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'The greatest job on earth'

Original firefighters reflect
on years of service

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Six of Canton's veteran firefighters hung up their gear for the final time Thursday. Between them, Capt. Dennis Draplin and Melvin (Rick) Paulun, and Lts. Thomas Battistone, George Daubresse, James Sumner and Jack Raker put in a combined 174 years of service for the community.



Daubresse

During those years, they have been called upon to fight fires, save lives and respond to tragedies, including the night they were called in to help with the crash of Flight 255 near Metro Airport.

Each can recall nights on the job when they were the difference between life and death, such as Draplin who vividly remembers the time he and another firefighter found an unconscious woman in an apartment that was on fire. Draplin, who was first hired in 1975 as a fire cadet and as a full-time firefighter in 1977, never considered himself a hero, but understands that firefighters do play a special role in a community.

When you do it, you don't say, 'Oh, I'm a hero.' It's not until afterwards, when someone says you pulled a person out of a fire that you realize what you've done," Draplin said.

Battistone, who has received four life saving awards during his 29 years with the department, said some of his most memorable days on the job didn't include fires at all.

"I've delivered seven babies over the years. In fact, I've had people name babies after me," said Battistone, who plans to do a lot of hunting and fishing in retirement. "It's been a wonderful ride for me."

The firefighters are all trained in EMS as well.

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Thursday was the last day on the job for retiring Canton firefighters Tom Battistone and Jack Raker (from left standing on truck), and Dennis Draplin, Rick Paulun and Jim Sumner (from left on ground). Firefighter George Daubresse, who is also retiring, is not pictured.

Prosecutor looks at new charges in home invasion case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Relatives and supporters of four defendants packed a Westland courtroom Thursday for a hearing that will determine whether the young men should stand trial for a home invasion involving charges of torture.

They'll have to wait. The preliminary hearing they came to watch was postponed for a week, delaying potential testimony against four defendants accused of barging into a Westland man's apartment, torturing him, robbing him at gunpoint and taking his car.

Charged with torture, first-degree home invasion and armed robbery are James Michael

Hobson, 18, and Harry James Taylor, 23, both of Canton, and DeCory Lamar Sharpe, 19, of Westland.

Hobson and Taylor, who also is known by the last name of Miller, also have a felony firearms charge against them.

The fourth defendant, 19-year-old Laquinta Terry of Southfield, is charged with armed robbery, first-degree home invasion and driving a stolen vehicle.

In court Thursday, Prosecutor Luke Skywalker indicated that he may seek to add stolen car charges against Hobson, Taylor and Sharpe.

The four defendants are charged in a home invasion that happened about 2 a.m. Sept. 20 on the city's northwest side, in the Westland Village Apartments at Joy and Hix.

During the incident, a 47-year-old victim was robbed after being ordered at gunpoint to lie on the floor. Police said the intruders put packing tape around his head and mouth and tied up his hands and feet.

For the next 30 minutes, police Sgt. Steve Borisch has said, the intruders ransacked the man's apartment — stealing guns, liquor, credit cards and a cell phone before taking the victim's 2005 Monte Carlo.

Hobson, Sharpe and Taylor are jailed in lieu of a \$1 million cash bond, while Terry's bond is \$500,000 cash.

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Canton Marine killed in sniper attack

Evelyn Burgess said she knew something terrible had happened when three Marines showed up at the front door of her Westland home.

"I knew something was wrong, I knew he was gone," said Burgess, 61, about being notified her only child, 35-year-old Marine sergeant Bryan Burgess of Canton Township, was killed by a sniper's bullet Thursday while serving with the 1st Battalion of the 24th Marines in Fallujah. "They told me he was shot

through the cheek and the bullet went through his neck and killed him instantly."

Bryan Burgess lived with a roommate the past several months in Canton before being deployed, but was raised in Westland and attended Livonia Franklin High School. Evelyn Burgess said her son was in the Marines for 11 years and traveled around the world, but this was his first tour of duty in Iraq.

"He had only been in Iraq for six weeks and I was afraid for him," she

said. "But, he wanted to serve his country and be with his fellow Marines."

He didn't want to disappoint them.

"He was on my mind 24 hours a day, but he liked the challenge," said Evelyn Burgess. "I'm very proud of him."

Burgess said she's hopeful her son's body will be back home on Wednesday.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

'He had only been in Iraq for six weeks and I was afraid for him. But, he wanted to serve his country and be with his fellow Marines.'

Evelyn Burgess
mother of Marine sergeant Bryan Burgess who was killed in action

Residents ready to voice concerns about river trail

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton residents will have another opportunity this week to voice their opinions about a proposed sanitary sewer and recreation trail along the Lower

Rouge River. Actually, they will have two opportunities.

There will be two public meetings held this week about the sewer and trail projects, proposed along county-owned land along the river north of Michigan Avenue. First, at 7

p.m. on Tuesday, the township will hold a meeting at the Fellows Creek Golf Course clubhouse, located on Lotz Road north of Michigan Avenue.

Then on Thursday, the

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Sharon Wasik's property borders the Lower Rouge River. She is concerned about the township's plan to build a trail along the river.

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Thanksgiving Eve is a time to
mingle with friends.

Holiday show

United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care agency located in Canton, will host a charity event Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a wine and cheese/dessert reception, followed by a holiday concert by the 60-member Canton Concert Band at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care to individuals who do not have medical insurance or whose needs go beyond the scope of insurance coverage. It is also used to provide emergency medications, food, clothing, transportation, and medical equipment to patients in need.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by contacting Mary Jane Swanson at United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820. Sponsorships are also available for this event. Please call for details. Donations may be sent to us at 2200 Canton Center Road, Ste. 250, Canton, 48187, or made through the Web site at www.uhhs.org.

Trustees to meet

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will have a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Canton Administration Building (1150 S. Canton Center Road).

At 6 p.m., there will be a reception for police and fire retirements in the Freedom Room.

Other items on the agenda include a public hearing on the Copper Creek Condominium paving special assessment district, amendment to bond authorizing resolutions for the DDA and recreation bond issues, site plan for the Canton Corners East Outlet, improvements to Fellows Creek Golf Club, and the YCUA sewage treatment plant expansion project.

Chamber holiday luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual holiday luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 6 at Summit on the Park. The PCEP Madrigal Singers will be performing. The Chamber is requesting that each attendee bring an unwrapped toy or gift for the Goodfellows. Reservations are

necessary by Friday, Dec. 1, and can be made by calling the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040. The cost of the event is \$20.

Holiday craft fair

Tri-City Christian Center (3855 Sheldon Road in Canton) is having a Holiday Craft Fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2. More than 75 crafters will be selling their wares. There will also be refreshments served and a bake sale. Admission is \$1.

Canton wins award

Canton's Purchasing division was recently presented with the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement award.

The award is achieved by those organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. The program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function.

The Achievement in Excellence in Procurement is sponsored by the National Purchasing Institute, the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers, the Florida Association of Public Purchasing Officers, the

Institute of Supply Management, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials, and the National Association of Educational Procurement.

Sighting-in days

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold its annual sighting-in days for firearms deer season seven days a week through Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$8 for up to two guns and 75 cents for extra targets. Sighting-in days are open to the general public. There will be qualified range officers on duty to make sure all shooting is done according to club safety rules. W.W.C.C.A. is located at 6700 Napier Road in Plymouth Township, between North Territorial and Five Mile. For more information, call the club at (734) 453-9843.

Pom Clinic

The Canton Chieftes pom squad will be hosting their annual "Kid's Clinic" on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Canton High School gymnasium for girls in grades K-8. The cost for the clinic is \$35, which includes a T-shirt, pom pons and a



Filled with care

The Canton Rotary Club collected backpacks filled with school supplies during the month of September, and donated them to the Plymouth Canton Community Clothing Bank for distribution to area students. This is an annual project for the club. Pictured are Canton Rotary Club President Martha Snow, left, and Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank Representative Terry McGowen, who attended a Rotary meeting last month and accepted the backpacks on behalf of the Clothing Bank. For more information about the Canton Rotary Club and its programs, contact Snow at (248) 767-8661.

snack. Registration will be held at the door, or to register in

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CORRECTION

Democratic congressional candidate Tony Trupiano's vote count in Thursday's *Observer* should have been 114,524.



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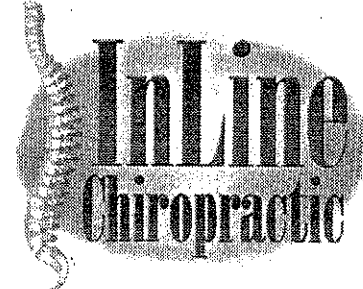
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Marines led to better life for local couple

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Camille Akins figures her husband, Allen, has called her by her first name "maybe three times" in their 57 years of marriage.

Allen also eschews other, more traditional pet names for his wife, like "Honey," "Sweetheart" or "Darling."

Instead, Allen calls his wife by a name he respects far more than any of those: Sarge.

The name is a testament to Camille's two-plus years serving in the United States Marines some 60 years ago. Both Allen and Camille, who live in Plymouth Township, fashioned a lifestyle borne at least in part out of the benefits of having been Marines.

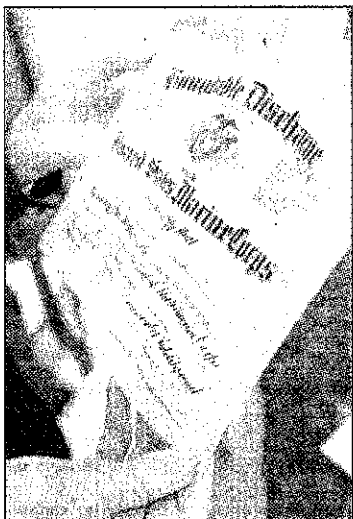
"It was an experience I wouldn't trade for all the rice in China," Allen Akins said. "I think that's the greatest honor you can have is to serve your country."

The couple entered the Marines during World War II from different parts of the country and for different reasons. Allen was trying to escape a life spent with a self-described "dirt-poor" family of sharecroppers. His father died when Allen was 13, and he, his mother and two brothers tried to make a life farming.

Problem was, he said, there was no place to farm.

"There was no money to be made," Allen said. "We were dirt-poor farmers and I thought, 'Anything would be better than this.'"

Figuring his older brothers were better-suited to take care of their mother, and wanting to give his mother one fewer



Allen Akins of Plymouth Township holds his honorable discharge papers from the Marine Corps.

mouth to feed, Allen enlisted in the U.S. Marines Oct. 22, 1941, six months after his 16th birthday.

Meanwhile, Camille wanted to join the military as a teenager, but her father wouldn't give her permission. Shortly after her 21st birthday Camille, then living in Detroit, decided to enlist. Her first thought was to join the Army.

"I told my brother and he said, 'If you're going to enlist, enlist in the Marines,'" Camille recalled. "I did it out of patriotism. It just felt important."

Allen spent most of his tour overseas as a construction equipment operator, mostly building airfields in places like Guam, Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima. He called his time at Iwo Jima "frightening."

"It's hard to describe," Allen said. "I was scared to death. I payed every day just to let me

get through one more day."

Discharged in 1945, Allen returned to Arkansas, but had trouble readjusting to life there. He re-enlisted for another three-year tour in 1946 and got out for good in 1949.

Camille, meanwhile, was sent to work as a payroll clerk at a hospital in California. She spent 2-1/2 years in the Corps, then went to work for the California Highway Department. The two met when Allen brought a bunch of Marines into the office to obtain bus-driver licenses. That was before Thanksgiving in November 1948; in April 1949, the couple married.

Allen thought about re-enlisting in 1949 to serve in Korea, but Camille, who was pregnant with the couple's first child at the time, had had enough. Allen agreed.

"I didn't think it would be fair to leave her here in the United States raising our family," Allen said.

Instead, Allen went to work, fashioning a career as an electrician. The couple had four children — son Alexander and daughters Antoinette, Janice and Ellen — and now have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"The life he made for himself and our family, working two jobs, I admire what he did," said youngest daughter Ellen Schroeter, who lives in Florida with her family.

"Anyone who comes from such meager beginnings and then raises a family of four kids and makes a life for himself and his family, I just really admire that. I'm trying to do that now for my kids and my husband."



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Allen and Camille Akins share not only 57 years of marriage, but both served as Marines in World War II.

That was the whole reason Allen left Arkansas all those years ago — to build something for himself and

his family. "The primary reason I left was to get a better life for myself," Allen admitted. "I

never regretted it for one second."

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Grief service stresses getting through holidays

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

David Griffin says there's no tougher time than the holidays for people who have lost family members or loved ones.

That's why for the last 12 years, his L.J. Griffin Funeral Home has held an annual holiday service to help people in those situations cope with their loss at a time of year that can be particularly painful, because it is so associated with family.

"It's tough to lose anybody, especially at this time of year," Griffin said.

The event is scheduled for 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the funeral home's chapel.

Griffin said the event is open to anyone who wants to gather in honor of the memory of those recently departed.

"We've been doing this for 12 years, and it's gotten bigger and bigger," he said.

This year's service will feature Cathy Clough, the director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, who will discuss a number of strategies to making the holidays more tolerable. She will also be available for questions.

"She explains what to expect emotionally through the holidays," Griffin said.

After Clough's presentation, the names of deceased loved ones will be read, and each participant will be given a

candle to burn in their honor.

Griffin expects anywhere between 50 and 100 people for the ceremony, which, despite the work, is always a worthwhile event for him and the families who attend. He says he has seen firsthand how the service helps the healing process.

"Usually the first year is the toughest for a family," he said.

"We really try to help give them a foundation of strength. And they get support when they see the room is filled with other families going through the same thing."

The Griffin Funeral Home-Canton Chapel is located at 42600 Ford Road.

Griffin asks that people call the funeral home at (734) 981-1700, and provide the name of the deceased and the number of attendees.

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JROTC cadets honor those who served their country

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The mournful sound of *Taps* echoed across the lawn of Wayne Memorial High School Friday as members of the JROTC, students and visitors paused to honor those who have served in the military.

Cadet Master Sgt. Jessica Hensley, reading from a proclamation issued by President George W. Bush, told the audience that America's veterans "have demonstrated to us that freedom is the mightiest force on earth" and "that their sacrifices will be remembered by a grateful nation."

One by one, four cadets - Staff Sgt. Brienne Rice, Master Sgt. Ryan Crayne, Sgt. Shawn Polite and 2nd Lt. Bobbi Turner - went to the podium to recount the number of men and women who

'We pay tribute to all who served and this ceremony is but a small way to say thank you to the 45 million soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and support personnel who have stood in harm's way for the noble cause of freedom.'

Bobbi Turner
JROTC cadet

served and who died for their country since the American Revolution.

"We pay tribute to all who served and this ceremony is but a small way to say thank you to the 45 million soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and support personnel who have stood in harm's way for the noble cause of freedom," said Turner.

A pair of boots, a rifle and beret served as reminders of those who have died, and each of the cadet speakers placed a flag at the makeshift memorial to honor America's war dead.

Members of the Wayne Memorial High School marching band performed the National Anthem at the ceremony, while Cadet Cpl. Muata Mason played *Taps*.

The cadets also recognized 12 former members of their battalion who are serving in the military, and received a flag from Army National Guard Pfc. Anthony Butner on behalf of Sgt. William Paige

who is serving with the 3rd Special Forces Group in Afghanistan.

The flag had flown over the group's Camp Vance compound at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan on Sept. 11, 2006, "in honor of the Wayne Memorial High School JROTC program."

According to 1st Sgt. Steven LeHaine, the program's senior Army instructor, Paige became "attached" to the battalion during the summer JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge.

"We received the flag this week," LeHaine said. "We did expect it, it wasn't a surprise."

The flag will be framed and displayed in the JROTC area of the high, he added.

This is the third year that the high school JROTC battalion has conducted a Veterans Day ceremony at the school. According to LeHaine, the 156-member battalion rehearsed indoors on Wednesday and again Friday prior to the 11 a.m. program.

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RIVER

FROM PAGE A1

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold a public hearing on the township's request for a permit to do the project, which will impact some wetlands and cut a 40-ft wide swath through the wooded floodplain along the river. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Freedom Room of the Canton Administrative Building.

Township officials say the sewer will run parallel to an existing sewer built in 1964, which will not be able to handle the sanitary waste from all the new development in the western portion of the township. They say the new sewer is needed to prevent discharges of raw sewage into the river and sewer backups in residential basements.

In conjunction with the sewer project, a recreation trail is planned from Canton Center Road to Haggerty Road for bicyclists, walkers and runners.

At the township's meeting on Tuesday, representatives from Municipal Services, Leisure Services, and Public Safety Departments will be on hand to answer questions from residents.

This is not the first time the township has held a public meeting to explain the project to residents. At the first meeting, held Oct. 25 at the Cherry Hill School House, a large number of residents showed up to voice concerns about the project.

"I was really surprised there was such a turnout," said Sharon Wasik, who lives at the corner of Lilley and Woodbrook. Her backyard borders the floodplain.

Wasik said she and most of her neighbors in the Canton Hills subdivision oppose the project for many different reasons. They are worried about crime and vagrants that would be attracted from the nearby Michigan Avenue corridor. They are also worried about the wooded buffer that separates them from the bustle of Michigan Avenue will disappear.

Township officials have said there will be an adequate buffer between the trail and nearby homes.

"We recognize privacy issues and will keep it as far as possible from people's homes. The closest one is about 200 feet from someone's house, through the woods. The majority of people won't see it unless they want to go down there," said Canton engineer Bob Belair, who is helping coordinate the project.

Wasik, who will be at both meetings this week, said her biggest concern about the project is not the impact it will have on her property, but the impact it will have on the natural corridor that runs along the river. She would like to see the trail project eliminated, and have the township build the sewer closer to Michigan Avenue, so the woods and river won't be harmed.

"We're talking about a 40-foot wide swath. It's going to be a terrible, terrible scar down there," she said. "There isn't much wooded land left in Canton. It's a shame they are going to do this, and scar that area."

For more information about the meetings or the project, call Canton Municipal Services at (734) 394-5160.

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FIREFIGHTERS

FROM PAGE A1

Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said the six firefighters have been a great influence on the department over the years, and have left their imprint on the next generation of Canton's firefighters.

"These six command officers have made a huge contribution to the fire department. As the department has evolved into a first class emergency response agency, these officers influenced that change and provided leader-

ship. Each of them exhibited attributes that made them individually outstanding," he said.

While several of them said they are looking forward to retirement, some expressed a bit of regret that their careers in firefighting had come to a close.

"When you like your job, when you like your chief, and when you like the guys you work with, it's hard to leave that comfort zone," said Draplin, who plans to be a "full time handyman" around his home in Salem Township.

Paulun, whose father Mel was former chief of the department, said he decided to be a firefighter as a child.

Now that it's over, he said he made the right choice.

"I remember in the early 1960s riding around in my father's car knowing this is what I wanted to do with my life. It's always been a part of me," said Paulun, who was first hired as a cadet in 1974. "It's been everything I thought it would be. I've made some lifelong friends. We've had a lot of laughs. This has been a special family."

