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Canton to honor MLK with week of events

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The township will observe the peaceful teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during a celebration of his life beginning Monday.

"We're doing this to honor the (national holiday) and his philosophy," said Laurie Golden, Canton Public Library spokesperson. Even though Canton doesn't have a huge African-American population, we are a diverse community and when there's any level of diversity, there has to be an understanding of differences.

Famous for his "I Have a Dream" speech during the 1963 March on Washington, the Nobel Peace Prize winning King is revered for his anti-violence message during the peak of the Civil Rights Movement. He was killed by an assassin's bullet in 1968.

Canton has recognized the importance of Dr. King for a long time," said Ann Conklin, Leisure Services director.

The six events designed to commemorate his life and ideas include:

- A speech and book signing by Kimberley Crouch at 7 p.m., Jan. 11 at Canton Public Library. Crouch is the author of *Mother to Son: Words of Wisdom, Inspiration and Hope for Today's Young African-American Men*.
- A concert by Tee Turner and the Headliners at 8 p.m., Jan. 12 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.
- A dance presentation, *Ahimsa: The Path of Peace*, will take place at 8 p.m., Jan. 13 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The dance will celebrate the teachings of King and Mahatma Gandhi.

- A peace initiative, *Reuniting the Children of Abraham*, will take place at 4 p.m., Jan. 14 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.
- The keynote event will take place at 7 p.m., Jan. 15 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. In addition to a speech by former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah "Ike" McKinnon and a video presentation, *Vision*, the men's glee club from the Detroit School of Arts, will perform.
- *Rock My Soul*, an art exhibit from the Arts League of Michigan, will be displayed at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill from Jan. 8 to March 4. The exhibit highlights the contributions of African Americans to rock and roll and features many Detroit-based artists.

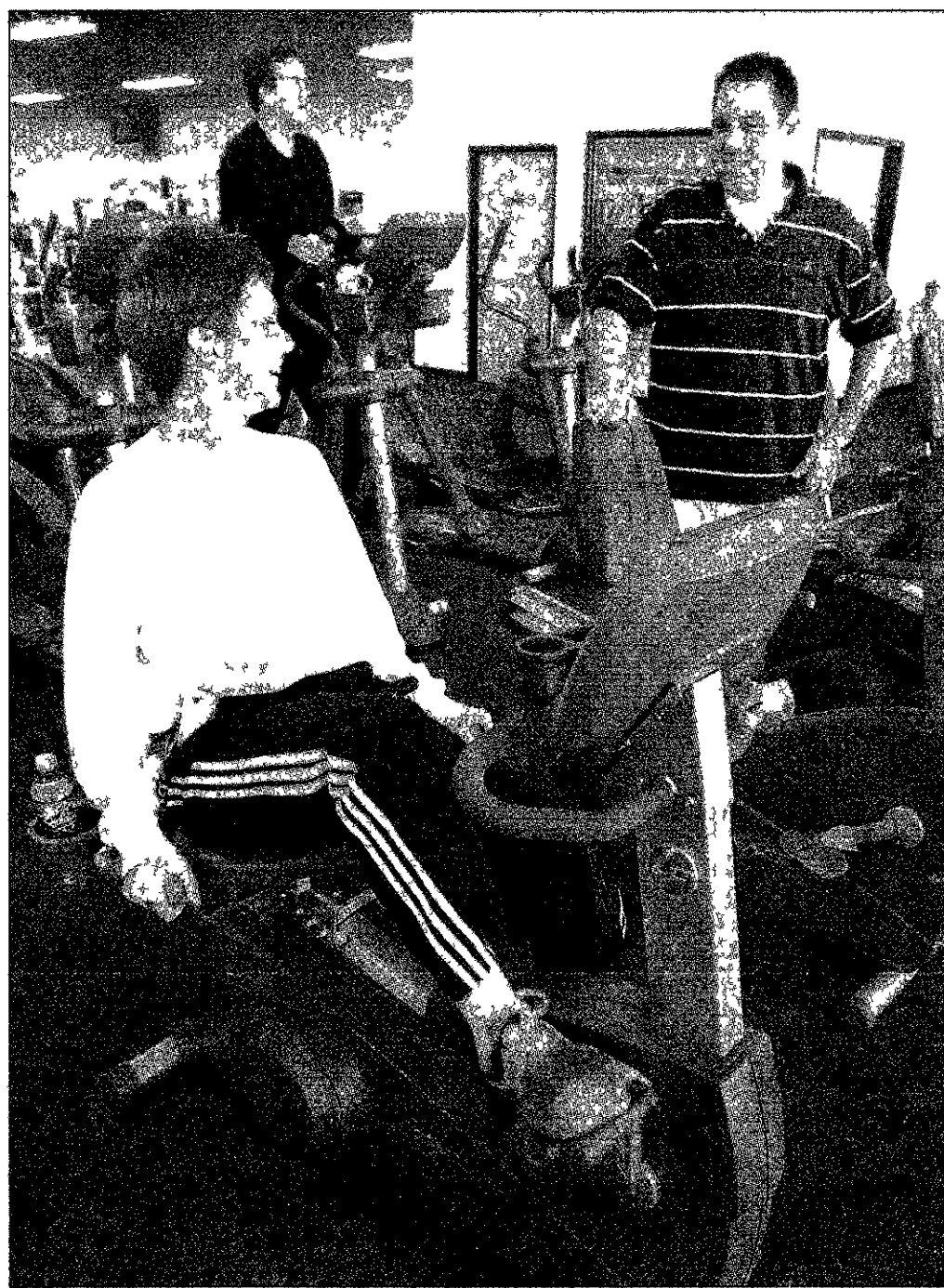
Golden said the festivities have been well attended in the past and necessitated a bigger location than the library.

