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Canton High School quarterback Steve Paye launches a pass late in the second quarter under pressure from Rockford defenders. Canton's best efforts weren't enough. The Rockford Rams beat the Chiefs 30-0 in the Division I football semifinal game, played at Lansing Everett High School. For more on the battle, see today's Sports section and hometownlife.com online.

Goodfellows help spread holiday cheer in Canton

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

Every year around this time, Nancy Spencer starts praying and hoping.

The president of the Canton Goodfellows for the past 15 years, Spencer knows how important it is to find people to help out with the "Be An Angel" program and make Christmas happen for the more than 500 Canton children who may not receive any gifts otherwise.

This year will be particularly difficult. "We're quickly approaching 525" children who need "angels" to provide Christmas gifts, she said. "I'm hoping I can get them all adopted."

Last year, there were fewer children on the list, and "it was coming close" but all children received gifts, Spencer said.

There are 2500 families who live below the poverty line in Canton, she noted.

The Canton Goodfellows Project, the organization's main endeavor for the year, is to supply families on their list with food for the holidays, and gifts for the children. Most of the children are identified by schools as being on the free or reduced lunch programs.

The Goodfellow organization, comprised solely of volunteers, fund-raises to supply food baskets to the families on their list, to get them through the holidays, Spencer said.

The paper sale Dec. 2 is "our major big fund-raiser," she said, but unfortunately, "that doesn't raise major big funds."

The newspaper put out by the organization is not much, she said, but "you have to sell something. It behooves us to raise money." Aside from the sale, various businesses in Canton help out by doing their own fund raising or simply donating funds, Spencer said. "Some businesses in Canton are very generous."

Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance, a fine jewelry store on Canton Center Road, has volunteered with the Canton Goodfellows for four years. For the past three, the store has held a contest, asking people to drop in with children's toys or nonperishables. In return, the donor gets a point per donated item, and people with the most points win prizes, she said.

This year, they will only collect nonperishable food items, Robin said. The contest is open now until Dec. 9 and no store purchase is necessary, she said.

In addition, Robin is an "angel" through the organization and provides Christmas gifts anonymously.

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Shopping trek to Canton ushers her into millionaire's club

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Loretta Brown, 48, of Detroit is glad she shops at IKEA in Canton.

"I go to IKEA to shop because it's a good store, lower prices," she said of the retailer on Ford Road, a new arrival on the local shopping scene. She recently was shopping and stopped at the Shell station at Ford and Haggerty in Canton, where she bought a \$75 million winning ticket in the Mega Millions 12-state lottery game.

"I just felt like I was going to win that day, I really did," Brown said Thursday afternoon during a news conference at Michigan Lottery headquarters in Lansing. She's a loan officer who works in West Bloomfield and plans to keep her job.

"Now I don't have to work under stress," she

said. "I can say yes, I can say no."

The jackpot announcement was made by lottery officials Thursday afternoon. "This is always the best part of being a lottery commissioner," Gary Peters said in introducing Brown and giving her the oversized check. "We've got a great winner here in Michigan."

Brown is married with two adult children. She bought two tickets at the Shell station that lucky day, and had difficulty tracking down family members when she found out she'd won on the news. Her husband won't keep his job, she said.

Brown chose the lump sum payment of some \$44 million, which will work out to about \$30 million after taxes. She received \$1 million Thursday at the lottery office in Lansing, and didn't have to go home



Loretta Brown of Detroit, the Mega Millions winner, is congratulated by Gary Peters, state lottery commissioner, at Thursday's news conference in Lansing. Brown bought her winning ticket at the Shell station at Ford and Haggerty in Canton.

empty-handed.

She was headed to "DTE Energy, I'm going to pay my gas bill." Brown noted the tough times in the metro area, something she sees in her work.

"Truly it has been a tough time," she said. "Of course, I'm a loan officer.

I do mortgages."

She added "Thank the Lord" for her good fortune. The family has no trips planned and she hasn't yet considered any charities to support.

Brown described herself as "just a regular student" while at Detroit Finney High School.

She wore sunglasses to the news conference, which she removed, and was circumspect in answering press questions. "The less exposure, the better off it is," said Brown, who considers privacy important now that she's a millionaire.

"It's going to take a few days before this sinks in," Peters, the commissioner, added after Brown and her family left the room. He noted that lottery officials recommend that winners get professional legal and financial advice.

The Shell station owner who sold the winning ticket — which was shown to media Thursday — will receive \$50,000 from the lottery. Raj Anghan also got a publicity boost when the news was announced.

"I'll be down there in the next couple days," Peters said. "He's very excited as well."

Hundreds pay final respects to fallen soldier

BY BRAD KADRICK
STAFF WRITER

Evelyn Burgess wants her son, Sgt. Bryan Burgess, to be remembered most for one thing.

"That he was loved by many, and that he loved people," said Evelyn Burgess. "And that his second love was the Marines."

Those emotions were evident Saturday, as hundreds of people — many of them members of the military who turned out in their dress uniforms — turned out to pay their final respects to Bryan Burgess, who was buried with full military honors

following a funeral Mass at St. Bernardine of Siena Church in Westland.

Burgess, 35 of Canton, was killed last week in Iraq by a sniper while on patrol with the 1st Battalion of the 24th Marines in Fallujah.

"They were doing a typical security mission checking vehicles, stopping and searching for weapons," said Gunnery Sgt. Steven Kosinski of Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines in Perrysburg, Ohio. "The machine gunner keeps watch, and it was at that point where Sgt. Burgess was shot by a sniper while observing his checks."

Burgess' flag-draped coffin returned home Thursday, accompanied by a half-dozen Marines who stood by his side through the funeral services Saturday. At St. Bernardine, a military bagpiper squeezed out the notes to *Amazing Grace*, a bugler played the notes to *Taps*, and seven U.S. Marines fired a 21-gun salute as a sign of respect for their fallen comrade.

It was a sense of respect that permeated the entire day, which began with a Marine professional that stopped in front of Evelyn Burgess' Westland home and, with

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Members of the Patriot Guard line the walkway at St. Bernardine as friends and family members arrive for funeral services for Sgt. Bryan Burgess.

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Shop Canton holiday effort promotes local businesses

BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

The holiday season is fast approaching, and Canton residents don't need to venture far to find bargains and great gifts.

That's the message behind a marketing strategy called Shop Canton created by a marketing committee comprised of members of the Downtown Development Authority, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Township, and other community business members.

"It's just promoting our shopping district," said Karyl Niemi, creative director for Canton Creative Marketing, one of the people on the marketing committee, and the brainchild behind the new venture. "There's strength in numbers. The more businesses that partner together, the stronger the message."

About 30,000 homes in Canton — which is most of them — should receive a Shop Canton discount card in the mail, she said. Fifty-six area businesses have signed up to offer discounts of 10 percent off merchandise purchased when the buyer uses the card

between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31. The businesses included develop their own restrictions on the offer, which can be 10 percent off the entire bill, or off certain items, or with certain exclusions, Niemi explained.

Stores pay anywhere from \$100 to \$200 to participate, depending on whether or not they are a member of the Chamber of Commerce or DDA, Niemi said, but the project is nonprofit. In fact, "we're underwritten by the DDA," she said.

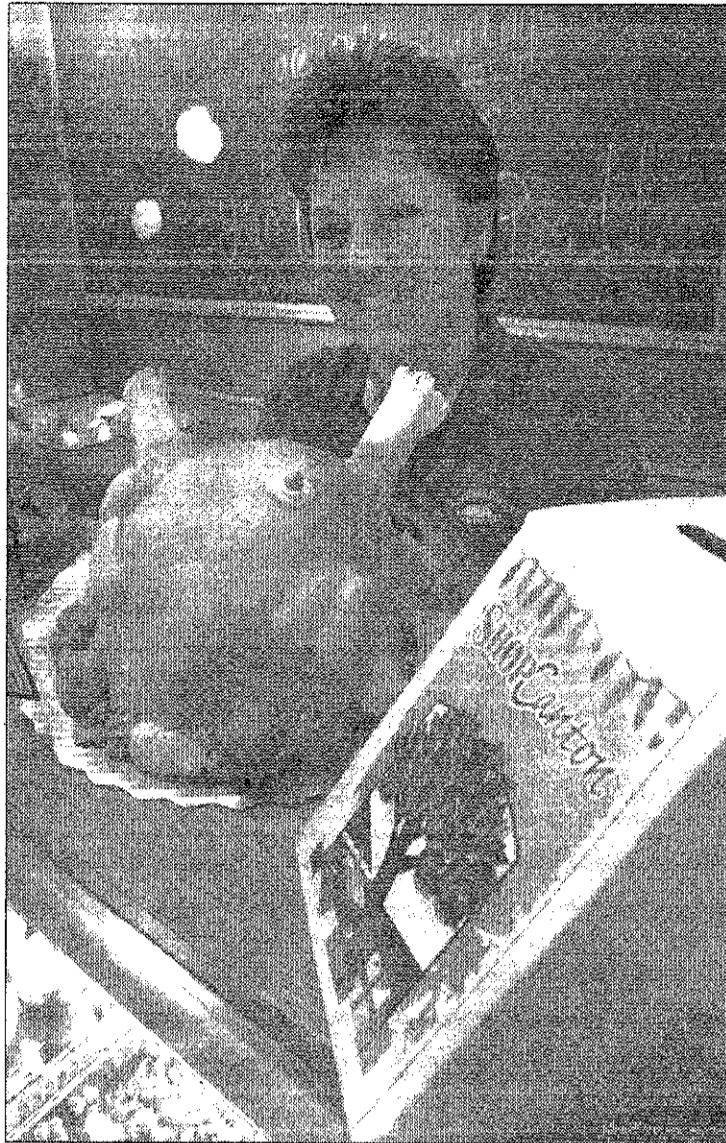
People who have not received a discount card will be able to obtain one at the stores offering the discount or at various places throughout the township, she added. They will also be able to print one out on the Web site (www.shopcanton.org).

In addition, each time a purchase is made with the card, the shopper will receive a chance to win a gift basket valued at about \$500, which is comprised of "a great selection of prizes" from all the stores, Niemi said. The drawing will be held Jan. 12.

"We're trying to brand Ford road as a place to shop," she said.

Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, said that some people don't realize what great stores there are in Canton because there is no cute downtown area. "Our downtown is the three-mile strip on Ford Road" although there are many stores in other areas in Canton, she said.

"Ford Road gets too much bad publicity in general" because people complain about the traffic or construction work, she said, and may not see all the nice stores located there. "We certainly have some cute little stores here. We keep trying to come up with a cam-



Tracey Pawlowski, of Back Home Bakery, promotes the Shop Canton program. The bakery's turkey cake is a big hit this time of year.

paign to form unity with our shops."

The marketing committee is also holding a Shop Canton Holiday Fest on Dec. 9 at Canton Corners, which is at the corner of Ford and Lilley. The DDA, Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Leisure Services will be offering entertainment and samples of food from local restaurants. Santa will visit, and there will be a collection of canned goods, new clothes and books for the Canton Goodfellows.

Tracey Pawlowski, one of the owners of Back Home Bakery, said the bakery is taking part in Shop Canton and the Dec. 9 event to let people know where they are located and draw in local business. In the past, when they've given samples of cookies and handed out

coupons, "it just brings them (customers) right back in," she said. "The whole trick to my business is getting people to taste the product."

She is happy that the members of the marketing committee are joining forces to raise awareness of all the good local shopping, Pawlowski said. "I like the idea that they're getting together to do something."

After the holidays are over, the marketing committee will continue to plan activities to make residents aware of the good stores in their own neighborhood, Cojei said.

"You need to promote it consistently and show what businesses there are. It's kind of a beginning," she said. "It's starting to make people think of Canton as a shopping district."

AROUND CANTON

Exchange Club

Exchange Club of Canton is having a special meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Canton Souvlaki & Coney Island, on Lilley in the Golden Gate shopping center (across from the airport). The speaker is Tina Gatt, B.A., B.S.W., coordinator of Child Abuse Council of Windsor.

Those attending will learn about Gatt's program. Attendees can order from the menu if they wish to eat.

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 bought 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 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250, Canton 48187, or made through the Web site at www.uhhs.org.

Chamber holiday luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual holiday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, 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 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.

Computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a MS Word Part 1 course at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Canton Computers, which is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford roads. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2006 and 2007. These classes are open to chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for nonmembers. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Registration deadline is Dec. 1. All 2006 seminars and computer training courses are sponsored by Telcom Credit Union.

'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.

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Retiring police officers remember fallen comrade

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Police Department said goodbye to three of its original officers at a party recently. It was a joyous affair, but one with a notable absence.

In addition to Lt. Robin Cripe, Lt. John MacDiarmid and Officer Rene LeBlanc, who all hired on in 1978, the retirement party should have also honored Gordon "Lew" Stevens, who was killed in July of 2003, when his squad car was struck by a motorist on Lotz Road. Stevens, also one of the department's original officers, remains the only officer in the department's history to die in the line of duty.

For most of the officers, the day Stevens died will forever be etched into their memories, and offers a stark reminder of how dangerous their job can be.

Cripe, who along with Stevens was one of the department's first cadets, said he still remembers speaking to Stevens 20 minutes before he was killed. He said he was in disbelief when he heard the news.

"We see death every day, but when it is someone you work with, it's different," Cripe said. "It changes your outlook about the job. You just realize that your family is the most important thing."

When Cripe, who grew up in Plymouth, hired onto the department in 1978, he was issued the very first badge. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in 1980, and sergeant in 1984. In 1990, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, becoming responsible for performing the duties of a shift commander for the department.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lt. Robin Cripe was issued the Canton Police Department's first badge in 1978.

Cripe said he was only getting paid \$2.50 an hour when he first hired on as a reserve, which was a pay cut from his other job working security for the Great Scott supermarket chain. But he said much has changed about the department, which has grown from the original 12 officers to 84. Just like much has changed in the township itself.

"When we first started here, we only had 17,000 residents in Canton. We only had one paved road running north and south, which was Canton Center," said Cripe, 51. "Since the late 1980s, things have changed. We are starting to see more serious crimes. Back then we were lucky to have three or four runs a day. Last week, I had an officer who had 21 runs in a day."

MacDiarmid also hired onto the department as a police officer in 1978. One of his first



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Officer Rene LeBlanc has served Canton for 28 years, during which time he received more than 20 departmental awards and citations.

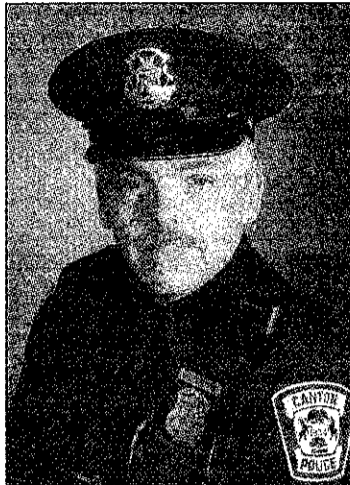


John MacDiarmid

assignments was to the department's detective bureau where he enjoyed working undercover on auto theft and narcotics cases, and conducting surveillance investigations. He was promoted to rank of sergeant in 1986, and lieutenant in 1990.