Raker, 53, who hired on with the department in 1977, said the first thing he was going to do in retirement was sleep in with his wife, Sheila, Friday morning. He said a firefighter's life has its draw-

backs because of the hours — an average of 56 hours a week, according to him. That means he missed some family events over the years he would have liked to attend. But all in all, he couldn't have wished for a better profession.

"I've always called it the greatest job on earth," he said.

"It's just great to walk around the community and have people that don't even know you come up and say hello and thank you. I've always been proud of who I am and what I do."

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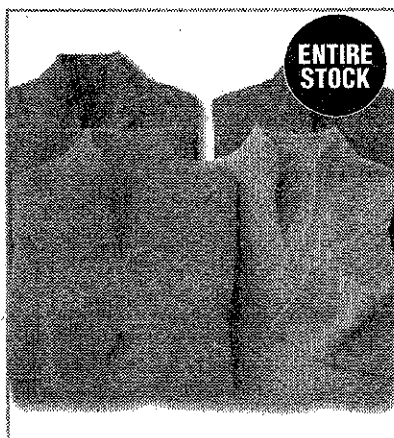
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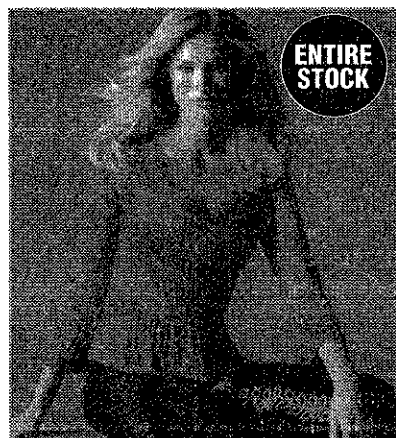
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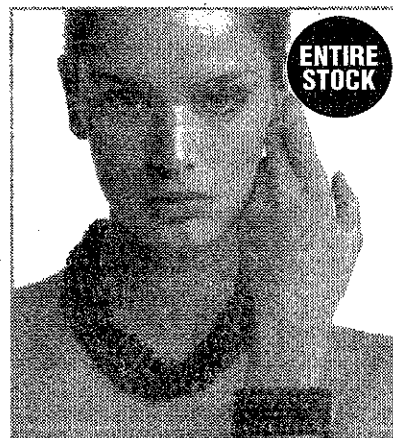
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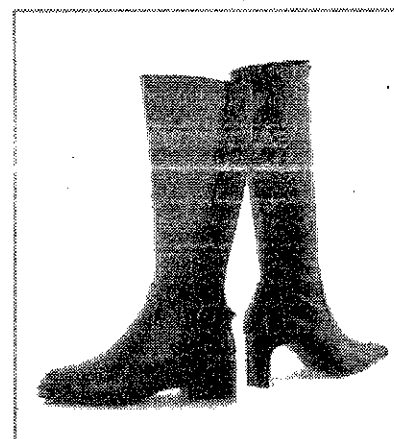
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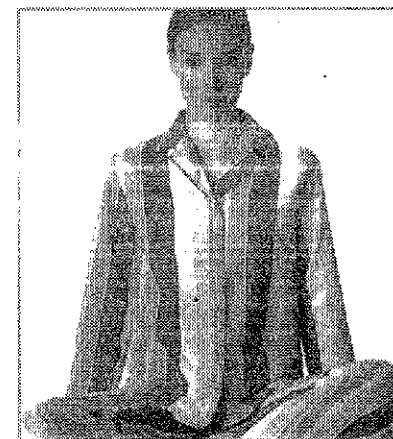
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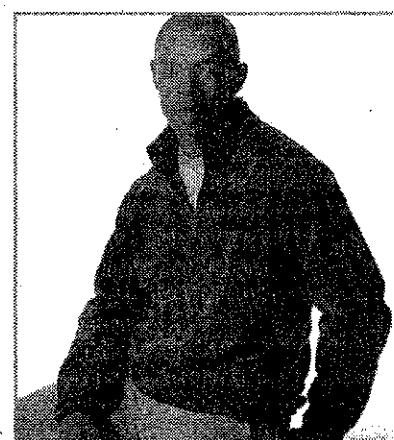
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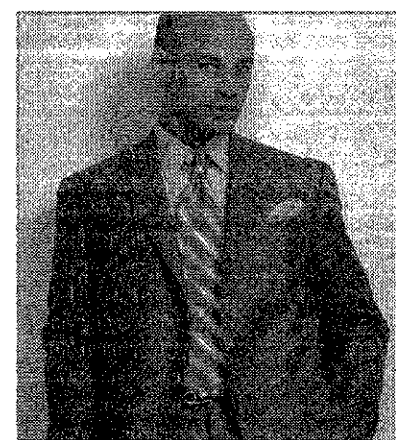
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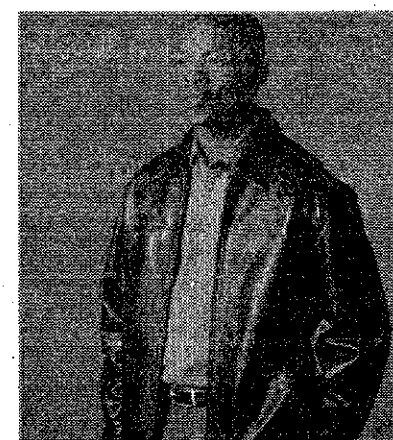
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Royal intrigue to reign in Spotlight Players' take on 'The Lion in Winter'

The Spotlight Players theater company will be presenting its second offering this season with *The Lion in Winter*, a dramatic comedy that will run Nov. 17-19, 24-26 and Dec. 1-2 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Friday and Saturday curtain is at 8 p.m., while Sunday curtain is at 2 p.m.

The Lion in Winter is set in the year 1183 during the Christmas season at Henry Plantagenet's castle in France. The show opens with the arrival of his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine from prison. The story immediately centers on the conflict and shifting alliances between the estranged couple and their adult sons and heirs to the throne: Prince Richard the Lionheart (the future King Richard I of England), Geoffrey Duke of Brittany, and Prince John (the future King John I of England).

Actors in the play include Kerry "Butch" Plaque, Leanne Young, Kevin P. Murphy, Gary Schulte, David Zolotarchuk, Christian Cash, and Aviva Herch. The show is being directed by Paul Vandeventand produced by Robert Martin.

At the Nov. 24 performance, there will be a drawing to win "William-the-Bard-Bear," donated by Build-A-Bear Workshop®. On Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m., Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery will be hosting the cast and director of the show. They will perform parts of the show in full costume. Vintner's is located at 8515 N. Lilley Road.

Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players recently celebrated its 60th year.

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Doris L. Bergman Bergman, 81, died Nov. 8.
Howard H. Bloom Bloom, 85, of Plymouth, died Nov. 10.
C
Trinkett Clark Clark, 55, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Oct. 29.
D
Walter Drake Drake, 83, formerly of Birmingham died Oct. 31.
James Patrick Dwyer Dwyer, 76, died Nov. 8.
G
Julie Marion Groff Groff, formerly of Livonia, died Oct. 29.
H
Virginia Joan Hassard (Morton) Hassard, 80, formerly of Birmingham, died Nov. 3.
Frances M. Henderson Henderson, 86, of Westland, died Nov. 7.
M
David Newell Mills Mills, of West Bloomfield, died Nov. 7.
Eva Elizabeth Moll Moll, 72, of Plymouth, died Nov. 8.
R
Marietta Killian Reid Reid, 89, of Bloomfield Township, died Nov. 7.
T
Mark S. Troher Troher, 43, of Canton, died Nov. 7.
W
Jane K. Wiggins Wiggins, of Bloomfield Hills, died Nov. 8.

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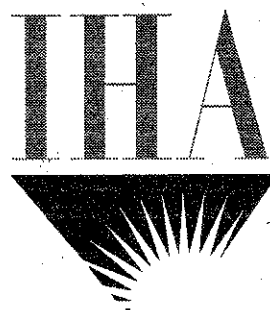
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A good night to be a Democrat as GOP loses its grip on power

"Happy days are here again
The skies above are clear again
So let's sing a song of cheer again
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— Jack Yellen-Milton Ager

Notes on a power-shifting election:

For the first time in many years, Democrats across the country could raise their voices and sing *Happy Days Are Here Again*, the party anthem since the days of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

At the Quality Inn in Livonia, Democrats of the 11th Congressional District began to gather early, expecting that this would be a good night to be a Democrat. Shortly after the polls closed at 8 p.m., exit polling declared a big win for Gov. Jennifer Granholm. A young aide to Democratic congressional candidate Tony Trupiano, and a veteran of two tours in Iraq, shared the news that

Pennsylvania's conservative Republican Sen. Rick Santorum has fallen to Hugh Casey. A short time later, the news came that Debbie Stabenow would be returning to the Senate. The news locally and nationally would continue to draw cheers from the crowd.

Marc Corriveau, the candidate for the 20th House District, was there with a large contingent of family and friends. He was excited that he had taken his hometown of Northville and Plymouth. The current representative to that district, Republican John Stewart and his wife Beth, a candidate in the rough and tumble Republican primary, gathered with the Democrats to show their support for Corriveau. By night's end, he won the seat against Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo.

Glenn Anderson, running against Republican incumbent Laura Toy for the 6th District Senate seat, was still smarting from a blitz of negative ads run by his opponent, but early returns were giving him a lift. He, too, would emerge a winner.

It would be nice to think that the awful race-baiting, gay-bashing, factually dishonest ads that were run by the Toy campaign turned voters against her. But it was more likely a strong Democratic vote in Westland that did the trick. Toy claims the ads were the product of the state party, not her. Then shame on the state party.

As late as 10 p.m., Trupiano would address the packed hall with confidence that he might pull off an upset against Republican incumbent Thaddeus McCotter.

Two years ago at Burton Manor, 11th District Republicans were in the same kind of euphoric mood as George W. Bush defeated John Kerry and the GOP carried the day across the country.

By the time I arrived Tuesday at the Republicans'

gathering at Laurel Manor, the crowd was dispersed, the mood was subdued and the only loud noise came from Dennis McCotter's band performing for a handful of people at his brother's election night party.

In the end McCotter would prevail, but in January he will be part of the minority in Congress.

The Republicans will also be the minority in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Pundits have weighed in from every corner about why things went so badly for the Grand Old Party.

Sen. Arlen Specter from the center and former House Majority Leader Dick Armey from the right both blamed the influence of Christian conservatives. James Dobson of the Focus on Family Christian conservative group countered that it was neglect of the Christian right's issues that kept many of them home on election day. (If Republicans buy into this argument, the Democrats may be in power for generations to come.)

Iraq and President Bush were key issues. Too many wrong decisions, too little progress in stabilizing the country, too much rhetoric about terrorism, too little support for the troops we sent over there and, in the end, too many dead Americans moved many voters to the Democrats.

The Democratic Party has been moving away from the liberalism that defined the party in the late '60s and '70s toward a more pragmatic centrist position. It was the Clinton model that helped the party recruit many moderate candidates with some conservative leanings.

Trupiano fit that mold, designed to appeal to a marginally Republican district. But he couldn't compete against McCotter's long-established presence in the district, though he gave it a good shot.

Pundits have also opined about the need for bipartisan cooperation. That's the theme they have given Granholm, who no longer has the resistance of a Republican House. Now she and the Democratic House need to work with a Republican Senate to develop a tax structure and a spending plan that will bring Michigan up to its rightful place as one of the nation's great progressive and prosperous states.

A major setback for progressives was the passage of Prop 2, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. Despite the opposition of leaders from both parties and an expensive campaign to defeat the measure, Michigan voters supported the ban on affirmative action by a wide margin. If the supporters of the MCRI are serious and honest about supporting programs to improve K-12 education in economically distressed areas, now is the time to step forward and offer some ideas.

Maybe Jennifer Gratz shouldn't fly back to California, but instead stay here in Michigan and promote "civil rights."

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Be clear, urge 'No' vote in Lansing on cable bill

There is much misinformation about House Bill 6456 which was introduced in the Michigan Legislature this fall to address cable franchising.

This bill would remove cable franchising from local governments where it has been for the past 30 years, and establish a statewide franchise. But there are numerous problems with this bill and it is not the panacea that the phone company makes it out to be in their ads.

The bill runs 22 pages and I have read them all. Let me address some of the key points that affect you as a cable customer and Michigan resident.

1. This bill does not require full build-out in all communities. Build out is a guarantee that all residents receive access to service. AT&T admits this. Of course, full build-out takes time, but within several years a community should expect that service should be available to all residents. That's what happened when your community first received cable back in the 1980s.

This bill, however, only requires AT&T and other providers to serve 25 percent of low income households within three years — leaving many neighborhoods without the benefits of choice or competitive service. AT&T told its investors that it will cover 90 percent of its high value customers — those who spend over \$160 a month — but only 5 percent of low value customers — those who spend less than \$100 a month — would get the service.

Currently HB 6456 has no guarantees that everyone in the community will get service. And the loose parameters within the bill don't even cover half the state in the next five years. AT&T's ads claim this bill will bring competition. But let's be clear: There's nothing preventing them from providing service to our communities right now.

In fact, many of our cities and townships have invited them, but AT&T has not signed one franchise agreement to date — the same franchise the cable operator has signed, so no time is wasted in negotiations.

2. Local governments will lose control over government-owned rights-of-way.

The video franchise your city or township holds with the cable operator can be immediately terminated. That means they don't have to provide cable service to you at all. This means your local city or township hall has no control over what happens to your streets or the rights-of-way in front of your home.

And that means that AT&T is free to install their large equipment boxes in front of your sidewalk or next to your driveway.

3. This bill allows your current video provider to immediately terminate their existing franchise agreement with your city, village or township. That means your current cable company doesn't have to provide cable service, or upgrades, to you at all.

4. Cities, villages and townships will lose more than \$55 million statewide due to lost franchise fees and in-kind services to municipalities and schools. Currently, these dollars are what the cable operators pay to use, or rent, those rights-of-ways which you, as a resident, own. This is money which your local community uses to maintain the right-of-way and provide essential services including public safety.

The programming you see on your local access channels, like city council, township board, or school board meetings, as well as information about your community, is funded through these fees.

We want competition, but we want it for *all of our residents, equally*. Urge your representatives to Vote "No" on HB 6456 until local government concerns can be met.

Vicki Barnett is president of the Michigan Municipal League and mayor of Farmington Hills.

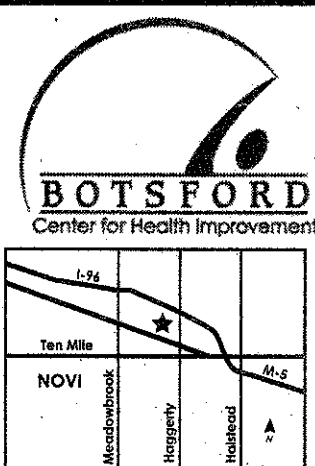
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Canton 56, Saline 36



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Canton senior running back Nick Moores knocks away Saline's Sam Burchyett during a second-quarter run Friday night. Led by Moores, the Chiefs churned out 427 rushing yards in their 56-36 triumph.

Canton senior
linebacker
Chris Hasse
scooped up a
second-
quarter
Hornet
fumble and
returned it
32 yards for
a TD to give
the Chiefs a
28-0 lead.



The Chiefs hoist the trophy after Friday night's Division 1 Regional final between Canton and Saline.

Unstoppable

Canton scores on all seven drives, cruises into semifinals

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Punting enthusiasts who attended Friday night's Division 1 Regional final between Canton and Saline should have been entitled to a partial refund.

On the other hand, fans who get a kick out of high-flying, end zone-or-bust offense — particularly Canton's point-a-minute variety — were in their element during the Chiefs' 56-36 triumph that, at times, had the scoreboard flashing faster than a strobe light in a disco.

The number of punts in the game — zero — equaled the Hornets' chances of winning — zip — after the Chiefs' full-house-T attack and turnover-forcing defense led them to a 35-10 halftime advantage.

The only thing standing between 12-0 Canton and a return trip to Ford Field is the winner of yesterday's Milford-Rockford game. The semifinal contest will be played Saturday at 1 p.m. at a neutral site that has yet to be determined.

The likely site is Lansing Everett, which has hosted several semifinal games in the past, including last year's Brighton-Rockford clash. (Complete details regarding Saturday's game will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

While Canton's fate was never in doubt after it raced to the huge halftime lead, Saline's spread offense proved to be almost as unstoppable as the Chiefs' ground-based attack in the second half when it scored on all four of its posses-

SHINING STARS

Following are the Canton football players who shined the brightest during Friday night's victory over Saline:

■ **Nick Moores** — rushed for 185 yards and three TD's on 21 carries and caught one pass for 28 yards;

■ **Antwaun Hawkins** — picked up 143 yards and two TD's on 20 carries and caught one pass for 20 yards;

■ **Steve Paye** — completed all three of his passes for 58 yards and picked up 46 yards and one TD on six attempts;

■ **Chris Hasse** — returned a fumble 32 yards for a touchdown, recorded a sack and made several key tackles;

■ **Dan Wanshon** — picked off a Kyle Brown pass and made several big hits.

sions.
"It feels good to be going back to the final four," said Canton coach Tim

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B6

Plymouth's future is bright with Lax

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Judging by his first two seasons of high school cross country, Derek Lax will be the one leading Plymouth's already-formidable program into the future.

And based on Lax's steadily improving times, the Wildcats' future is bright.

Lax, who started running competitively in the seventh grade for Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, played a vital role in Plymouth's best-ever 2006 season during which it captured the Western Lakes Activities Association title and placed 12th at the Division 1 state meet.



Prep Profile

Lax's personal-best time of 16:32 was good enough for 77th at the season's elite meet. It also placed him among the top 14 sophomores in the state and earned the 4.0-plus student a spot on the Division 1 Academic All-State squad.

"Derek came in last year and just smashed our freshman record by over a minute," said

Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "He ran with me in a road race last summer and broke 19 minutes for the first time. He was excited because he said he never thought he'd break 19 minutes. He's gotten better ever since."

It didn't take long for Shaw to get a glimpse of Lax's stellar work ethic.

"Last summer, before his freshman season, Derek wanted to run all the miles that the older kids were running," Shaw said. "He was only 14, so I thought he was too young to be putting that many miles in. He was a little upset, but he understood."

The fact that Shaw had to tell

PLEASE SEE LAX, B2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore Derek Lax played an instrumental role in the Plymouth boys cross country team's successful 2006 campaign.

Sidelines

District hoop

■ All three P-CEP girls basketball teams will be competing in the Class A district tournament at South Lyon High School beginning Monday night.

Salem will open the tournament at 5:30 p.m. Monday when it takes on South Lyon. Plymouth will open the postseason at 7 p.m. Monday against Novi.

