computware building in Detroit. More than 1,500 people attended the Super Bowl-related party, which featured appearances by Tom Arnold and a live performance by Queens of the Stone Age.

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REUNIONS

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

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

Detroit Chadsey
Class of 1956
Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

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

Detroit St. Theresa
Class of 1956
A 50-year reunion is planned for June 10, 2006, at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. N. in Livonia. A brunch is planned on June 11. For more information, call Mary Monroe at (734) 427-4526.

Edsel Ford High School
A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Final activity will be a "Black and White Ball" on Saturday, May 20, 2006. About the activities www.geocities.com/edsef50th. To contact the committee email edsef50@gmail.com.

Epiphany Grade School
Class of 1966
A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (24) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

Ferndale High School
Class of 1975/1976
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at the Troy Somerset Inn, 2601 West Big Beaver Road, between I-75 and Coolidge Road. For information and to register sign in at www.fhs75-76.org. Discount if you register before Feb. 15. Cost is \$65/person or \$120/couple. Forward payment ASAP to: FHS 75-76 Reunion, P.O. Box 20274, Ferndale, MI 48220 Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 29, 2006, at the Sheraton Detroit-Novi, 11111 Haggerty Road (I-75 at Eight Mile Road) Novi. To register send check for \$75 per person to Ferndale High School 1966 Class Reunion, C/O Joan Rockett Horner, 951 W. Oakridge, Ferndale 48220

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

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Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

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The Third Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion on Aug. 9-13, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wis. Headquarters Hotel, Hyatt Regency Milwaukee. Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of The Third Marine Division at any time since it was formed on Sept. 16, 1942, is eligible and cordially invited to attend. For membership and reunion information contact Sgt. Major Bill Krueger, USMC Ret. (703) 451-3844 or 7622 Highland St., Springfield, VA 22150-3931 or www.caltrap.com.

Southeastern (Detroit)
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Southeastern High School (Detroit) Class of 1956 50-Year Reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at the Northfield Hilton. Contact Beverly at (586) 566-6775.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Gilson-Ciavaglia
Earl and Ann Gilson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Justine, to David Philip Ciavaglia of Dearborn. Amy is a graduate of Madonna University. She is employed with Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiancé, David, is the son of Phil and Vera Ciavaglia of Dearborn. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed with Ford Motor Co.

David and Amy are planning an August wedding at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia.



Foust-Christensen
Brian and Cathy Foust of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari Elizabeth, to Stephen Christensen.

Kari received her bachelor's degree in English, with a writing emphasis, from Hope College in Holland, Mich.

Her fiancé, Stephen, is the son of Drs. Ralph and Evelyn Christensen of Lexington, KY. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in computer science at Hope College.

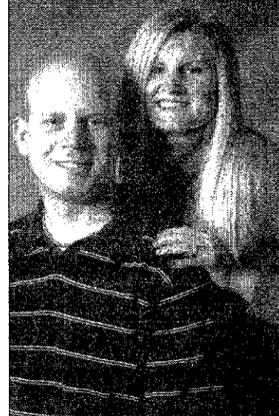
Stephen and Kari are planning an August wedding in Plymouth, and will reside in Holland.

VanderMeulen-Flohr
Wendell and Sharon VanderMeulen 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.

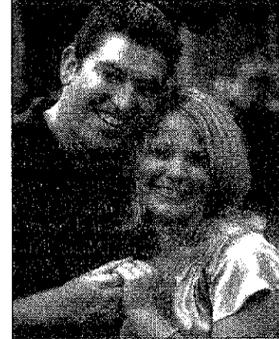
Gregory and Trista are planning an April wedding at West Cannon Baptist Church.



Clairmont-Tobin
Joseph and Catherine Clairmont of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Angelina, to Ryan Tobin of Livonia.

Angelina is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2003 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed with Dell Will Customs Brokers.

Her fiancé, Ryan, is the son of Jerry and Diane Tobin of Livonia. He is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed with Intier Automotive. Ryan and Angelina are planning a July wedding at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.



Houslander-Artrip
Jeffrey and Patricia Houslander of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Christopher Artrip of Livonia.

Julie is a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She is employed at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn as a labor and delivery nurse.

Her fiancé, Christopher, is the son of Tenon Artrip of Livonia and Mary Artrip. He is a student at Schoolcraft College. Currently he is employed at Learning Care Group in Novi in the I.T. Department.

Christopher and Julie are planning a June wedding at St. Aidan's Catholic Church with a reception at The Inn at St. John's.

McCarty-Hatherley
Robert and Darlene Hatherley of Oxford announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Marie, to Daniel Jack McCarty, Jr., the son of Daniel and Jane McCarty, Sr. of Troy.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oxford High School and Albion College. She is a project manager for the human resources department at AT&T in Westland.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Troy High School and Albion College. He is a senior planner for Buick at GM Planworks in Detroit. A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas More Church in Troy.



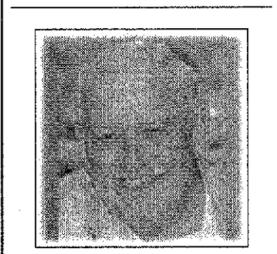
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PAUL N. Du BRICO
Of Waterford, age 85, born July 9, 1920, died February 9, 2006. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 12:30 PM Monday at the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Burial in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton from 6-8 PM Saturday and 2-4 and 6-8 PM Sunday and at the church from 11:30 AM until time of service Monday. Mr. Du Brico was employed by Burroughs. Surviving are: two daughters, Sandra Armbruster of Fenton, Anne (Michael) Pramstaller of Virginia; four grandchildren, Peter (Sharon) Armbruster, Sarah, Matthew and Laura Pramstaller; two great-grandchildren, Alexandra and Megan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Laura in 1975.

VIRGINIA V. PRYCE
Age 86, February 7, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Dear mother of Ronald (Agar), Dennis and Wayne (MaryKay). Grandmother of 6. Great-grandmother of 13. Sister of Dolores Stark and Leona Kuclo. Services were handled by the Santeiu and Son Funeral Home.

RICHARD T. HARTZELL
Age 70 of Orchard Lake, Michigan died of natural causes February 8, 2006 at his residence. Mr. Hartzell was born December 11, 1935 in Anderson, Indiana and was a current resident of Orchard Lake, Michigan where he resided for 30 years. Mr. Hartzell was an Automotive Engineer with Pontiac Division of General Motors; after 25 years he transferred to Nissan and then retired in 1980. After retirement he served as a President of Aviation Investment Corp., L.L.C. Mr. Hartzell was a graduate of Purdue University and received his MBA from the University of Michigan. Dick served on the Orchard Lake City Council for 12 years, serving as Mayor 2 terms, including this past year. He was also a member of Kirk in the Hills and served as Trustee, a member of the Orchard Lake Country Club and Hunters Creek D.I.A American Wing. Mr. Hartzell is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ann O. Hartzell; three sons, Thomas R. (Charlotte) Hartzell, William O. (Heather) Hartzell and Bruce A. Hartzell. One daughter, Elizabeth A. (David) Costello. Grandfather of: Katherine, Susan, Thomas, Matthew, Lydia, Melanie and Anna. Also, one sister survives: Mary Jane Nicewander. Memorial Services will be held at Kirk in the Hills of Bloomfield Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Tuesday February 14, 2006 at 3:00pm. Memorial Visitation at the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham, 820 E. Maple on Monday Feb. 13, 4 to 8 p.m. The Reverend Dr. Norman J. Pritchard and the Reverend David J. Hanna will be officiating. Memorial tributes may be made to: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48302-1335 or to: Garth Newel Music Center, P.O. Box 240, Warm Springs, Virginia, 24484. Entombment will be private in the Columbarium at Kirk in the Hills.

RONALD DEAN ROBERTS
Age 74 of Gold Canyon AZ, formerly of Farmington and Livonia. Passed away on November 23, 2005 in hospice. Preceded in death by son James. Survived by Lois, his wife of 56 years, daughter Gayle Krupin, sons Ronald, Brian, Michael, estranged son Steven, 12 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters. Please call 734-395-1733 for memorial service information.