During his career, MacDiarmid received more than 30 departmental awards and citations including a department commendation for the apprehension of three male suspects who had kidnapped a young woman and were in the process of assaulting her; and a department citation for rescuing a 5-year-old boy from drowning. In 2004, MacDiarmid received a thank you from the United States Secret Service for his assistance during a visit by President George Bush.

LeBlanc, who has received more than 20 departmental awards during his career,



Gordon 'Lew' Stevens

including a life saving award and Officer of the Year, said many incidents stand out over the years, including responding to a plane crash at Mettetal Airport in 1994. But, without the question, the thing he will miss most about the job is the camaraderie he had with his colleagues. He also has not forgotten Stevens.

"What I'll miss most is the people. This is my second family," LeBlanc said. "We all miss 'Lewey.'"

Public Safety Director John Santomauro said the three will be missed.

"The police department is losing three employees who have contributed so much to the organization," he said.

Canton police plan seat belt enforcement push

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Seat belt use saves lives, as Sgt. Jerry Hardesty, a command officer in charge of the traffic unit for the Canton Police Department, knows.

"We believe that seat belts help to save lives and to reduce injuries," Hardesty said. Canton police partner with Michigan State Police and Wayne County Sheriff's deputies in the Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement program, which will be in Canton in coming days.

"This is a statewide enforcement action. Different departments do it at different times," said Hardesty, noting you're likely to see some commercials on TV in conjunction with the enforcement.

"We try to coordinate the times we do our enforcement actions. We have seen a marked increase in the number of people that wear their seat belts." When the effort started a couple years ago here, that was less true.

"You can see it when you work these initiatives. It's more difficult to find violators. That truly is what we want. We'd like to have 100-percent compliance," the sergeant said. "It's a nice gentle reminder."

It will run Nov. 21-22 and Nov. 28-29. Nov. 21 will be on westbound Michigan Avenue at Sheldon, Nov. 22 on eastbound Ford at Morton Taylor.

Nov. 28 will be on westbound Ford at Haggerty, Nov. 29 on westbound Ford at Lilley.

Extra patrol officers will be on duty, specifically enforcing seat belt use by drivers and passengers. The focus of the campaign is to increase awareness of and compliance with Michigan's safety belt and child passenger safety laws.

There will be a sign first and no enforcement action if a driver complies with the law.

"Then we'll take enforcement action," if needed, Hardesty said.

Most of the time, they're not paying attention, he finds among people who don't wear seat belts, although some believe it is their legal right. "But in reality we know that people are less prone to injury in a motor vehicle accident if they're wearing a seat belt," he said.

Seat belt use is especially important now with air bags, Hardesty said. A seat belt should be worn properly, with the shoulder harness over the shoulder, designed for good bone support in the case of a crash.

In Michigan, state law requires:

- All front seat passengers to be buckled up

- All passengers under age 16 to be buckled up, in all seating positions

- All children under age 4 to be in an approved child safety seat, in all positions

Michigan's safety belt law allows police officers to stop a motorist solely for not wearing a safety belt in the front seat of a vehicle. Police officers can also stop a motorist if a child age 4-15 is not properly restrained no matter where he or she is riding in a vehicle. The law also requires all children under the age of 4 to be properly restrained in an approved child safety seat.

In this country, we lose the equivalent of a fully loaded 737 airplane each day due to traffic crashes. A total of 1,279 persons were killed and 112,484 persons injured in crashes in Michigan during 2002, police note. Of those people killed, 40 percent were not wearing a safety belt. Studies show that three out of five of these victims likely would have survived if they had buckled up.

"Just wear your seat belts and then everybody will have a good day," Hardesty said.

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Copper Creek Condo paving proceeds

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Work will proceed on paving at the Copper Creek Condominiums south of Warren and west of Old Haggerty.

Several condominium residents from the 72-unit complex spoke at Tuesday night's Board of Trustees meeting, mostly in favor of establishing a special assessment district to pay for the work.

"Our roads have crumbled," said Judy Bailey, president of the condo association. "None of us wants to spend \$8,000 over 10 years." She said the technical advice from the township and county was sound and work should proceed.

"We feel this is the best option, even though it's the most expensive," Bailey said. "They are literally crumbling into pieces."

Tim Faas, municipal services director for Canton, has met with residents who voted for a full replacement to last some 25 years. He expects that work can be done in 2007.

"It's a lot better than 98 percent of the subdivisions unless they were built last year," said resident Ron Estes, the only opponent at Tuesday's meeting. He cited plant closings, down-

sizing and foreclosures to come. "We're going to be able to buy it at a heck of a lot less money," Estes told the board. The current plan calls for removal of the concrete and reconstruction with new concrete to address durability concerns at an estimated cost of \$400,000.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin asked about extending payment time for Copper Creek residents if needed. Supervisor Tom Yack said they would remain informed of work: "We'll keep you in the loop, so to speak." A total of 78 percent are in favor, and it must fall below 60 percent, Faas said. "So it's still moving forward."

The board also denied unanimously a rezoning request for the south side of Hanford between Beck and Ridge. The Planning Commission had recommended the denial unanimously for the 3.25-acre parcel. Realtor K.C. Mueller spoke to the board to urge approval of the rezoning, but concerns were raised about lot width requirements with the addition of a private road.

In other action, the board:
■ Reappointed Sharon Dillenbeck, Darian Moore, Herb Scott, Timothy Smola and Donald Soenen to the Cultural Commission. New member Tim Schoenherr, replacing Ray

VanHoeck, was also appointed, with all to serve through the end of December 2009.

■ Approved spending up to \$5,000 for customer service training for township employees. The four-hour mandatory training will be held in December.

"This will be for all full-time employees in the organization," said Ann Conklin, Canton Leisure Services director.

■ Recognized two new police lieutenants, Scott Hilden and Mark Schultz, who were recently promoted and attended with their families. "I wish you the best of luck," McLaughlin told the men.

■ OK'd 3-percent raises for all nonunion employees, some 75 people, to take effect Jan. 1, 2007, based on a merit commission recommendation.

■ Approved improvements to Fellows Creek Golf Club, including woodwork restoration, ceiling tile replacement and restroom remodeling. Rule and Associates will do ceiling work for \$13,906, J and N Contracting LLC will do woodwork for \$5,300, and Evangelista Corp. will do restroom work for \$42,600.

"Real active bidding, which is always in our best interests," Yack said of Fellows Creek Golf Club.

Christmas in Action looking for Canton homes to make over

Applications to receive a 2007 Christmas in Action home makeover are due Dec. 31. To participate in this free program you must live in Canton, own your own home, be elderly or disabled, and unable to afford repairs to your home. Christmas in Action is a nonprofit organization with chapters throughout the country, which have been providing "extreme makeovers" since 1973. In 2004, a Canton chapter was formed, and with the combined efforts of more than 200 community volunteers, they've provided free repairs

to several Canton homes. The repairs range from simple, but critical, plumbing and painting, to a new roof, siding, windows, and concrete driveways.

All repair costs are sponsored entirely through donations from community businesses, churches, schools, civic groups and individuals.

Applications for eligible recipients are available online at www.canton-mi.org, and on the first floor of Canton's Administration Building, located at 1150 Canton Center. Once you've completed the application, send it to: Christmas in

Action, P.O. Box 1781, Canton, MI 48187.

Christmas in Action's event day is always the last Saturday in April and next year's event will be held April 28.

Canton's CIA Chapter is composed of an eight member board headed by Jim Cisek and is endorsed by the Canton Board of Trustees. For more information on CIA, call (734) 844-8900 or visit the Web site, christmasinactionwayne@comcast.net.

To volunteer for the April 28 action day please e-mail Pat VanDusen at pvandusen@canton-mi.org.

Home invasion, torture case delayed

Four defendants charged in a torturous home invasion on Westland's northwest side still don't know whether they will face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

James Michael Hobson, 18, Harry James Taylor, 23, DeCory Lamar Sharpe, 19, and Laquinta Terry, 19, were brought from jail Thursday for a preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court. Their hearing, however, was

delayed for a second time after Judge C. Charles Bokos was told that new defense attorneys needed more time to review the case and prepare for the court proceeding.

The defendants are accused of a home invasion that happened about 2 a.m. Sept. 20 at Westland Village Apartments, on the southeast corner of Joy and Hix roads.

A 47-year-old man told police that intruders entered

the doorwall of his apartment, robbed him at gunpoint, tied him up and put packing tape around his mouth and head, while they ransacked his place for a half-hour.

The defendants face multiple felony charges. If tried and convicted, they could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Hobson and Taylor are Canton residents. Sharpe is from Westland, Terry is from Southfield.

Canton police enforce hunting ordinances

The Canton Police Department will strictly enforce all state and local hunting ordinances for the 2006 hunting season.

In Canton, hunting areas are classified as open, closed or restricted. In areas designated open, hunting with a shotgun is permissible in accordance with existing state statutes. In closed areas, hunting is prohibited. In those areas classified as restricted, based on existing

township ordinance, hunting is allowed only with a shotgun firing shots not larger than No. 6. Hunting with a long rifle is strictly prohibited in Canton.

In open and restricted areas, verbal permission from the property owner is required for hunting to be permitted. Additionally, Michigan's Safety Zone state law states that a person will not hunt or discharge a firearm within 150 yards of an occupied building,

dwelling, house, residence, cabin, barn or any other type of building used in conjunction with farm operations. Careless and reckless discharge of a firearm is a misdemeanor, punishable by 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

A map of Canton detailing the open, closed and restricted hunting areas is available from the clerk's office of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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DEATHS

<p>A</p> <p>Eleanore M. Arnison Arnison, 93, of Plymouth, died Nov. 14.</p> <p>B</p> <p>Ruth Lucas Schumacher Billing Billing, 98, formerly of Livonia, died Oct. 25.</p> <p>M</p> <p>Dolores McCarthy McCarthy, of Lake Leelanau, died Nov. 13.</p> <p>P</p> <p>Elven A. Porter Porter, 69, of The Villages, Fla., died Nov. 15.</p>	<p>R</p> <p>Donald W. Reamy Reamy, 77, of White Lake Township, died Nov. 14.</p> <p>S</p> <p>James Clayton Roshirt Roshirt, 55, of Northville, died Nov. 2.</p> <p>Douglas Stevens Stevens, 73, of Traverse City, died Nov. 14.</p>
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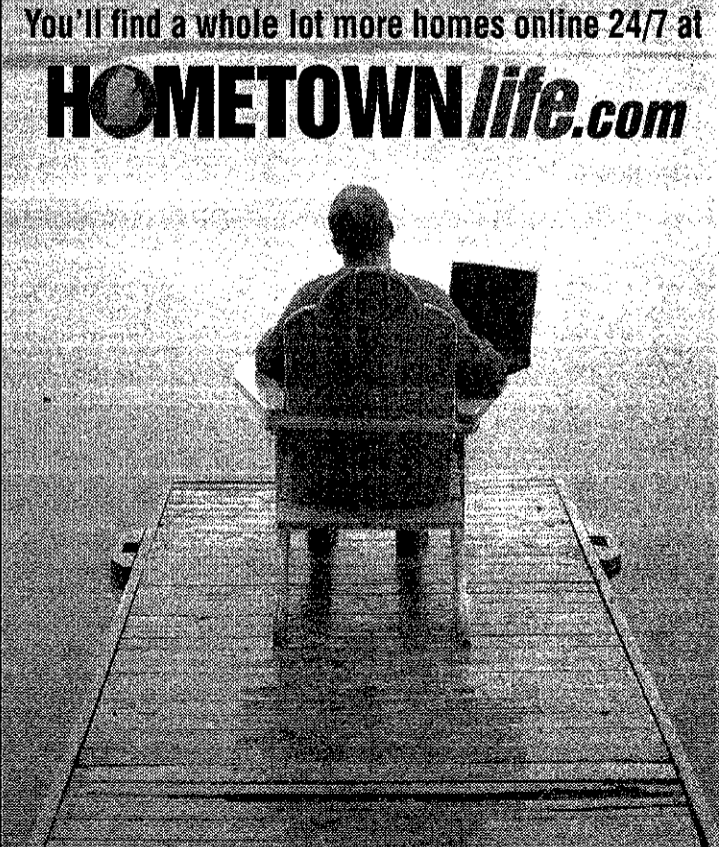
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Local girls in Thanksgiving parade

The Mid-American Pompon All-Star Team, featuring some 25 girls from from Plymouth and Canton, will perform in its 20th straight America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown Detroit Thursday.

The team, which originated in 1986 with only 40 members, has grown to more than 160 performers from all over Michigan who perform annually at events throughout the United States. The team is made up of pompon girls from more than 40 Michigan cities, including the 25 from Plymouth and Canton, who attend Plymouth, Canton and Divine Child high schools.

The girls, who will gather at

the Novi Sheraton at 9 a.m. Wednesday, practice just one day for the performance. The girls are responsible for learning the routines prior to the event from a DVD created for them by the Mid American Pompon staff. Their performance style is traditional pompon, which involves sharp, precise moves and spectacular kicklines.

During the parade, they will perform their routine up to 40 times. Several members of the team also will perform the parade's opening number; a routine choreographed for television, done in a "stage-style" format. The All Star Team sports patriotic uniform colors

of red, silver, blue, and black with metallic pompoms.

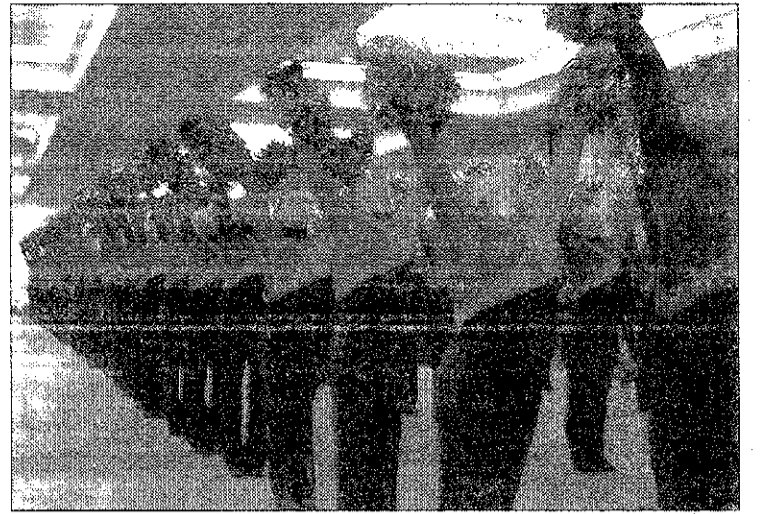
"The All Star Team was created to allow pompon girls throughout the state the opportunity to showcase their skills in a non-competitive environment," said Karen Blazaitis, president of Mid American Pompon. "We are honored to be part of the America's Thanksgiving Day Parade for our 20th year and look forward to entertaining all of the spectators."

To be eligible to try out for the Mid American Pompon team, girls must be a member of a high school varsity pom/dance team. Each year team members are selected

based upon their showmanship, academic stature and pompon/dance performing qualities.

Auditions take place at Mid American's summer camps. The girls perform together three to four times a year. In addition to America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the team has performed at Presidential Inaugural Parades for President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush; the Fiesta Bowl and Citrus Bowl Parades; the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta; Sea World of Ohio; Epcot Center; Pistons games and on Carnival Cruise Lines.