"Our goal is to make this more than a day where you see something, go home and never think about it again," she said. "We're having dialogue for more than one night. We're creating relationships."

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Fitness 19 owner Chris Lantto works with client Cheryl Moore, who teaches fitness at Plymouth High School and lives in Ypsilanti. Moore has made it to the new Canton fitness center every day of the holiday break.

'January burst'

Local fitness clubs flooded as people look to shed pounds for new year's resolutions

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

It's called the "January burst" — the time of year when fitness clubs are at capacity because so many people have made new year's resolutions to ditch their love handles. "This is the best time," said Chris Lantto, who recently opened Fitness 19 at 1717 Canton Center Road in Canton. "It's no secret that exercise can add years to your life and people always want to start fresh with a new year."

The gym, which opened Dec. 14 and offers month-to-month contracts, has had a steady stream of business the last couple of weeks.

"We've had tons of people coming in and talking about their resolutions," said Lantto, adding that gift certificates sold well during the holidays. "All people have to do is get in the door and leave the rest of it to us."

Kim Scartelli, owner of Curves at 44242 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, said December is always the calm before the January storm.

"Our phone rings off the hook all of January," she said. "We rested over the holidays because we knew we had to get ready for it."

Scartelli, who's been in business for five years, said the January burst comes around like clockwork.

"It's a new time for everyone and people start reflecting on having a 'new you' for the new year," she said. "I even have to give more hours to my employees (to handle the rush)."

Although the turn of a new year is its own lure, many clubs offer January specials to further entice new members. Fit Zone for Women, 7225 N. Canton Center, will launch a "biggest loser" competition Jan. 15.

"I've spoke with a dozen people and they've all said 'sign me up. The new year is a new chapter,'" Fit Zone owner Larry Bird said. "People are finally motivated to shed pounds."

The competition, which is a play on a popular reality

PLEASE SEE FITNESS, A4

Fond farewell to Ford

Scouts, lawmakers pay last respects to late president

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1539 at Fiegel Elementary stood tall for one of their own — Eagle Scout and former President Gerald R. Ford — during ceremonies held Tuesday in Grand Rapids. Three Eagle Scouts — Joe

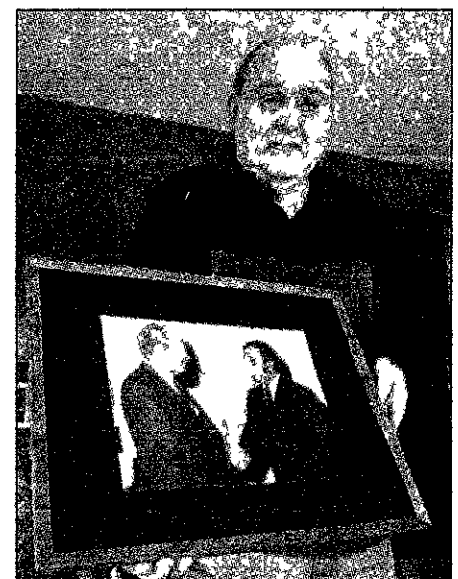
Jagadics, Colin Hessel and Jeff Movsesian — were among Boy Scouts from across the state who lined the motorcade route as the limousine carrying Ford's casket traveled from the Grand Rapids airport to the Gerald R. Ford Museum.