ROBERT S. WHITING
Age 79, of Traverse City, died February 6, 2006, at his home. Born June 14, 1926, in Detroit, he was the son of the late Vern Oliver and Jesse (Parr) Whiting. On August 6, 1949, in Sylvania, OH, he married the former Elaine Hotchkiss, who died on January 5, 2005. A graduate of Howe Military School and Hillsdale College, Bob faithfully served his country during WWII with the U.S. Army. A former resident of Bloomfield Hills, Robert owned and operated Whiting Distribution Services, Inc. A civic minded person, he was a member of Northeast Detroit Lions Club and the Detroit Athletic Club. Bob enjoyed entertaining his family and many friends at his retreat near Cheboygan. He is survived by his four children, Scott (Mimi) Whiting of Spring Lake, Dan (Pat) Whiting of Clarkston, Jo Whiting Skandalaris of Brighton and Jane (Steven Bath) Whiting of Williamsburg; ten grandchildren, Lisa, Rebecca, Kristin, Amy, Bonnie (Ben), Peter (Megan), Sara, Zeke, Gina, and Joey; two sisters, Shirley Szytel and Madeline Lathrop. Robert was preceded in death by one sister, Beatrice, and five brothers, Jack, Dick, Gaylord, George and Max. Friends may call at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main St., Clarkston, on Monday, February 13, 2006, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston, Clarkston. Pastor Dan Whiting (son) and Pastor Gregory Henneman will officiate. Memorials may be directed to Northeast Detroit Lions Club, 17500 Chester Ave., Detroit 48224, or to the Clarkston Community Church. Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com

ROBERT AHLMAN PETERSON
Age 62. Passed away on February 9, 2006. Robert resided in Grand Rapids, MI. He was a former teacher at Fennville Public Schools and Athletic Director. Also he was former Mayor of Fennville. Graduate of Eastern Michigan and also was a Barber Shop Singer. Preceded in death by his parents, Ralph E. (Dagney Damm) Peterson and brother David R. Peterson. Survived by his brother John (Kathleen) Peterson of Elk Rapids, Mi. Cousin of Caroline Janney, San Luis Obispo, Calif. Also survived by three nephews, John, Jason and Jesse Peterson. Visitation, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, from 2-4PM at the Chappell Funeral Home, 637 W. Main, Fennville, MI. Funeral will be held Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 at 1:00PM at Glenn Eden Memorial Park, Livonia, Mi. Clergy officiating, Robert Hoey. Memorials, Clark Retirement Community, 1551 Franklin St., Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

CRAIG STEVEN NIELSEN
Age 53, February 9, 2006. Father of Nicole, Steven, and Leslie. Former husband of Janice Nielsen Skousen. Son of Peter and the late Mariam. Brother of Alan, Paul, Roy (Kerry) and Denise (Greg) Stratton. Uncle of Amber, Stacey, James, and Hailey. Memorial service Monday, 11am, at Livonia Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 31450 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Memorials may be made to Cerebral Hemorrhage Research.

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NEW VOICES



Harvey Dennis Smith
Cassandra and Bradley Smith of Livonia announce the birth of the son, Harvey Dennis, on Dec. 25, 2005, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. He weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces, and was 22 inches long.
Harvey's grandparents are Margaret and Gary Gray of Livonia, Susan Gilling of Livonia, and Dennis Smith of Plymouth.
His great-grandmothers are Jean Smith of Novi, and Helen Gilling of Novi.

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there are a pile of them in today's Sports section

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Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50, members/\$5. Dress: Ladies - date style clothes, gentlemen - jackets and ties. For more information call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197.
Bethany Suburban West
A Valentine-Mardi Gras Dance will be 8 p.m. until midnight on Friday, Feb. 17, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Costumes optional, refreshments, snacks, pizza, salad, pop, beer and wine. Tickets are \$15. Advance tickets advisable. Contact Michele (313) 996-8644.
Monthly Breakfast Meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 18, at Leon's on Ford Road in Garden City, kitty corner from Kmart. All separated, divorced and singles welcome.

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

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Ski/Party/Dance
Saturdays, Feb. 18 and March 4 - Downhill skiing, party and dance at Mt. Brighton, I-96 exit 145, follow the signs and turn right at Big Boy. Anytime 6 p.m. till 2 a.m. Discounted singles group rate is \$20 - includes an all area lift ticket, admission to party and dance (8 p.m. to 1 a.m.) in Smart Alex. Top 40 D.J., cash bar, hors d'oeuvres (9 p.m.) and door prizes. Discounted ski rental. Admission to party/dance for skiers is free, non-skiers/\$9.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES
Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.
Sunday Fellowship
Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.
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Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church.
Classic Senior Singles
Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. Room C317. "Tea with Mussolini" movie.
Third Friday
Feb. 17, Feather Bowling at the Cadieux Cafe. Bus leaves Ward parking lot at 6 p.m. Food/pop included.
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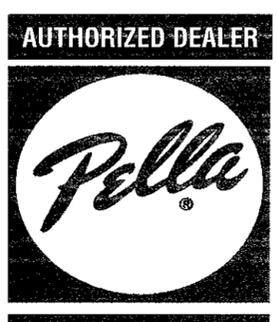
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By Wendy

Wear It!

Michael Stars Cupid tank



Drink It!

Cristal in The Champagne Room at Crave Dearborn

DON'T Wear It!

Black panty hose

Smell It!

Red Dress the Fragrance



Tote It!

Banana Republic white triangle tote



Indulge It!

Chocolate Fondue Body Wrap at Tamara Spa Wellness in Farmington Hills

Face It!

Dior Gourmette lip gloss bracelet



Gift It!

Choxie chocolates from Target



Eat It!



Love Pizzas, delivered to your door by Papa Romano's

TIVO It!

Project Runway on Bravo — see who makes the final three!

Students make heartfelt designs for Red Dress Tour

By Wendy White

A little black dress will take you anywhere in understated elegance, but if you really want to turn heads, then wear red.

Red dresses are bold, confident and sexy. They definitely grab attention, which is why the American Heart Association chose a red dress as the symbol for its "Go Red for Women" campaign. Go Red for Women promotes awareness of heart diseases and stroke, the number one and number three killers of women. Go Red kicked off with National Wear Red Day on Feb. 3, and continues this month with a Red Dress Tour. Students from the International Academy of Design & Technology-Detroit designed red dresses for the tour, which will move from the Detroit Public Library to Beaumont Hospital tomorrow. We caught up with Grosse Pointe resident Nancy Vella, chair of the tour, to find out more.

How did you get the idea for the Red Dress Tour?

Two years ago when we adopted the "Go Red for Women" symbol on a national basis, they had famous designers make red dresses that toured the country to the various lunches going on. When I was getting together with the AHA, I commented that the Red Dress Tour was a nice touch, and maybe we could do that again. I suggested using students, and the AHA liked the idea. They had been contacted in the past by IADT to incorporate students somehow, so when we came up with this red dress idea they jumped all over it.

Why did you select students?

Their careers are going to be in design. Why not give them an opportunity to show their talents, but also for a good cause? We had over 30 students and a couple teachers who designed red dresses. Each was very unique. They were given some guidelines — they could do a party dress, a wedding dress, an after-five dress, or a career dress.

Who chose the winner?

The judge was Pamela Roland, a fashion designer based out of Grand Rapids who also works in New York. She selected eight dresses and those eight dresses are now on tour around Metropolitan Detroit.

Can the public see the other entries?

We decided that at the Go Red for Women luncheon March 2, the Executive Leadership team, of which I am a volunteer, are going to model the dresses, so we'll have a fashion show. I think all 30 dresses will be featured.

How does your dress look?

I had a couple fittings with the student who designed my dress. Her name is Alexis Lewis. She's a 21-year veteran of the Detroit Police Force, and when she retires she is looking to start a new career in fashion design. She has sewn all her life out of necessity because she's 6' 5". The dress is a long evening gown and it has a train. It's very form-fitting and very flattering.

You are Firm Director for Deloitte and Touche in Detroit, a major sponsor of the tour.

Yes. Deloitte is very much involved in health issues, and encouraging healthy lifestyles for our employees. Deloitte is also known for their Women's Initiative, to keep moms in the work force and give them work-life balance. It really ties in with what Deloitte is working to promote, which is why we decided to sponsor the Red Dress Tour. We're going to take it one step further with a networking opportunity in May focused on the Red Dress Tour that will include heart screenings from Beaumont hospitals.

Has heart disease affected your life?

Personally, my father and father-in-law both had quadruple bypass surgery, and through my work with the AHA I have met several women with health problems. One woman here at Deloitte had heart surgery when she was 31. She experienced what many women go through — her doctor sent her home, and said it was all in her head. He couldn't figure out what was wrong with her. Finally a doctor took her seriously, and she had to have one of her arteries replaced. We're trying to make the public more aware of heart disease in women. Most people know it's the number one killer of men, but it's the number one killer of women too.

What got you involved with AHA?

I've been a volunteer for four years. It stemmed from an interest in helping women in general. I think you can have a lot of control over your health by what you eat, exercise and taking care of yourself. Seventy percent of heart disease can be avoided or prevented by living healthy.

For information about fashion design programs at IADT-Detroit, located in Troy, call (248) 457-2700, or visit www.iadt-detroit.com. For information about the Go Red For Women Luncheon or the Red Dress Tour, call the AHA at (248) 827-4214 or visit local.americanheart.org.

Red Dress Tour
Featuring designs from Makeeta Birdsong, Jacqueline Floyd, Anastasia Chetka, Jennifer Biehl, Alexis Lewis, Kurt Scholsser, Susan Walton and Tina Coleman.
Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Feb. 6 -13; Crittenton Hospital, Rochester, Feb. 13-17; Deloitte & Touche, Detroit, beginning March 3.

Red Dress Fashion Show
All 30 Red Dress Tour entries will be modeled during the **Go Red For Women Luncheon** at the Dearborn Inn on March 2.

Nancy Vella models a dress designed by Alexis Lewis for the Tour.

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Beyond the Aisle

Marshall Field's celebrates all things bridal at Beyond the Aisle, 8 a.m.-noon Feb. 18 at Somerset in Troy. The event will feature trunk shows, beauty seminars, registry tips, catering ideas and specialists to help you plan your big day. A fashion show will preview trends in bridal, mother-of-the-bride, bridesmaid and menswear. Couture bridal gown designer Romona Keveza and

The Knot Senior Online Editor Liz Zack will make appearances. Tickets, \$15. Call 1-800-210-0100.