Mid American Pompon, established by Blazaitis in 1979,



The Mid-American Pompon All-Star Team, featuring some 25 girls from from Plymouth and Canton, will perform in its 20th straight America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown Detroit Thursday.

has had more than 2,000 performers participate in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade. For more information on the squad, visit its Web site at www.midamericanstudio.com.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

U.S. Navy veteran and member of the Patriot Guard Rick Gifford stands with an American flag along the entrance at St. Bernardine Church in Westland in honor of Marine Sgt. Bryan Burgess, who was killed while serving in Iraq.

RESPECTS

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Mrs. Burgess and several neighbors looking on, rendered a salute to Mrs. Burgess.

Greg Raymond, who called Bryan Burgess "my best friend," served as a pall bearer and was in that professional.

"It was a tremendous show of respect ... I was honored to be part of it," said Raymond, a Belleville resident. "Everyone has shown so much respect for him, for his family and his

friends. Everyone was giving their condolences, even people we've never met, people (Burgess) never even met."

SSgt. Javier Martinez, leader of the Marine firing team that performed the 21-gun salute, said Burgess' death was one that would be felt throughout the Corps.

"Regardless of the situation you're in, you've lost one of your own," he said. "Whether it's a retired veteran who served in Korea or Sgt. Burgess now, it's still felt."

GOODFELLOWS

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"Now I adopt three or four families every year," she said.

Spencer said angels get the first name, age and size of the child and provide a few toys and one or two warm winter clothes for that child as part of the gift. The gift should be valued at \$50 or more, she said. Spencer said that people who offer to donate for all the children in one family are "asked to make it even" by spending an equal amount on each child. The wrapped gifts are then brought to The Block, on Michigan Avenue, on Dec. 13, where volunteers will work to wrap the donations from companies, Spencer said. Volunteers make deliveries of the presents and food on Dec. 16 - "kind of like Santa Claus without the white beard."

Donna Smith of Canton has been on the Canton Goodfellows' Board of Directors for 12 years. She has the difficult job of finding gifts for children in the 13 to 18 age group. She expects to have to find people to provide for about 100 children this year. "I remember, probably five years ago, I had 35," she said. "Many of them are first-timers." Sometimes they get the

name of a child who has come to the program under special circumstances, such as a parent being ill, she said. "If you say you have a need, you have a need. That's why I love the Goodfellows. We are just a group of volunteers that have hearts."

While the job of finding

gifts, such as movie tickets and other teenage items, for so many seems daunting, Smith has faith. "This community has come through. We've never yet been unable to provide."

As Spencer said, the organization is relying on the generosity of Canton residents.

"We hope to, once again, meet our motto 'No Canton Child Without a Christmas.'"

Anyone wishing to volunteer by providing a gift or giving time is asked to call Nancy Spencer at (734) 397-8975. Donations may be mailed to Goodfellows at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton 48188.

Card sale supports yule meals

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Last year, when The Senior Alliance put out a call for volunteers to deliver meals to seniors on Christmas Day, the response was nothing short of "overwhelming."

This year, Senior Alliance Interim Director Lori Vale is hoping for another good response to the agency's Bank Day holiday card sale.

"The need isn't so much for volunteers to deliver meals this year, what we do need help with is volunteers to stand at banks and sell the cards," Vale said.

On Dec. 8, volunteers will be at participating banks, selling holiday cards for \$5 each. The money raised will pay for meals delivered to seniors on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and now Labor Day. The \$5 represents the cost of one meal.

When a person buys the card, they will be asked to sign it and include a greeting. The card will be delivered with the meal to a senior on Christmas Day. Since there will be more cards sold than meals delivered, each senior will get sever-

al holiday cards.

The Bank Day hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and volunteers will be asked to commit to working three hours - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

There will be a meeting the week before Bank Day when volunteers will get boxes of cards they will be selling. Vale estimates she needs 80-plus volunteers to work Dec. 8.

She also is looking for more banks to participate in the program as well as businesses interested in selling cards.

"Some organizations in recent years have bought a box or two of cards and placed a business card or logo sticker in the signature area," she said.

"People can sell cards in the community through Dec. 22. There are lesser events like a hot dog roast and golf outing, but the Holiday Cards provide a bulk of the money needed to pay for the meals."

"We usually raise enough to support our Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners, but since we've added Labor Day, we need to raise more," Vale said.

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Everyone reacts to the lighting of the display.

Annual Lightfest has 1 million lights, Santa

Wayne County Parks opened the annual Lightfest Thursday.

The Lightfest on Hines Drive features more than 35 animated displays and one 1 million lights. It is the Midwest's largest and longest light show. The complete lightfest route is over four miles of Hines Drive. It is open through Jan. 1, 2007, but closed on Christmas Day.

Dec. 7, 14, and 21 will be Toy Nights, Wayne County will be lending a hand to provide toys for disadvantaged children in Wayne County. On these three nights, the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the suggested \$5 donation fee. Visitors are also welcome to contribute the recommended donation.

At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by

Santa's Workshop at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refreshments and gift shopping. Santa will be there from Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve. Don't forget to bring your letters to Santa. Outside of Santa's Workshop there will be a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa. Santa's elves will pick up the letters each night.

Although Lightfest begins at 7 p.m., Hines Drive will be closed to traffic beginning 5:45 p.m. nightly. Visitors enter the Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman, 2-1/2 miles south of I-96 in Westland.

Lightfest is provided by a partnership with Friends of Wayne County Parks, Fox2 News, AAA Michigan, ITC Transmission and DBT Marketing.



Above, Alelia Evasic, 8 years old, of Livonia, chats with Santa Claus and Santa's helper Jennifer Zaenglein. At left, Fireworks announce the opening of the Wayne County Lightfest.



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Where are talented people going? To vibrant communities

Last night, I went on a long walk in the neighborhood with my 11-month-old son. I hadn't planned on going out, but when I arrived home from the office I got the "I've been here all day with a teething baby and I need a break!" look from my wife Lori. Having seen that glare before, I knew just how serious it could be. So although I was tired myself, I grabbed Graham and the stroller and out we went into the twilight for a little father and son time.



Dan Gilmartin

We only made it three houses when I spotted our neighbor Julie stacking boxes in her garage. When I asked what she was up to, I was surprised to hear that she was getting ready to move to Portland, Oregon. Although she admitted to being nervous about leaving home, she was clearly excited about joining the thriving knowledge-based economy in the Pacific Northwest and experiencing the high quality of life that Portland and its surrounding communities have to offer.

Julie is a young, highly educated individual who until recently had a big job with one of the auto companies. She is the kind of person that all the policy makers claim that they want to attract to Michigan, yet she, like many others, is moving on elsewhere.

We talked for a few minutes longer until Graham began to fuss, cutting the conversation short. As we resumed our walk, I couldn't help but feel a little anger building inside me about our conversation. I certainly wasn't angry with Julie for moving, since she was only doing what most of us would do if confronted by a similar situation. What irritated me was that I had heard this type of story so many times before and yet most state policymakers appear almost disinterested in implementing a meaningful strategy to slow the "brain drain" of talented, young people from our state.

It seems that all anyone in the Legislature is interested in talking about when it comes to anything economic is our tax structure, with the latest debate centered on the elimination

of the Single Business Tax (SBT). Yet Julie's move has nothing to do with the SBT. She doesn't pay it, and I doubt she even knows what it is. I bet she doesn't know anything about the Oregon tax structure either. She is headed to that city because there is abundant economic opportunity there due in large part to the state's willingness to invest in its own future.

Whether it is Portland or any other region whose prospects are soaring, public investment in communities plays a leading role in driving the economy and attracting knowledge-based workers and businesses. Do you think the city of Portland's extraordinary open spaces get maintained for nothing? What about the economically imperative public transit systems in greater Chicago? Or Charlotte's brand new downtown?

I have read at least a dozen studies about cities, regions and states that are succeeding in the new economy. The reports make it crystal clear that a positive state and local partnership that includes significant public investment in communities is a major part of the recipe for success, especially in attracting knowledge-based workers and businesses. Unlike previous generations, today's young, educated people choose where they want to live first and then they look for a job.

But in Michigan, our short-sighted recipe to date has been quite different — a \$2 billion cut to state shared revenue, repeated legislative attacks on local revenue streams and a lack of consensus on transportation strategies that has resulted in millions of federal dollars being left on the table in D.C. All of these decisions have had a damaging effect on cities and villages in Michigan. Our soup, it seems, doesn't taste so good, especially to those who matter so much to our future economic prospects.

Vibrant communities attract talented people. Talented people attract knowledge-based businesses.

Together, they make for a strong economy and a higher quality of life for everyone. If you don't believe me, just ask Julie.

Daniel P. Gilmartin is executive director of the Michigan Municipal League.

Defeat of Proposal 2 opens door for dialogue on race

When Jennifer Gratz met with *Observer & Eccentric* editors as the spokeswoman for the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (ballot Proposal 2), it was an off-hand remark that rang true.

It wasn't the scripted platitudes like, "You can't fight discrimination by discriminating."



Hugh Gallagher

It was when she said, "There are more people who think they've been harmed by affirmative action than have actually been harmed by it."

And supporters of the amendment argued that this feeling by the majority population that someone was getting special treatment was more divisive than the MCRI proposal that would constitutionally eliminate affirmative action (or in their words racial and gender preferences) in public university admissions, government hiring and government contracting.

Despite massive efforts by the political establishment, including leaders from both major political parties, mainline church leaders and business executives, Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported the initiative. Fifty-eight percent of Michigan voters said no to affirmative action.

And let's be clear, the majority of voters never, ever entertained the idea that affirmative action was about advancement for women. Opponents of the MCRI tried to steer away from the race issue, but it was always about race. Even the supporters of the amendment who believe fervently that affirmative action is detrimental to race relations understood that the vote was about race.

Now some of those who worked for the passage of the amendment want to use it as a launching point for discussing racial issues and dealing with the problems caused by literally decades of racial discrimination.

One of those calling for this discussion on race is William Allen, an African American and political science professor at Michigan State University. He is also chairman of the Toward a Fair Michigan organization. During the campaign, he participated in several debates in favor of Proposal 2. His organization is sponsoring a Leadership Assembly on Dec. 8 which a release describes as "a daylong, invited workshop devoted to appraising the current state of reconciliation and inclusion within Michigan and to planning for progressive change within the state."

That's a good thing. Political campaigns like the fight over MCRI always seem to degenerate into demonizing

anyone and everyone on the other side of the argument. The radical group By Any Means Necessary or BAMN was specifically chosen as the prime opposition by MCRI to make their case that affirmative action was too radical for Michigan. And One United Michigan, the true prime opposition to the proposal, did nothing to distance itself from the ugly rhetoric and past confrontational baggage that BAMN brought with them.

But that's not why the proposal passed.

A law student I know, at the top of his class with a finely developed ability to argue a case, voted for the proposal and also for the Democrats who opposed it. He argued that the whole idea of diversity as promoted by the University of Michigan was a sham, that a distinction made on the basis of race rather than economic need was unfair and divisive, that contractual arrangements made for reasons other than competency and costs were unfair to taxpayers and that hiring based on anything but competence was detrimental to good government service.

All fine arguments. His description of the usual state university campus where blacks gather in one group and whites in another is not any different than it was many years ago when I went to Wayne State University. Then it always seemed the student center was divided into two somewhat hostile groups who never came together except in the classroom and even there only in mass lecture halls with no interaction.

So I accept the honesty of his arguments. But they don't take into account the long, tortured history of race relations in this country and in this state. It is a history of slavery, forced ghettoization, discrimination in housing, jobs and educational opportunities. Too many people are well aware of the consequences but not the causes.

U-M President Mary Sue Coleman made an emotional appeal after the election, vowing to continue to fight for affirmative action. In light of the strong vote against the proposal, it is time that she and others move on to strengthening outreach programs that recruit black students, programs that benefit the economically disadvantaged and programs that work with low-income school districts to provide tutoring or special college readiness programs. None of these are prohibited by the amendment.

Time and the courts will decide where we go from here.

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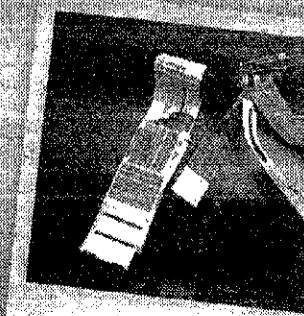
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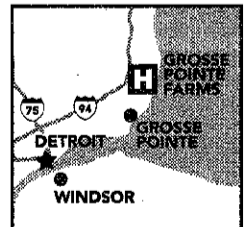


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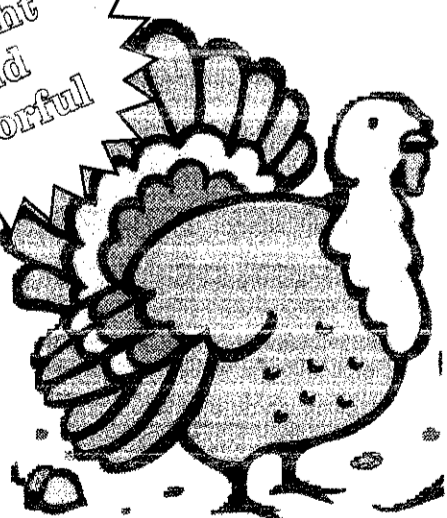
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Novi denies Canton hoop team its 2nd straight District title

BY ED WRIGHT
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The glorious high school basketball careers of Canton seniors Becci Houdek, Ja'nee Morton and Lauren Delapaz came to an end Friday night.

But not without a fight.

In a Class A District final game at South Lyon High School, the senior-led Chiefs battled back from a 12-point deficit late in the third quarter to get to within 37-33 on a long, arcing Houdek triple with 5:20 left. But the rally proved to be insufficient against a hot-shooting Novi team that played perhaps its best game of the season.

The 19-4 Wildcats survived the comeback and the Chiefs to win 47-36 and advance to Monday's Regional semifinal game at Rochester High School. It was Novi's first District title since it became a Class A-sized school over 20 years ago, according to coach Bill Kelp.

The loss ended the Chiefs' highly successful season at 19-3.

"I told the girls in the locker room after the game that I wouldn't trade this team for any other one," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "I always had faith in them, even when we were down 12. We made a nice push there in the fourth quarter, but we couldn't quite get over the hump."

"Novi did a great job of forcing us to play fast. We ended up playing faster than we wanted to and we took quick shots, which allowed them to get out into their transition game."

Kelp admitted he didn't rest easy until the final horn sounded.

"I knew they were going to make a run, even when we were up 12," said Kelp. "They have a great coach, a great program and, like us, they work so well together. I never felt safe at all. I was just hoping the clock would keep ticking."

The Chiefs' trio of seniors may go down as one of the school's best ever — maybe not for their individual stats, but for the number of wins and championships they'll leave behind. Led by Houdek's ball distribution, defense and scoring; Morton's ability to get to the rim and rebound; and Delapaz's unwavering defense, the Chiefs not only went 10-0 in the Western Division this year, they also captured the past two Western Lakes Activities Association tournament titles and won a District crown last year.