The winner of the Salem-South Lyon contest will play at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday in the semifinal game against Canton, which drew a first-round bye. The winner of the Plymouth- Novi game will play at 7 p.m. Wednesday against Northville, which also drew a first-round free pass. The game is set for 7 p.m. Friday.

■ Both Plymouth Christian Academy and Canton Agape Christian will open postseason action at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran this week. On Tuesday, the Wolverines will be pitted against the host Hawks in a 6 p.m. game. The Eagles will take the court at 8 p.m. against Class D power Detroit Charlotte Forten Academy.

The winner of the Agape-Huron Valley showdown will take on Redford Covenant Christian at 6 p.m. Thursday. A first-round victory would propel PCA into an 8 p.m. Thursday night semifinal game against Lutheran High Westland. The district championship game is set for 7 p.m. Friday.

All-State soccer

Plymouth junior midfielder Colin Roife was named recently to the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association's First Team Division 1 All-State squad. Salem senior forward Brooks Belhart earned Second Team honors. Included on the Third Team are Canton senior defender Eric Zech and Salem senior midfielder Tom Bennett.

Local players who garnered All-State honorable mention recognition were Canton's Scott Zech (sophomore defender) and Parker Laabs (senior goalkeeper); and Novi Catholic Central senior John Farmer, who is a Canton resident. Plymouth Christian Academy's Ian Roberts and David Kosciely earned Division 4 honorable mention recognition.

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Former Tigers trainer to write column

Former Detroit Tigers strength-and-conditioning coach Dennie Taft, a resident of Canton, will become a regular contributor to the *Observer* sports section beginning next week.

Taft, who worked for the Tigers for nine years and has been involved in the strength-and-conditioning/fitness field for 15 years will write a column that will answer sports performance training-related questions from *Observer* readers. The questions can focus on



Taft

a wide range of health topics, including sport-specific drills and exercises; philosophies and concepts; and nutrition and injury prevention, to name a few.

"I want to educate the athletes, the young athletes' parents and their coaches so that he or she can make the appropriate decisions when it comes

to developing athletic ability. Taft holds a bachelor of science degree in physical education with a concentration in exercise physiology and he is a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

He is currently training under T.A.F.T. Strength and Conditioning, his own performance-training business. If you have a question for Taft, send it in an e-mail to: ewright@hometownlife.com.

PCA cagers get hot down stretch

The Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball team may be peaking at the right time as they head into the postseason.

On Friday, the Eagles (11-9) notched their fourth consecutive victory when they rolled over Macomb Christian, 55-24, on "Senior Night."

Megan Greve led the way with 12 points. Lauren Beckett chipped in with 10 and Brooke Harris added nine.

Kara Tucker paced Macomb (3-15) with 10 points.

"We pressed early, but didn't score much off it," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "It was kind of a sloppy game. They have a young team like us.

PCA led 8-4 after one quarter, 21-6 at the half and 31-8 with eight minutes to play.

The Eagles canned 1-of-2 free throws while Macomb was 10-of-22 from the line.

On Thursday at Garden City United Christian church, the Eagles edged Canton Agape Christian, 29-25. The setback dropped the Wolverines to 7-10.

"We played really well early on," Gerulis said. "But in the second half we stopped doing the things that brought us success in the first half and it allowed Agape to get back into the game."

Beckett led the winners with 10 points and five rebounds.

Meghan Polera (five points) and Greve (four points, six rebounds) also made solid contributions for the Eagles.

Katie Lambert paced the Wolves with 15 points, 12 of which came on four 3-point shots.

Brianna Chrenko scored Agape's other 10 points.

PCA surged to a 7-0 lead after one quarter and 17-4 halftime lead before the hosts stormed back by outscoring the Eagles, 18-7, in the fourth quarter.

Plymouth Christian was 8-for-20 from the free throw line; Agape also struggled from the stripe, canning just 5-of-16.

LAX

FROM PAGE B1

Lax to stop working so hard was the first sign he knew he had a future star on his hands.

While senior Anthony Scaparo was by far the Wildcats' most productive runner this season, it was Lax who stepped up and provided the team with a solid 1-2 punch.

"I definitely like the social aspect of running," Lax said. "A lot of my friends run, so it's

something we can do together. Running is also relieving for me. It helps me get rid of a lot of tension."

Lax's commendable showing at the state meet wasn't surprising considering he logged close to 80 miles every week this past summer.

"I was happy with how I ran Saturday, but at the same time I wasn't happy with it," Lax explained. "I was pleased I ran my fastest time so far (he eclipsed his previous best time by 14 seconds), but I was hop-

ing to place higher than I did. My goal was to run 16:20 and I was on pace to do that the first two miles, but I couldn't quite stay with the pace."

Lax doesn't consider himself a fast starter or a strong kicker.

"Personally, I prefer to run a good pace race," he said. "I want to run close to the same time each of the three miles. Lee would prefer that I go out faster and harder. A combination of both is probably best."

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Making it official

Plymouth senior Kim Klonowski is pictured signing a letter-of-intent to attend Youngstown (Ohio) State University, where she received a scholarship to play softball. Klonowski has been the Wildcats' starting shortstop for the past three seasons and was their leading hitter in 2006. Pictured standing behind Klonowski are (from the left) Plymouth principal Mike Bee, Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk, Plymouth softball coach Val Canfield, and Klonowski parents, Kathy and Larry.

Smith records 3rd shutout for Whalers

Rookie goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown) pitched his league-leading third shutout of the season and right wing Jared Boll had the Gordie Howe hat trick — fight, goal and assist — in the first period as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Owen Sound Attack, 4-0, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Whalers are now 9-9-0-0. Owen Sound falls to 12-7-0-1.

Besides Boll, John Armstrong (fourth goal of the year), Evan Brophey (fifth, with two assists) and Tom Sestito (seventh) all scored for Plymouth.

Boll — a Columbus Blue Jackets draft choice — started

the game with a fight with Owen Sound defenseman Theo Peckham two seconds into the game and then scored the game-winning goal at 7:20 of the first period when he tipped Wes Cunningham's shot from the high slot by Owen Sound goaltender Scott Bowles. The goal was Boll's fifth of the season.

Armstrong made it 2-0 at 13:04 of the first period when he tipped Chris Terry's pass from the right wing goal line by Bowles at the left wing lip of the crease. Boll was credited with an assist on Brophey's goal at 15:50 the first period when he was checked hard along the right boards by Owen Sound defenseman Zack McCullough, but threaded the puck ahead on the right wing.

James Neal and Brophey finished a two-on-one when Neal found Brophey in front of the Owen Sound goal. Brophey cut left wing to right at the goal crease to score and give Plymouth a 3-0 lead after one period of play.

Sestito scored his seventh goal of the year at 1:44 of the second period on a Plymouth power play when he directed Dan Collins' pass from the high slot past Bowles from the left wing lip of the crease.

Smith and the Plymouth penalty killers went to work from that point on. Plymouth went 7-for-7 on the penalty kill and Smith was effective in the third period, stopping all 18 Owen Sound shots in the frame. Owen Sound outshot Plymouth, 42-32.

Schoolcraft's Brown tastes success early

It took just one game for new Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Mike Brown to taste success.

On Friday, his Ocelots tripped up host Owens Community College, 102-96, Friday at the Tip-Off Classic in Toledo, fueled by a 31-point, 10-rebound performance by sophomore guard Korey Spates, a transfer from Purdue University.

The teams were deadlocked 90-90 late in the second half when freshman guard Kenyawn Patterson (21 points) knocked down a trey.

Schoolcraft (1-0) never trailed from that point on.

Also scoring 21 for the Ocelots was freshman guard Jerome Hutchins, who also made 10 steals. Freshman guard Josh Samarco (Belleville) added 13.

"It's big, to go down to Owens and beat the No. 4-ranked team (NJCAA Division II) in the country," Brown said. "This was my first game as head coach and for a lot of these guys it was their first college game. They played hard and stuck to the game plan."

The Ocelots led 45-40 at

intermission, but fell behind Owens (1-2) by six points in the second half before bouncing back in the clutch.

"We got big shots from everybody down the stretch," said Brown, whose team was slated to face Kellogg CC Saturday for the Tip-Off Classic final.

Kellogg defeated Florida-based Hillsborough in Friday's first game.

GOSHEN (IND.) 77, MADONNA 62: In Friday's opening round of the McDonald's Maple City Hoopfest, Brice Hartman came off the bench to score 20 points as host Goshen College (2-1) downed Madonna University (0-4).

Erick McCollum II added 18, while Matt Crawford and David Haire contributed 14 and 12, respectively. The Crusaders, who trailed 46-22 at the half, got a game-high 28 points from D.J. Bridges (Canton).

Adam Kerfoot added 11, while Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson) had eight points and eight rebounds.

Derrick Mudri, making his first appearance of the season following the men's soccer season, had five points.

IU-South Bend defeated Taylor University-Port Wayne in the nightcap, 71-67.

MADONNA 82, MARYGROVE 74: Three Madonna players scored in double digits, but the Crusaders (0-3) came

up short as Marygrove College (2-0) escaped with a non-conference win Wednesday night at the MU Activities Center.

Senior Adam Kerfoot led MU with 18 points and eight assists, while junior D.J. Bridges (Canton) contributed 12 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Senior forward Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial) tallied 10 points and collected seven rebounds for Madonna in a losing effort.

Marygrove guard Anthony Aho led all scorers with 25 points on the evening. Stefan Kalabat added 20, while Marques Barton had 16.

The Crusaders trailed by only four at the half after freshman Jordan Hoke buried a 25-footer as time expired in the first period of play.

The lead would change hands four times in the second half, but the Mustangs pulled away after Curtis Leavy connected on a three-point play to give Marygrove the lead for good. The Mustangs would lead by as much as 12 points.

The Crusaders recorded a .366 (26-for-71) shooting percentage from the field, but shot only .200 (6-for-30) from beyond the arc, including a 1-for-11 (.091) performance from three-point land in the first half.

Marygrove shot .424 (25-of-59) from the floor and posted a .958 shooting percentage from the charity stripe, missing only one free throw all game (23-of-24).

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All '4' one

Canton hoop captains keep Chiefs cohesive with their on- and off-the-court leadership

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton girls basketball team's incredible success this season can be attributed almost as much to the way it passes the pasta as the way it passes the basketball.

No, the Chiefs aren't big eaters. But their weekly pasta parties have gone a long way toward building the team chemistry that has been instrumental in the 18-2 record they will take into Wednesday's Division 1 District contest against the winner of Monday night's Salem-South Lyon game.

Leading the bonding process are the Chiefs' four captains: seniors Lauren Delapaz, Becci Houdek and Ja'nee Morton; and junior Marie Martin, all of whom organize many of the off-the-court activities that have helped make this year's squad a cut above the competition.

"We all get along and we're a really close team," said Delapaz, the Chiefs' defensive stopper who often draws the task of checking the opponents' most explosive player. "We do a lot together outside of practice and the games. We have the pasta parties, we go to football games together and we'll get together before some of the games and watch movies and stuff."

"The fact that we're all friends off the court helps us on the court," said Houdek, who has played more than 90 varsity games during her four years as a starting point guard at Canton. "We all have the same goals and

we all like winning, so we're going to do whatever it takes to reach those goals.

"We only have nine girls on the team this year, which allows us to do more together. When you have a bigger team, it's hard to get everybody at every event."

NO ONE STAYS DOWN

The team's all-for-one strategy was never more apparent — or important — than during halftime of Wednesday's 40-33 victory over Salem in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament championship game. As Morton struggled through a rare first-half shooting slump, her teammates bolstered her spirits with the kind of confidence-boosting words and pats on the back that are invisible on dysfunctional teams.

The support paid dividends for Morton, who contributed four key points down the stretch.

"The chemistry on this team is unbelievable," said Morton. "Everybody gets along and there is no jealousy or anything. Nobody cares who's scoring the points. Everybody is just pulling for everybody else."

Second-year Canton coach Brian Samulski said this year's captains have more than met the expectations he placed on them prior to the season.

"As a group, all four of them have done a solid job of building chemistry on this team," said Samulski. "If one of them is down, the other three will do whatever it takes to pick the one



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Canton's four captains — (from left) Becci Houdek, Lauren Delapaz, Ja'nee Morton and Marie Martin — have helped the Chiefs build the strong chemistry that has been a key factor in their 18-2 record.

up. If one is having a bad day, the others will lift her up. They look out for each other.

"They come in every day for practice and set the tone, too. They gets things started at practice and make sure everybody is working hard."

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Like most successful captains, each member of the Chiefs' quartet lead by example, not by screaming or shouting at their teammates.

"Becci and I will vent at each other sometimes," Delapaz said. "But we only do it when we're

mad at ourselves for something we've done. It's our way of letting some steam off."

Martin said she always emphasizes the positive when urging on her teammates.

"I'm not a confrontational person; it's just not my personality," said Martin, smiling. "I'm good at encouraging my teammates and talking to the younger players if they have something that's bothering them."

While the captains' chemistry-building skills are impressive, the primary reason the Chiefs are 18-2 and owners of

both WLAA Division and conference tournament titles is because they're talented.

Houdek, a long-armed point guard, has averaged 14 points, six assists, four rebounds and 3.5 steals this season.

"Becci's court sense is unbelievable," said Samulski. "When she's out there, it's like having another coach on the court. Becci is constantly pushing herself and striving for excellence."

Along with Houdek, Morton is the second half of Canton's 1-2 offensive punch. The team's best leaper is averaging 14.6 points and 6.8 boards.

"She came in last year (from Detroit Southwestern) and waited to get comfortable with the rest of the team before she took a leadership role," said Samulski. "This year, she is definitely a leader, both on the court and off. She's played well both offensively and defensively and she rebounds well for somebody her size (5-8)."

'D' IS FOR DELAPAZ

Delapaz's numbers aren't flashy — 5.3 points, 3 rebound and 3 assists — but, more importantly, neither are the players she guards.

"We ask Lauren to go out there and guard the best player the other team has, no matter if that player is 6-1 or 5-4," said Samulski. "And she has really stepped up and done a great job. She held (Walled Lake Central's) Brittany Burkhardt to eight points last week and I think that's the only time this year she hasn't hit double figures."

Martin, who averages 3 points and 3 rebounds per contest, is known for her defensive skills and ability to perk up teammates when they're down.

"Marie is a great help defender," Samulski said. "She can leave her player to go help a teammate and then recover in time if the ball is passed to the girl she left. As a leader, Marie is very positive and makes sure everybody on the team stays upbeat. Every time she comes into practice, she has a smile on her face."

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Smilo helps lift Wayne State into winner's circle

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How's this for going out in style?

Chris Smilo, playing in his final home football game at Wayne State University last Saturday, turned in a performance that would have made Brian Urlacher proud.

The former Canton High School gridiron standout had his best game as a collegian, recording six tackles (five solo) and a key sack in the Warriors' 33-17 victory over Ashland. The effort earned the 6-foot-3, 242-pound senior defensive end the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's "Defensive Player of the Week" award.

Receiving the award was great, Smilo admitted, but he's more proud of the fact that his big game helped brighten the day for one of his biggest fans.

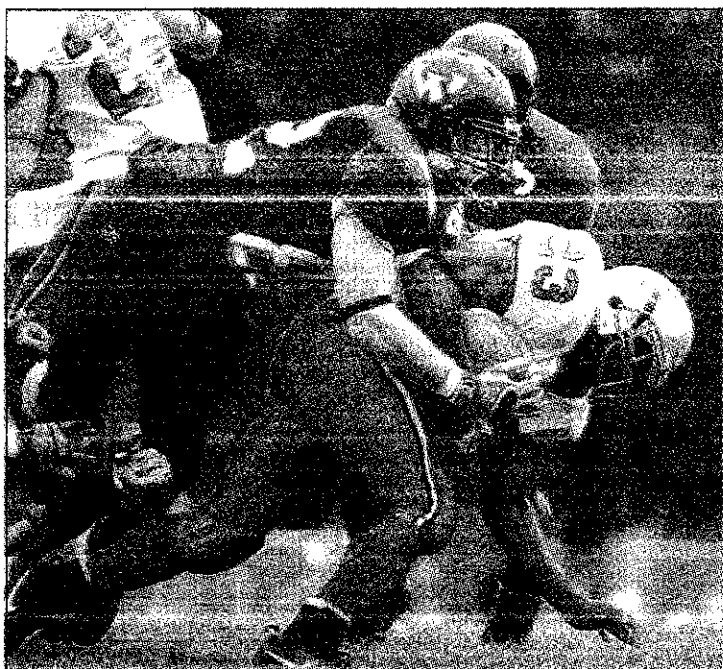
"My grandpa, who's battling cancer, got to come to the game, so I wanted to play well for him," Smilo said. "I was fired up any way because it was my final home game, but it was extra special playing well for him."

ENERGY TO SPARE

Wayne State defensive line coach Scott Kazmierski sensed Smilo was in for a nice afternoon during the Warriors' pregame drills.

"Chris always plays with a lot of energy, but before the Ashland game he seemed to be more energetic than ever," said Kazmierski. "Chris is never the biggest guy out there, but he's an effort guy who always plays with high intensity. On Saturday, he did a great job of taking on their blockers and getting to the ball. It was exciting to watch."

Smilo has played a pivotal role in a pair of reclamation projects during his football



WAYNE STATE PHOTO

Plymouth native Chris Smilo is pictured hauling down a University of Indianapolis running back earlier this season. Smilo was named GLIAC "Player of the Week" for his performance in the Warriors' Nov. 4 victory over Ashland.

career, which began 10 years ago when he pulled on his first set of shoulder pads as a member of the Westland Comets junior football program.

"I was a freshman at Canton during coach (Tim) Baechler's first year, so I was there when that program started turning around," Smilo said. "And this season was the first winning season Wayne State has had since 1994, so it's been satisfying to be a part of that, too."

"There are a couple of other guys who have been here five years like me and we talked throughout the off-season about how we'd had enough of not winning here. We were determined to turn this thing around this year. It's very satisfying to know we were able to do it."

Wayne State took a 6-4 record into yesterday's game at Ferris State. A victory against the 7-3 Bulldogs would give the Warriors their first seven-win season since 1983.

SUCCESSFUL SWITCH

As a freshman at Wayne

All-something."

Smilo received a medical redshirt in 2003 after suffering a season-ending shoulder injury. Prior to his sophomore season in 2004, the Warriors' coaching staff made what turned out to be a golden move, shifting Smilo to the defensive side of the ball. He excelled there from Day 1, including last season when he was one of the team's top tacklers before suffering a season-ending injury in Week 6.

"Chris is a little undersized for Division 2, but he makes up for it with his speed and quickness," Kazmierski said. "He's a strong kid and he understands how to get leverage against the bigger offensive linemen he goes up against."

"His teammates look up to Chris because he's so passionate about the game and because they know he's been here since before we tasted success. One reason Chris plays with so much desire is because he's suffered a couple of major injuries, so he knows first-hand that the next play could be his last. The other players see this and feed off it."