Bridal Open House

The Community House in Birmingham will host its 7th annual Bridal Open House 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. Twenty exhibitors will display the freshest wedding tips and trends. Dale Morgan of Blossoms Florist will give "Bridal Style" seminars at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. Admission is free, and attendees get 20 percent off room rental fees at The Community House through April 7. RSVP at (248) 594-6400.

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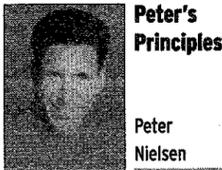
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Use right technique to be safe

Wait from Pontiac e-mails for workout safety tips. Walt, without the right precautions, a trip to the gym can turn out to be downright dangerous. It's especially sad when a healthy young athlete dies while working out. They usually have some type of heart disease that may have gone undetected by their doctor. But even healthy people can die during a workout. A crushing blow to the chest area is particularly dangerous. It can actually stop the heart beating in its tracks. At least five people die annually from a severe blow to the chest while bench pressing. They have also found that many accidents happen at home without proper supervision. These tragedies hammer home the importance of always using the right techniques during workouts and having someone standing by in case you run into any trouble.

Kathy from Redford e-mails asking if fasting will help her lose weight. Kathy, the truth is that fasting is overrated for both weight loss and cleansing the body of toxins. There is no evidence that fasting cleanses the body in any workout or that your digestive track needs any kind

Total fasting does result in short-term weight loss. However, most of the weight is fluid, not fat! As the fast continues you will lose some fat, but you will also lose important muscle.

of cleansing to begin with. Your digestive system is already efficient at cleansing itself thanks to Mother Nature! Total fasting does result in short-term weight loss. However, most of the weight is fluid, not fat! As the fast continues you will lose some fat, but you will also lose important muscle.

In general, if you're healthy, a 24-hour fast is OK. Remember, eating sensibly and exercising is the key to successful weight loss.

If you have a question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

HEALTH

Heart healthy

New book makes a great gift for Valentine's Day

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

If you're giving chocolate as a gift for Valentine's Day, George Rapis' new book might make a nice addition and could lead to a healthier heart as long as the recipient doesn't eat too many of the treats. According to a report cited by Rapis in *Ask the Nutritionists*, dark chocolate is a potent antioxidant that can gobble up free radicals, the destructive molecules implicated in heart disease.

"Dark chocolate can lower cholesterol, can even lower blood pressure and has flavonoids, the same compounds in red wine and tea that have disease-preventing benefits," said Rapis, a 31-year-old Livonia nutritionist who combined his love of food and health to earn a bachelor's degree in dietetics from Madonna University and a culinary arts certificate from Schoolcraft College.

Rapis presently teaches healthy cooking seminars to high school and adult students in Garden City, but held similar sessions on Recipe Makeovers for Oakwood Healthcare and scatters them throughout the paperback book. Look for hummus to serve as a spread or dip with whole wheat pitas or raw vegetables on page 73.

The Middle Eastern dish and chocolate are two of the topics easily accessed in the book which alphabetically covers cholesterol, eating to prevent cancer, osteoporosis, weight loss, supplements such as JuicePLUS+, and the dangers of high protein diets, to name a few. If you're confused about what foods are healthy to eat, *Ask the Nutritionists* has an answer for nearly every question.

Dr. Delia Garcia, who wrote the fore-

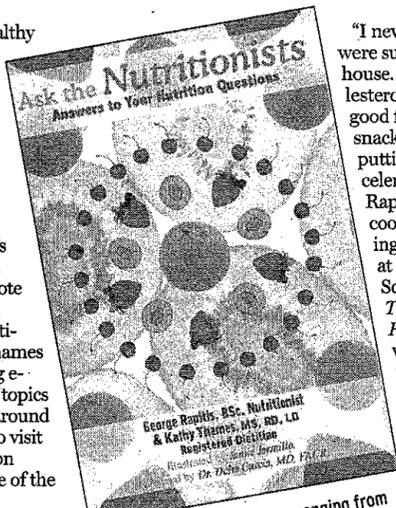
word, says healthy eating is a mystery to many families. Judging from the questions Rapis receives on www.alex-perts.com, he's not surprised. Rapis co-wrote the book with registered dietitian Kathy Thames after receiving e-mail on these topics from people around the world who visit the Web site on which he's one of the experts.

As a radiation oncologist, Garcia sees the end result of poor nutrition which is causing a rise in obesity, hypertension, diabetes, and cancer. Garcia is especially concerned because in the last 20 years she's noticed an increase in patients being diagnosed with breast cancer, and at a younger age.

"I try to answer questions people ask about most often," said Rapis, who now counsels clients at the Ford-Tel Medical Center in Dearborn after working as a nutritionist at Garden City Hospital. "Vegetarians want to know how to get more calcium. A lot of people are on the go. They want to know what can they eat. Others had questions about fussy toddlers - how to get them to eat better."

"I hope people use the book as a reference. There's so much confusing information out there."

Rapis did his research to find the answers. That wasn't as easy as it sounds with the vast amount of studies being published. Rapis found, the more he read, the more he learned.



George Rapis covers topics ranging from sports and brain nutrition to food cravings, fatigue, fiber, flaxseed oil, and kombu in his second book.

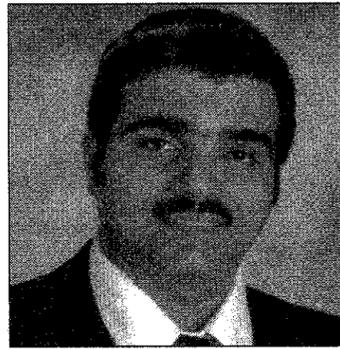
"I never knew almonds were such a nutrient powerhouse. They help with cholesterol, cancer and are a good fat, one of my favorite snacks. I especially like putting almond butter on celery sticks," said Rapis, whose interest in cooking grew while taking culinary arts classes at Franklin High School. His first book, *The Healthy Pregnancy Cookbook*, was co-written with food writer Jane Middleton and published in 2002 by Hungry Minds Inc.

"Low carb is more of a fad diet because you cut out a whole food group," said Rapis, who lists his favorite nutritional Web

sites in the book for those wanting more information. "Instead I like to talk about lifestyle changes. Diet is a negative word and only a temporary fix."

Rapis was raised in a Greek home so he learned to eat healthy at an early age. On a recent morning he began the day with oatmeal, fresh fruit and grape juice for breakfast, a tuna fish sandwich on whole wheat bread with a salad, yogurt and hummus for lunch, and grilled chicken with steamed broccoli and brown rice for dinner. Rapis works out every other day at Fitness USA in Westland to offset the calories he takes in. Exercising is something he's done since playing football at Franklin High School.

"My grandmother (Katherine Tsiknas) taught me to eat dandelion greens. She set the example by eating healthier," said Rapis, whose grandparents and parents immigrated to the United States from Greece. One grandmother, Anna Rapis is 103 and still



George Rapis answers questions about healthy eating in his new book.

lives on Chios, a Greek island. "She (Tsiknas) picked grape leaves from the back yard and stuffed them, made chicken soup from scratch. We never had fast food.

"In the U.S. our diets need a lot of revamping, portion sizes are huge. Add food calories to not exercising and sitting in front of the TV and there's a big problem with one in two men at risk of getting cancer, one in three women. In Greece there's less cancer and heart disease."

It's obvious Rapis likes to cook, but you'd never know that by looking at him. He has never been overweight.

"I like to eat, but I have changed how I eat. I'm not afraid to experiment," said Rapis. "You can make a lot of things with egg whites like the fresh vegetable frittata on page 10. One of my students loved eggs and stopped eating them because of the cholesterol, but eggs whites are very versatile and a healthy lean source of protein."

Ask the Nutritionists: Answers to Your Nutrition Questions is available at Zerbo's in Livonia and Barnes and Noble in Northville, or order from the publisher at www.authorhouse.com, amazon.com, or any local bookstore.

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Watch those rays: Sun protection is a must year-round

If you are one of the 10 million skiers or snowboarders expected to hit the slopes this winter season, remember to pack your sunscreen. It is easy to think that being in a cold environment does not put you at risk for sunburn, when in fact ultraviolet (UV) rays can be even more damaging on the slopes than on the beach.

Skiers and snowboarders may be unaware of the dangers they face from the sun while on the slopes. For every 1,000 feet of elevation, ultraviolet exposure increases by about 8-10 percent. So a skier with an average complexion, at 11,000 feet above sea level in Colorado, will burn at noon

after 6 minutes of unprotected sun exposure, compared to 14 minutes in Orlando. In addition, snow reflects about 80-percent of the ultraviolet light from the sun only compounding the problem and further increasing the risk for skin cancer.

"Statistics show that fewer than 20-percent of Americans wear sunscreen all year-round," said Dr. Perry Robins, president of the Skin Cancer Foundation. "That is not enough considering the sun shines 12-months a year and UV rays are present year-round no matter what season, altitude, temperature or time of day."