"I can't say enough about the contributions the seniors have made to this program," said Samulski. "Becci was a four-year starter who played hard every minute she was out on the court. Lauren's main sport is softball, but she worked hard to become a great defensive player. And Ja'nee joined us last year and was a great addition from the first day."

The two primary reasons Canton's players will be turning their uniforms in Monday afternoon are Novi senior guard Stephanie Crawford and junior guard Katie Chaklos, both of whom netted a game-high 13 points. Graybiel's damage came mostly from drives and free throws (7-for-8) while Chaklos, a reserve, was a

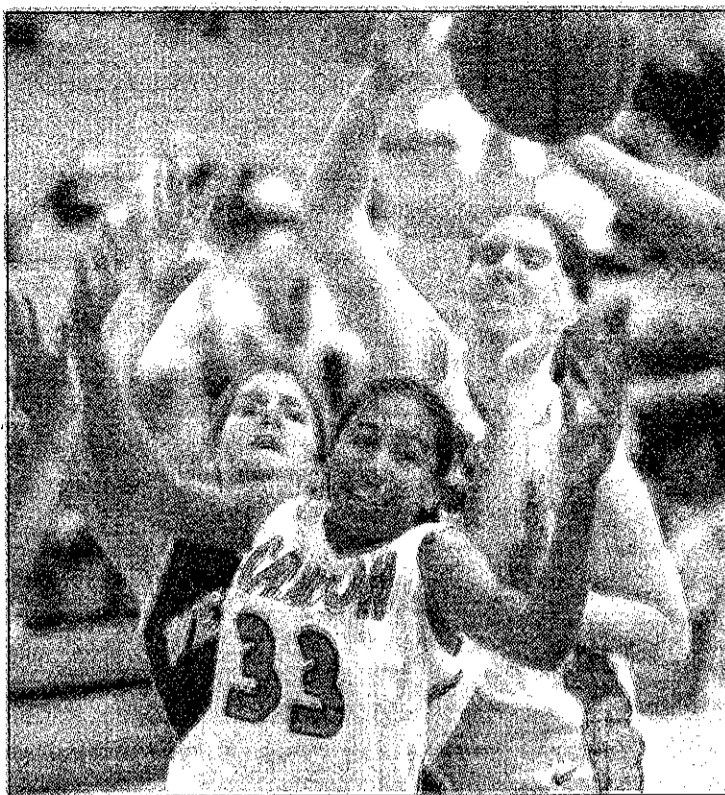
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Canton's Ja'nee Morton (33) and Baylee Hollowell battle for a rebound during a game earlier this season against Walled Lake Western. The Chiefs saw their season come to an end Friday night, 46-37, in a Class A District final against Novi.

sharpshooter from the perimeter, hitting three critical three-pointers.

Senior center Taylor Graybiel also had a strong game, registering eight points and seven boards.

Kelp said that Chaklos' impressive showing won't earn her a promotion for Monday's game.

"After tonight, I'm not messing with the starting line-up," he said, smiling. "Plus, I like the spark Katie has coming off the bench."

Morton and Houdek both twined 12 for the Chiefs. Morton's production was impressive considering she sat out more than half of the game in foul trouble before eventually committing her fifth with 1:59 to play and Canton trailing, 43-34.

Baylee Hollowell (six points and 13 rebounds), Delapaz (five points, two steals) and Marie Martin (four points, five rebounds and three steals) also made significant contributions for the Chiefs.

Canton led 11-10 after one quarter before the Chaklos-led Wildcats rushed out of the second-quarter gate to nab a 22-17 halftime advantage.

A Chaklos triple with 1:10 to go in the third quarter gave the Wildcats their biggest edge, 35-23, however, Delapaz sparked the Chiefs' comeback when she buried a long three just as the third-quarter buzzer sounded.

Canton narrowed its deficit to 35-30 early in the fourth

on a Morton bucket at 7:29 and Houdek's pretty left-handed layup 30 seconds later.

After Kristine Chaklos converted a driving bank-shot to put Novi ahead 37-30, Houdek delivered a 22-footer from the right wing to bring the Chiefs to within 37-33.

"I called a timeout (after Houdek's shot) and told the girls that that was their run and now it's time for us to make a run," said Kelp. "I told them, 'Let's do what we do. Don't get flustered, just do what we do.'"

Following the TO, the Wildcats responded with an 8-1 streak down the stretch to put the game on ice.

Once the game was out of reach, Samulski gave Houdek and Delapaz an opportunity to soak in the cheers one last time when he removed them from the game on separate occasions with less than a minute to play.

"The bottom line is we gave up 47 points and you're not going to win many games when you give up 47," Samulski said. "To Novi's credit, they made a lot of shots, but we didn't get out on them and we weren't talking through the screens."

Canton hit 13-of-51 field goals (25.4 percent) and 10-of-16 free throws (62.5). Novi made 15-of-42 shot from the field (35.7) and 10-of-13 free throws (76.9).

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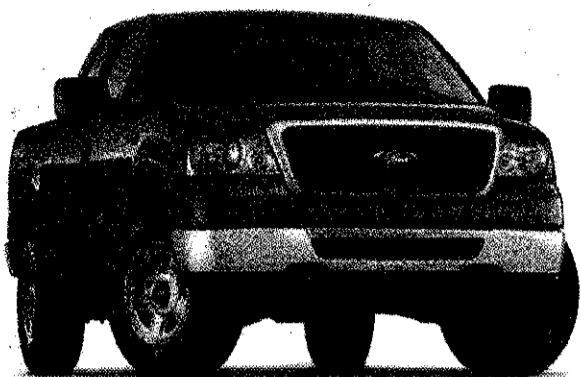
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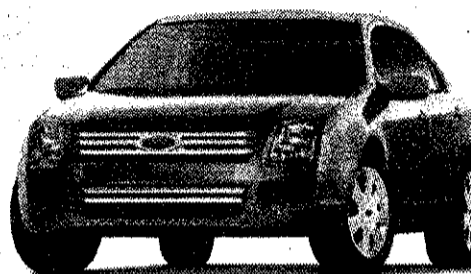
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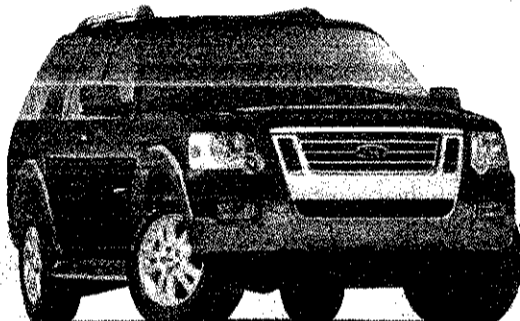
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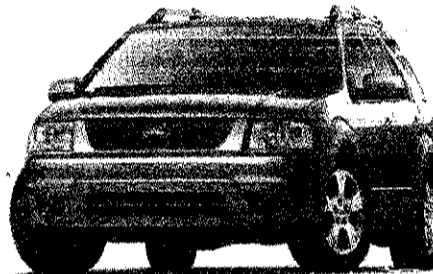
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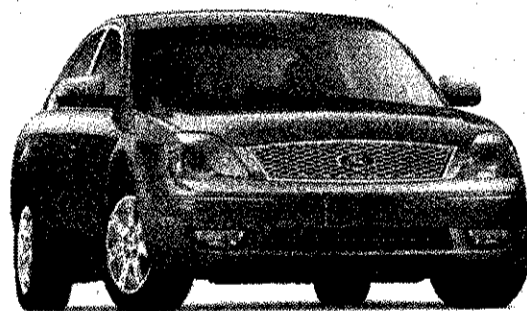
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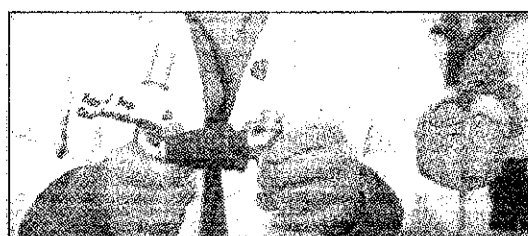
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Keep those children reading

The teen room at the Canton Public Library is impressive. When I was there Tuesday afternoon, I saw the large mural done by Betty Huang and Millie Li, now sophomores at Salem High School. One wall of bookshelves was lined with graphic novels, and teen librarian Kevin Scanlon noted that many more of those are checked out.



Julie Brown

Students were busy that day doing homework, using the computers and just hanging out. The library boasts Teen Tuesdays 3-5 p.m. each week, a drop-in program, as well as monthly Book and Pizza Club discussions for both teens and younger

tweens in fifth and sixth grades. "This is important because you're giving teens their own space, their own identity within the library," Scanlon said of the teen room, in existence for about five years.

Scanlon added that some question the educational value of the graphic novels which teens gobble up. In my day, it was Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys books that were considered less than desirable. I loved Nancy's adventures with friends Bess and George, but the grade school librarian didn't care for them and didn't carry the titles.

These days, the local public libraries still carry Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys books, with Scanlon noting their perennial popularity. Many argue the books keep kids reading at a critical time they're all too likely to get out of the habit. The same argument can be applied to graphic novels.

Wednesday night, I had my Contemporary Books discussion at the Plymouth District Library (we read *The House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende), and I took a few minutes to check out the teen offerings there.

Students in the Plymouth-Canton community are fortunate to have such excellent libraries with a strong focus on serving their needs. Sure, schoolwork is important, but so is leisure reading and the two complement each other.

As we discussed Allende's book Wednesday, I thought how fortunate students in our community are to have their own discussion groups. Both libraries have undergone expansion in recent years, and community residents deserve credit, too, for their support of these libraries.

The popular summer reading programs bring younger kids in droves to the libraries each year, and the school year also brings eager young readers into the libraries to check out what's new.

Kids need a place to go, and certainly the local library is as good as any. Libraries aren't quite as quiet as they used to be, either, and there are plenty of opportunities for students to speak up, such as in a spirited book discussion.

When I left school in my early 20s after graduation, I didn't read a lot away from work for a while. That didn't last too long, however, and before you knew it, I had another library card and was reading away.

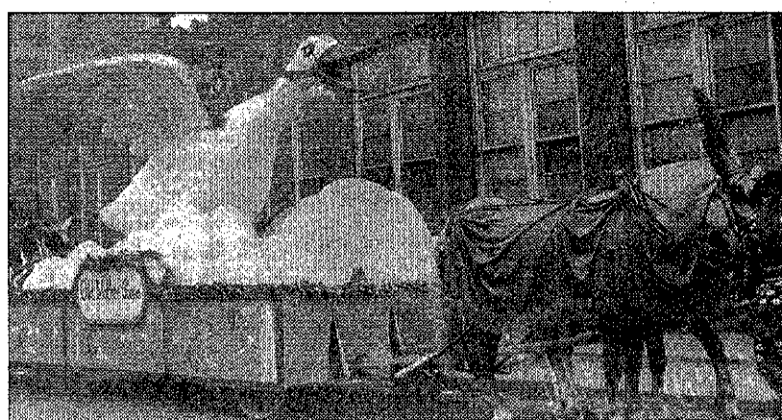
These days, I try not to miss the Contemporary Books discussions (7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month) at the Plymouth District Library.

Often, we find we have a better discussion when the book wasn't universally loved, and it's fun to learn what each person thought of the author's work.

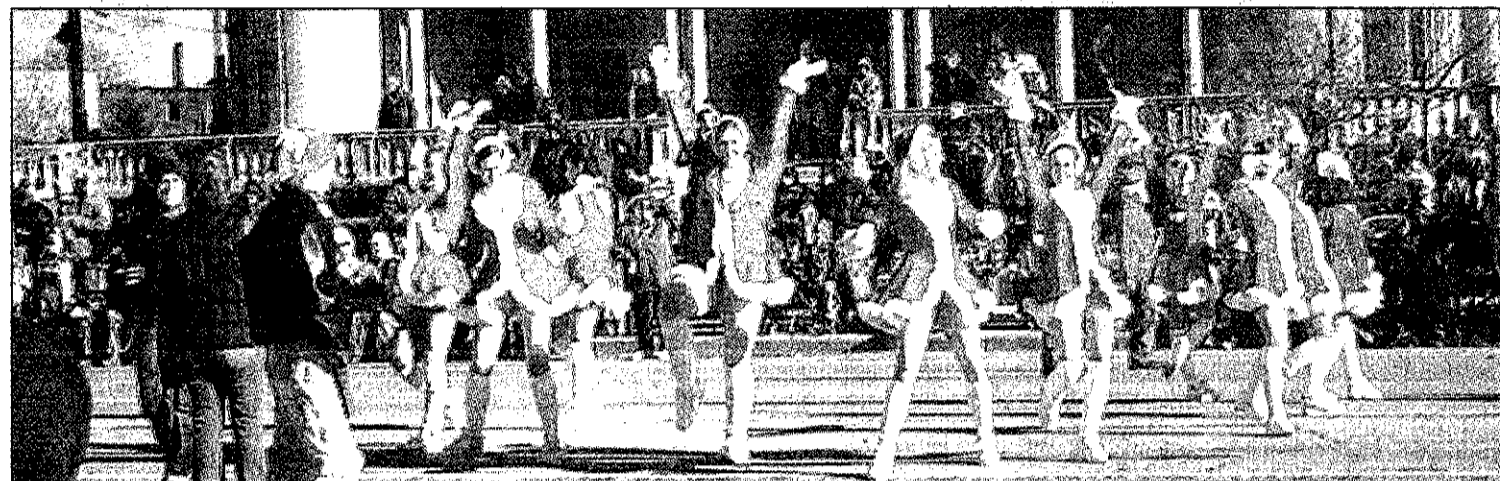
It's interesting as well to learn more about authors like Allende, and I often go online before the discussion to do just that. Whatever your age, why not check out the offerings at the Plymouth library, (734) 453-0750, or Canton, (734) 397-0999?

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A grand tradition



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Parade celebrates 80 years of thrilling crowds

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The young members of the OnStage Connection Performing Co. wouldn't have been as excited about dancing in the first Thanksgiving Parade 80 years ago.

In the 1920s, it took hours for horses to draw Mother Goose down Woodward Avenue and televising the floats was impossible since the medium didn't exist. During a Monday night rehearsal, a chorus of voices revealed the dancers' main reason for wanting to march in the magical event — the opportunity to be seen by millions of viewers.

Brittney Arcenal and Madison Bow do admit to being uneasy about appearing before one million spectators along the route, but not enough to forego their few seconds of fame as 102 million households nationwide tune in to view America's Thanksgiving Parade. Thirteen performers in all from OnStage Connection studios in Farmington Hills and Hartland will be dancing to the music of *Sleigh Ride* beginning at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, in Detroit. The route is modeled after the original parade and takes marchers down Woodward Avenue from Mack to Congress.

The festivities kick off with the fund-raising Hob Nobble Gobble 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, followed by the Turkey Trot run Thanksgiving morning. After the parade, the fun continues at the fairgrounds where visitors can view and photograph themselves with the floats at Holidays on Parade.

Members of the OnStage Connection Performing Co. will be decked out in Santa's Angel Helpers



Heather Sandberg of Livonia (center back row) poses at the 2004 America's Thanksgiving Parade with OnStage Connection performers then known as Dance Electric. As artistic director Sandberg travels down Woodward with the young dancers to ensure none are left behind.

costumes for the parade. The group first danced its way down Woodward Avenue in 2004, when it was known as Dance Electric.