FOOTBALL FAMILY

Smilo's family tree is probably rooted not far from a football field. His grandfather played semi-pro football in Defiance, Ohio, and later coached in high school; and his dad, Dave, was a four-year

letter winner at Eastern Michigan University before playing several seasons in the United States Football League and one season in the Canadian Football League.

"Growing up, it seems like we were always playing football in the backyard," Smilo said. "I've loved every minute

of it. Football has been such a big part of my life and it's going to be hard to give up when my career here is over. It's not like softball or basketball — there aren't any 30- and-over tackle football leagues."

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Bowling is also a social sport, where people can get together and exchange ideas. Most adult bowlers are voters representing a large cross-section of our demographics. We come in a wide variety of ethnic, racial, religious and economic groups and are very concerned about what is going on in our community and country.

■ High school varsity bowling has just received a big boost with the advent next year of a National High School Bowling Championship in which the top high school bowlers will vie for a boys and girls national title.

It will be co-sponsored by Denny's restaurants along with the PBA and USBC and will be Thursday-Friday, March 24-25, in Grand Rapids. It immediately follows the PBA World Championship tournament. This is a giant leap ahead for high school bowling in terms of recognition as the fastest growing varsity sport.

■ Rick Eiermann of Garden City was among those honored last Saturday as current inductees to the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame held at the St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

Eiermann has earned this honor as one of the area's elite competitors over the last 20 years. He has captured several titles and rolled nine 800 series with an 836 high. He also has bowled 300 on 25 different occasions with a high average of 230.

As a member of the Detroit All-Star Classics, he has been a member of 12 championship teams. He also serves as a director of the local Metro Detroit USBC.

■ Now you can wrestle with this piece of news: Wrestling is going bowling

in 2007.

Last Thursday, Skore Lanes in Taylor hosted the first publicity campaign which ties in the Community Bowling Centers with WWE.

On hand were such wrestling luminaries as The Brooklyn Brawler (aka Steve Lombardi) Hacksaw Jim Duggan and Val Venis.

Promoter Jimmy Hart made the introductions. It was emceed by Roger Philipi of the Community Bowling Centers, which operates and owns 23 bowling centers in Michigan, all of which will be participating in the "Bowl and Go" program.

Participants can enter the Wrestlingmania Bowling Club, which involves 19 weeks of 9-pin no-tap bowling each week.

Those who join will receive a ticket to Wrestlingmania 23 on Sunday, April 1 at Ford Field.

The Community Bowling Centers in the O&E cities and starting dates include: Merri Bowl, Livonia, Nov. 14 and 16; Super Bowl, Canton, Nov. 14; Bowl One, Nov. 13, and Troy Lanes, Nov. 20, in Troy; and Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills, Nov. 17 and 19.

It's only \$13.95 per bowler per week.

For more information, call Roger Philipi at (734) 464-8500, Ext. 13; or contact him via email at rphilipi@bowlde-troit.com. You can also call

Fran Wood at (313) 291-6220

■ Don Daugherty of Livonia rolled his first 300 game last week in the Wednesday Senior Men's Classic at Mayflower Lanes.

"I told myself not to get nervous on the 12th shot," Daugherty said, "and that worked just fine."

Daugherty has been on a hot streak lately, shooting in the 700s nearly every week.

He followed his 300 with a 192 game, which earned him the dubious honor of the Jack Dahlstrom Award for bowling 100 pins or more under the previous game.

Hank DeCaluwe of Taylor also rolled a 300 game that same day.

■ What do you get when you roll 29 strikes out of a possible 36 in a three-game series?

Andy Jones, 17, of Livonia, did just that and his games were 257-289-280 for an incredible series of 826 while bowling in the Country High School league at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Andy's older brother, Scott just rolled another 300 game this week in the University Men's League, also at Country Lanes.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or email at: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net

WLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Canton: Marie Martin, Jr.; Franklin: Allison Bonsall, Sr.; Heather Jaroh, Sr.; Andrea McCall, Jr.; Allison Milcan, Sr.; Brittany Taylor, Soph.; Northville: Chelsea Atsinger, Soph.; Jessica Boerger, Sr.; Allison Holmes, Jr.; Plymouth: Megan Davis, Jr.; Chelsey Quinlan, Sr.; Wayne Memorial: Trenia Barbee, Jr.; Nastassia Goines, Jr.; Natasha Owens; W.L. Western: Tanya Mestah, Jr.; Malissa Moore, Sr.

Lakes Division

Salem: Chelsea Davis, Soph.; W.L. Central: Alyssa Hopper, Sr.; Chelsea McDonald, Sr.; John Glenn: Brittany Brown, Jr.; Kiaya Montague, Sr.; Chanel Payne, Soph.; W.L. Northern: Charli Coram, Jr.; Malissa Guiles, Jr.; Karleen Herbst, Jr.; Carissa McKennz, Fr.; Whitney Tower-Woods, Soph.; Churchill: Hilary Antal, Sr.; Elizabeth Buttery, Jr.; Lindsey Graciak, Soph.; Livonia Stevenson: Rebecca Bartek, Jr.; Janice Hollandsworth, Sr.; Kaitlin O'Hara, Sr.; Allison Smith, Sr.



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CANTON

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Baechler. "We're excited. It was kind of ugly tonight. The offense played well all night and the defense played OK in the first half. As far as the defense in the second half, well..."

Canton senior running backs Nick Moores and Antwaun Hawkins battered the Hornets' defense like a heavyweight boxer who lands repeated jabs and hooks against an overmatched opponent.

Both players had career-best nights: Moores netted 185 yards and three TD's on 21 carries while Hawkins picked up 143 on 20 runs and a pair of scores.

Also earning a few more tomahawk stickers for the back of their helmets were senior quarterback Steve Paye, who completed all of his passes (three) for the second consecutive week as well as picking up 46 yards and one TD on six carries; and senior Deshon McClendon, who ground out 53 tough yards on 13 attempts.

Canton, which chewed up 485 total yards to Saline's 382, scored on all seven of its offensive possessions and — based on the way it dominated the Hornets in the trenches — would have scored on seven more if the game was 96 minutes long instead of 48.

Canton's backs ran through doorwall-sized gaps created by the all-senior offensive line of

Brandon Fender, Billy Turner, Nick Dunleavy, Keil Price, William Khoury, Jeff Phillips and Kyle Brodzik.

"Offensively, I thought Canton played a heck of a game," said Saline coach Mike Glennie, whose team finished 9-3. "I really was impressed. I thought we had people in the right places early in the game, but we weren't tackling well."

"I was particularly impressed with No. 5 (Moores). He strung us out, made us pursue, then cut back underneath."

Baechler was equally impressed with Saline quarterback Kyle Brown, who completed 21-of-34 aeriels for 334 yards and three touchdowns.

His favorite target was 6-foot-1, 180-pound senior Mike Adler, who hauled in eight passes for 137 yards and a score.

The Chiefs' defense focused on stopping senior fullback Vince Helmuth, who is headed to the University of Michigan with a football scholarship, and they did, limiting the 6-2, 240-pound bruiser to 22 yards on six carries.

"Going into this game, I knew that he was the man," Baechler said, giving a nod to Brown.

"Everybody kept talking about Vince. But I'm like, forget this. We're going to stop Vince. It's the quarterback and the 6-1 receiver we're going to have to stop. That quarterback is a stud."

"We expected them to throw like this. We knew we could shut their running game down and

we knew it was going to be a throw-fest. I just thought we would stop them more than we did."

Glennie said the early deficit and the attention the Chiefs were giving to Helmuth made the Hornets' No. 1 option the air route.

"They were all over our full-back, which they should be, so Kyle was forced to throw a lot tonight. He did a great job except for the one interception (by Dan Wanshon), but, hey, he's only 5-7. We told him to ask for some height for Christmas this year."

Canton led 28-0 with 7:15 left in the second quarter thanks to touchdown runs from Hawkins (3 yards) and Moores (2 and 12 yards), and a 32-yard fumble return to paydirt by Chris Hasse, who also ran one back in the Chiefs' Week 2 win over Westland John Glenn. Turner set up Hasse's return by separating Brown from the ball on a crunching blind-side hit.

The teams traded TD's — Brown scored on a 1-yard keeper and Moores added a 34-yard sprint — before Brown closed the first-half scoring with a 39-yard field goal.

McClendon, Hawkins and Paye all scored second-half TD's for the Chiefs while Brown threw for three — one each to Casey Dishman, Adler and Austin Trott — before Helmuth capped the scoring with a 3-yard TD with 4:30 to play.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton junior defensive lineman Tevin Brooks sets his sights on Saline quarterback Kyle Brown during Friday night's 56-36 Chief victory.

Saline could have made things interesting had they not coughed the ball away to the Chiefs on three occasions in the first half. McClendon and Hasse recovered

fumbles while Wanshon added a pick followed by a 38-yard return.

Canton, which had an uncharacteristically high eight penalties

(70 yards), dominated time of possession, 32:37 to 15:23.

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Dennie Taft, former Detroit Tigers' strength and conditioning coach, is teaming with High Velocity Sports to offer an 8- or 12-week performance training camp specific to baseball players.

One-hour sessions (2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) will feature drills and exercises designed to develop speed, agility, quickness, core strength and power — the same ones used to prepare area professional baseball players Nate Robertson, Charlie Haeger, Anthony Tomey and Bobby Malek.

Participants can choose either the Monday-Wednesday-Friday session or Tuesday-Thursday session. Camps run the week of Nov. 27, through the week of Feb. 26, 2007.

For more information and pricing, contact Dennie Taft, TAFT Strength and Conditioning, at (734) 751-0923. You can also reach him at tafttraining@msn.com.

HIGH VELOCITY ADDS HOOP

Canton-based High Velocity Sports has partnered with Joe Dumars Fieldhouse to replace its roller hockey rink with four hardwood basketball/volleyball courts.

Leagues for both youth and adults are now forming and will begin play the week of Dec. 1. The basketball/volleyball season will last 12 weeks and include 10 games plus playoffs. The cost for adult players is \$110.

"We are very excited to be able to announce the development and imminent opening of Joe Dumars Fieldhouse inside High Velocity Sports in Canton," said Joe Dumars. "We are confident that the operation will serve the league basketball needs of the community in a first-class fashion. We are also enthusiastic about the impact that a west-side location will have on our existing facilities in Shelby Township and Detroit."

HVS is offering 5-on-5 and 4-on-4 adult leagues. The fee for youth players is \$135. Players in both leagues will receive a free jersey.

Daily drop-in basketball is available from 10 a.m. to midnight. The cost is \$8.

"We think adding Joe Dumars Fieldhouse basketball to HVS is one of the biggest sports revelations to hit Canton," said Bryan Finnerty, leading owner of HVS. "We are honored to forge an alliance with one of professional basketball's greatest ambassadors."

HVS will also be offering basketball clinics; floor hockey and tee ball for youngsters; and volleyball classes. Adult co-ed volleyball leagues are also available for a fee of \$85 per player.

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Owners must keep their pets warm

With the mercury falling during winter, Plymouth Veterinary Hospital advises pet owners to be aware of special precautions and animal care tips to keep their pets healthy, happy and warm.

There are a variety of dangers associated with cold weather and pets. Pet owners can take a few simple steps to ensure that their pets brave the cold winter months.

Plymouth Veterinary Hospital recommends these cold weather precautions:

■ Pet owners are encouraged to keep their pets inside whenever possible or to provide appropriate shelter, water and bedding if the pet must be left outside for any length of time during the cold weather. Keep pets indoors for general health conditions such as diabetes, heart and kidney and hormone imbalances. Younger and older pets also have compromised abilities to regulate body heat and should be kept indoors as well.

■ Cats are attracted to the warmth of car engines. Check beneath the car, honk the horn or rap on the hood before starting the engine because the animal can be seriously, if not fatally, injured if the car is started.

■ Pets' foot pads often collect salt and ice. Prevent irritation by wiping the pads with a warm washcloth after every trip outside.

■ If clean, unfrozen water isn't readily available, pets are more likely to drink out of puddles and gutters. This puts animals at risk of poisoning from antifreeze, household chemicals and other pollutants that end up in the street.

■ Pet owners may dress their animals in sweaters or outer wear in an attempt to keep them warm, but keep in mind that pets lose most of their body heat from the pads on their feet, through their ears and respiratory track.

In addition to dropping temperatures, cold weather dangers for pets include precipitation and wind. Just as humans, pets suffer from frostbite and hypothermia during the winter months. When in doubt about the weather conditions, it's best to leave the pets indoors.

Plymouth Veterinary Hospital is an accredited member of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), an international association of more than 36,000 veterinary care providers who treat companion animals. AAHA hospital members are regularly inspected to ensure they meet AAHA's high standards of pet care.

Dr. Vyvian J. Gorbea is the owner of Plymouth Veterinary Hospital.

Get help selling charity cards

Is your nonprofit organization or charity selling holiday greeting cards to raise funds?

On Nov. 26, the *Observer Newspapers*' Sunday HometownLife.com section will spotlight an entire page of holiday greeting cards in full color.

Send your cards with information about how to purchase them and who the charity serves to Hugh Gallagher, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

The deadline for entry is Nov. 15.



Animal lover turns adversity into golden opportunity

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Pamela Panagos waves hello with one hand while hanging onto the leash of Chester. It's obvious the 46-year-old Livonia woman enjoys her new career as a pet sitter.

Panagos loves animals and so does her family which is important when living with not only a dog and cat, but a turtle, frogs, fish, gerbil, and dwarf hamster. Husband Bill is especially supportive of Panagos's pet sitting service as is her son, Alec, and daughter Olivia, a 12-year-old who plans on becoming a veterinarian.

Six years ago, Panagos had no idea that she'd be caring for other people's pets as well as her own menagerie. Then Alec was born with medical complications and she was laid off as a contractor for the automotive industry. The combination of the two catastrophic events forced her to reassess her priorities. She chose to stay by Alec's side during several hospitalizations to

repair the hole in his heart. Today, Alec is an active 6-year-old and Panagos is contributing to the household budget along with Bill who works for DaimlerChrysler. In the last five years, the word had spread about Panagos's business - Reliable Pet Service - thanks to a mention in the newsletter for St. Gerald's Catholic Church in Livonia.

"We purchased our home on two incomes. I wanted to provide for my family," said Pamela Panagos. "I decided to write a list of things I loved to do. I always grew up with pets."

"The pet sitting service allows me to be my own boss. I like the flexibility, like volunteering at school. I do volunteer work as a crossing guard and lunch duty, also for Masterworks (to bring art into elementary classrooms)."

Panagos's busy day is divided between caring for her son and daughter and the furry children of other people. As the sole owner and employee of the pet service, she visits a client's home four to five times a day to feed, water and walk them.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pamela Panagos pet-sits for Chester, one of her canine clients, owned by the Dewitt family of Livonia.

Panagos can also care for animals in her home at the request of an owner.

"I've never run into any aggressive animals," said Panagos. "One dog was a little skittish. She was found on the streets so I had to chase her because she was skittish and was chewing the kids toys so I had to put things up. If I have a problem with a dog while pet sitting, I call to let

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Farmington Hills psychologist Dr. Ron Rice with his 'co-therapist' Bella. Rice appreciates the soothing effect Bella has on his patients during their sessions and says many patients have grown very attached to her.

Compassionate counseling

Psychologist partners with furry co-therapist

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Ron Rice fondly strokes Bella, the furry co-therapist in his practice. The psychologist jokes some day their roles could reverse if clients ever begin to value the Labrador Retriever's compassion over his gentle but confrontational style of counseling.

Bella's big cold nose nudges a response from everyone entering Rice's Humanistic Resources office in Farmington Hills. The yellow lab immediately establishes a comfort zone for those seeking help during a difficult time in their life. Before long the client's apprehension completely subsides as they find psychological safety in Bella's big gold eyes.

"When people go see a therapist they imagine you're going to look like Sigmund Freud and there's going to be a couch," said Dr. Ron Rice, a West Bloomfield resident. "I dress in a pair of slacks and sports shirt. Bella goes and greets them."

Client, psychologist and co-ther-

apist then settle down in their respective chairs. Bella seems to know when comforting is needed and moves about the room. Her mature nature is surprising for a dog so young. In some circles Bella is still considered a puppy even though she turned one-year-old on Nov. 3. She proudly sports the purple scarf that Rice bought for her birthday.

Rice has been a dog lover all of his life. The scarf is a mere token of affection compared to the \$5,000 he spent on Deogi, his first co-therapist 25 years ago. Deogi developed Cushing's disease at age eight. The costly treatment enabled her to live to 14 years old. Rice respected Deogi's contributions to client care so much, he continued to use Golden Retrievers in his practice to break the ice and provide comfort. Keesa and Amber preceded Bella, his first yellow lab.

"There's something really magical about Bella. She's so sensitive," said Rice. "I had a client who was severely depressed and we talked five weeks, but he was very con-



Bella, a yellow lab, curiously checks out the new visitor in her and Farmington Hills psychologist Dr. Ron Rice's office.

trolled. Then during one session he burst into tears. Bella left her chair and went and rested her head in his lap. He stroked her and he stopped crying. She continued to leave her head on his lap. Without a word she was saying it will be OK. I'm here.

"One young fellow was very shy. It was difficult to get him to talk. Bella would sit next to him. He started petting her then talking to her. Then he began talking to me. She was an intermediary."

Carol was a 30-year-old woman going through emotional stress and relationship problems when she sought counseling from Rice. Bella was not present for her first few visits as Rice had not yet purchased the four-month-old dog.

"From day one it was good having someone outside my family that could relate to me," said Carol. "When he brought in his dog she was very soothing. When I was

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the owners know. I usually touch base once to tell them how their pet is doing anyway."

Deb Dery prefers that Panagos visit her Livonia home. When the Livonia woman took a cruise last December with husband Bob, daughter Andrea, 21, son Bryan, 25, and daughter-in-law Katie, Panagos cared for the family's golden retriever Ginger, 11, and yellow Labrador retriever Cody, 4. Ginger died in January after being in remission for a year.

"She had cancer and was able to be home. I didn't want to put her in a kennel," said Deb Dery. "That is one of the nice things about Pam's service. If you have a dog who is ill or elderly she is the ideal person to have come into the home. She's like a member of the family."

In addition to pet sitting, Panagos provides a variety of services, for a nominal charge, to make the house a home when the owner is out of town. Besides caring for 14-year-old Chester, she kept Betsy and Jim Dewitt's business running

from their Livonia home.

"I pick up mail, newspapers, water their flowers, indoor and outdoor, make the house look as though there's somebody there all the time," said Panagos. "I even taken out people's trash on trash days."

The cost for pet sitting depends on the size of the animal. Large dogs, 42 pounds and up, are \$12.50 per day, \$11 for 28-41 pounds, and \$9.50 for 28 pounds and under, and includes feeding, walking dogs, and administering medication. Cats, birds, hamsters, and gerbils cost \$8 per day and include cleaning cages and litter boxes.