To protect yourself this ski

season, follow these important sun protection tips:

Use sunscreen whenever you spend time outdoors. Both snow and strong wind can reduce the effectiveness of sunscreen, so remember to use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Apply sunscreen liberally and evenly to all exposed skin. Be sure to cover often-missed spots: lips, ears, around eyes, neck, scalp and hands.

Reapply at least every 90-minutes and more often after sweating or exposure to wind and snow.

And cover up. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long

pants. Tightly woven fabrics and dark colors offer more protection.

UV-blocking sunglasses with wraparound or large frames protect your eyelids and the sensitive skin around your eyes, common sites for skin cancer and sun-induced aging.

Be mindful of time spent in the sun, regardless of the season. Keep track of the time you spend in full sunlight. If you are on the slopes for most of the day, take a few breaks indoors to reapply sunscreen.

Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration from the sun. Always remember, in ice and snow wear a hat, sun-

screen and lip balm, and slip on some sunglasses to cut down on the sun's reflection. To find out more about how to protect yourself from the sun this winter and all year-round, visit www.skincancer.org, or call (800) SKIN-490.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only national and international organization concerned exclusively with the world's most common malignancy - cancer of the skin. The mission of this non-profit organization is to increase public and professional awareness about the prevention, early detection and treatment of skin cancer.

Breast cancer patients are needed for acupuncture study at Henry Ford

Henry Ford Hospital is conducting a study to test the effectiveness of acupuncture for reducing hot flashes experienced by breast cancer patients receiving hormonal therapy.

Researchers hope that the traditional Chinese practice leads to a new treatment option for patients.

"This study has the potential to dramatically decrease the incidence of hot flashes in hormone-treated breast cancer patients," said radiation oncologist Dr. Eleanor Walker, the study's lead investigator. "An alternative form of treatment

with minimal or no side effects is needed to improve the quality of life for these patients."

As part of the study, Walker works with acupuncturist Beth Kohn. Patients can choose to participate in the study at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit or at Henry Ford Medical Center in Novi.

Breast cancer patients who are treated with chemotherapy and/or hormonal therapy commonly experience hot flashes and other symptoms of premature menopause. An estimated 65 percent of breast cancer patients experience hot flashes,

and in many cases the symptoms are severe.

Hormone replacement therapy - estrogen and progestin - is used to treat hot flashes in many women. However, HRT is not used in breast cancer patients who have hot flashes because of evidence that it poses a high risk of cancer recurrence.

Walker says the antidepressant drug Effexor is one of the most common therapies for treating hot flashes in breast cancer patients. Seventy of the 140 patients enrolled in the two-year study will be random-

ly assigned to receive acupuncture for 12 weeks. The other half will receive Effexor.

Eligible participants are pre- or postmenopausal breast can-

cer patients receiving hormonal therapy with either the anti-estrogen drug tamoxifen or arimidex, patients who experience 14 hot flashes a week,

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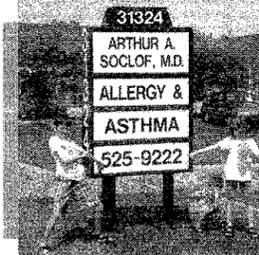


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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Cholesterol screenings

In honor of National Heart Month, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is teaming up with Kroger to offer cholesterol screenings. The cost is \$10. No fasting required. According to the American Heart Association, while 200 mg/dL or less is a desirable cholesterol level, nearly 107 million Americans age 20 or older have blood cholesterol levels of 200 mg/dL (considered borderline high) and almost 38 million have levels of 240 mg/dL or above (considered high blood cholesterol). Cardiovascular diseases rank as America's No. 1 killer, claiming the lives of 38 percent of the more than 2.4 million Americans who die each year. High blood cholesterol levels are a risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

For dates, times and locations, see the schedule below or visit www.vna.org:
 2-6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at 6625 Dixie Highway in Maybee, Clarkston; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 9741 Dixie Highway, Clarkston; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 47060 Pontiac Trail at Beck, Walled Lake; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 47650 Grand River, Novi; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 5111 Highland and Crescent Lake roads, Waterford; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 5990 Sashabaw, Independence Township; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 3097 Baldwin Road, and 2-6 p.m. Feb. 21, 460 N. Lapeer, Orion Township; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 19855 12 Mile, Southfield; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 10805 Highland at Elizabeth Lake, White Lake; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 25780 Middlebelt Road at 11 Mile, Farmington.

Wellness seminars

To lose weight 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, and to stop smoking Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Crittenton Hospital Medical Center 1101 W. University Dr., Rochester, Main Entrance, second floor. The Wellness Seminar Programs combine the power of hypnosis with behavior modification. Participants learn to stop smoking without weight gain or withdrawals, or lose weight without feelings of deprivation or denial. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, they pay a one-time fee of \$69, and includes hypnotic session, behavior modification booklet, home reinforcement audiocassette tape (CD's are available), and unlimited free repetitions of the hypnosis if needed. Save \$10 by registering at our web-site www.easywillpower.com. No reservations required. For more information, call (800) 848-2822.

Heart health

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in the United States. Because awareness is more important than ever, Oakwood Community Health is offering a number of women's health screenings in cooperation with Life Line Screening to test for a blocked carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis. All for a nominal fee. Registration required. The dates and locations follow: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, and Thursday, March 2 and 21, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Cost is \$8. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims (\$4). 9:30 a.m. to 5

p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Cherry Hill (\$8).

Participants are not required to fast for any of the services listed. For more information, call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org.

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month to discuss divorce and family issues (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 p.m.) on the first Monday of each month, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

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, Feb. 14, 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.

Intro to Pilates

A guide through the basic Pilates philosophy and principles, includes lecture, demonstration and question and answer session (dress comfortably) 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Oakland Physical Therapy, 47601 Grand River at Beck, Suite B124, Novi, use northeast entrance. To register, call (248) 380-3550.

Bariatric seminar

Learn more about Bariatric Surgery at free educational seminars 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Speakers are surgeon Tallal Zeni, MD, director, Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery; and Paula Magid, director, Bariatric Program. Bariatric weight loss surgery is a minimal surgical approach to treating obesity and is performed laparoscopically, resulting in minimal pain, less scarring, shorter hospitalization and recovery time. Call (734) 655-2692 to register.

Sharing & Caring

State of Genetic Testing and Markers with William Beaumont Hospital certified genetics counselor Whitney Ducaine 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 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.

G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6-7 p.m. Feb. 17 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. 17, and every Friday, in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information, call

(734) 464-0027.

Half hour to health

A fun and informative look at how the human body works and the five aspects of health will be covered in a lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. Topics include the most beneficial foods for your health and how low carb diets may be dangerous for some individuals, learn how to sleep correctly and eat and drink to reach optimal health. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 455-4444.

Role play workshop

Samaritan Counseling Services is offering a workshop on improving interpersonal skills 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Samaritan's Conference Room. Gain insight into yourself, improve interpersonal relationships, learn to handle anger, fear and hurt through the Bleebs method of scenario role playing led by the Rev. Maymette Dolberry. Sessions will be offered each month for those who would like to continue to sharpen their interpersonal relationship skills. Reduced rate if four or more sign up. For details and registration, call (734) 677-0609.

Eating disorders sessions

A two-part educational presentation about eating disorders, focusing on how genetics plays a role 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 (focus on adolescents) and Wednesday, March 1 (focus on adults), in the first floor auditorium of the Administration Building at William Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. No charge. For information, call (248) 898-9700.

Golf fitness seminar

Gearing Up for Golf 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Orthopedic surgeon Philip Schmitt, D.O., and physical therapist John Connolly discuss how range of motion and proper body mechanics can affect your golf game and how to physically prepare for the season so as to prevent injury, also how long you can expect an injury to keep you

off the greens. No charge. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 937-3314.

Hearing air program

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Art exhibit

Artist and cancer survivor Arlene Evans displays a collection of original

artwork that captures the powerful healing effects of nature, through March 31, at the Nancy A. Fox Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. For more information, call (248) 465-5455.

Volunteers wanted

The Beaumont Hospice Volunteer Program is seeking volunteers (especially in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Clarkston, and Novi) to provide companionship and visiting to patients residing in homes, nursing homes, or assisted living. For more information, call Dan Rouan at (248) 743-9405.

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.

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. Advance registration. Call (248) 348-4980.

Yoga classes

Began in January at the Assarian Cancer Center in Novi and Providence Hospital in Southfield. Times are 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday, Novi 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. Call (248) 465-5455.