"I'm really excited and a little nervous just in case I mess up," said Brittney Arcenal, a 14-year-old student at Salem High School in Canton.

"We're practicing, doing it over and over again," said Madison Bow, 12, who attends Warner Middle School in Farmington Hills. "I practice at home, too."

Company artistic director Heather Sandberg rehearses the dancers 16 hours a week to prepare them for the route, which can be cold and rainy. This year, she's recommending performers wear leggings.

"It takes a lot of energy out of the kids," said Sandberg, of Livonia. "They're moving really fast."

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LOVE A PARADE

* The Parade begins in Midtown at Woodward and Mack Avenues at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, and ends in downtown Detroit at Woodward Avenue and Congress Street.

* The festivities kick off with the fund-raising Hob Nobble Gobble 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, followed by the Turkey Trot run Thanksgiving morning.

* For details about any of the events, call (313) 923-7400. The parade is free except for the grandstand tickets (\$22 to \$45), available online at www.theparade.org or by calling (313) 923-7400, ext. 227.

* Holidays on Parade runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 24-25, and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5, free for age 2 and under.

Artist finds time for every purpose 'Under Heaven'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Von Buskirk likes to tell a story with his fine art. The ability to make his paintings speak to the masses most likely comes from 14 years of experience as a commercial mural painter. Public art has to relay a message if it's to be successful.

Von Buskirk realized a long time ago that viewers need to connect with a work of fine art as well. His latest show, *Under Heaven*, documents the circle of life by focusing on the Old Testament's A Time to Every Purpose from Ecclesiastes 3. Historically, the Bible was an inspiration for artists. Von Buskirk's series of paintings takes viewers through the day in the life of one woman, capturing the times of joy and mourning in a wash of acrylics. He uses the wood grain of the exposed board surface to create transparent backgrounds that are lyrical

in nature. The show continues to Nov. 30, at Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art in Northville.

"I kept the portraits somewhat static and changed the lighting to see how light in the portrait would affect the time of day," said Jeff Von Buskirk, a 34-year-old Northville painter who grew up in Livonia.

"I was working on a mural in Detroit and kept noticing the plywood on buildings that was covered with old paint. I wanted to create a texture on the background and paint on top of it, to experiment with the plywood. I wanted to put it together relatively quickly and keep it affordable."

Von Buskirk has always been concerned with making his art marketable. As a student at Stevenson High School, he painted jackets and sold them in stores. He later took science classes at

PLEASE SEE ARTIST, C3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Von Buskirk poses with paintings from his *Under Heaven* series. The work is on exhibit at Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art in Northville through Nov. 30.

AROUND TOWN

Olivet scholarship
Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equaling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to choose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or e-mail admissions@olivetcollege.edu

Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner
A Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner takes place noon-3 p.m. Nov. 19 at Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Redford Presbyterian Church, 22122 W. McNichols in Redford. 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.

Holiday nights
This December, step into a Christmas card of the past during Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village, December 1-2, 8-9, 15-17 and 19-23. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 313-982-6001 or visiting The Henry Ford's website at www.thehenryford.org.

'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 Vitale 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/~miwvcgs. Contact Margie (734) 522-4050.

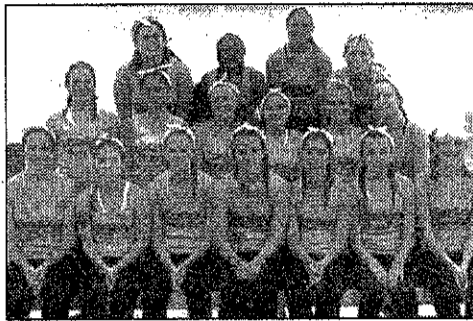
Vespers and nativity concert
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC)



Chiefettes kick
The Canton Chiefettes Varsity squad recently competed in the Mid-American Pom Pon Varsity High Kick competition. The squad performed an amazing original routine and won second place in the state. In addition to competing, the team performs at various Canton High School sporting events. Formed in 1973, the varsity Chiefettes are coached by Jenny Kesler.

JV honors

The Canton Chiefettes JV squad recently competed in the Mid-American Pom Pon JV High Kick competition. The hard-working, up-and-coming squad earned "Honorable Mention" for a strong performance of their original routine. The JV Chiefettes are coached by Katie Nuss.



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 concelebrated 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.
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 ■ 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.
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 house-keeping, 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
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Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, call the office at (248) 348-0115.

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ARTIST

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Schoolcraft College to become a physician, but soon realized the career was not for him after his parents' friends took him on as an apprentice to paint commercial murals.

Over the next seven years, their clients included Busch's Markets and other businesses in metro Detroit.

Eventually, Von Buskirk produced a variety of subject matter such as the moose on the exterior of the Lower Town Grille in Plymouth on his own. General Motors' world headquarters and restaurants including Sweet Lorraine, Cheli's Chili, Pike Street, and Grapevine Cafe in the Greektown Casino are among a partial list of his commissions. Von Buskirk's work is also in the private collections of attorney Geoffrey Fieger and celebrity Niki Hilton.

Most recently, Von Buskirk restored a historic sign on the exterior of a four-story building that once housed the Willys-Overland Motor Co., inventor of the jeep. Future projects include a mural for a Franklin home.

Like his painting, Von Buskirk isn't remaining static. He continuously moves from one commission to the next as a way of pro-



Jeff Von Buskirk and a painting from last year's show.

viding for his wife Wensdy and 15-month-old son Verick while studying digital animation at College for Creative Studies. Von Buskirk is moving in a new direction with his art and says the transition came about after becoming a husband and father. A year ago, Von Buskirk opened the gallery with an exhibit of

paintings he refers to as distorted pop art. Since then, the work has evolved into portraiture that captures the triumphs and tragedy in life.

"People see it on the street and make a bee line in to see it," said Cherrie Fergusson, gallery marketing person. "I think it's the background."

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art is located at 109 N. Center, north of Main, Northville. For more information, call (248) 380-0470.

To view Von Buskirk's art online, visit www.jlvb.com. For information about the gallery, go to www.sherrusgallery.com.

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TRADITION

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When Ralph Skinner joined The Parade Co. as an artist in 1977, building and hauling a float down Woodward was not easy. Ninety-five percent of the superstructure was handcrafted from wood without the help of power saws.

Today, artists bend and shape smaller amounts of steel with welding tools, then cover the forms with muslin.

This year, Skinner is especially excited about one of the new floats — Has Anyone Seen Christmas? The theme was taken from a book by Michigan author Anne Margaret Lewis and illustrator Wendy Popko. Only the 24 freelance artists and hundreds of volunteers who worked on the float know exactly what it looks like. Parade-goers will have to wait to see the float on Thanksgiving Day.

"With all the advances over the years in glues and adhesives, it's changed the way we build floats. We use spray foam for insulation in homes. It's a great time saver. We can make snow and clouds, icing on large cakes. For the 80th birthday float, we're working on a cake 14-foot high. Everything is really big here," said Ralph Skinner, senior art director. Skinner earned his master of fine art degree in sculpting from Michigan State University. "We used to use a lot of papier mache. We now use a lot of muslin. It's faster, more artist friendly. We make a lot of props out of Styrofoam and use muslin to give it a skin."

This year, like last, Sharon Scott plans to stand along the route pointing to the two-foot tall candy corn she painted for Has Anyone Seen Christmas. For the last four years, she and husband Keith, daughters Danielle, 21, and Courtney, 19, and son Robby, 16, have volunteered to build,

paint and restore floats such as the 1924 Mother Goose that returns for the 80th birthday parade. This year Danielle, a Saginaw Valley State University student, returns to walk in the parade, while Keith drives the Party Bus. Sharon, Courtney, a Grand Valley State University student; and Robby, a Churchill High School student, will be cheering Danielle and Keith on.

"Everyday is different," said Sharon Scott, of Livonia. "We've attached grass to a float, painted objects. Since spring I've been sewing clown costumes. There are always things to do and they so appreciate the volunteers. As a volunteer, you see how they start with chicken wire and put muslin over it and then paint. When you see the floats go down the street, you know how it was made."

"On the day of the parade, I'm always nudging my family saying I painted on that egg. My favorite part of the parade is seeing the floats the family worked on. The

parade is such a great civic event, it makes you feel good knowing I put two cents into that."

Keith Scott became hooked on volunteering after a field trip to the float drivers school with Indian Guides. Since then, he's not only worked on floats, but volunteered to help at the July Fourth Fireworks put on by The Parade Co. On Wednesday, Keith will navigate and drive floats down the back streets so they're ready to roll Thursday morning.

"The real challenge is taking those floats on the side streets. Two years ago it was cold and rainy, but even in the rain kids lined the streets anyway. It's like a parade before the parade. Volunteers bring their leftover Halloween candy and throw the candy to the kids," said Keith Scott, a buyer for American Axle. "There's a certain pride in volunteering, to know I helped put the hat back on Mother Goose."

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Hospital's annual fund-raiser accents colorful shoes

It was a fun, kick up your heels kind of night on Friday, Oct. 27, at Garden City Hospital's annual Fall Fund-raiser "Isn't it Grand," at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Cutting through the sea of black and white casual attire, were the colorful shoes. At this year's event, attendees were invited to wear their wackiest, craziest, and most colorful shoes. It was all about the fun atmosphere and the conversations that follow. Guests were spotted wearing fuzzy slippers, clown shoes, old gym shoes, while other chose to design their own colorful shoes.

"Isn't it Grand" was sponsored by National City and featured an entertaining dueling piano performance by Cool2Duel. Elaborately themed baskets created by hospital employees were raffled off. There was a silent auction. This year's auction had a wider



Fund-raiser attendee Michael Lance makes a special donation to sing Elton John's 1973 hit Crocodile Rock with pianist and entertainer Mike McKesson from Cool2Duel.

variety of items including donated art. Proceeds from "Isn't it

Grand" will benefit the building of Garden City Hospital's new Surgical Center.

Verdi Theatre spotlights competition winners

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is pleased to announce its upcoming concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, will feature a group of artists performing together with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and the Rackham Symphony Choir, conducted by Michigan Opera Theatre's Assistant Music Director Suzanne Mallare Acton at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township.

Tickets are \$25 and available by calling (586) 286-2222. For more information send e-mail to verdiopera@comcast.net.

The first part of the program, Spotlight on Opera, includes famous opera arias,

duets and ensembles with chorus. The second part will be a concert performance of Giacomo Puccini's comic one-act opera, Gianni Schicchi, with the added attractive of English surtitles projected over the stage. The evening's artists include acclaimed baritones Scott MacLeod, Allen Schrott, Chris Vaught, and Dino Valle plus popular sopranos Eva Evola, Lisa Agazzi, Kimberly Swan, and Elena Repnikova as well as noted tenors Lonel Woods and Michael Parr.

Of particular interest will be the debut with the Verdi Opera of Scott MacLeod in the title role of Gianni Schicchi. MacLeod, a native of Okemos,

Opera's 1996 annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition For Michigan High School Students, now in its thirteenth year. The vocal competition inspired MacLeod to pursue a career in opera.

He has performed over 50 roles with opera companies throughout the United States including Opera Omaha, St. Louis Opera and Central City Opera.

Another noteworthy and growing artist who made her debut two years ago with the Verdi Opera is soprano Eva Evola who will sing the role of Lauretta in Gianni Schicchi. Evola debuted last year with Michigan Opera Theatre in the role of Clotilde in Bellini's Norma.

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

1. "Dear John," Nicholas Sparks
2. "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
3. "Lisey's Story," Stephen King
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5. "The Collectors," David Baldacci

NON-FICTION

1. "The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama

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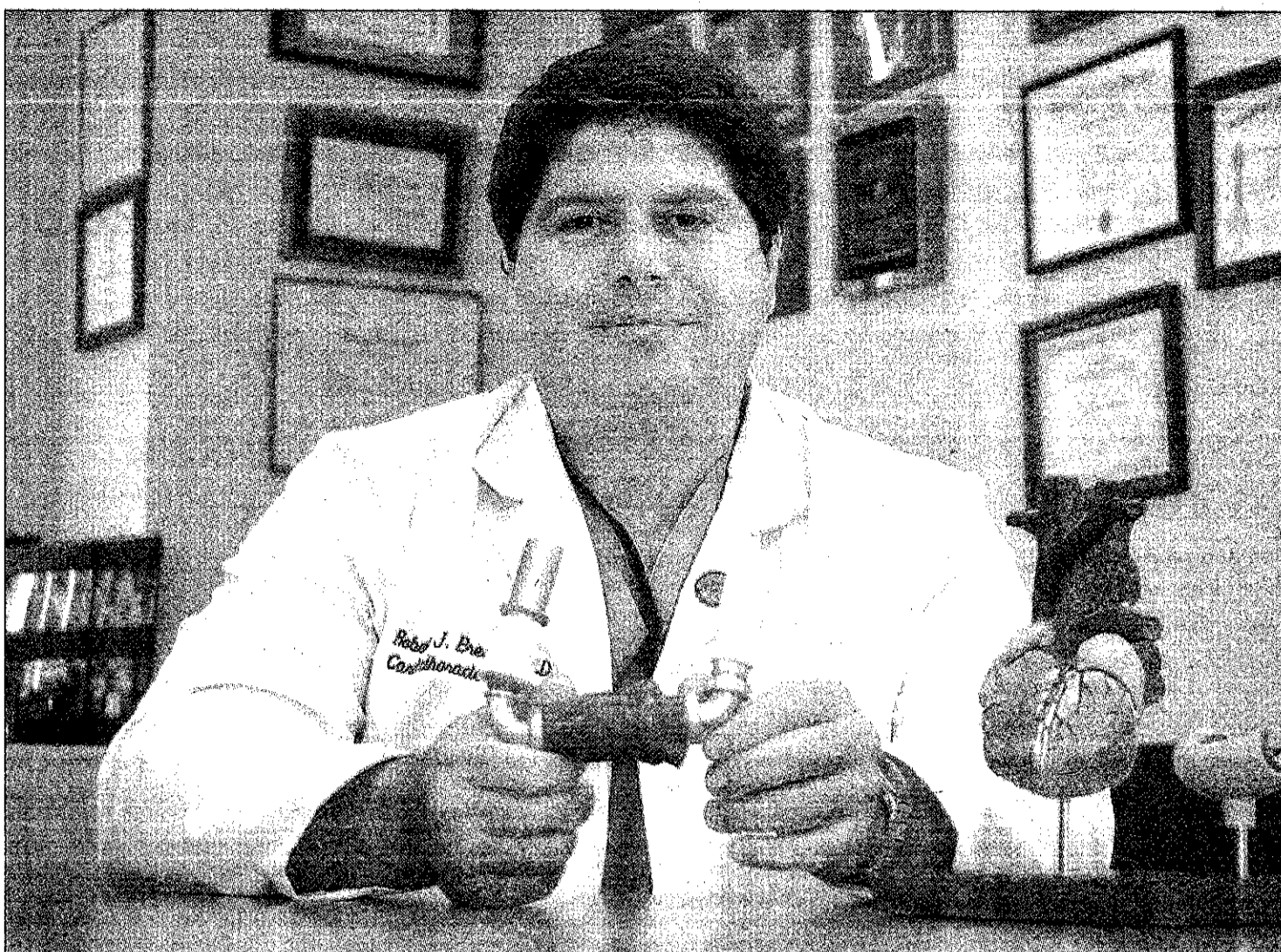
Device helps patients awaiting heart transplant

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Danny Smith couldn't be happier about being able to play with his three young children again even though he is still waiting for a heart transplant.