Recently, Panagos expanded her business to include pet photography. For the holidays many owners are dressing their animals in costume.

"So far I've photographed my neighbors' animals and my own," said Panagos. "I believe there's a market."

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

REUNIONS

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efhs67@yahoo.com

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cody

Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5th. Cost is \$95 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD and much more. We extend this invitation to all 50's graduates. Deadline is June 25. Don't miss out. Call 800-859-9502 for details.

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A 50-year reunion is being planned for September 2007. Looking for January and June graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Angie (Conz) Maccani at (313) 532-4379 or Ken Suski at (313) 291-5450.

Epiphany Grade School

Class of 1966

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

Fordson High School

Class of 1969

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

Garden City High School

Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryl (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Addresses needed. For information, e-mail gc96reunion@sbcglobal.net.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991

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CLASS REUNIONS

Livonia Churchill

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 24, at the Wintergarden Tavern in Livonia. For information, call Brian Zawislak at (734)751-7736 or e-mail storminnormin5@yahoo.com

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Marriott Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$55/person and are available now. Send checks payable to "Stevenson Class of '76 Reunion" - mail to Dave Lindenmuth, 34357 Burton Lane, Livonia 48154. For more information, e-mail dlindenm@hotmail.com.

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth

Salem

Class of 1996

Ten-year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets, go online to www.pcep1996.myevent.com.

Redford Thurston

Class of 1976

A 30-year class reunion, Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West at Laurel Park. Registration/cocktails 6-7 p.m., food-entertainment 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Ticket cost is \$55, plus cash bar. Contact Cheryl Caskey at (313) 592-0345.

Redford Union High School

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Embassy Suite, Livonia. For more information, go to [\[sof86.com\]\(http://sof86.com\) or call \(734\)787-9954.](http://www.ruhighclas-</p>
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Roseville High School

Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at all-june1939@scbglobal.net or hermans2002@comcast.net.

St. Damian

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion Friday, Nov. 24, at Montana's in Westland. Contact Kathy Minnaugh Story at alandkathys@yahoo.com or by phone at (734) 483-9201.

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Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313)220-4769 or tnfaisan@aol.com

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LIBRARY PICKS

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2. "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
3. "The Collectors," David Baldacci
4. "Act of Treason," Vince Flynn
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NON-FICTION

1. "The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama
2. "The Innocent Man," John Grisham
3. "Culture Warrior," Bill O'Reilly
4. "State of Denial," Bob Woodward
5. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron

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5. "Belinda and the Glass Slipper," Amy Young

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are

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Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplus-janet@aol.com

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Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information, call Lucy Rowley, (734) 462-1768.



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COMPASSIONATE

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tearful she knew to come up to me and with those eyes say pet me. I've had a Rottweiler for eight years so I related. When he did get the dog I was always looking forward to going in to see Bella. She's always been calm. Her being so calm makes me feel at ease."

Only twice in Rice's 25 years of using his dogs in therapy has a client objected to their presence. One was afraid of dogs, the other suffered from allergies. Rice insisted on the animal staying but offered clients the names of three other therapists because he views his dog as "a respected co-therapist." The client who was allergic chose to leave, the other stayed and overcame their fear. Rice has been working with clients with anxiety and panic disorders, depression and marital problems since earning a master's degree in clinical psychology at Oakland University in Rochester and a doctorate in clinical and humanistic psychology from Saybrook Institute in San Francisco. As a Parenting Time coordinator he sees divorced couples ordered into counseling by the Oakland County Friend of the Court.

Rice's three children - Carrie, 34, Erik, 32, and Julie, 29 - grew up to be animal lovers like their father.

"Married couples come in to do an interview and I ask them the question what is the problem. Each always says the other. They start ranting during the process," said Rice. "Bella goes from one to the other soothing them."

Rice says he's learned a lot

Rice says he's learned a lot from watching his dogs. They have enriched his practice and helped him to be a better therapist. The four-footed co-therapists have provided comfort to him as well. Nine years ago when he was going through a divorce his Golden's companionship was therapeutic and helped him move on to a new life with present wife Linda. Today at age 66, he's surrounded by females. Bella, a six-month old Pekinese mix named Bunny and Linda's Maltese dog, Becka, all live happily together with the Rices.

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"The best night of the week



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Farmington Hills psychologist Dr. Ron Rice talks about the impact of bringing his dog Bella into therapy sessions.

is Sunday because I know I'm going to see my patients," said Rice. "I believe all human beings engage in only one activity - making choices."

Rice chose co-therapists who happen to be dogs so he looks forward to going to work.

"Life is the culmination of your choices," said Rice. "I

work a lot with that concept in therapy. I'm very goal oriented. I help people confront their problems. How we think about stress is important. Be proactive and the depression dissipates."

To reach Dr. Ron Rice and Bella, call (248) 626-2056.

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Benefit supports off-base housing of military pets

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Donna Law has turned down a dozen soldiers who were looking for a place to care for their pets until they returned home from the military. Each time Law felt bad because her home in Old Redford was too small to accommodate their requests.

On Saturday, Nov. 18 and 25, she's organizing a fund-raiser to purchase a facility or acreage to house and care for not only displaced but homeless pets. The property will be the future home of Mutts & Mutts Rescue League and Michigan Coonhound Rescue.

The K-9 OFF Base benefit takes place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Pet Supplies "Plus," 43665 Ford Road, between Sheldon and Morton Taylor, in Canton.

A Mutts & Mutts Rescue League representative will be on site with the first two dogs in their K-9 Off Base Housing Program.

"They didn't want to give up their pets," said Donna Law, president of Mutts & Mutts Rescue. "Our first soldier is in Iraq and we have his two dogs in a foster home. But it's not just the military people who need help. It's for anyone with a crisis in their life. One woman went into a shelter in Pontiac and wanted a place for her little dog to stay until she got her home."

"We're looking to raise a 10-percent down payment for property between Lansing and Port Huron near the Selfridge base so we're close to the air-

port. A soldier can come in on leave on a holiday and spend time with their dog."

Law is grateful to Pet Supplies "Plus" in Canton for not only giving her the opportunity to raise money for off base housing for military pets, but for donating dog and cat food to Mutts & Mutts Rescue League for the last five years.

In addition to a silent auction and a raffle items including sports memorabilia, pet care and house cleaning items, the organization will be trying to find homes for abandoned pets during the fund-raising days.

For more information, call Law at (313) 538-1383, leave a message on her pager at (313) 232-0382, or send e-mail to dmuttermutts@aol.com.

All Charter One branches are accepting donations for the off base housing account 3190198832. Donations can also be mailed to Mutts & Mutts Rescue League, P.O. Box 40386, Redford, MI 48240.

The rescue organization is also in need of large dog beds, Pro Plan Lamb and Rice dry and canned food, dog vitamins, brewers yeast and garlic tablets, Advantage/Front Line products, enclosed utility trailer, portable outdoor kennels, blankets, rugs, chainlink fencing roll, and used computer/fax machine.

For information about the adoption process and a list of available dogs and cats, visit www.muttsandmutts.petfinder.org.

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Fund-raiser takes guests over the rainbow

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Supporters of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra are in for a colorful evening. A Nov. 17 fund-raiser is taking guests "Over the Rainbow" with a dinner, concert and silent auction.

"Colorful music is going to be played," said Rose Kachnowski, chairperson for the event. "Every song is going to have a color in its theme - The Blue Tango, Pink Panther and of course Over the Rainbow sung by former Miss Michigan Stacey Heisler Mason.

"Tables will be done up in colors of the rainbow. It will be a very colorful event."

The dinner, concert and silent auction begin at 6 p.m. Friday at

Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

So far guests have made 300 reservations, but plenty of tickets are still available. Kachnowski is hoping that 500 supporters turn out for the event which includes about 100 items in the silent auction.

Tickets are \$55. Call June Kendall at (734) 425-1881 for reservations.

Kachnowski has made sure that one particular raffle carries out the theme by trumpeting the colors green and white, and maize and blue.

"There will be a contest between University of Michigan and Michigan State fans to vote for their favorite school by mak-

ing a donation to the symphony. The orchestra will play the fight song of the winner," said Kachnowski.

"There will also be a raffle for a pot of gold with the prize of a gold necklace and \$50 cash. Tickets are \$1 each and only available on the evening of the event."

Kachnowski is still looking for sponsors of the event to raise money for the symphony. Call the LSO 24-hour music line at (734) 421-1111.

Supporters can choose their donation level by color. Giving ranges from Gold sponsors making a donation of \$1500 to a Purple contribution of \$250. For \$1500 sponsors receive 10 tickets to the event. Two guests can

enjoy the evening for a Purple donation.

"It's a really big tax write-off and it's a fun event," said Kachnowski. "And it's important because it's our major fund-raiser for the symphony. Sales of concert tickets only bring in a portion of the money (needed for the season's operating budget).

"It will be three hours of fun and camaraderie. You can't even go to a restaurant for \$55 these days. And it's live music with over 65 musicians volunteering for an hour-long concert. The orchestra is very enthusiastic about this particular event. They always donate their services."

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ANNIVERSARY



Brocklehursts celebrate 70th anniversary

Gordon and Olga (Campbell) Brocklehurst of Redford will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary Nov. 14.

The Brocklehursts were married Nov. 14, 1936, in Kingsville, Ohio. They have lived in Redford for 67 years.

Their children are Gordon Bill Brocklehurst of Moline, Ill., James Brocklehurst of South Lyon, Karl Brocklehurst of Farmington Hills and Linda Huber of Harrison, Mich.

They have nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Gordon is a retired metal fabricator. Olga is a retired teacher. Gordon served on the Redford Union school board for 24 years.

The couple are active in the Masonic Lodge, Redford Presbyterian Church and Redford Senior Citizens.

They will celebrate their anniversary with their oldest son and his family in Illinois.

ENGAGEMENT



Maxa-Lopez

Patricia Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn., and Gene Cielski of Crossville, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter Krysten Kathleen Maxa of Knoxville to J. Oscar Lopez Jr. of Nogales, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is currently attending the University of Tennessee for a master's degree in mental health counseling.

The prospective groom is the son of J. Oscar Lopez Sr. and Isabel Lopez of Nogales. He is a 1991 graduate of Nogales High School and is employed as a general contractor.

An April 2007 wedding is planned for Knoxville, Tenn., followed by a honeymoon in Hawaii. The couple will make their home in Knoxville.

Civitas seeking members

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

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CLAUDE MARSH BIRD

Age 82, of San Diego, California and Rochester, Michigan, died peacefully Saturday morning, July 29, 2006 at his home in San Diego surrounded by his family. A resident of San Diego County since 1974, he retired from the United States Air Force (USAF) after 31 years and was subsequently employed as Deputy Director of the Iranian Post, Teheran, Iran and by Cubic Corporation of San Diego. Born December 20, 1923 in Rochester, Michigan to Frank and Grace Marsh Bird, Mr. Bird attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America and graduated from Rochester High School in 1941. Employed for several years as a newspaper carrier for the Detroit News and the Pontiac Daily Press, he exhausted two bicycles before acquiring a 1929 Model A Ford to complete his deliveries. He subsequently attended the Universities of Pittsburgh and Maryland, and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Business from National University in 1979 at the age of 56. In December 1942, Mr. Bird voluntarily enlisted in the US Army-Air Corps flight-training program as an Aviation Cadet, and on May 1, 1943, he married Glenna Jean May of Rochester, Michigan, before departing for his first assignment in China. He attained the rank of Lt. Colonel in the USAF and was a Command Pilot logging 5600 flight hours in both prop and jet aircraft which included the B-24, F-86, B-57, and the F-4 Phantom. He flew 100 combat missions in the China Burma India Theatre during WWII as well as 168 combat missions during the Viet Nam conflict. Among his many awards and decorations are the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters. He is a member of the 14th Air Force Association (CBI), the Air Force Association, the F-86 Sabre Pilots Association, the Retired Officers Association, the Disabled American Veterans and a lifelong member of the Masons (Lodge #243 Osceola, Michigan). He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Glenna May Bird, his two children Claudia Bird Schoonhoven, PhD and Ronald Frank Bird, JD, three grandsons, Bryan Ronald Bird, Scott Gerald Schoonhoven, and Andrew Claudi Bird, and a great grandson, William Bryan Bird, who reside in California and Colorado. He is also survived by seven nieces and nephews, children of his two sisters Irene Bird Tyler and Mary Bird Ramin who predeceased him: Robert Tyler, Dean Tyler, James Tyler, Marilyn Ramin Jenkins, and Sally Ramin Schultz who reside in Michigan, and Charles Ramin, MD and Glenn Ramin who reside in Oregon and Nevada, respectively. Mr. Bird's memorial service was held at Community Church of Poway on Friday, August 4, 2006 and he was interred Tuesday August 8, 2006, at the Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California. Donations to the Claude Marsh Bird Fund for Heart Failure Research may be sent to the University of California San Diego Cardiovascular Center, 200 West Arbor Drive #8225, La Jolla, CA 92037-8225 or to the charity of your choice in his name.

DAVID NEWELL MILLS

Longtime resident of Farmington and West Bloomfield. Died November 7, 2006 at Royal Oak's Beaumont Hospital as a result of a rupture of an aortic aneurysm. He was born in Detroit on May 23, 1918 to Wilson Waddingham Mills and Clara Elizabeth Avery of Grosse Pointe. Mr. Mills was a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Michigan Law School. During the second World War, he served as an Army meteorologist in Panama and the Caribbean. He was a practicing attorney of nearly 50 years with the law firm of Cross, Wrock, Miller, and Vieson (later Cross Wrock PC) in Detroit. In 1942, he married Julia Conner Ligon of Brighton, Maryland, who predeceased him in 1991. He left four children and their spouses: Christopher (Susan) of Glen Echo, MD; W. Joseph (Linda) of Kalamazoo, MI; Rebecca (Ralf) Bremmanna of Bremen, Germany; and Amanda (Nick) Wilcox of Grass Valley, CA. He is survived by 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and his dear companion, Peggy Marlin of West Bloomfield. He also left a sister, Ann (Simeon) Hyde of Portland, OR. He was preceded in death by a son, David H., a granddaughter, Laura Wilcox, and a brother, William J. Mills. "Old Man", as Mr. Mills was affectionately called, had many interests that he was enthusiastic about, including art history and appreciation, classical music, covered bridges, and worldwide travel. He was a man of great intelligence and wit, and he possessed an enormous zest for life. Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2006, at 2:00pm at the Ann Arbor Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI. Contributions in his memory may be made to Friends School in Detroit, 1100 St. Aubin Blvd., Detroit, MI 48207; and to Community Living Centers, 33235 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336.

DONALD M. HUFFORD

October 9, 2006, age 74. Beloved husband of Marion. Dear father of Thomas F., Catherine Young, Donna Merrifield (Gary) and Susan Stallings. Grandfather of Rebecca Young, Michael Merrifield, Matthew Merrifield, Alexandra Stallings and Jacob Stallings. Memorial service Thurs. 11am at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JANE K. WIGGINS

November 8, 2006 of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late Charles for 65 years. Dear mother of Katherine Leigh (Fred), John Wiggins (Karen) and the late Carol Peck. Mother-in-law of Jerry Peck (Diane). Also survived by seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Funeral service Monday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Sunday 2:00-8:00pm. Memorial tributes to Sharing and Caring, 3577 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 or Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com



EVA ELIZABETH MOLL

Age 72, of Plymouth and Lewiston, November 8, 2006. Beloved wife of Robert. Dear mother of Obejoyful Lynd, Janna (Jeff Benson) Moll, and Cindi (Karle Kimball) Moll. Dear grandmother of Holli (Steve) Sellek, Chelsea and Duncan Moll; and great-grandmother of Elizabeth Cunningham. Dear sister of Nancy Schnieder and Frank (Jean) Wadsworth; also of Marcia and Jackie (both deceased). For 25 years Mrs. Moll owned and operated E.E.M. Services, a local accounting service firm. She was a powerhouse of creative output, from interior decor to individualized hand-made walking sticks. Services were held Saturday at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Charitable donations can be made to Gift of Life. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



FRANCES M. HENDERSON

Age 86 of Westland, November 7, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Loving mother of Lanny (Barbara), Loraine (Mark Whaley), and Dale. Dear grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 4. Also survived by 1 brother and 2 sisters. Memorial Mass Sunday, November 12th at 2 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Memorial contributions to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church would be appreciated. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

HOWARD H. BLOOM

Age 85 of Plymouth, November 10, 2006. Loving husband of Dorothy. Dear father of Mary Ellen, James (Linda) and Kenneth (Mary Beth). Dear grandpa of Adam, Jacob, Joshua, Benjamin and Ryan. Served honorably in the Army Air Corps during World War II, as a Captain and Bomber Pilot. He was employed at GM for 44 years. He retired in 1985 as the Chief Experimental Engineer. Funeral Monday 11 am at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Sunday 1-4 pm and 6-9 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth MI 48170. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JAMES PATRICK DWYER

Age 76, November 8, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn. Survived father of Jim (Cheryl), Dan (Jeanne), Susie (Ron), Terry (Sandy), Jeff (Kim), Kelly, and Kerie (Andy). Also leaves 21 grandchildren. Brother of Margaret (Bob) Newlin and Jean (Tom) Murphy. Sweetheart of Ginny Foley and his faithful pooch, Buster. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, November 11, at St. James Catholic Church, Novi. Arrangements by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the University of Michigan Cancer Research.

KENNETH J. BELLANGER

November 8, 2006. Age 57. Beloved husband of Roberta. Dear father of Kenneth Jr. and "adopted" daughters, Pam and Karen. Brother of Gladys, Doris, Florence, Edward and the late Joseph, Robert, Earl, Ruth Ann, Peter, Leonard and Gloria. Visitation Saturday 4-8 PM and Sunday 12-8 PM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, with funeral service following on Monday at 1 PM.

MARIETTA KILLIAN REID

Age 89 of Bloomfield, MI died Tuesday, November 7th. Wife of Robert, mother of Richard, Christopher, Robert and the late Daniel and Matthew. Five grandchildren: Michael, Brenna, Elliot, Clarke, and Carolina. Sister of the late Esther Armstrong. Memorial service at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI, Tuesday, November 14th, 11am. Family service at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI, November 11th 2pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Christ Church Cranbrook or charity of your choice. Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 248-644-6000.

MARK S. TROHER

Age 43, of Canton. Formerly of Livonia. Suddenly passed away on November 7, 2006. Survived by his parents, Steve and Roberta; brothers Mike (Lori) and Tom (Athena) and sister Julie. Uncle to Stephen, Michelle, Nick and Vince. Also survived by many other family and friends. Visitation Sunday Nov. 12th, 2-9pm at Ziomek Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd. at Joy, Livonia. Vigil Service at 7pm. Funeral Monday, Nov. 13, 2006. Instate 9:30am at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland until 10am Mass.