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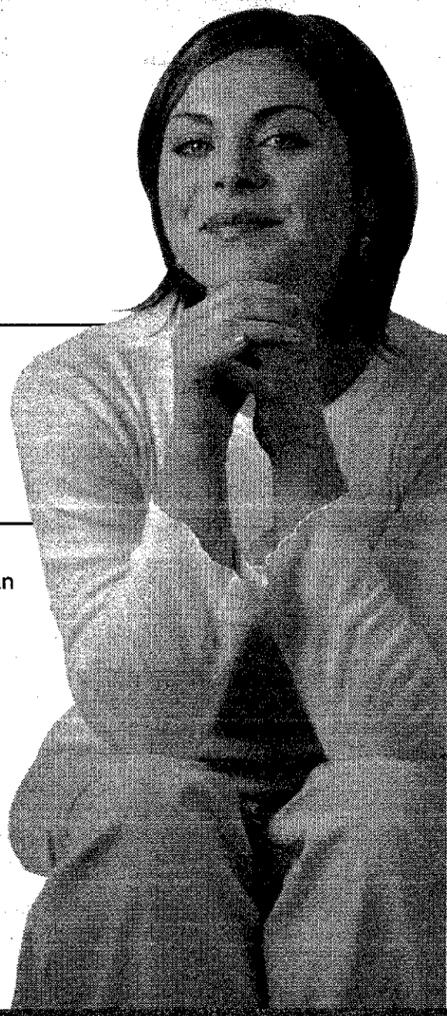
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(NewsUSA) — Are you looking for a job that meets your qualifications, financial needs and lifestyle? Many people quickly see that finding that perfect job is easier said than done. In fact, the search for employment can be downright stressful.

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■ Utilize all resources. Though it's common to look for jobs on the Internet, don't forget to check the job section in local newspapers. After all, not all jobs are posted online. If you have friends or family members who work in your field, ask them if they know of any job openings. You also can network at conferences and other events that are held for professionals in your field.

■ Meet with a job counselor. This will not only give you another set of eyes to look for jobs, your counselor also can give you advice on your resume and cover letter.

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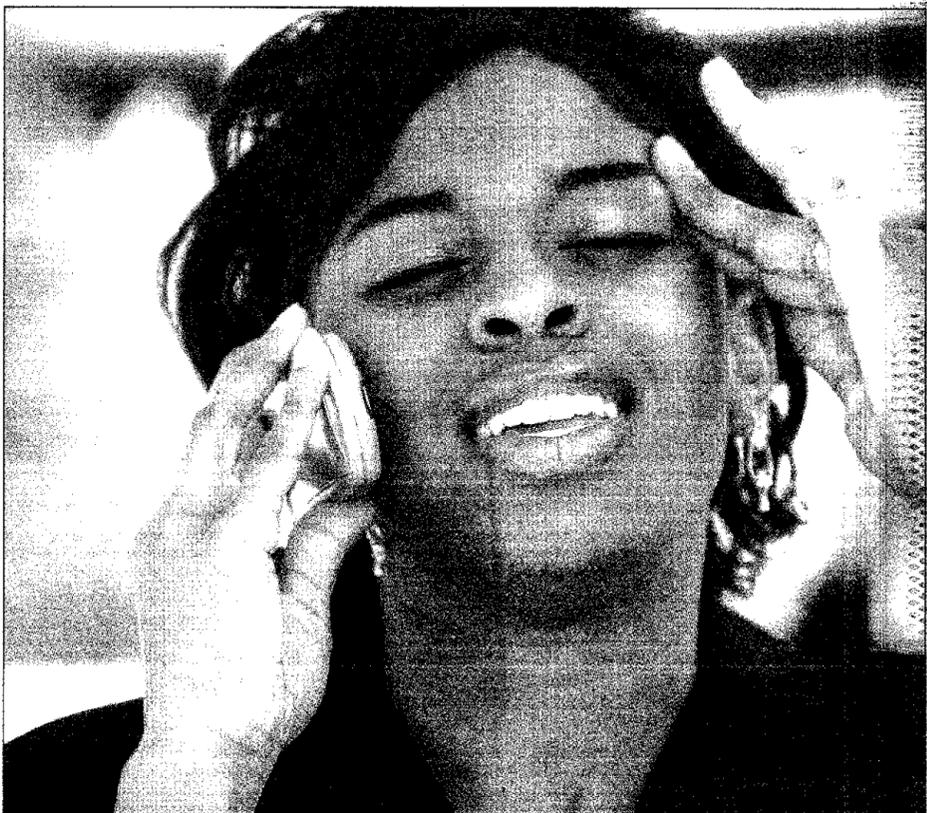
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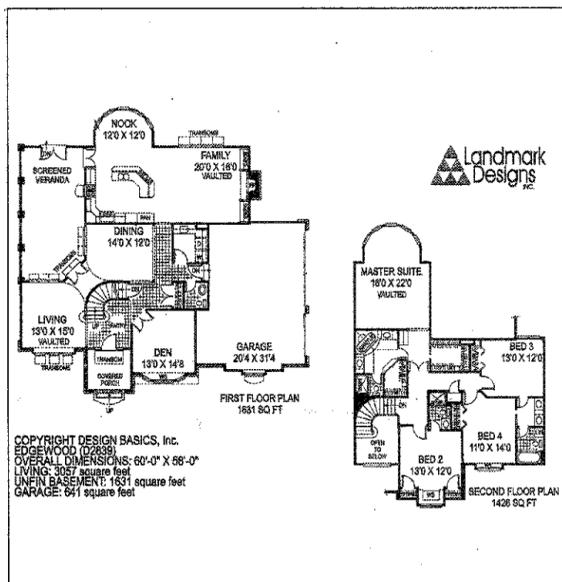
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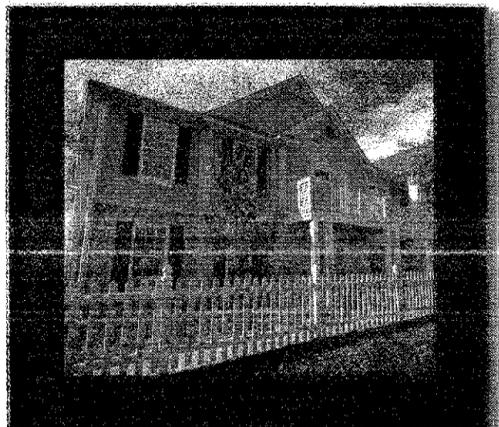
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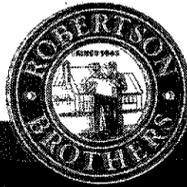
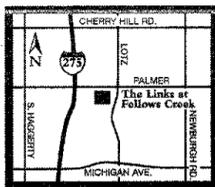
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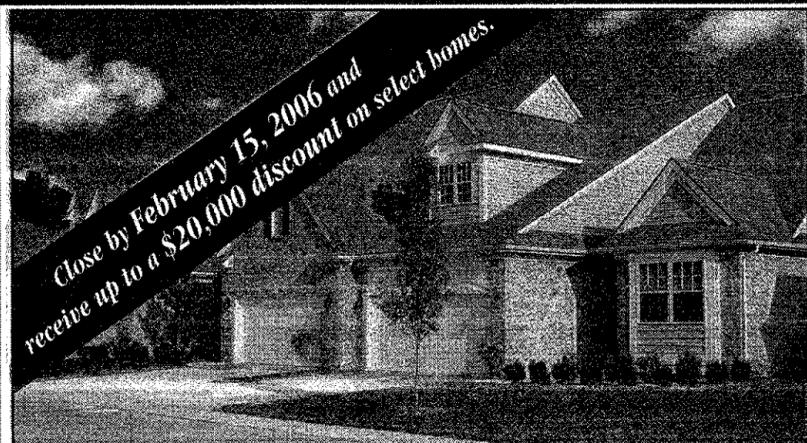


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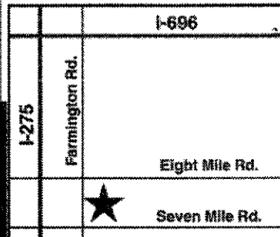