On June 28, cardio-thoracic surgeon Robert Brewer implanted the second generation of a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) to keep Smith's heart working until an organ donation becomes available. The first generation was too large to fit into the 53-year-old Southfield man's stomach. Although the LVAD device has been around for more than a decade, technology for the mechanical pump continues to be developed and studied. The Heart Mate II is considered experimental and is currently in clinical trials at Henry Ford Hospital. The second generation device was recently featured on the Minds of Medicine Overcoming Heart Failure program on WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

"Many patients die while waiting for an organ," said Brewer, director of the circulatory assist device program at Henry Ford Hospital. "We do about 2,200 heart transplants a year in the U.S. and the number hasn't changed in a decade. We are limited by donor availability. People are living longer. We are just starting to look at destination therapy for heart failure patients who are probably not going to get a transplant because of medical issues and problems. For large males the



Cardio-thoracic surgeon Robert Brewer is implanting the Heart Mate II Left Ventricular Assist Device in patients at Henry Ford Hospital. The LVAD not only provides a bridge for those awaiting a donor heart, but for patients who have become too sick to undergo transplant surgery even if a heart was available.

odds of finding an organ donor of his size becomes slim."

The LVAD device is now being studied in hospitals across the country to not only provide a bridge to transplantation but sustain life for patients not eligible for transplant because they are in end-stage heart disease.

"The National Institutes of Health had an artificial heart program 20 years ago. What's become more clear is that while there are some niches for artificial hearts most patients just need an assist device," said Brewer. "The mechanical pump is electrically powered or runs on batteries to be portable."

Smith doesn't mind the inconvenience of having to be plugged in by his wife at night or changing two battery packs every three hours as long as the pump continues to help his weakened heart circulate blood through his body. Smith is delighted to be alive for his wife, Pam Robinson-Smith, their 7-year old twins, Daniel and Danita, and Jasmine, age 6. It's been a long road for Smith since suffering his first heart attack

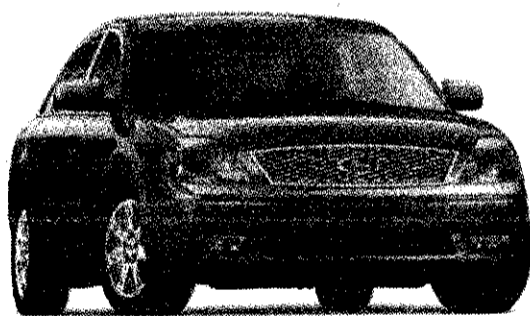
in March 2003.

Physicians decided to perform a triple bypass after tests revealed a 96-percent blockage. In June of that year, Smith had another heart attack and then another the following day. In August, he suffered one more heart attack while physicians were inserting a stent. By this point Smith's heart was so badly damaged a defibrillator had to be implanted in November 2003. Smith said he was feeling pretty good afterwards but his heart continued to weaken. On a visit to Brewer in March of this year, it was suggested he be listed for a transplant. Although Smith is still waiting for an organ donation, his quality of life has improved with the implantation of the LVAD after going into congestive heart failure.

"I feel good," said Danny Smith. "At first I had shortness of breath for a little while. Now I can go up the stairs without

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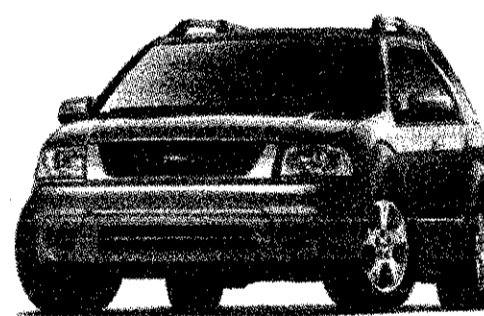
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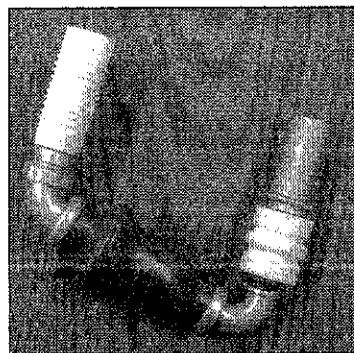
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shortness of breath.

"I'm glad they had this new technology available to keep you alive and can recommend it to anyone that this is a good way to go. It works. It's reliable."

Pam Robinson-Smith is grateful she can hear the device humming when she's changing Danny's dressing twice a day. The LVAD has made it possible for her husband to live long enough to receive a donor heart.

"He's doing much better," said Robinson-Smith. "There's a little less of an unknown. Having it has been a big relief."

In 2005, 83 heart transplant patients received the gift of life thanks to organ donors in Michigan, of those 53 were residents. Danny Smith is still waiting. As Chet Szuber, a heart recipient, put it "there's no shortage of organs. Only a shortage of donors."

Signing the back of your license isn't enough to become an organ donor. Discuss the decision with family then register at any Secretary of State branch, Gift of Life at (800) 482-4881, or online at www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

"So far this year we have 491 mothers, fathers, children, brothers, sisters who have received a second chance at life," said Tammie Havermahl, public education director for Gift of Life Michigan. "That is only possible because of the gift of someone who passed on life at the time of their death."

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Gift of Life recognizes organ donation supporters

Tears filled the eyes of at least one woman as organ donor families and transplant recipients told their stories at the Gift of Life Foundation's annual awards meeting to recognize those committed to saving lives.

Death is never easy to accept. On Nov. 9, I was especially touched by the peace that seemed to come from family and friends knowing a loved one lives on. The decision to register as an organ and tissue donor can eventually save or improve the quality of life for up to 50 people. That's why it's important for me as the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers health reporter to remind readers from time to time that if they haven't signed up for the Gift of Life Organ, Tissue & Eye Donor Registry to do it now by calling (800) 482-4881 or visiting giftoflifemichigan.org.



Linda Chomin

Kimberly Marie Smith helped three patients receive a second chance when family members donated the young woman's liver and kidneys after she was killed in a car accident in August. While Kimberly's aunt, Sue Smith was coordinating the donation she met with obstacles from authorities who said they wouldn't be able to prosecute the drunk driver if organs were removed. Sue Smith received Gift of Life's Advocate for Change Award for urging the prosecutor and sheriff to find another way to preserve evidence.

Sue Smith was among a number of recipients on hand to receive Gift of Life awards. The Michigan nonprofit organ and tissue recovery organization has served as a liaison between donor hospitals and recipient transplant centers since 1971. "It's important that we have leaders in our state who have the passion and commitment to improve the donation and transplantation system ultimately saving more lives," said Tammie Havermahl, public education director for Gift of Life



Dr. Randy Janczyk (right) receives a Professional Service Award from Richard Pietroski, Gift of Life Michigan Associate Executive Director. Janczyk is a trauma surgeon who has worked to make William Beaumont the state's second leading hospital for procurement of organ donations.



Dr. Janczyk

Janczyk, a Beverly Hills resident, has worked to make organ donation a routine process there. The Beaumont transplant center in Royal Oak has procured more lungs per donor transplanted than any other donor hospital in Michigan even though the facility does not perform lung transplants.

Beaumont was one of five Michigan hospitals that comprised 54 percent of organ donations in a 12-month consecutive period. It is one of eight hospitals in Michigan to achieve an 80-percent conversion rate or better and receive a Gift of Life award. Foote Memorial in Jackson and St. John Macomb Hospital converts 100 percent of potential donors to actual donors. Spectrum Health Butterworth in Grand Rapids can take pride in a 93 percent conversion rate, Mt. Clemens General Hospital an 89 percent rate, Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo 88 percent, and Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit 82 percent. Beaumont ranked fifth with an 80 percent conversion rate as

Michigan. Dr. Randy Janczyk, a trauma surgeon at William Beaumont, accepted two awards on behalf of the hospital and himself.

did Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Professional Service Awards went to Mary Juriga, a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac for championing new organ donor policies, and Scott Thomas and Anne Quinn, respiratory therapists at Spectrum Health for establishing a successful policy for organ donation after cardiac death.

In addition to Janczyk other Community Service Award recipients included U.S. Rep. Dave Camp for introducing H.R. 2051 to remove a restriction which provides only 36-months of immunosuppressive drug coverage for transplant patients, and Paul Charette, Michigan Department of State Office of Government Affairs Research Manager for implementing laws to link Secretary of State offices and drivers licenses to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Michigan's Surgeon General Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom received a Community Service Award for encouraging all state employees to sign the organ and tissue donor registry. I received a Community Service Award as well for writing articles about organ transplants and donors. It was a very humbling experience as I can't count myself among the heroes who are saving lives every day. I only tell their stories.

To contact Linda Chomin, call (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to

Moderation is key with soda pop

Stephanie from Harper Woods has been a heavy pop drinker her whole life and e-mails asking how much is too much.

Michelle, pop is delicious but the fact is, it's just another junk food. Pop is usually high in calories and it supplies no nutritional value. Pop now accounts for 27 percent of America's refined sugar consumption. And, the 6-ounce bottles of the 1950s have even been permanently replaced with the jumbo 64-ounce bottles.

As obesity rates have skyrocketed, so has the consumption of soda. A 12-ounce cola contains approximately 150 calories. If you take in around 2,000 calories per day, and add one soda per day, you'll probably gain up to 15 pounds in just one year! Remember, moderation is always the key!

Samantha from Lansing e-mails asking for information on whether high heels can cause any long term damage.

Samantha, you'll see that the proof is in the pump! Three years ago, we first learned that wearing high heel stiletto-style pumps could lead to the development of osteoarthritis. Now, a follow-up report says that wide heeled pumps can cause as much, or even more, damage than their high heeled counterparts. Researchers asked 20 women to walk with various types of heels ranging from stilettos to 3 inch wide and 3 inch tall, and then barefoot. Wearing narrow high heels put 22 percent more pressure on the knees than walking barefoot. But, walking in wide heels added 26 percent more pressure! Many women choose wide heels over narrow. But actually, they're twice as likely to get arthritis in their knees. The reason: researchers find they wear them longer because they're more comfortable!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com.

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MONITORING

Medical care includes more than diagnosis and treatment. Monitoring plays an important part of ongoing care. In caring for your arthritis, the most important aspect of monitoring is a continual check on the side effects of your medication. If a medicine is any good, it also can be somewhat bad. In the medications used to treat arthritis, their side effects are most likely to occur in the bone marrow, liver and kidneys. To exercise proper oversight, your physician schedules you on a periodic basis, usually once a month, for laboratory tests. The purpose of this testing is to reveal changes in your blood count, kidney, or liver function that could be related to your arthritis medication. Other medications require different oversight. For example, a class of medications called the TNF inhibitors are excellent in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, and ankylosing spondylitis. However, a side effect of these inhibitors is that they can activate latent tuberculosis. Therefore, before you start a TNF inhibitor, you need a tuberculin test. If that test is positive, you require treatment for tuberculosis before you can start on the arthritis medication. Furthermore, you should repeat the tuberculin test annually for as long as you continue the TNF inhibitor. If you are taking arthritis medication, monitoring those drugs is important, though it may seem tedious, keep the schedule your doctor orders.

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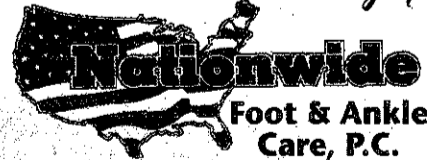
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Bloomfield Hills woman keeps floats, balloons, marchers in line for 80th parade

BY SHARON DARGAY
COMMUNITY LIFE EDITOR

Eat healthful foods.
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If that sounds more like motherly advice than a CEO's directive, consider what Joan LeMahieu's facing this week. As president of The Parade Company, she heads a staff of 13 paid employees and several hundred volunteers who are expected to please hundreds of thousands of their "customers" this week by producing a first-rate, perfectly staged Thanksgiving Day parade with floats, balloons, celebrity guests, clowns and marchers. With artists still slathering paint on new floats and costumers busy stitching flashy fabrics, it's no time to get sick. "I'm serious about it," says LeMahieu, quickly making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch in The Parade Company kitchen. She's so serious that she made a sign and posted it encouraging staff to stay healthy.

"I wipe down the counter every day and all the (cabinet) handles," she noted, producing a container of disinfectant wipes. Another staffer is charged with disinfecting keyboards and individuals are encouraged to clean their cell phones and wash their hands.

Everyone's invited to share in the kitchen's stock of fresh apples, vitamins and healthful snacks.

Sniffles or not, the show must go on. And at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, the 80th America's Thanksgiving Parade, will travel along Woodward in downtown Detroit to the delight of thousands watching in person and on television.

LeMahieu, 51, will be right there with it, directing the action, making on-the-spot decisions and encouraging volunteers.

"It's kind of like being the conductor of the orchestra, making sure all the people are coming in at the right time, playing at the right pitch, you know, all of that," she says, settling into her desk near the size 58 EEE shoe, a parade prop, that rests on a shelf overhead.

Instead of a conductor's baton, LeMahieu relies on a fistful of colored marking pens – for the creative side of her work – and a calculator for business matters. Her job, managing the company that produces both the parade and the Freedom Festival fireworks in June, is a bit of both.

BEING CREATIVE

In addition to planning and managing the "creative side" of the parade, she also has dabbled in float creation and float driving, balloon handling, painting, foam sculpting, and even some of the more mundane tasks such as stuffing envelopes, since taking charge of the annual Detroit-area tradition as interim president in 2004, after being laid off as manager of Ford Field. She dropped the interim from her title in 2005 and began looking for ways to maintain the cherished Thanksgiving Day tradition in an economically-challenged environment. The Parade Company is a nonprofit entity that depends on corporate and individual donations.

"For the first time ever this year we're becoming a little more entrepreneurial in what we do," she said. "One of the things we're doing for the first time ever is we're building floats for other parades."

The Parade Company's design studio artists created a float for the Indianapolis 500 parade last May. Another one led Chicago's Light Procession this week.

The organization sold commemorative pins for the first time last year, will sell cozy winter hats made in its costume shop this year, and rents some of its 3,000 costumes, as well as its papier mache "big heads." It also rents portions of its warehousing facility – a couple celebrated their wedding reception just yards from parked floats recently – and has made and repaired props

for Clifford the Big Red Dog's traveling show.

"We can do so much more of that. It's just that we're a hidden gem. We really haven't put together a business plan to get out and be as entrepreneurial as we could be. We're taking our time. Our main focus is to provide world class family events for Detroit and the surrounding area. We can't lose our focus, but we can do it in our spare time."

LeMahieu, who is married to Tom, a consultant in geographic information systems, and has an 18-year-old son, acquired her business know-how on the job but formed a work ethic early in life, while working on the family farm.