VIRGINIA JOAN HASSARD (MORTON)

Age 80, passed away Friday, November 3, 2006. She formerly resided in Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham and Grosse Pointe. She is survived by four children, their spouses and eight grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 6, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. A reception and visitation with the family will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Smyth County Life Saving Crew, P.O. Box 784, Marion VA 24354; or Mt. Rogers PACT, 710 West Ridge Road, Suite 1-D, Wytheville, VA 24382. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at: www.seaverbrown.com or Seaver-Brown Funeral Service & Crematory, P.O. Box 427, Marion, VA 24354.

WALTER DRAKE

Age 83, formerly of Birmingham, died Tue., Oct. 31, in Traverse City, MI. He was born Sept. 8, 1923, the son of Harry and Isabelle (Marshall) Drake, in Oakfield, NY. The family moved to the Detroit area, where he graduated from Clawson High School and entered World War II, serving as a pilot. He married Mary Christine McClure, of Clawson, and graduated from Lawrence Technological University. He applied his many analytical and leadership skills at Hydro Manufacturing, in other companies and as a Boy Scout leader. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Jennifer L., and a sister, Louise L. McGuire. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Penelope (Charlie) Curry, sons Erick (Anne) Drake, Brian Drake, Tim (Jill) Drake, eight grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, cousins and a brother, Frank (Lois) Drake of Troy, MI. Funeral services were Sat., Nov. 4 in Traverse City. Memorial contributions may be made to 4th and Goal, c/o The Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, or the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

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Healthy solutions
St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a class called, "Healthy Solutions," 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning Nov. 14. The class is designed to help participants lose up to four pounds per week and each them how to keep the weight off. The class is held in the St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach Department, Marian Professional Building, Suite 412. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1783. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile (at Levan) in Livonia.

Harvest Thanksgiving dinner

A "Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner" takes place noon to 3 p.m. Nov. 19 at Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic temple, 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 children under 12. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

'Capturing ancestors'

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Speaker Susan Vitali will discuss "Capturing Your Ancestors Through Photos and Journaling." At 6:30 p.m., a session will cover online book catalogs available through the library. Guests are welcome. The group's Web site is www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs. Contact Margie, (734) 522-4050.



Haunting with seniors

Members of Brownie Troop 186 from Hulsing Elementary School in Canton spent some time Halloween Day with folks at the Heartland Health Center in Canton. At the invitation of supervisor Greg Robbins (that's him in the Darth Vader costume), the Brownies and the seniors played Bingo, sang songs and enjoyed cider, doughnuts and candy. Troop leaders Amy McKolay and Janel Koeigna said the troop 'had a great time.'

Craft show

Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights, is the site of the 18th-annual Arts and Crafts Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. The event features a raffle, bake sale, cabbage rolls and other ethnic food. Admission is \$1. For more information, call (734) 522-9653 or (248) 946-0173.

Breast health clinic

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a Breast Health Clinic 3:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, by appointment only. The clinic will include a complete breast exam by a registered nurse with instruction on self-examination, and mammogram, if indicated by physical findings or American Cancer Society standards. The mammograms will be discounted (\$75, includes exam and mammogram) or free to those meeting criteria. Appointment availability is limited and registration is required; call (734) 655-1159 to schedule an appointment.

Vespers and nativity concert

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will sponsor a Vespers service and Nativity concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 3 at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn. The evening begins at 6:30 with a Vespers service celebrated by priests from COCC member churches and sung by the COCC's Inter-Orthodox Choir. Following the service, the choir will sing a concert of Orthodox liturgical and para-liturgical music for the Nativity season and

selected Eastern and Western European Advent and Christmas carols. The story of St. Nicholas and gifts for children will follow the concert. Refreshments will be served. The evening is free of charge and open to the public.

A freewill offering will be collected. For further information, contact Victoria Kopistiansky, director of the Inter-Orthodox Choir and chair of the COCC Music Committee, at (313) 366-0677 or KopistianskyVickie@sbcglobal.net.

Genealogical Societies

■ The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program titled "Migration Patterns from Ontario to Michigan" 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit. Speaker Joan Griffin will tell where in Ontario they come from and where they went in Michigan and why. The club is located at 2068 Michigan Ave., four blocks west of Tiger Stadium. Fenced-in parking is available behind the building. The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge. For information, call Michael Brautigan, (734) 454-3495.

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Guests are welcome; meetings are open to the public. For more information visit the club's Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs/ or call Margie, (734) 522-4050.

■ The November meeting of the Livingston County Genealogical Society has been cancelled due to work at the LDS Church. The next meeting takes place Dec. 7 at the First United-Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Porcelain artists

The Dearborn Porcelain Artists host their annual "Victorian Tea and Holiday Show and Sale" 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the McFadden Ross Museum, 915 Brady, in west Dearborn (just north of Michigan Avenue). Heirloom gifts including hand-painted porcelain jewelry, tea services, thimbles, Christmas ornaments and more, painted by members, will be on sale. Admission is \$1. For information, call (734) 721-5030.

Shopping Spree

In time for the holidays! The Garden City Community Coalition is holding a

an evening of one-stop shopping with more than 20 home-party businesses. The Home Party Shopping Spree will be held from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Roma Banquets, 32550 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Purchase from a selection of jewelry, beauty products, baskets, scrapbook and card making supplies, children's activities, crystal ware, cooking and kitchen supplies, home décor and more. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes a raffle ticket, food and beverages. Proceeds benefit the Garden City Community Coalition.

Crafters needed

The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3. For information please contact Sue or Paul, (734) 844-3128.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping,

errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

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Smoking is out

Giving up tobacco could save your life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

There's no better time to quit smoking. The American Cancer Society is offering tips, a toll-free help line and information on its Web site for the 30th Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 16, to encourage individuals to kick the habit at least for the day.

Three decades ago about the only way to stop smoking was to go cold turkey. Giving up tobacco is easier today with the support of nicotine replacement therapies, prescription drugs, and alternative treatments such as acupuncture and hypnosis.

Employers can be a resource as well. Throughout the year employer relations specialist Leslie Demeter and communications specialist Kady Davenport meet with human resource managers and businesses interested in helping employees quit smoking through ACS programs, cessation resources and referrals available to everyone at (800) ACS-2345 and online at www.cancer.org 24-hours a day, seven days a week. While Davenport says, fear is a great motivator as lung cancer is the number one preventable killer of men and women in the U.S., the ACS recommends offering employees incentives to quit smoking.

"The easy way is to mandate a challenge, to make it fun," said Davenport of the ACS metro Detroit office in Southfield.

The ACS suggests using tools such as nicotine patches, gum and lozenges which are available over the counter or to visit a physician for a prescription.

Glenn Waldman tried patches, inhalers, lozenges, and hypnosis without success after smoking for more than 30 years. Six months ago the 56-year-old Garden City man received his second acupuncture treatment and hasn't smoked since. Waldman

believes the reason acupuncture failed the first time was because of the emotional stress he was going through from having to euthanize his dog. Stressful situations can trigger the urge to smoke.

"Different things work for different people," said Waldman, a plant maintenance mechanic for the City of Detroit water department. "Quitting smoking has helped me to breathe a lot easier, to walk the dog and climb stairs."

Sarah, Waldman's 53-year-old wife, knew it was time to quit smoking when she couldn't breathe while working their dog Strider in obedience classes at the K-9 Academy in Wayne. She plans to follow her husband to Dr. Shangxiao Xu, an acupuncturist in Garden City.

Acupuncture involves the placement of fine needles to stimulate specific points in the body. As a therapy, it has been used for thousands of years by practitioners of Chinese medicine.

"It was harder to walk my dog," said Sarah Waldman who works with senior citizens at a residential facility in Oak Park.

Dr. Shangxiao Xu, a nationally certified state-licensed acupuncturist and herbal physician, believes the reason acupuncture succeeds is because the therapy is not nicotine based. Smoking is an addiction like other drugs and creates dependency. The answer is not to use a different form of the substance to quit.

His advice is to try acupuncture then drink plenty of water throughout the day to stay hydrated and avoid coffee and candy as poor food choices can aggravate smoking withdrawal symptoms. Instead, eat carrots, celery and other vegetables. It's also important to have a support person around for the next few weeks to provide encouragement when needed - and to repeat an affirmation or positive statement such as "I am a non-smoker. I make healthy choices in my life" to imprint a new healthy image in the mind.

For more information, call (734) 838-0757, send e-mail to shangxiao@comcast.net, or visit www.acupuncture.com

"With gum, you still have a craving," said Dr. Shangxiao Xu of Garden City who earned his degrees from Qinghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in China. "Acupuncture stops craving. You feel more energy, more relaxed."

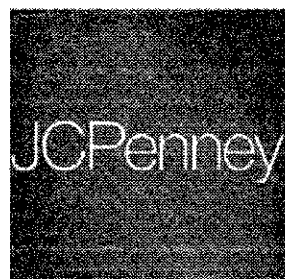
Waldman has gained 30 pounds back since he stopped smoking but feels better physically. Quitting smoking is just part of the plan to improve his health. One year ago he began cutting calories after his blood pressure skyrocketed during a stress test. He went from 260 to 185 pounds in the process. For Waldman, smoking is out. Healthy living is in.

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Kids sought for anti-smoking advertising contest

To help kids fight back against tobacco advertising and raise awareness about the dangers of smoking, Henry Ford Health System is co-sponsoring the Southeast Michigan Tobacco Counter-advertising Contest for Kids.

"One of our goals for this program is to help kids better understand the messages in tobacco advertisements so they are better prepared to resist the pressures to smoke," said Dr. Ronald M. Davis, director of Henry Ford's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

The contest is open to students in K-12 throughout southeast Michigan. Students will create an anti-tobacco counter-advertisement either as a poster, computer-generated artwork, radio commercial, song, TV commercial, or music video. Each entry should be accompanied by a typed statement describing the work in no more than 350 words.

Every day it is estimated that 4,000 U.S. teen-agers try their first cigarette, and another 2,000 become regular smokers. Of those, about half will eventually die from a smoking-related disease.

But the health consequences of smoking

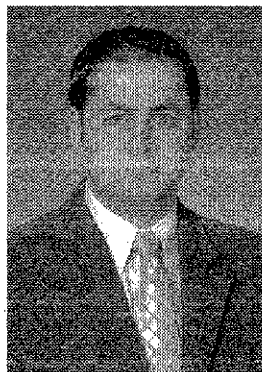
are probably the last thing on the minds of teens when they light up. Television, movies and other forms of advertising are influencing kids more than ever these days and tobacco companies are constantly looking for new ways to get their attention.

Entries can be submitted to Amanda Holm, project manager, Henry Ford Health System, 1 Ford Place, Suite 5C, Detroit, MI 48202. Deadline for entries is midnight Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Prizes of \$200 and \$100 will be awarded for the top two entries in each grade. Schools whose students submit a winning entry will receive \$250.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Wayne County Medical Society Foundation and funded by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, Michigan State Medical Society Foundation, Francis Rhoades Memorial Foundation, Linda Ford and R. Joe Dennis, and Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute.

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American Heart Association starts Web site for caregivers

In honor of National Caregivers Month, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association announced the launch of a new Web site - strokeassociation.org/caregiver or americanheart.org/caregiver - dedicated to the approximately 50 million people in the United States caring for a friend or family member who has a chronic medical condition.

Many of these people are helping survivors of heart disease or stroke, the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers, and the cause of disabilities that survivors can't manage alone. And, as the need for more caregivers is expected to grow rapidly as the nation's population ages, the new Web site dedicated to caregivers will provide those in need with the tools and resources necessary for not only taking care of those that need help, but those that do the helping.

"This new Web site offers useful resources for caregivers who don't have training and suddenly find themselves in this situation," said Dr. Pamela Marcovitz, medical chair for the American Heart Association's Metro Detroit Board of Directors, and director of the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. "This Web site is also a great reminder that the emotional and physical health of the caregiver is just as important as the health of the person for whom they are caring."

The new site includes a suite of materials to support caregivers including sections titled "Rejuvenate," "Refresh," "Reach Out," and "Replenish." The site gives caregivers practical, proven ways to take charge of their own health and emotional well-being. Other elements include tips for communicating with family and friends about their situation, a guide to healthy eating and food preparation, as well as Heart of Caregiving, a downloadable journal to help them prioritize how best to take care of their personal needs.

"Brain injury from some diseases such as stroke can affect the senses, motor activity, speech and the ability to understand speech. It can also affect a person's behavior and thought patterns, memory and emotions," said Marcovitz who notes that there are 700,000 new strokes a year in the United States. "Most families find their lives altered in a way they were not prepared to deal with."

The site also includes a discussion forum where caregivers can talk to others that are also caring for loved ones.

A final component to the American Heart Association / American Stroke Association's commitment to caregivers is a new online retail shop - Shopheart.org - which includes the Caregiver Italian Charm Bracelet and the Caregiver Journal and Planner.

Log onto americanheart.org/caregiver or strokeassociation.org/caregiver to view the new site dedicated to caregivers. Or, visit Shopheart.org for several items for purchase which are focused on caregivers.

NOVEMBER

Breast health clinic

3:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, by appointment only, in the Comprehensive Breast Center in the St. Mary Mercy Marian Women's Center in the hospital complex at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, east of Newburgh, Livonia. For additional information, please visit www.stmarymercy.org. Please use the Marian Professional Building entrance off Levan, south entrance of hospital. Includes a complete breast exam by a Registered Nurse with instruction on self-breast examination, and mammogram, if indicated by physical findings or American Cancer Society standards. The mammograms will be discounted (\$75, includes exam and mammogram), or free to those meeting specific criteria.

The best methods for detecting breast cancer early are regular breast self-exam, physical examinations by health care provider, and mammography. Early detection is the best protection. Appointment availability limited, registration required. Call (734) 655-1159 to schedule your appointment or for more information.

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The year in medicine

Annual lecture by Dr. Mark Moyad, director of Preventive and Alternative Medicine in the Department of Urology at the University of Michigan on The Year in Medicine 2006 From A to Z: What Worked and What Was Worthless 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in Kellogg Eye Center Auditorium, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor. No charge. The lecture is open to the public. Moyad will discuss prevention and treatment topics including artificial sweeteners; bladder, breast, colon and prostate cancers; calcium and vitamin D; dietary supplements; fish and fish oil; sunscreens, and vaccines. For information or to register, contact Karen Giles at (734) 647-3421, or send e-mail to kargiles@umich.edu.

Diabetes lecture

CCS Medical and Medtronic present, Imagine Life without Daily Injections, an insulin pump Information program 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois. Learn more about diabetes management using insulin pump therapy and blood glucose testing that can give you better control of your diabetes. Event is free but space is limited. Call (800) 420-4476 to RSVP. Receive a complimentary copy of The Calorie King Pocket Calorie & Fat Carbohydrate Counter when you attend this informative event.

Bridging the holidays

A program designed to help families work through the holidays and special occasions without their loved on, includes a small memorial 11 a.m. and

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at St. Cletus Catholic Church, 26256 Ryan, Warren.

Winter memorial 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Best Western Hotel, 16999 South Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Come to honor and celebrate the lives of your loved one. All programs are non-denominational. No charge. RSVP requested by Nov. 27, at (800) 770-9859. Refreshments provided.

Flu shots

By appointment only Monday-Friday, at the Wayne County Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born at Venoy, Wayne. Cost is \$10 for those who are able to pay. Call (734) 727-7100 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

Flu shots

Administered by Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan. Call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8752, for an appointment. For weekly listings, call YNA Flu-Busters hot line at (800) 296-8660 or visit vna.org.

Exercise classes

For men and women with Jeanie Weaver, personal fitness trainer and certified physical education teacher and group exercise instructor, classes continue through December at Metropolitan School Gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. An exercise therapy class geared for seniors wanting to improve balance, strength, stamina, and bone density 8:45-9:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Core strength and performance class runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and includes jump rope, weights, bands and full body weight training loads to increase strength, dynamic flexibility and core strength. Intensity is intermediate to advanced. Cost for both sessions is \$6 drop in fee. For information, call (248) 446-9176 or send e-mail to jeanieweaver@charter.net.

UPCOMING

Grant applicants wanted

Sinai-Grace Hospital is accepting grant applications until Dec. 1 from community organizations through its Sreer Women's Care Fund (SWCF), an endowed grant program associated with the hospital's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The funding is open to all nonprofit organizations for programs servicing healthcare and social welfare needs of women and infants in north-west region. Approximately \$50,000 will be available annually to fund several small one-year grants. Applicants will be expected to give a presentation of their proposal in January 2007. Following presentation and committee review, awardees will be notified after February 2007. Grant applications are available online at www.sinaigrace.org. For additional questions about the application grant or contact Coordinator-SWCF, Department of OB/GYN Sinai-Grace Hospital, 6071 West Outer Drive, Room M541 Detroit, MI, 48235, send e-mail to jstephen@dmc.org, or call (313) 966-3246.

Teen drug workshop

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" series provides helpful information to families and others concerned about a young person who may be harmfully involved with alcohol or other drug use. The free workshops are presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work

with teens are welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided.

Part One: What To Know will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, and Jan. 2, and provides information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part One and Two are repeated every first Tuesday of each month from October to June. Part Two What To Do is scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, and provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. For more information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail tojessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.org.

ONGOING

Tai chi classes

At 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, at the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a nonprofit, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, Livonia. Call (248) 332-1281.

Panic relief

Panic and anxiety program to help cope with panic, anxiety and agoraphobias. Learn to control panic attacks and anticipatory anxiety, learn how attitudes and current thoughts affect panic and anxiety from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Livonia. If you are interested in attending the meetings, call (732) 940-9658.

Meningitis vaccinations

Parents, be sure your student is immunized for bacterial meningitis: The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is offering vaccinations at its Oak Park office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office is at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. Walk-ins welcome, advance registration is preferred. Call (248) 967-8755 for more information.

Hospice volunteers

Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland County, needs volunteers, training in your area is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions lasts two-three hours and can be conducted one-on-one with our trainer to meet the demands of your schedule. For more information, call Brian at (248) 320-0106.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets 7 p.m. every Thursday, at St. Thomas A' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Alzheimer's support group

Meets third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Sunrise Assisted Living of Rochester, 500 E. University Drive. Meetings are lead by Alzheimer's Association trained facilitators. For more information, call (248) 601-9000.

Immunization clinic

For children 18 years of age or younger who have no health insurance, whose insurance does not cover immunizations or who have reached an insurance cap on immunizations. Vaccines available include diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, haemophilus influenza B, hepatitis B, polio, measles, mumps, rubella and pneumococcal. Service limited to first 60 children. Fee is \$10 per child for all immunizations given. The clinic is held at the Livonia Mission Health facility, 37595 Seven Mile, the third Thursday of the month, 4-7 p.m. For information, call

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Northland Pacers Walk Around the World

Endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, in conjunction with Providence Hospital began June 2, with free noncompetitive walking and fitness program, at Northland Center, Southfield. Each registered walker receives a passport to record their progress, and a T-shirt. Walkers turn in their mileage logs each week. The mall then updates a world map that show the progress Pacers are making in their journey. It takes 24,901.55 miles to circle the globe. One lap through the center is equivalent to one mile. For more information, call (248) 569-6272 or visit www.shopat-northland.com. The Northland Pacers walking program was begun in 1985.