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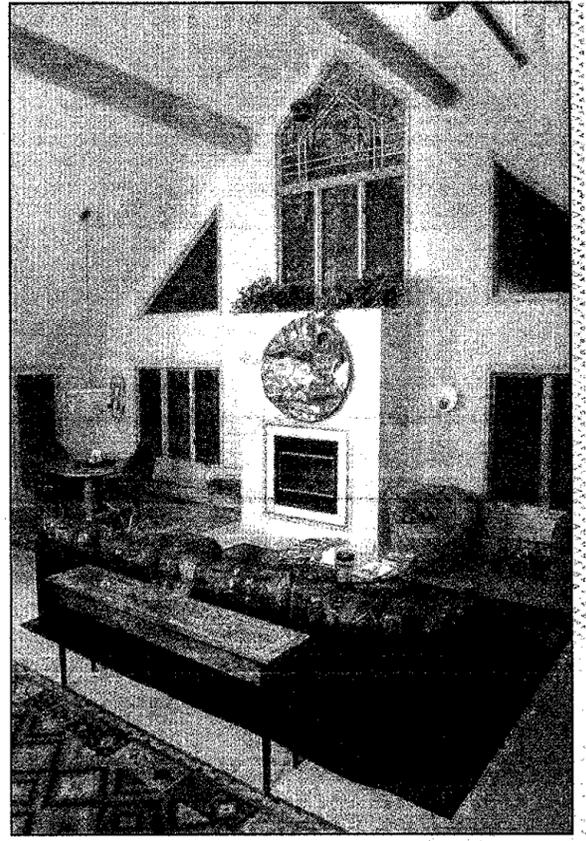
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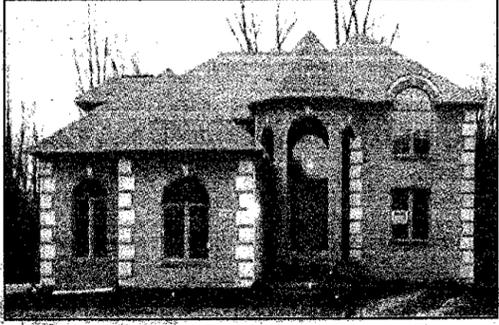
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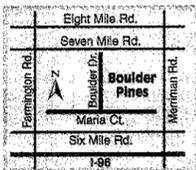
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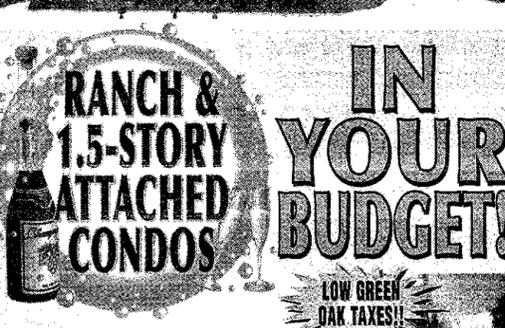
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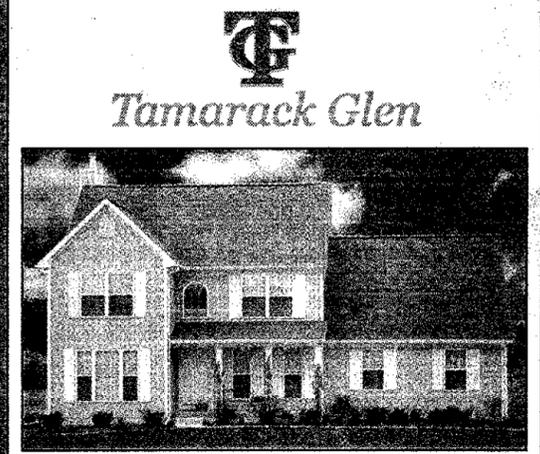
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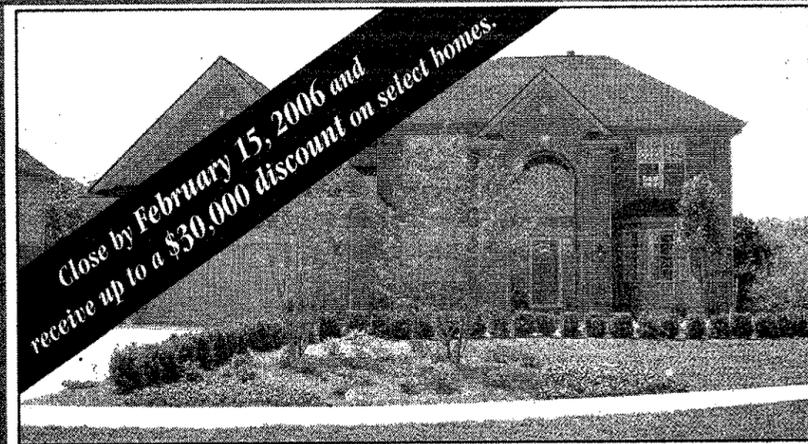
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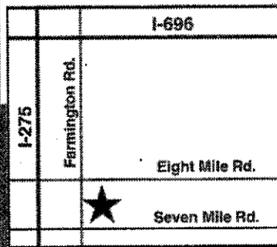
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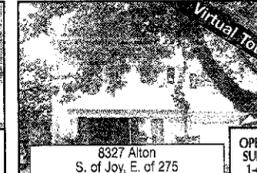
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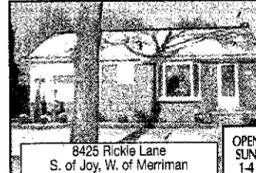
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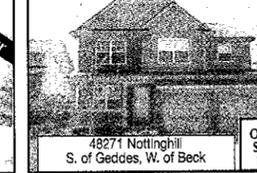
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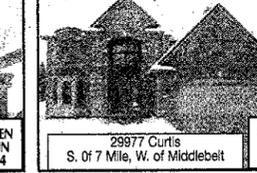
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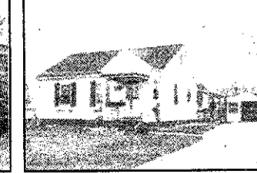
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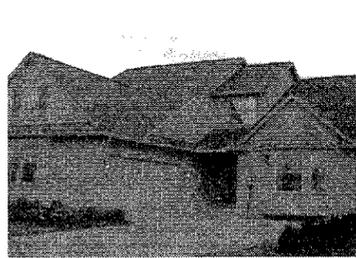
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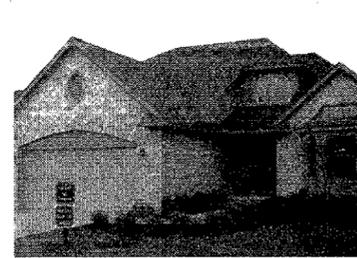
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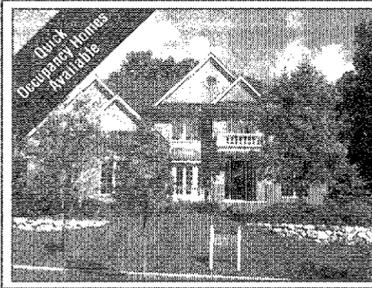
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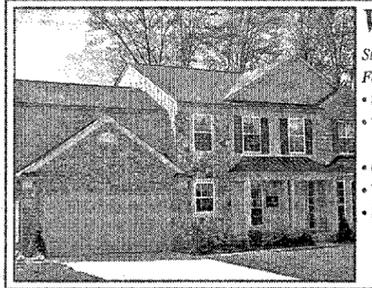
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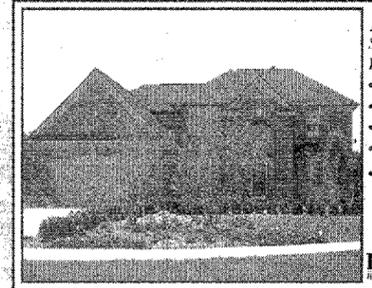
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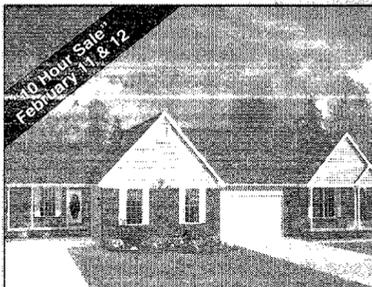
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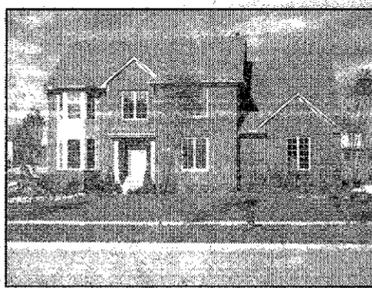
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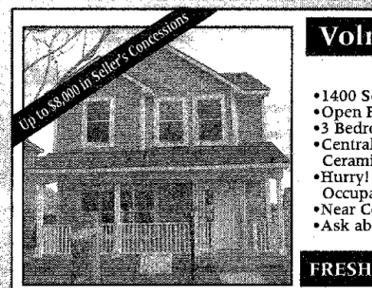
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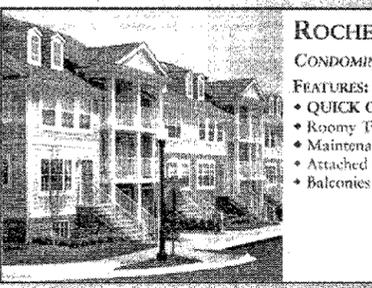
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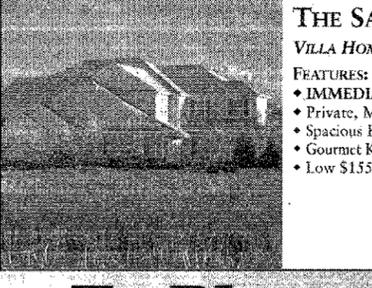
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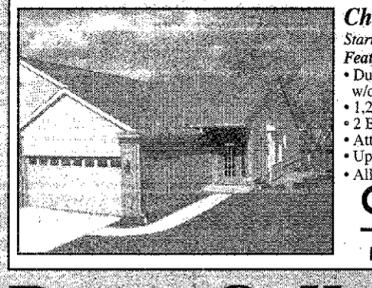
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■ The location. That is something that is not easily changed. It's hard to pick a house up and move it to a dif-

ferent location.

■ The foundation. This could be very expensive to fix.

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

■ The roof, furnace, how water heater, or anything else that would be costly to fix if something went wrong.

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

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However, if there are things you don't like about the house, ask yourself whether the cause of the concern can be inexpensively changed. If it can be easily fixed than I would suggest that the problem shouldn't

deter you from buying the house that you want.