"I'm first generation. My parents were both born and raised in Holland and we were a true immigrant family. We didn't have a lot," she said. "When there was a day off, like Thanksgiving, we worked in the yard or worked on the farm. We might have a special meal – but not necessarily turkey – or an aunt and uncle come over, but we didn't really celebrate Thanksgiving as such."



Joan LeMahieu of Bloomfield Hills has done a little of everything – from donning a "big head" to sculpting foam to piloting a float – during her two years directing America's Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Detroit. Some of the older heads, like the one she's standing near, are damaged and kept in storage.

BUSINESS CAREER

She was the first member of her family in North America to graduate from college. She taught fourth grade for a year, realized it wasn't for her ("I'm too impatient") and took on a job at a temp agency in

California where she was living as a newlywed.

"I was working in the marketing and sales area, so I really got a good overview. But I got bored with it, so I looked around the company and the human resources department needed someone to manage

their benefits program and affirmative action training. They knew I was a self-starter and had a lot of get up and go, so they promised to train me."

And because she grew up in an immigrant family, LeMahieu was sensitive to issues of fairness and equality.

She worked in human resources in the private sector and then in a municipality, where she eventually applied for a position managing its community center and two performing arts theaters.

She took vacation time to research public facility management, job shadowed in a hotel and convention center and asked a lot of questions.

"It was totally amazing that the people I called out of the blue took the time to spend 20-30 minutes on the phone to talk to me," she said, adding that she also rarely turns down inquiries.

"I do spend time with young people and people in job transition."

After managing public facilities in California, she opened the Frank Lloyd Wright design center in Madison, Wis., and consulted with the Green Bay Packers and the Detroit Lions before landing the position full time at Ford Field.

She sees similarities between parade and big venue management, big crowds and celebrities being two facets they share.

But at Ford Field, she never had to don layers of clothing, leave for work at 4:15 a.m., and spend hours outdoors.

Does she mind working on a major holiday?

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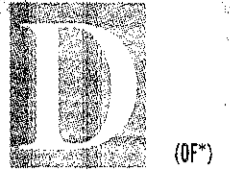


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Seasonal job can mean change for pocket, career

BY JULIE BROWN
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Looking to boost your resume and make some money for holiday gifts? A holiday job may be just what you're after.

Retailers often hire extra staffers around the holiday season to cope with increased business. Those workers can enjoy income earned and in many cases discounts on purchases.

"About 35 percent of the whole year is in November and December," said Larry Bird, owner of Gabriela's in Plymouth, which sells home accessories and related items. "It's very difficult to operate without additional help."

He hires additional staffers each holiday season for his store on Main in downtown Plymouth. Some will then leave after the holidays, while others stay.

"So it gives you the opportunity to bring on new people," Bird said. He also asks those already on staff at Gabriela's to pick up more hours during the holidays, and staffers like the extra income.

"We have a nice environment to work in," he said of the store, adding that employees like to decorate and make it look nice.

Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection in Troy is also taking on extra staffers to cope with the holiday rush. Hiring's been under way in recent weeks, said Jessica Quinlan, senior human resources assistant.

"We're hiring some seasonal employees," Quinlan said. Those staffers will work through the end of December. "We always are looking for cosmetics help."

Saks hires people to work in general sales. An outgoing personality is needed, Quinlan said, as are attention to detail, initiative and passion. "Pretty much we do look for people who have retail experience."

At Grand Rapids-based Meijer stores, there's less hiring done for the holidays, according to spokeswoman Stacie Behler. "Our stores are staffed so we can meet our customers' needs," she said. "We've got great folks on our teams already. We're always looking for great team members."

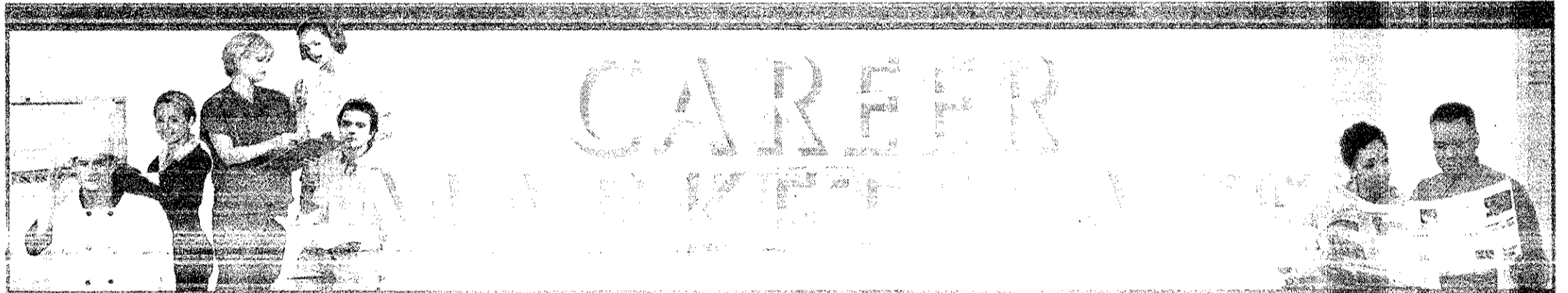
Some Meijer stores do add holiday staff, she said, but there's not a big push. Current employees pick up extra hours. "We have a pretty good handle on the needs we have."

For those who'd like to work at Meijer, the primary requirement "is really focused on what our No. 1 thing is in our stores and that's to provide customer service." Staffers need to be service-oriented, Behler said, whether they're working the deli counter, stocking shelves in the grocery or holding another job.

"Ultimately, we're all focused on providing great service to the customer," she said. Meijer hires a number of local high school students, she added.

Business does pick up at Meijer this time of year, notably on the day after Thanksgiving, the traditional kick-off to the holiday shopping season. Behler noted shoppers can find gifts and grocery items alike at the stores.

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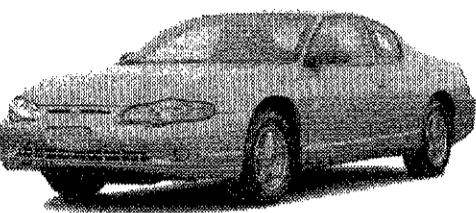
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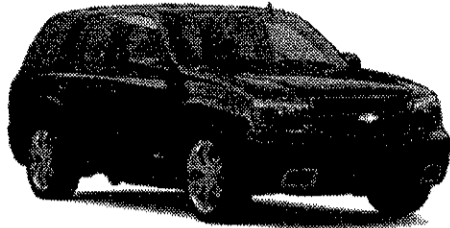


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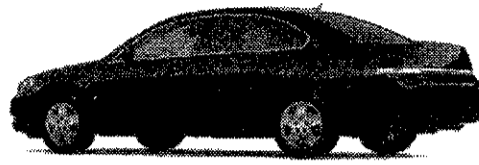


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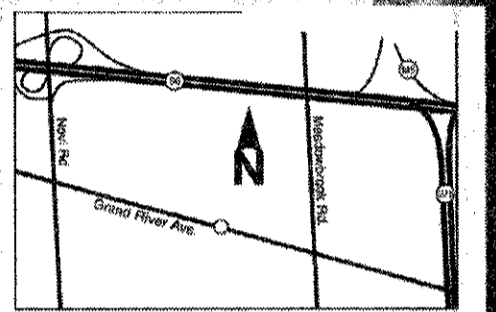
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Western Oakland continues to attract new housing

BY JOE BAUMAN
 STAFF WRITER

Hardly a day goes by that another story comes out about Michigan's sagging economy, and the strain it is putting on the local real estate market.

Foreclosures are at an all time high; market values are decreasing across the region, and some builders are resorting to public auctions to shed surplus inventories.

Despite the general doom and gloom, there are pockets of success, certain areas continue to be "hot" and new developments continue to hit the market.

Western Oakland County continues to attract new housing developments. And two local companies have joined forces to develop a 140-unit condominium complex and 180 single-family homes in Lyon Township.

Woodwind Glen Condominiums is being built in two phases by Curtis Building Company and A&M Custom Built Homes.

Located on the north side of 10 Mile Road between Chubb and Milford roads near the Novi border, the development will encompass 41 buildings featuring two, three and four-bedroom units. Prices range from just under \$250,000 to just under \$360,000 for a four-bedroom unit.

All of the condominiums include full basements, two-car attached garages, up to two and a half baths and G.E. appliances. Total living space ranges from 1,700 to 2,700 square feet.

Curtis Building Company was founded in 1945 and is led by Allen and Melvin Menuck. A&M Custom Built Homes is headed by partners Angelo and Mark Evangelista. The two companies combined have built more than 5,000 homes in southeast Michigan.

Other Curtis and A&M joint venture communities are located in Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Canton, Lake Orion and Rochester.

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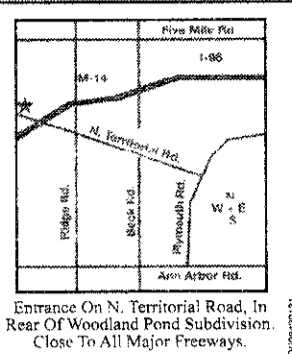


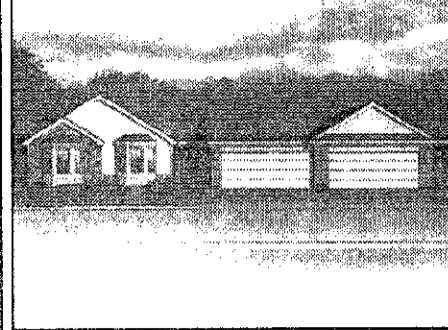
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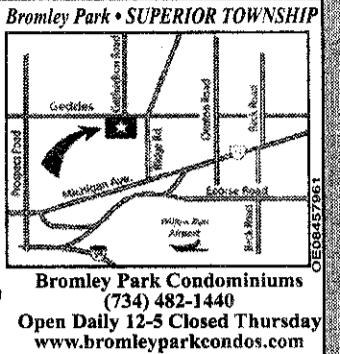


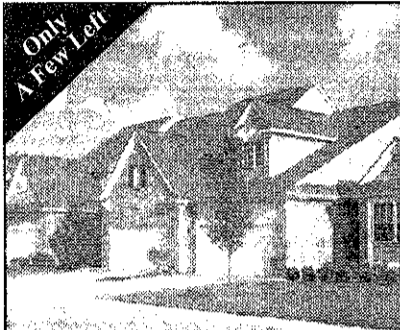
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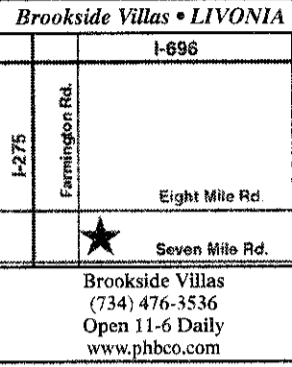


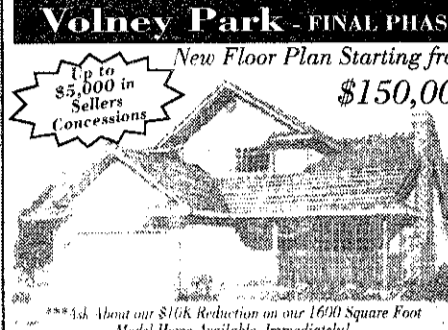
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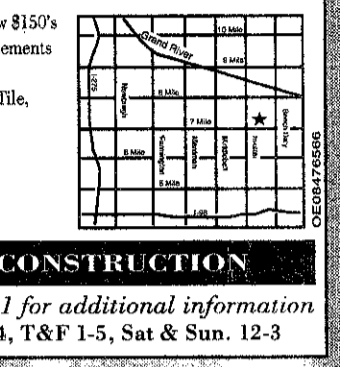
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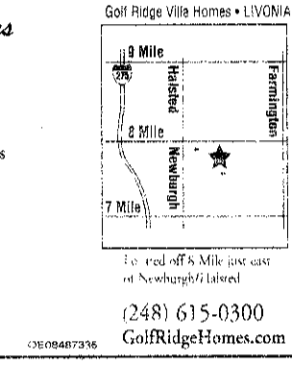
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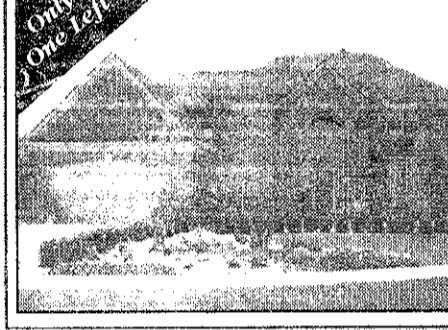
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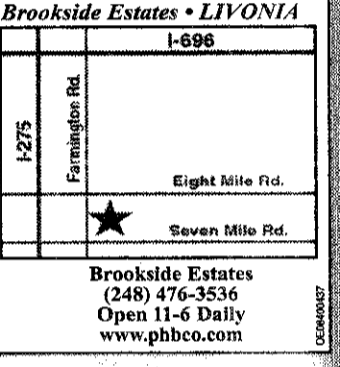
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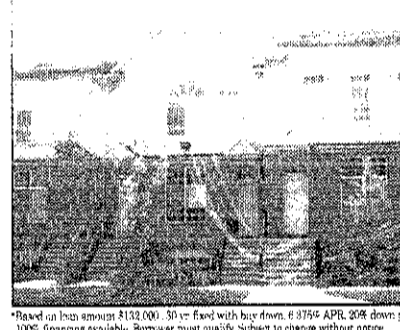
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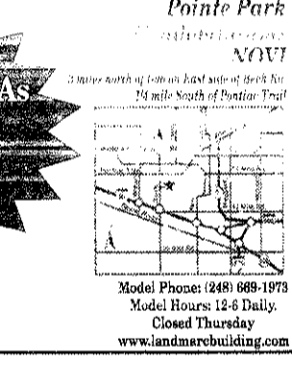




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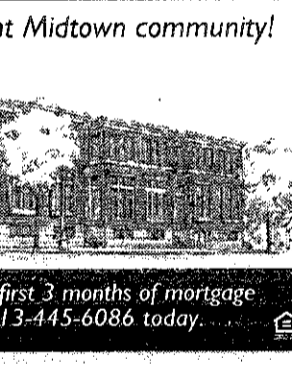


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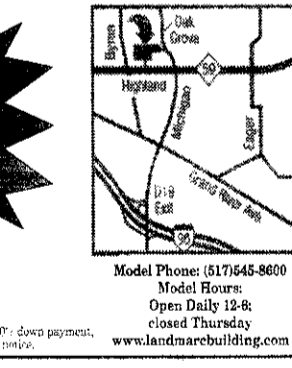





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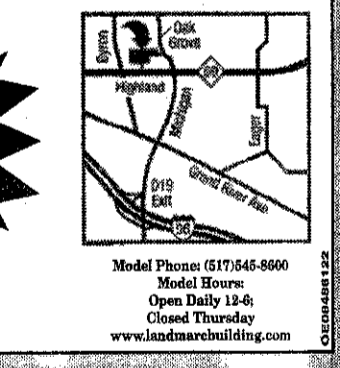


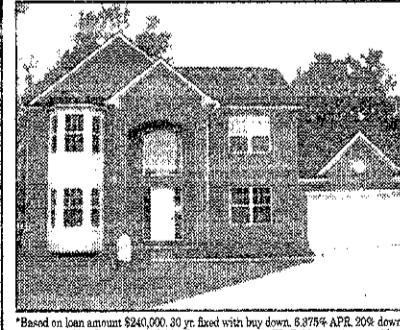


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The two secondary bedrooms are both well proportioned and are divided by a full bathroom. One of these, if not in use, could be converted to a home office, music or sewing room. Each has ample closet space and a window.