"We took off our coats, stood at attention and saluted as they went by," said Hessel, 17, of

Plymouth Township. "After the casket went by, we thought we saw Mr. (Vice President Dick) Cheney and his wife in one of the cars."

Afterward, the Canton Township Boy Scout Troop went to the museum, waiting nearly three hours to get a

PLEASE SEE FORD, A5



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Former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell displays a photograph of himself and President Gerald Ford. It was taken during Pursell's first week in Congress, and Ford's last week as President.

'Circle' to be haven for cancer survivors

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

After going through the devastation of a cancer diagnosis and living through a series of chemotherapy treatments, Trish Tyl became a new person.

But when she extended her hand to others who've had similar experiences, there was no one to grab it.

"I have a different outlook on everyday life," said Tyl, 42. "Life's too short to complain, so I don't. I just live."

Tyl of Canton is forming a group, Circle of Friends, to be a haven for cancer survivors trying to move on with their lives.

"This will not be a support group where people sit around in a circle and talk about (their fears)," she said. "I'm going beyond that point."

A stylist at Urban Roots in Plymouth, Tyl was diagnosed with breast cancer in May after she discovered a lump during a vacation.

"I immediately knew something was wrong," she said. "But now, I'm getting back to myself. I feel stronger and I want to help someone else get through the darkest time of their life."

Ideally, the group will meet monthly for dinners, trips to the movies, coffee or to play cards.

"It would be great to meet my neighbors going through the same things. I am so this will be laid-back and informal," Tyl said. "When you're diagnosed with cancer you can either go down a positive road or a negative, scary road and I want to surround myself with people who've chosen the positive road."

Tyl, who began spreading the word about the group in December, wants to have the first gathering later this month. "After you've been through

something like this, you have this wisdom you acquire," she said. "You long to run into other people and help them."

Tyl's husband, Mark, said he believes the group will be a success.

"It's amazing how many people in this community are cancer survivors so I'm all for it," he said.

The Circle of Friends is open to people of all ages.

"Hopefully, we can make new friends and take it from there," Tyl said. "Even if you beat cancer 20 years ago."

For more information, contact Tyl at (734) 397-7791.

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Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its January networking luncheon 11 a.m. Jan 10, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

The January luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. with the "Who's Who & What Can I Do?" program.

"We will have information tables set up and staffed by committee chairs, directors and members, allowing you the opportunity to ask questions and get information about our committees, sponsorships and events. You will have the opportunity to interact with the members and sign up for one or more of our committees," said Dianne Coje, chamber president.

Following lunch, 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou will swear in the chamber's 2007 Board of Directors.

Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the

Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is noon, Jan 9. For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Canton Homeowners Advisory Council

All condo and homeowners are invited to the Canton Homeowners and Advisory Council meeting 7 p.m. on Jan 8 in the lower level of the Canton Township Administrative Building. The guest speaker will be Ron Duprey, from Kramer-Triad, which is a property management company. A time will be set aside to ask questions. Duprey has a great knowledge of condo and homeowner issues and can answer questions you may have.

Swing music

The 19-piece Swing City Big Band will be playing the its brand of swing music from the big band era of the 1940s will perform at 8 p.m., Jan 5

at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The event will feature door prizes, and open dance floor and cocktails. Tickets are \$12. For more information about tickets and the show, call (734) 394-5460, or visit www.villagetheater/index.asp. For more information about the band, visit www.swingcitybigband.org.

Free throw championship

All boys and girls, of all faiths, ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2007 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan 21 at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district, and state competition. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. Last year nearly 179,000 sharpshooters participated in more than 3,000 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Lou Brochner at (734) 453-7684. Pre-registration will be available at St. Thomas a'Becket after all weekend masses between Jan 13-21, or register at time of the event.

Artist applications sought

The application deadline for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's Youth Artist Competition is Monday, Jan 22. The competition is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Feb 4 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road in Canton. The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society recognizes young orchestral talent from greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities. Since 1978, this competition has offered music scholarships to the youth in these areas.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12), and Junior Combined (grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in one of the following school districts: Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or Wayne-Westland. Members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola Music are also eligible.