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■ noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Brick Selection: What Will Work Best for Your Homes?" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

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■ 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Feb. 21, "Planning & Scheduling" at BIA Headquarters, Arrangements were handled by Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145 for Remodelers Council members,

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ROCHESTER HILLS Private & Secluded
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HIGHLAND New Model Custom
South Bay Shores prestigious boaters comm on Duck Lake. 2004 bft. brick w/4 BD, 3.5 BA, 3-car, acre lot, the best of everything used in this home. A must see. Vacant lots avail. too. Huron Valley.
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Gorgeous Home
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NORTHVILLE Golf Course Community
Best kept secret in the golf club. Custom builder fir plan. Huge kit & bkst rm opens to 2-story GR. Granite T/O. Extensive trim T/O. Fin. W/O w/kit. BA, rec rm, 3 trpcls, MBR ste w/sitting rm & huge bath.
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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 with dressing area, tub and shower. Nice location in great family sub.
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DRYDEN Majestic Country Estate
Regal 5 bedroom, 6.5 bath home on approx 13 rolling acres of gorgeous pines and woods. Elegant decor, dramatic entrance w/curved staircase, soaring ceilings, 3 kits, 3 trpcls, finished walk-out lower level, 6 car gar.
(B00ROC) 248-652-8000 \$1,699,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful 4 BR Home
Open floor plan, extra high ceiling, oble staircase, mstr ste w/tub and shower, granite kitchen w/hardwood floor, spacious basement w/full bath, extra bedroom and office. Home backs to protected woodlands.
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Don't Miss This
Historic home. You'll feel like you are living in north, on vacation, while just being in the city of Bloomfield Hills. Great curb appeal w/lge apartment about gar w/full kit, BA and 2 BR's.
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SOUTH LYON Custom Built Showplace
Tanglewood Golf Community offers incredible 4 BR, 5.1 BA colonial w/Brazilian cherry flrs, marble, granite. Cust lighting, freshly painted T/O. Custom wood library w/bfr-in shelves. Quality & workmanship. Must see.
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TROY Interior Sub, Newly Built
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/Troy schools. Formal LR, dining room, den, Great Room with vaulted ceiling. Large kitchen with center island. Breakfast area with patio doors. Professionally landscaped with paver patio.
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OAKLAND Wooded Estate
Completely redesigned and rebuilt in 1994. Priv. retreat on approx 1.6 acres. Custom cabinets throughout, den w/private balcony overlooking courtyard and in-ground pool, master ste, finished walk out w/kitchen and bath.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Spectacular Newer Home
Dram. foyer, cstm details t/o, exten. use of marble & hrdwd flrs, kit w/gran, cnts/backsplashes, upscale appll., columns btw LR-DR, step up MBR ste w/wet bar, lib and luxurious BA. W/O LL. Brick pavers, Pvt lot.
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BIRMINGHAM New 2005 Quality Built
In town home. Mahogany frt door, Brazilian cherry flrs and gourmet kit w/marble and granite. Sun room, bath w/granite, MBR ste w/WIC and balcony. Well insulated. Fin. bsmt w/bath. 2 car att gar and 5 yr warranty incl.
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NORTHVILLE Residence of Dignity
Private home setting on approx 2 acres overlooks pond. Walk to town. 4BR, 4BA, 4 fireplaces, 3-car garage. Master bdrm retreat, finished lower level. Finest quality.
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ROCHESTER HILLS Spectacular
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo with Travertine marble floors, soaring ceilings, spacious kit, and 2 car garage. Two-story foyer and Great Room. First floor laundry. Private yard, all on a premium lot in the Sanctuary.
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TROY Spectacular New Build
Well appointed 4 BR, 3.1 BA, 3 car gar. home. Chef's kit, boasts grand island, prep sink, warming drawer and double oven. Beautiful hrdwd fir and wrought iron staircase set off soaring ceilings. Walk out basement.
(B34WYN) 248-652-8000 \$948,000



ORCHARD LAKE Extensively Updated
2-1/2 story GR w/frp space, in last 2 months: carpet t/o, ext. stain and granite counter. Newer furn, C/A, hot water heater, roof tear-off, LL W/O w/rec area. Pool-spa area w/decking, fountain. Backs to nature preserve.
(B13CHE) 248-626-8800 \$539,000



BIRMINGHAM This Beauty is a must see!
Remodeled in 05, hrdwd flrs T/O, granite counters in kit and 3 BAs. Heated and A/C carriage gar w/bonus 400 sq. ft. Many rms, meticulously maintained home w/great curb appeal. Prf. landscaped w/water feature. Koi pond.
(AB45COL) 248-642-8100 \$599,900



NORTHVILLE Perfection At Its Best!
Recently updated w/original windows, fir, woodwork are all in excellent condition. Two new baths, upstairs has steam shower, MBR/WIC, play rm, fin LL w/lvne cellar w/work area. Delightful yard. Walk to town.
(13HIG) 248-349-5600 \$539,900



TROY 4 Bedroom 4 Bath
Remodeled colonial. Hardwood flrs, newer carpeting, formal DR, large eat-in kit w/island and oak cabinets. Professionally finished basement with full bath. First flr laundry. Freshly painted throughout. Home warranty.
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MILFORD Magnificent Prop. On Market
Over 3 acres, perfect house for most discriminating buyer, custom home w/quality throughout, park like setting w/brick paver patio and benches for relaxation. Entertain in style, open floor plan.
(B96JAC) 248-363-1200 \$847,777



HIGHLAND TWP Duck Lake Cape Cod
Never bit 3 or 4 BR home. FR MBR, lge bonus rm-4th BR w/water, plan fir & vaulted cel, GR w/frp & cstm cell, cherry cabs & granite in lge kit w/bklt rm. Oak hrdwd flrs in entry, kit, GR, FFL. Pavers. Sandy beach.
(B40CHE) 248-626-8800 \$589,900



BEVERLY HILLS Fabulous 4 BR, 3.5 BA
Colonial w/wooded yard, pool, spa, stone patio and gardens. Remodeled kit w/granite, SS appls, bkfst area in Atrium setting w/cath ceilings. FR w/frp, MBR ste w/2 way frp, sitting area & Jacuzzi bath.
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NORTHVILLE Elegance At Its Best
Enter into a gallery foyer leading to a stately music conservatory, luxurious mstr ste, executive kit w/volume ceilings, crown molding & granite T/O. Hrdwd flrs, 5 BR, 4.2 BA, tab custom LL w/walk-out.
(B04CLA) 734-455-5600 \$1,097,500



TROY Lovingly Maintained
6 year old colonial with 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs, large GR and huge deck overlooking the backyard. Beautiful professional basement with full bath. Hardwood foyer, neutral decor. Home warranty included. Troy Schools.
(B99GAR) 248-524-1600 \$409,000



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



WOLVERINE LAKE Vacation at Home
Lake frontage. Updated oak kitchen, carpet installed in November-very open floor plan. Wake up looking at Wolverine Lake, you will feel like you are on vacation every day of the year.
(7ALAD) 248-626-8800 \$499,000



ROCHESTER HILLS 4 BR, 3.1 BA
1993 built colonial in Thornridge Sub. MBR ste, beautiful eat in kit w/island, cherry cabs, hrdwd flrs and granite counters. FR w/frp, lib, LR, formal DR and FFL. Fin W/O bsmt, 3 car gar, brick paver patio and deck.
(B64AYN) 248-642-8100 \$515,000



CANTON Exceptional Colonial
Fabulous 4 BR, 3 full & 2 half BA in this 2000 bit home. Grand 2 sty foyer, dual staircase, FR w/wall of windows, gourmet kit has cherry cabinets, 2 trpcls, 3 c att gar, bsmt & lg deck.
(B76MAN) 734-455-5600 \$484,999



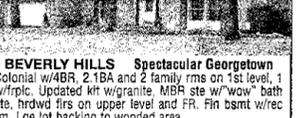
WASHINGTON TWP Fabulous Custom Ranch
Home on approx 1 acre cul-de-sac lot. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, formal living room, dining room, Great Room, den, gourmet kitchen and prof finished basement, 3-car heated garage. FFL, three season room.
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HIGHLAND Lakefront & Golf Community
Yes, you can have it all, fabulous house w/approx 5000 sq. ft of living space, 3 fireplaces, all purpose rms, 3 car gar over an acre of land leading to pristine Dunham Lake. Custom built walkout ranch.
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MILFORD Welcome to Royalty Home
This home has it all, sits on a wooded 3.63 acre lot, 2 sty foyer & GR w/2 spiral staircases, FF MBR, 4 add BR gar over an acre of land leading to pristine Dunham Lake. Custom built walkout ranch.
(B56TAL) 248-626-8800 \$1,999,000



BEVERLY HILLS Spectacular Georgetown
Colonial w/4BR, 2.1BA and 2 family rms on 1st level, 1 w/frp, updated kit w/granite, MBR ste w/wow" bath ste, hrdwd flrs on upper level and FR. Fin bsmt w/rec rm. Lge lot backing to wooded area.
(B15GEO) 248-642-8100 \$497,500



GROSSE ILE Brick Stately Manor
5 BR, 3.5 BA, att side entry gar, Pella windows, gas frp, lg park like yard. Open kit w/Corian counters & island, hrdwd flrs, granite baths, fam rm, den, office, library, din rm, & finished basement w/bath.
(B41MER) 734-455-5600 \$494,900