Volunteers wanted

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation is looking for volunteers. Regular orientation programs are held throughout the year to familiarize volunteers with the organization and the jobs there are to do. For more information, call (800) 852-9781, send e-mail to mpfdire@aol.com or fax to (248) 433-1150.

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Schizophrenics Anonymous

3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of month, at The Guidance Center, 19275 Northline, Southgate. Call (734) 785-7714, (517) 485-7168 or visit www.nsfoundation.org.

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Henry Ford Health System is looking for volunteers for two clinical trials. One trial for chronic low back pain compares acupuncture to conventional therapy. For information, call (248) 380-6203. Breast cancer survivors who are taking hormone suppression therapy and experiencing hot flashes are also sought. The clinical trial is testing acupuncture versus Effexor, call (313) 916-3938.

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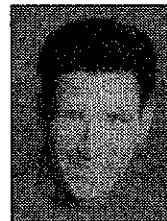
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Family support meeting is held the first Monday of every month at 30233 Southfield Road, Suite 220, Southfield. For information for AMI Oakland South, call (248) 557-6440, for AMI Oakland North, call (248) 706-0591. AMI general meeting is held 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month, at Beaumont Hospital Administration Building classroom AB1W in lower level, Royal Oak. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Call (248) 706-0591.

The Wayne/Westland chapter, a self help and advocacy group for relatives and friends of the mentally ill, meets 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne at Bayview, first light south of Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call (313) 562-8498. All are welcome.

Fat wallet can be pain in the back

Steve from Royal Oak e-mails asking about lower back pain he was having. We determined that it was coming from his wallet.



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

on the nerve long enough, you risk developing sciatica. People who have had sciatica can tell you it's no walk in the park. The pain can be

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Anthony from Oxford is a big rice fan and e-mails asking which kinds are tops when it comes to nutrition.

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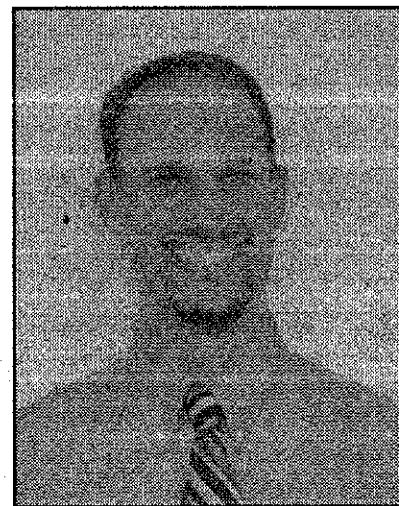
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Job satisfaction an issue as time passes

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Mick Jagger of The Rolling Stones sang about how he couldn't get any "Satisfaction." He wasn't necessarily singing about jobs, but it's true keeping enthusiasm for a job can be a challenge year after year.

Margaret Harlow of Wayne and husband Jim are co-owners of Harlow Tire in Westland, a business they've run for 41 years. They draw strength and job satisfaction from each other, she said.

"It seems like when one of us reaches a low point, the other inspires. So we sort of inspire each other," said Harlow. Son Brian Harlow, 35, is coming into the business as well. The younger Harlow joined the company 10 years ago from Eastern Michigan University where he earned his business degree.

"That gave us new enthusiasm because there was going to be a future for the company," she said of their son's decision.

Harlow Tire recently completed a new building at its site on Wayne Road, south of Ford. That project also gave the Harlows renewed job satisfaction.

Margaret Harlow has practical advice for those who are down in the dumps over work situations.

"Focus on the positive things, the reasons you got into the business," she said. "It does get hard, after 41 years it's hard. You've just got to stay focused, stay the course."

Debra Madonna of Plymouth Township works at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia as a health educator, and is trained as an occupational therapist. She also has certification as a child-birth educator.

"I facilitate a menopause group" at the hospital, said Madonna, who pursued training at Schoolcraft College in massage therapy recently. She also teaches parenting classes at the hospital, along with a siblings class.

"So a little bit of everything," She returned to school at age 30 for her associate's degree at Schoolcraft. "I had on the job experience. To me it was priceless." She worked five years at Northville State Hospital, and before that was at the Plymouth State Home shortly after high school. Both facilities later changed their names and are now closed.

Madonna too has advice on maintaining enthusiasm for work.

"You have to value what you do. If you think it's important work, then it's easy to keep going," Madonna said. She even administers bone density tests for hospital, and enjoys her interaction with people.

"Having opportunity to work with people and make little differences. That's why I enjoy Rotary," said Madonna, a member of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary service club.

She focuses on what each person needs at that moment. "Then I figure I've done a good day's job," Madonna derives satisfaction from her new work in massage

therapy, based in Plymouth with several colleagues in a cooperative.

Gerald Sabatini of Plymouth has been with Ford Motor Co. for 28 years. He's a financial analyst and works at world headquarters in Dearborn.

"I've never had a problem with enthusiasm for work," he said. When he first started at Ford in the late 1970s, there were no computers.

"At first, we only had one computer for the section." He's kept up with technology and likes working with the systems that have developed to report financial data.

The workload has added stress as companies downsize, Sabatini has found.

"With less people, there's still a lot of work to be done, but I enjoy it, I enjoy the technology."

He hears workers complain who haven't kept up with technology. He has advice for workers who are close to burnout: "I would say talk to your supervisor or your human resources area."

If you can remain with your company, tell them you're interested in moving "and show willingness to learn. There will always be a place for a worker who's willing to change," Sabatini said. "You just have to keep an open mind."

He also cites his involvement in civic and church organizations for more than 20 years as a source of satisfaction, and encourages others to serve their communities.

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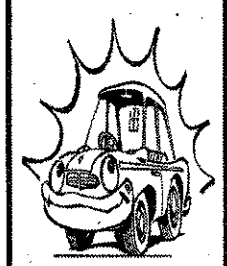
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by J.L. Sims Independent ad features

Livonia, MI – A Livonia dealer is selling 2006 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2006 models far below normal market values. The low financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2006 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$269 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2006, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

John Rogin Buick sold over 150 Buick LaCrosse & Pontiac Grand Prix's in the first 30 days of their sale.

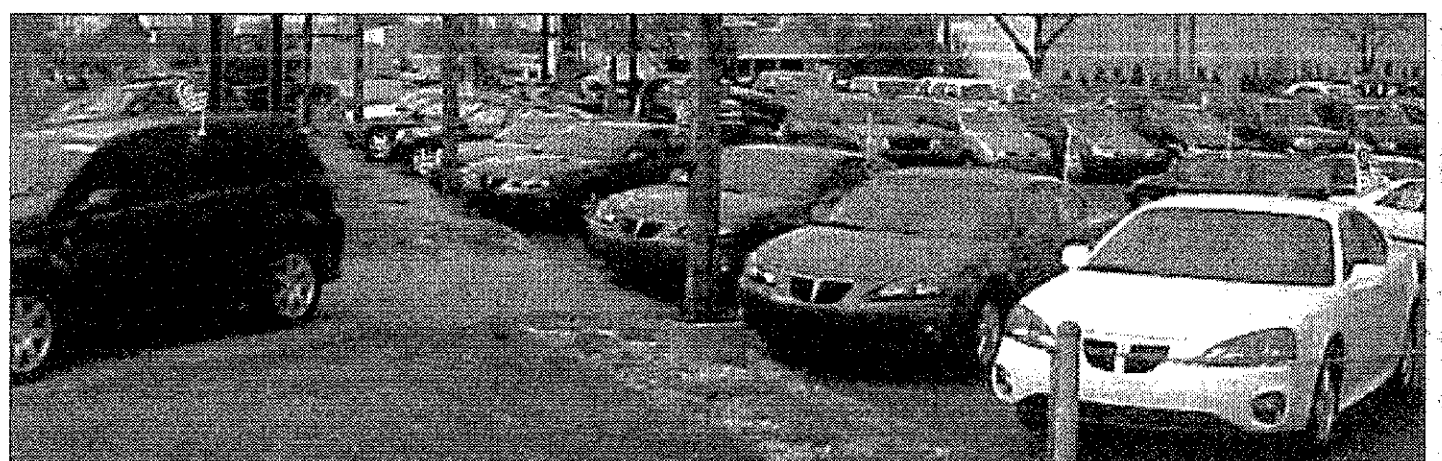
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

John Rogin Buick-Livonia has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more

2006 Pontiac Grand Prix's than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Pontiacs & Buicks were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2005 Impalas and Pontiac Grand AMs in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons and pick-ups.

Today's real bargain can be found at John Rogin in the pre-owned 2006 vehicles. The low financing on new 2006's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows.

So, once again, John Rogin has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, John Rogin had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they

currently stock the largest inventory of 2006 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2006's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone,

along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

A Beautiful Buick

The 2001-2006 Buicks were the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175-horsepower V-6 boasting 20mpg city and 29mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need

for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

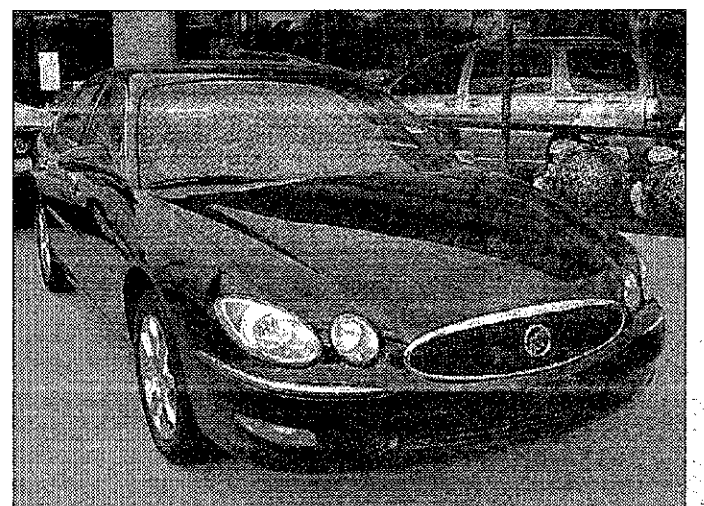
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

position tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions. Wow.



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from

throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of \$24,000 list price new. While they last.

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Advertising Feature

Crosswinds Communities Announces Grand Opening In Birmingham

Crosswinds Communities presents the Grand Opening of its newest model home at Eton Street Station in Birmingham. The event, which takes place on Saturday, November 18th from noon to 4pm showcases the debut of the Artisan Lofts. The celebration will also include an opportunity to win a 2007 BMW 530xi.

Grand Opening guests will have a chance to win the luxury vehicle when they select their lucky numbers on a prize vault for a lottery style drawing to be held at the exquisite new Artisan Loft. The All Wheel Drive Vehicle, from Erhard BMW, comes fully equipped

with luxury upgrades including a cold weather drive package and satellite radio. No purchase is necessary to enter or win.

The 2007 BMW 530xi is the perfect complement to the upscale ambiance of Eton Street Station where townhomes and Artisan Lofts upgrade the



standards for contemporary living with warm brick exteriors, luxury interiors, winding sidewalks and lush landscaping. Set in the heart of the Birmingham

rail district, Eton Street Station is a uniquely fresh community with Michigan's most thriving downtown, Birmingham, just minutes away. Just south of Maple Road, Eton Street Station is one mile from the boutiques, restaurants and entertainment of downtown Birmingham and close to the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Eton Street Station showcases Crosswinds Communities loft collection with the Artisan Lofts, which are priced from the high \$200s and offer an incredible value. Our lofts are in a class and price beyond compare, said Allison Stark Marketing Strategist for Crosswinds Communities. The two bedroom, two and one-half bathroom homes offer 1,631 square feet of living space over three levels with an attached two car garage. The Artisan Lofts feature three levels of unparalleled luxury with amenities for a sophisticated lifestyle and ample square footage configured to exceed expectations, Stark said. The lofts are highlighted by hardwood and ceramic tile floors, gourmet kitchens with

granite countertops, jetted bathtubs and 9 to 12 ceilings.

Crosswinds Communities has gone to great lengths to ensure that their exterior and interior finishes leave a lasting impression. The remarkable design and distinctive detail of the Artisan Lofts stand out in a crowded market place. Our homes are second to none, Stark said.

Eton Street Station is an award winning community that also features Crosswinds Communities signature Live/Work Townhomes. These homes showcase 3,493- 3,587 square feet of living space and are priced from the \$500s to the \$900s.

For more information on Eton Street Station or the event, please contact 248-866-5113 or visit EtonStreetStation.com. Eton Street Station is located one mile east of Downtown Birmingham. Eton Street Station, is presented by Crosswinds Communities, a premier award winning Michigan company. Founded in



1966 by Bernie Gliberman, Crosswinds Communities specializes in quality residential home land acquisition and development.

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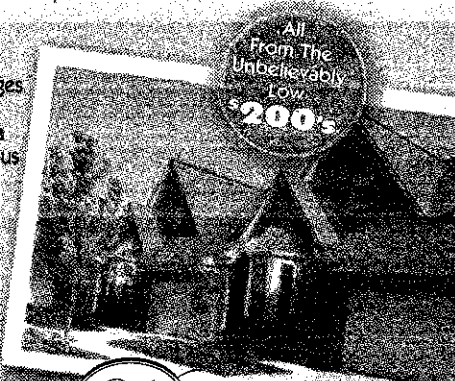
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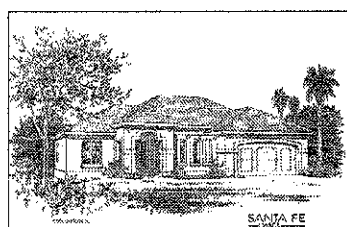


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The tiled room along with stucco sides flatter this southwestern styled home and make the Santa Fe (D6803) extremely eye appealing. The arched covered courtyard at the entrance as well as the open courtyard next to the garage has the traditional look of the Old Spanish missions.

The Santa Fe has 1,970 square feet of living area on the first floor and a full-unfinished basement waiting to be used. The foyer is tiled and open. To the right through an archway is the dining room. It has 11 foot coffered ceilings.

The stairs to the basement are between the dining area and the great room. There is a see through fireplace in the



rear of the great room, shared with the hearth room. There is an entertainment center in the rear off the bay windows. The nook is connected to the hearth room forming a large, comfortable area to eat breakfast and read the paper.

The kitchen has cabinets on two walls opposite each other with a snack bar running along the counter facing the nook. There is a Lazy Susan in one

corner and a pantry across the room. Across the hall is the utility, which opens into the garage and is located close to the master suite.

The master suite has coffered ceilings and a master bath that homeowners dream about. "His and her" sinks are just inside the door, with a huge whirlpool bath opposite. A separate stool room next to the shower provides privacy. A huge walk-in closet is on the other side of the shower.

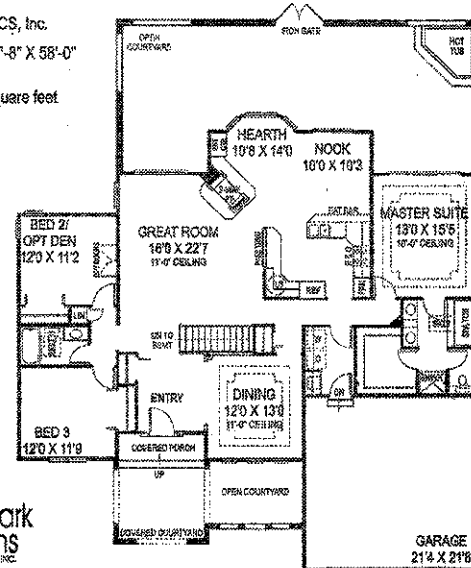
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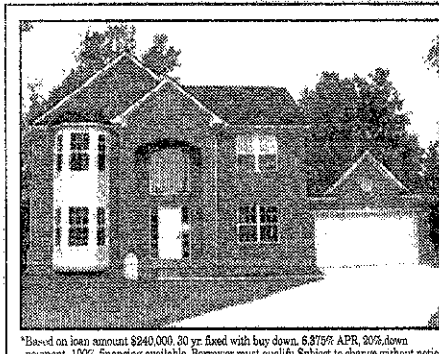
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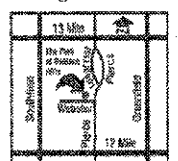


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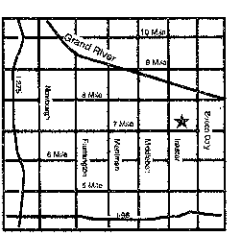
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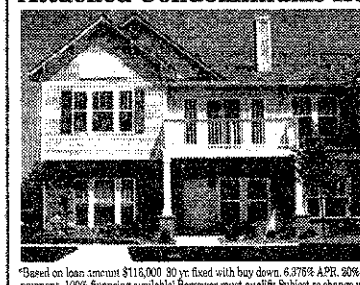
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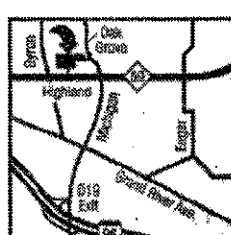
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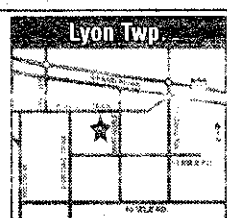
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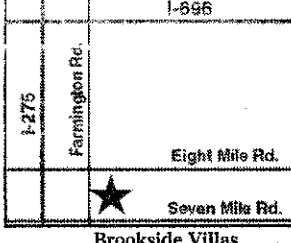
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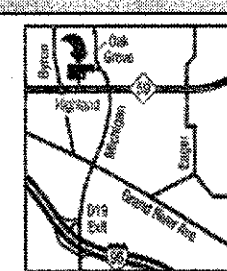
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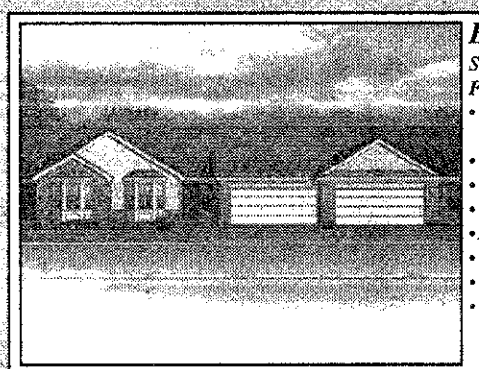