The distribution of scholarship funds for the first place winners in each division is as follows: Senior Instrumental - \$500, Senior Piano - \$500, and Junior Combined - \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

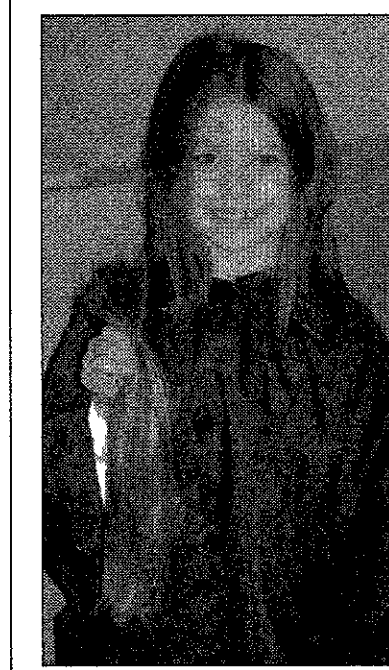
Applications, available through the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, are due on or before Monday, Jan 22. Past participants are encouraged to reapply, however, musicians are eligible to win only one First Prize Award in each division. Winners may have the opportunity to perform with the PSO and Orchestra Canton. Applicants must be available to perform at the competition.

For an application and/or further information, please contact Ellen Elliott at (734) 451-2112, or by e-mail at ellen@plymouthsymphony.org. Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Home Expo applications available

Applications to participate in Canton's 2007 Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes are now available on the township Web site at www.cantonmi.org. The Expo, scheduled to be held next year on March 3-4, is an opportunity for home improvement businesses and builders to promote their products by hosting a display booth or participating in the Parade of Homes.

All vendor applications must be sent to 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 by Jan 15. For questions regarding the 2007 Home Improvement Expo please call (734) 394-5200.



Locks of love

Canton resident Katie Farley, 7, shows off what was once her hair. She recently had it cut off, so she could donate it to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. Katie wanted to donate her hair at Christmas because she thought it would make some little girl that didn't have hair happy. She heard about Locks of Love at school and thought it would be nice to help someone.

Mitch Ryder benefit concert

Rock and roll legend Mitch Ryder has agreed to headline a benefit concert for the Grace Care Center on Jan 12, at the Morris J. Lawrence Building (Towsley Auditorium) on the campus of Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor.

All proceeds from the show will be used to help maintain and support the Grace Care Center in Truncomalee, Sri Lanka. Information about the organization can be found on the Web at www.you-shall-love.org. Specific information about the concert and cause are listed both in the newspaper and on the special events page of the web site http://you-shall-love.org/newsroom/2006/12/mitch_ryder_the_detroit_wheels.html.

Ryder, whose hit songs include "Devil With a Blue Dress On" and "Sock It To Me Baby," has come to know about the Grace Care Center through member Jim Mitchell, who recently completed a biography of Ryder expected to be published in 2007.

Blues Infusion, a local band from Ann Arbor, will open the show for Mitch Ryder and a special video greeting from the Grace Care Center will be played between acts.

Premium ticket holders will be invited to attend a special pre-concert reception with Mitch Ryder at the offices of Huron Gastroenterology Associates.

Book signing

Canton poet and photographer Cheryl A. Martin will be signing copies of her book of poetry, "Woman Reckoning" from 2-5 p.m., Jan 6 at the Coffee Beanery, 1498 Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

Her book contains many Haiku pieces, narrative, and epic poems. She illustrates it with a few of her photographs which she also has for sale in framed color copies. Her Haiku workbook for children will be available as well. This short chapbook teaches a child the fine art of crafting Haiku.

For an advanced copy, e-mail her at Peroinc5@comcast.net, or <http://outskirtspress.com/womanreckoning>, or via phone at (734) 397-1626.

Chamber computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a MS Excel Part I course 6-9 p.m., Jan 31 at Canton Computers, which is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford Road. This is one of many computer training courses that the chamber has scheduled in 2007. The classes are open to chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. 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 Jan 26.