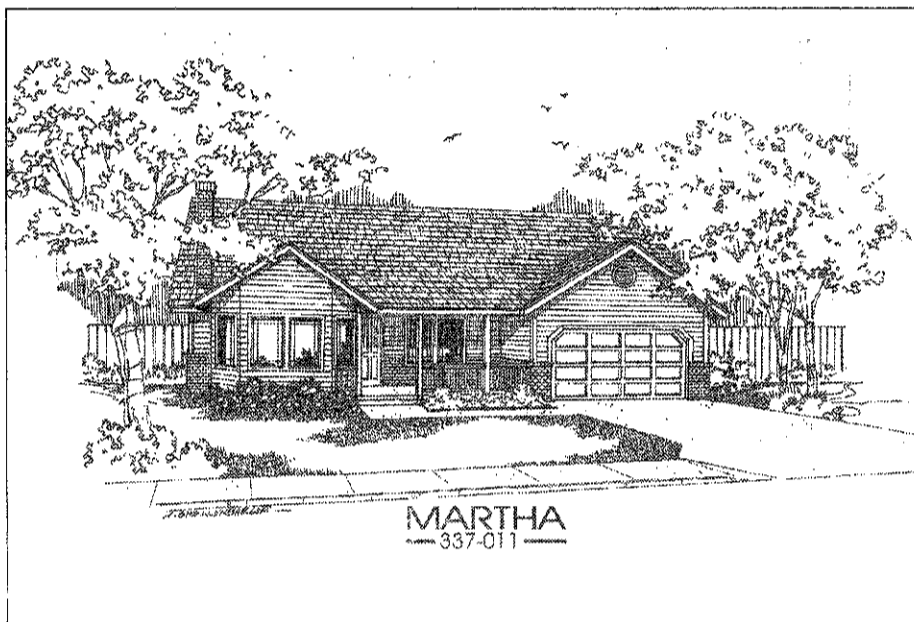
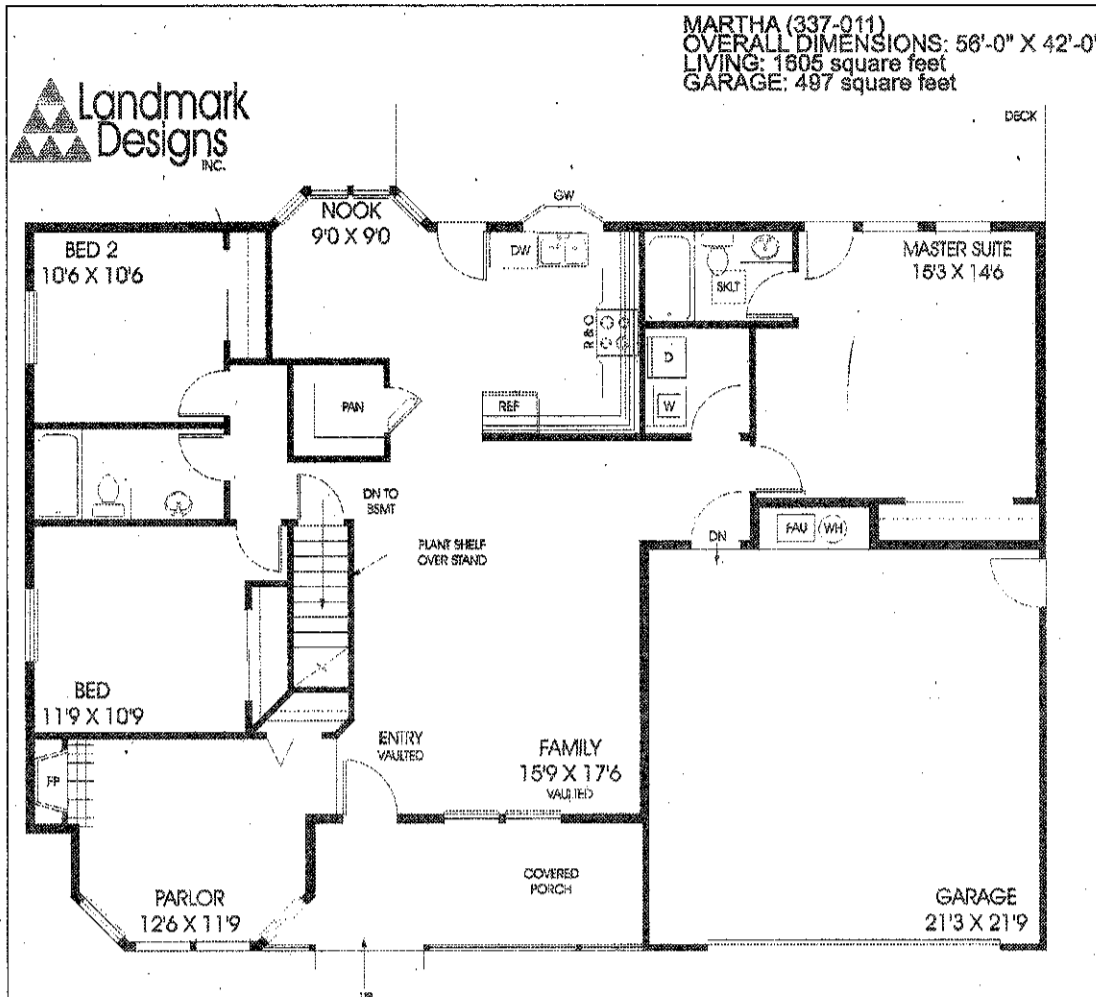
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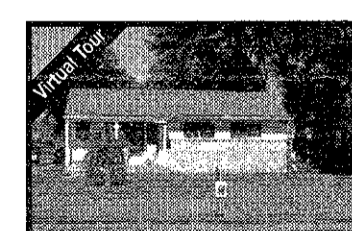
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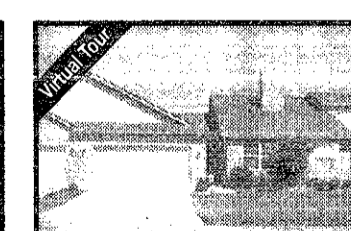
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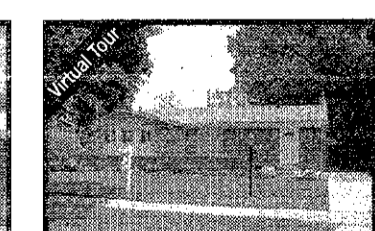
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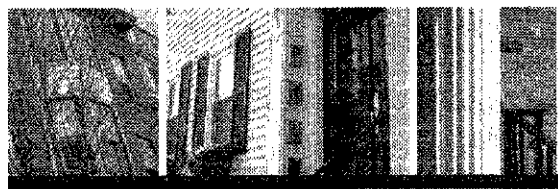
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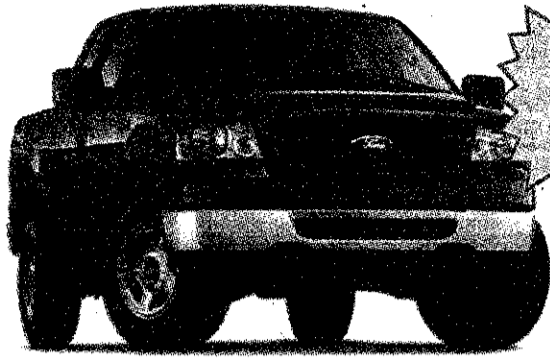
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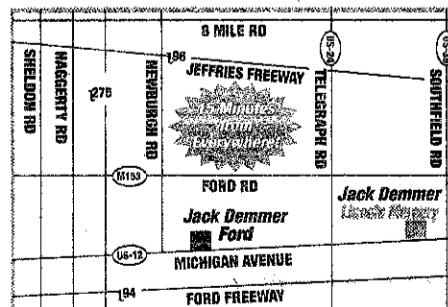
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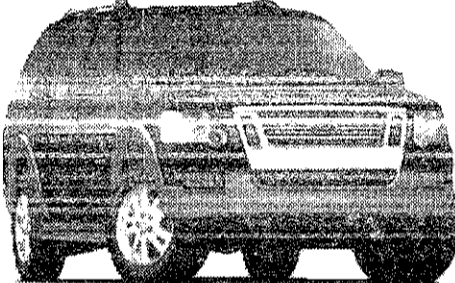
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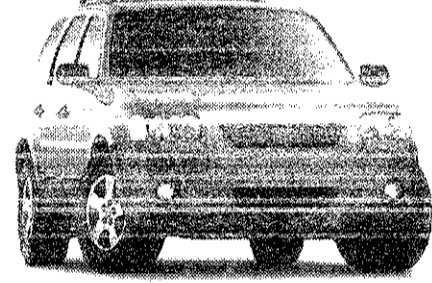
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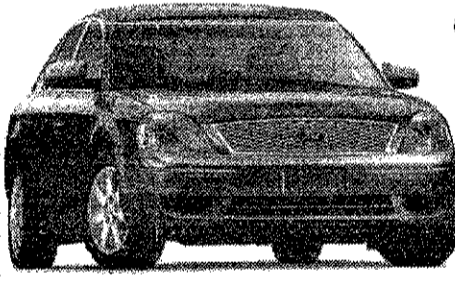
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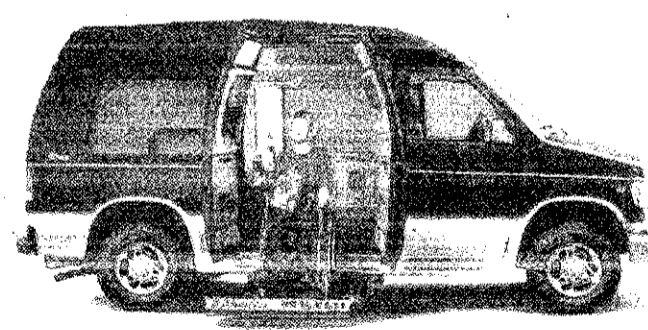
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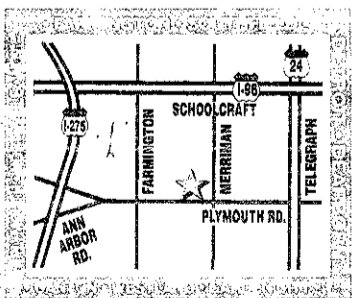
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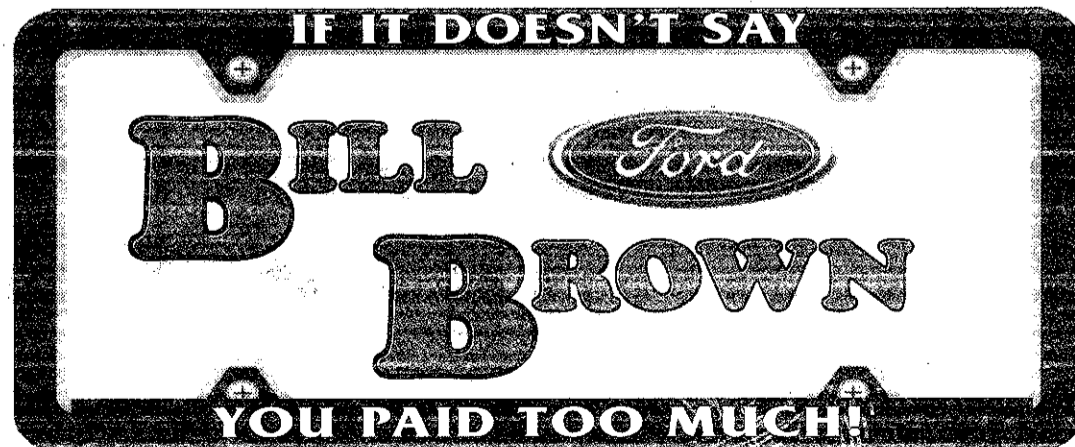
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06 Silverado Ext Cab LT 4X4
Was \$35,045 #8993
\$25,894*

06 Monte Carlo LS
Was \$22,230 #P3699
\$18,386*

06 Malibu LT
Was \$20,165 #P3199
\$17,171*

06 Impala SS
Was \$30,600 #P3332
\$25,764*

06 Colorado Pick-Up Ext Cab
Was \$19,575 #8385
\$14,371*

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V8, 4 speed, auto, air, power steering, brakes, air, CD player,
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\$25,218*

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V8, 4 speed automatic, air, power steering, brakes, 12" KLV
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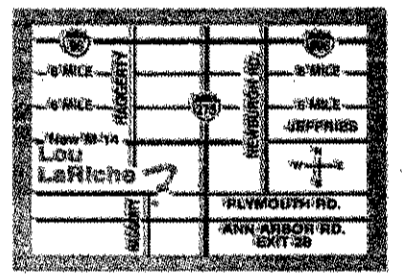
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Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

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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 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.

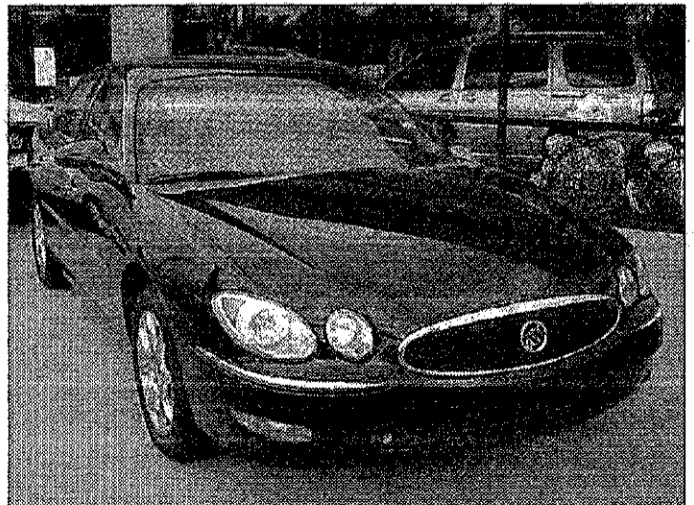
The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-

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.

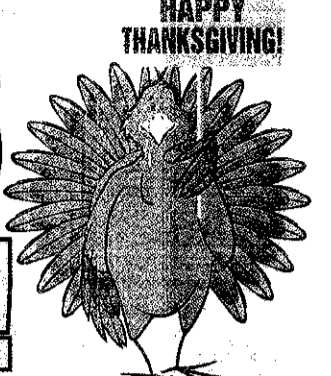
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2007 ESCAPE XLT
 WAS \$23,690
LEASE 24 MONTHS
 \$2000 CUSTOMER CASH \$2491 DUE **\$192²⁰**** \$0 DOWN \$469.20 DUE **\$275⁷⁰****

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 WAS \$32,155
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 WAS \$23,690
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E-150 Quality Coach Conversion
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*A-Plan pricing plus tax, title, all rebates included in price. **24 month lease, A-Plan eligibility, 10,500 miles per year, w/approved tier 0 or 1 credit, with lease renewal cash. Subject to program changes. Expires 11-30-06

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