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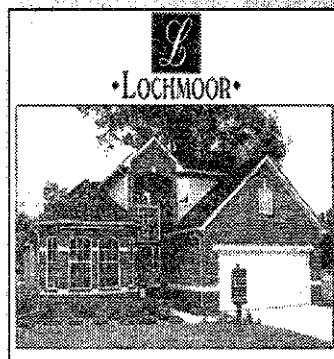
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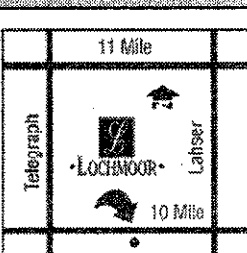
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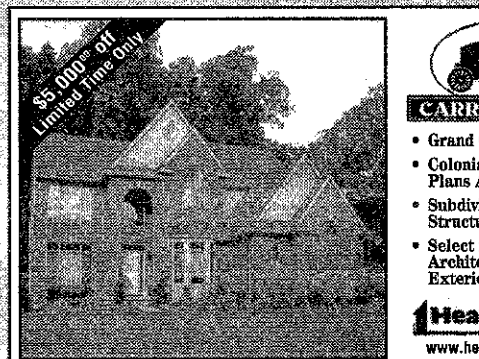
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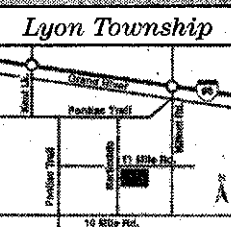


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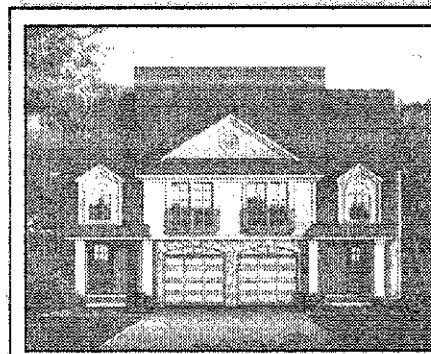
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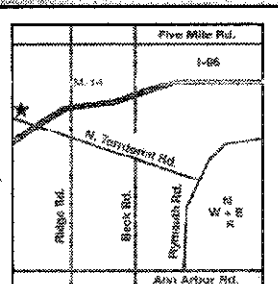
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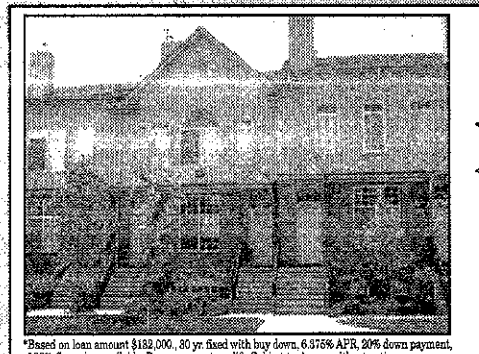
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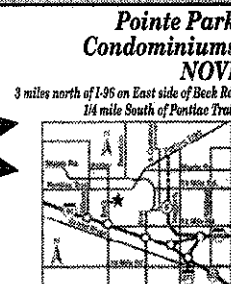


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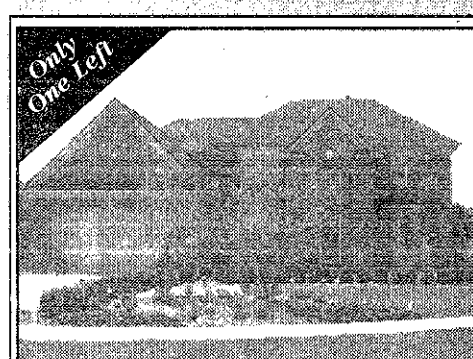


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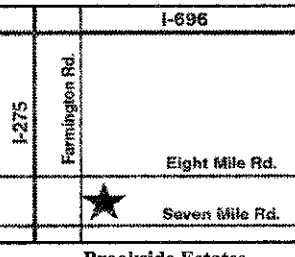
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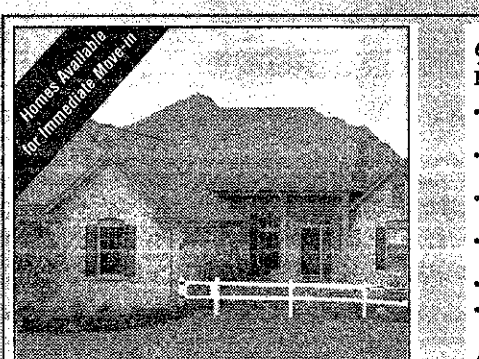
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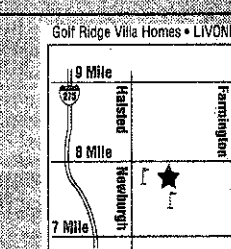


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In response to an early call for coats from local charitable organizations, officials have kicked off the "Coats for the Cold" coat collection. The dates for this year's coat drive are through Nov. 27. Real Estate One is, for the first year since the inception of the coat drive, serving as a drop-off location. The Real Estate One in South Lyon is located at 346 N. Lafayette.

Drop off a new or clean used coat. Coats collected during November will be given to several different charitable organizations, who will then distribute the coats to those most in need at no cost.

For information, call Real Estate One - South Lyon, (248) 437-3800.

Pulte Homes

With more than 450 potential homebuyers already expressing interest, the Michigan Division of Pulte Homes recently held a grand opening for its new Pinehurst single family homes community in Lyon Township.

Pinehurst is located at the northeast corner of 10 Mile Road and Martindale Road in Lyon Township, within the South Lyon school district in Oakland County. The community is minutes from downtown South Lyon, and offers easy access to I-96, I-275 and US-23.

Pinehurst will offer 275 single family homes in a wooded setting, with homes priced from the \$300,000s. The Pinehurst community also features a pool, clubhouse, playground and nature trails.

For more information, contact Derek Ward or John Fabirkiewicz with Pulte Homes' Pinehurst community at (248) 486-1212.

Condo development

Weir Manuel Realtors and the Steve Cole Team announce the opening of a gated 63-unit luxury condominium development on University Drive, West of Opdyke, in the Pontiac-Auburn Hills corridor. The development, Fairview Estates, has eight units completed and ready for immediate occupancy.

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Homebuyer Class

A free Homebuyer Class is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14. It is held at Fidelity National Title at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. It is put on by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage. A home inspector will attend.

Call for reservations (24 hours) at (734) 420-9600 or e-mail at: info@rfirestone-team.com.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

■ BIA will sponsor a lien law seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 14, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The focus is "What's New in Michigan Construction." Fee is \$50 for BIA members, \$75 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ BIA, in conjunction with the Western Wayne Oakland County Realtors Association, will present the "Builder/Realtor Selling Extravaganza" 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River in Novi. The first 25 BIA builders to make reservations will have the opportunity to promote their communities to a group of sales professionals. Fee is \$50 for BIA builders to a table top display, free for WWOCAR members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "How To Sell, Serve and Succeed" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at The

Radisson Hotel, 39475 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. This is presented by the Sales & Marketing Council. Fee is \$45 for SMC members, \$65 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Industry Innovation Seminar focusing on basements 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. A light dinner and dessert are included. Fee is \$10 at the door and for no-shows, free for advance reservations. Call (248) 862-1060 to register.

■ "Off-Site Project Management" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar, part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler series, will be presented by Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. It will review the role of the project manager off-site on a construction project. Fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Lien law seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 17, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Focus will be on "What's New in Michigan Construction." Fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$100 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Field Superintendent course on "Safety and Security" 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 21, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will instruct attendees on how to protect the job site by learning essential components of a safety program. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ "Customers for a Lifetime" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Janine LaPorte and Rick Weaver of Executive Image Group will present the program. Fee is \$45 for Apartment Association of Michigan or BIA members, \$65 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Another in a series of Effective Business Management Seminars, "Convention Strategies: How To Make the Most of the International Builders Show," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. John Bolland Jr. will speak. Continental breakfast is included. Fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Effective Business Management Seminar on "The Ins and Outs of Condo Operations and Association Turnover: What Not To Do," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Speakers will be Gregory J. Gamalski and Kaveh Kashef of Cox, Hodgman & Giarmarco and H. William Freeman of Freeman, Cotton & Norris. Continental breakfast is included. Fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A builder's license preparation course 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course prepares students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fee is \$200. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A "Design/Build" seminar 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler series. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. will teach the class. Fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA members or guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ An Effective Business Management Seminar, "Energy-Efficient Construction: Design, Build and Market," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Jon Dattilo of IAQ Management Inc. will speak on energy-efficient construction and marketing. Continental breakfast is included. Fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ An Industry Innovation Seminar on flooring 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. A light dinner and dessert are included. Fees are \$10 at the door and for no-shows, free for those who register in advance. To register, call (248) 862-1060.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council will sponsor a "Manager's Round Table" discussion 8-9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Fees are free for AAM, PMC or BIA members, \$15 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

■ Another Field Superintendent course, "Planning and Scheduling," 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 18, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. is the instructor. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Executive Image Seminar on "Selling at the 2007 BIA Builders and Remodelers Trade Show" 9-11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The seminar will be presented by the Executive Image Group and will cover how to qualify leads based on a conversation, how to motivate yourself after the show, understanding the life cycle of a lead and how to get the lead to contact you after the show. Fees are \$45 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$65 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license exam 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 18-19, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of a home, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$205 including sample questions, manual and the test application. A \$25 deposit is needed by Nov. 16 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton, Rochester Hills 48306. Call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register, or visit www.buildersinstitute.com online.

Grand Rapids office

Meisner & Associates, P.C., announces the opening of an office in the Grand Rapids area. Meisner & Associates P.C. celebrated its 30th anniversary on Oct. 25, and is a law firm headquartered in Bingham Farms that concentrates in community association law. The firm represents condominium, subdivision, cooperative communities and developers and performs a variety of legal services, from drafting and amending the community association documents in new and established communities to the everyday legal services required to keep the community operating within the parameters of the community association documents and the law.

The firm assists with assessment collection and foreclosure of the association lien, bylaw infraction matters, construction defect litigation, counseling and advising the board of directors and managers, developers and more.

The firm is led by Robert M. Meisner, a practicing attorney for more than 35 years. Meisner & Associates provides expertise in the following areas of practice: community association governance; builder and developer representation; real estate transactions; corporation and contract law; facilitation and dispute resolution; commercial litigation.

Meisner & Associates P.C. currently services Grand Rapids area clients including the Grand Isle Marina Condominium Association located in Grand Haven and the Fox Chase Association in Kentwood, Mich.

Attorneys are Robert M. Meisner, principal founding member, David S. Keast, a senior associate attorney, and Jennifer Cordon Thor, an associate attorney.

For more information about Meisner & Associates, contact the Bingham Farms office at (248) 644-4433 or visit the Web site at www.meisner-law.com; or e-mail: bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

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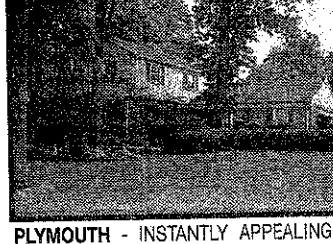
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7703 Corbin Dr., N/ Warren W. of Sheldon on Windmill Best buy in N. Canton! Reduced to \$214,900. 4 bdrm colonial, 1.5 baths, formal dining, fireplace in family rm, finished bsmt. Attached garage. 2000 sq. ft. Immed. occupancy. Patti Workman 734-776-0400
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36721 Tanglewood Lane S. of 14th/Drake. Striking 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath condo w/first floor master. Great room w/fireplace. Den w/wet bar and large loft. Immaculate. \$315,000.
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Livonia-OPEN SUN. 12:30-4
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NOVI OPEN SUN. 2-5 PM
22649 Foxmoor (N. 9 Mile, W. Taft) Newer 4 bdrm., 2 1/2 bath colonial. Asking \$399,000 Re/Max Classic, Wendy, 248-982-5291.

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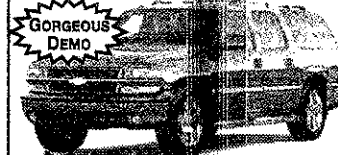
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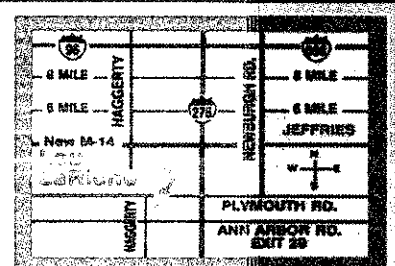
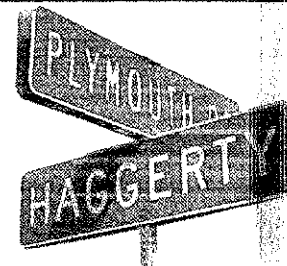
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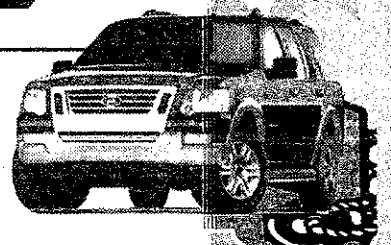


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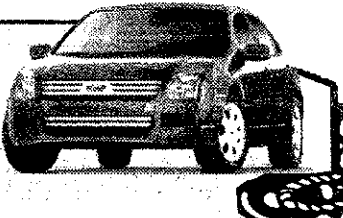


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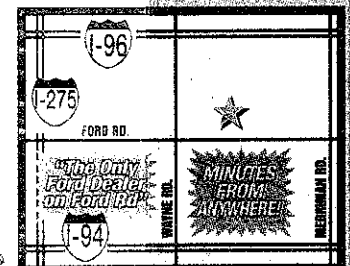
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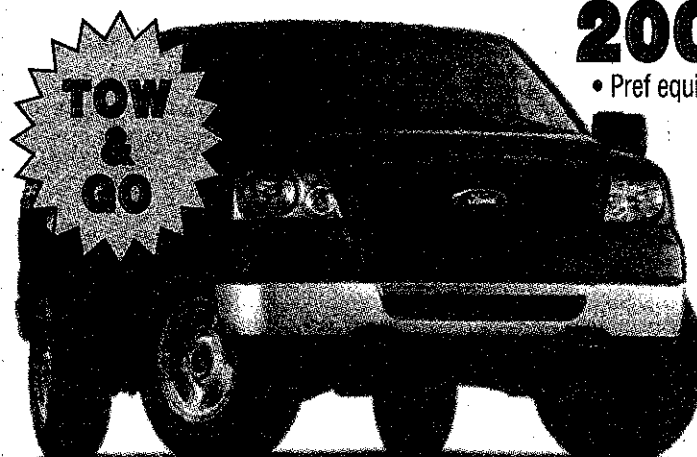
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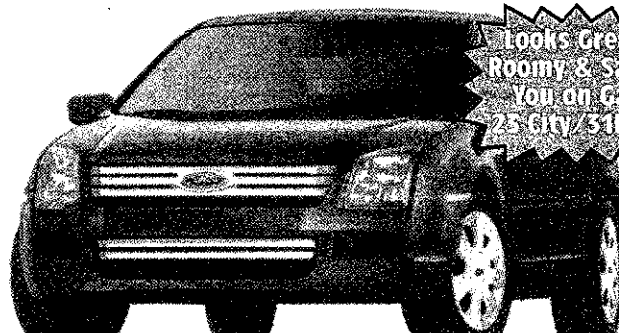
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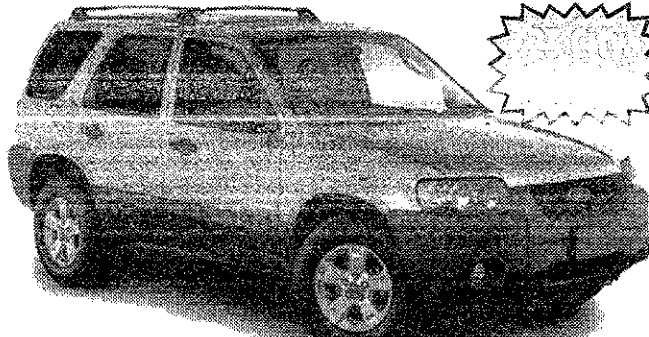
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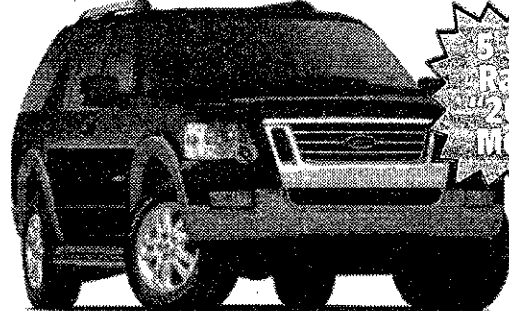
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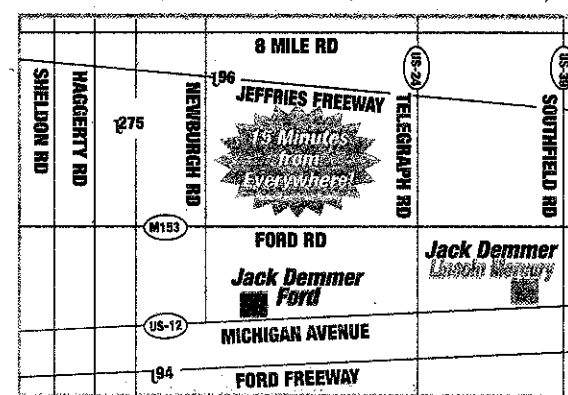
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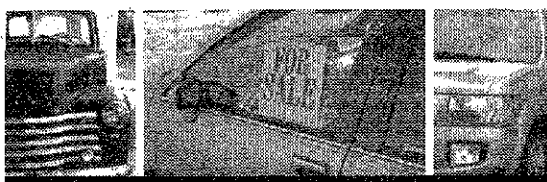


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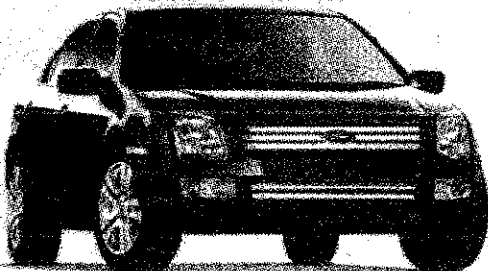
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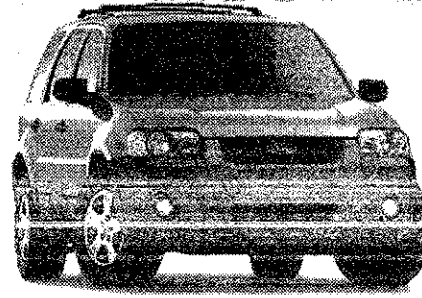
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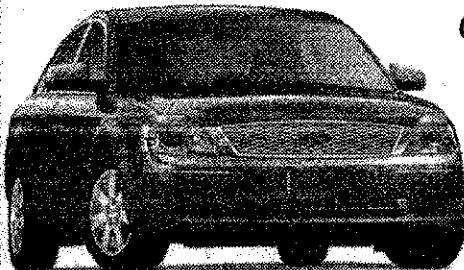
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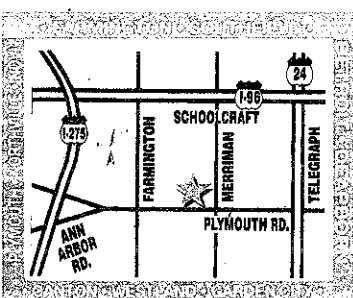
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