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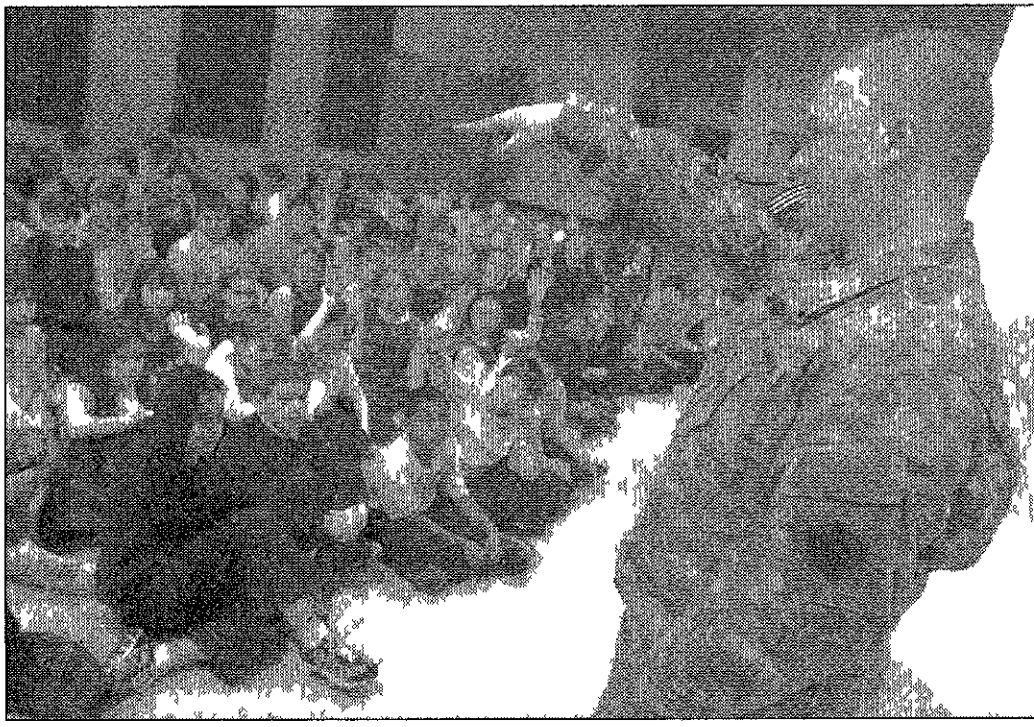
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Specialist Michael Perron of Westland takes questions from students at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth. The students wrote Christmas cards to Perron to support his efforts in Iraq.

The thought that counts

Soldier thanks OLGC students for holiday greetings

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Spc Michael Perron, a five-year U.S. Army veteran who'd been in Iraq for three months, found out students at Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel School had written him nearly 100 Christmas cards, he was quite touched.

It didn't even matter that he hadn't gotten a single card.

Perron, a Westland resident, came home on leave before the cards could be sent, so he stopped by OLGC School a week before Christmas to let the kids know just how much the cards, which he read when he got home, meant to him.

A lot of (soldiers) don't get any (mail), so to have overwhelming support of people is great, said Perron, who headed back to Iraq on Christmas Day. It didn't feel like just another class assignment. It felt like it came right from the kids.

Perron was the lucky recipient of the cards after a discussion between his aunt, Plymouth Canton school bus driver Mary Anne Cranford, and a fellow driver, Beth Larson, who is the mother of an OLGC student.

Larson, who lives in Canton, told Cranford a Northville resident about the card-writing effort, and Cranford asked Larson to add Perron's name to the list. Next thing you know, students in three OLGC homerooms — the fourth-grade class of Emily Sikorsky and the sixth-graders of Barb Hecmanczuk and Gordon Cameron — were writing to the soldier.

They loved it, said Sikorsky, the fourth-grade teacher. They were thinking of people we could write cards to. They spent a lot of time writing, making sure they were thoughtful cards.

We talked about what it meant to the soldiers to get cards, Sikorsky added. They were very excited about it.

When the Army allowed Perron, who'd only been in Iraq three months, a chance at an early leave, he jumped at it. He called his mom, Jennifer Perron of Westland, from the airport in Atlanta, Ga., asking her if she could pick someone up at the airport.

When Jennifer Perron asked who her son said, Me, then asked her not to say anything to anyone. His mom found that difficult to do.



David Walborn and Josh Somerville look at some of Michael Perron's photographs from his first three months in Iraq. They were among some 100 students who wrote Christmas cards to Perron.

I had a girlfriend on the other line, and she was surprised (when she found out later) that I was able to stay so calm, Jennifer Perron said. But when I hung up from her, I just screamed.

When OLGC Principal Kay Reilly found out Perron was home on leave, a surprise visit to the students was arranged. Perron spent some time with them on the Monday before Christmas, thanking them for the thought and answering dozens of questions about life in the Army.

The students were eager to meet him and to thank him for what he's doing.

I liked doing the cards because we got to spend time doing art instead of our regular work, said Elizabeth Somerville, a 9-year-old fourth grader from Canton. I wrote, Thank you for fighting for us because he's fighting for us, and I just wanted to thank him.