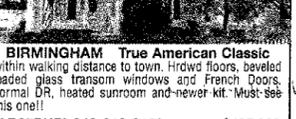
OAKLAND Magnificent Estate
Situated on approx 2.4 acres of beautifully manicured grounds. Fully automated smart house, technology includes security surveillance cameras, 7 car garage, finished walkout lower level.
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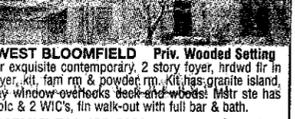
MILFORD Magnificent Cape Cod
on approx 1+ acre, 4BR, 4.5BA. Vaulted entry & LR, island kit w/cherry cabinets, Lux main flr master. Hrdwd flrs in foyer, kit, brfst nook & FR. Prof. Fin. w/wet bar, frp, game area & media nook, 3 car garage.
(B49BEA) 248-363-1200 \$965,900



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Magnificent Estate
Stone constructed in 2001 6 BR, 5.2 BA in exclusive priv. community. FF MBR, 2-story foyer and GR, extensive use of marble/granite, hrdwd LL, fin W/O w/privr apair quarters, kit, 2 BA, 2 BR, theater rm! Fab!
(B48TUR) 248-626-8800 \$3,650,000



BIRMINGHAM True American Classic
within walking distance to town. Hrdwd floors, beveled leaded glass transom windows and French Doors, Formal DR, heated sunroom and newer kit. Must see this one!
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Priv. Wooded Setting
for exquisite contemporary, 2 story foyer, hrdwd fir in foyer, kit, fam rm & powder rm. Kit has granite island, bay window overhubs deck and woods! Mstr ste has frp & 2 WIC's, fin walk-out with full bar & bath.
(B37MIS) 734-455-5600 \$499,900



OAKLAND TWP European Country Estate
Old world charm meets modern day conveniences in this beautifully appointed custom built 5 bedroom, 4.2 bath, 4 car gar home with golf course views. Fabulous amenities and exceptional detail.
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COMMERCE All Sports Lakefront
3-4 bdrm. Home sits on large, high lot offering panoramic views of Lake Sherwood, 1st flr mstr, fin w/o, unique architecture, sandy beach, over 120 ft of frontage. Huron Valley Schools.
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FRANKLIN Beautiful Building Site
Over 2 acres, rolling and wooded. Lge pond in the back. House currently on property. Lrg lot provides plenty of room for any size home, pool, etc... Birmingham Schools.
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NOVI Fantastic Home
Spacious 4BR home w/lots of molding. Granite in kitchen and baths. All tile flooring on main level, 3 car gar. Lge master bedroom w/huge WIC & Bath. Jack & Jill bdrms. Guest rm w/priv. bath. Landscaped w/sprinklers
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CANTON Custom Cape Cod 2005
New const. On approx 1 acre lot w/4 bdrm, 3.5 BA, 4 c. att gar, frp in both great rm & library. Lg kit w/bayd nook area. Admired 2 staircase layout. 2 story foyer, full bsmt & so much more.
(B51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$790,000



OAKLAND Over Three Acres
Stone and cedar shake Cape Cod nestled in a natural setting, first floor master suite, gourmet kitchen, bonus room, 4 bedrooms, 4.2 baths, finished walk out w/kit, full bath and 5th bedroom. 4 car heated garage.
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COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting
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BLOOMFIELD Classic Design & Materials
Fab kit w/walkout and granite, LR w/12' ceilings, huge 1st flr MBR ste. Lrg deck w/view of gilbert lake, LL W/O leading to manicured yard. Exercise rm, BR, bath and sauna in LL.
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NORTHVILLE Stonewater Beauty
Perfect transferee home! Loaded w/upgrades. Crown Molding, custom carpet, designer lighting, custom cabinets, 2-way frp in FR & kit. Frp in master sitting rm. Glamour bath, custom brck pavers, gorgeous view!
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CANTON Spectacular Colonial
All the upgrades in this 4 bdrm, 3 full & 2 half bath home offering att gar, full bsmt, gourmet island kitchen w/granite, mstr ste w/wooded area, hrdwd flrs & open floor plan backing to private wooded area.
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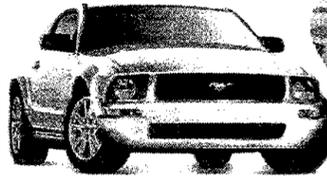


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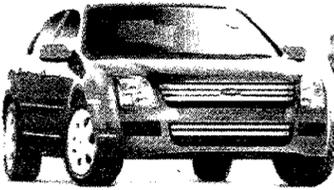


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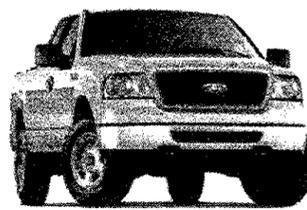


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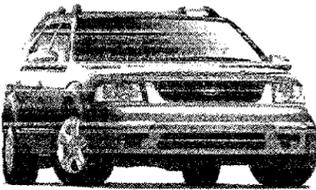


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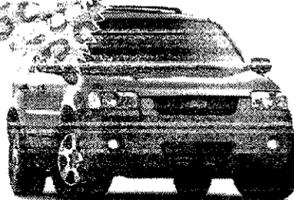


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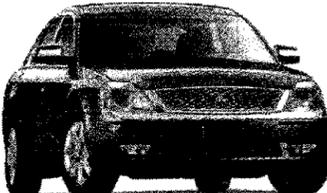


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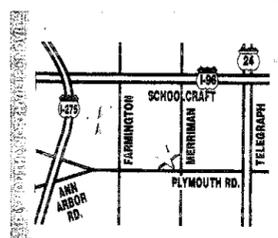
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When you're in the market for a car that carries the moniker "high performance" do you look at a Volvo? Until recently, probably not. It's more likely that when you think of Volvo, you think of safety and high resale value. Volvo, I'm sure, is happy to be known for those two things; now the company wants you to think of it when you're looking for high performance cars. The 2006 S60 R is one of the cars Volvo wants you to put on your high performance "must-see" list.

The S60 R was redesigned for the 2005 model year and, while you can still tell it's a Volvo, it's sharper and better-looking than previous models. The classic Volvo grille is still upfront, and the standard Xenon high-intensity headlamps are rectangular with rounded corners; they come with washers and automatic level control. Heated outside mirrors, fog lamps, 17-inch alloy wheels, and a rear spoiler are also part of the package.

Volvo has put a powerful engine inside this station wagon. It's a 2.5-liter five-cylinder DOHC turbo with twin intercoolers. It's rated at 300 hp and 295 lb.-ft. of torque. It's mated with a six-speed manual transmission and a six-speed automatic with "autostick" is available as an option. The automatic shifts smoothly and the car gets off the line quickly. With the manual, you can go 0-60 in 5.4 seconds - 6.4 with the automatic. It takes premium fuel and is rated at 18/25 mpg.

The S60 R comes with all-wheel drive and with what Volvo calls Instant Traction. It's fitted with a computer-controlled Haldex AWD system that gibes you up to 50 percent more torque to the rear axle when needed. While it's nice to have AWD when you need it, the ride and handling suffer a bit, and making a U-turn is a challenge. The front suspension system features MacPherson struts with asymmetri-



2006 Volvo S60 R. Vehicle class: Sedan. Where built: Ghent, Belgium. EPA: 18/25. Base price: \$37,920. Price as tested: \$43,735

cally mounted coil springs, electronically controlled hydraulic shocks and stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a multi-link independent system with coil springs, electronically controlled hydraulic shocks, and stabilizer bar. Power-assisted, speed-sensitive rack-and-pinion power steering and traction control are standard. Ride and handling are good - not great, and there are three different suspension settings, none of which made a huge difference that I could feel. There's a bit too much road feel for me, and, as I mentioned earlier, the wide turning circle makes U-turns a challenge (watch out for the curb).

Inside is where the S60 R really shines. It's roomy, comfortable and full of standard equipment. The standard heated eight-way power adjustable leather seats come with lumbar support and are easy to adjust to a comfortable position. There's plenty of room for passengers and cargo; the rear seats are 60/40 fold down with a pass-thru to the trunk. The leather-wrapped steering wheel is adjustable, as well.

Dual zone climate control is standard, as are cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors, rear defroster, trip computer, and cupholders in both front and rear.

The standard audio system in the S60 R is an AM/FM/CD system with 100 watt amplifier and six speakers. You can upgrade to a six-CD system with Dolby Pro-Logic sound and 350 watts of power. It sounds great but is poorly laid out, for US customers,

at least. When you see a knob on the far right, you expect to use it to tune the radio, right? Not with Volvo; that knob is used to change from AM to FM to CD. To tune, you have to push an unlabeled button on the upper right. On the plus side, Volvo also offers an iPod attachment system. You plug your iPod into the cable and it charges the iPod and plays it through the audio system. Unfortunately, there's no iPod display screen built in and your iPod's screen won't display while it's plugged in. You have to remember what number playlist you're looking to play and select it from the radio unit. A little awkward, but it's a nice addition for iPod owners. A navigation system is also available.

As you would expect with Volvo's safety reputation, the S60 R has a lot of safety features. Inflatable side curtains are standard, as are a rear fog light, whiplash protection seating system, and side impact airbags.

The 2006 Volvo S60 R starts at a shade under \$38,000. Add the upgraded audio system (which comes with a moon roof, for some reason), automatic transmission, metallic paint and optional 18-inch wheels and you're up to almost \$44,000.

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