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Chilli Masala caters to Canton's Indian residents

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

The stack of completed feedback forms laying on his counter have confirmed Rohit Khanna's hunch that Canton needed another Indian restaurant.

Khanna, an Ann Arbor resident, recently opened Chilli Masala in the Lilley Plaza at the southeast corner of Lilley and Ford roads.

There's not a shortage of Indian restaurants, but nobody else is doing a complete meal for under \$6 day or night, he said. It's a new concept, and the response has been very positive.

Since opening in late November, Khanna, 39, has been collecting feedback forms where the comments range from excellent to great job. One customer asks about expanding the menu to include vegetarian dishes.

Proudly shuffling through the pile of papers, Khanna said there's already talk about branching off into a franchise.

This is what I've dreamed, he said. We're going in the right direction.

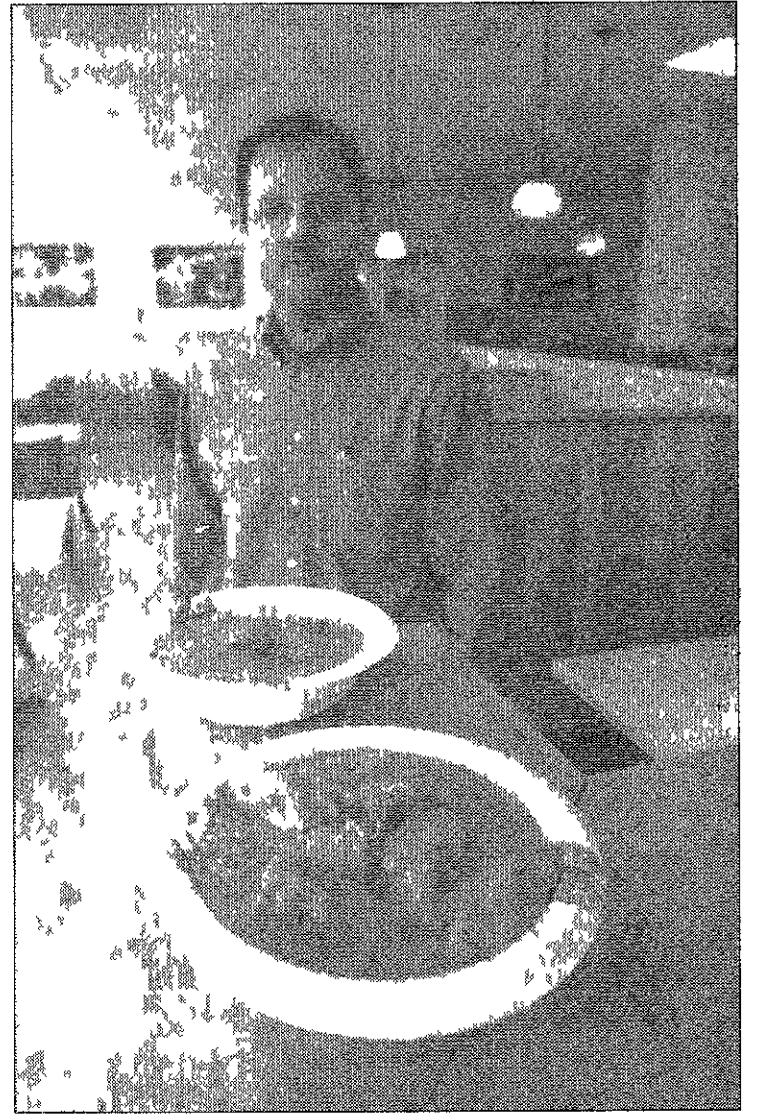
Khanna grew up in India and came to the U.S. in the late '90s to work for TGI Friday's.

The biggest challenge (of having your own place) is not getting a paycheck every two weeks, he said jokingly. And I haven't taken a day off yet, but I'll get there eventually.

While walking around the 2,800-square-foot restaurant, Khanna points out framed posters of basic Indian ingredients and traditional festivals.

I've always had the idea to do this, he said. I wanted to add educational value to the whole package.

The restaurant has five employees and offers catering,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Owner Rohit Khanna presents butter chicken and dal tadka at Canton's newest Indian restaurant, Chilli Masala.

daily specials and a 25-person conference area.

Although Khanna chose Canton because of its booming Indian population, he's hoping the catering appeals to a wide audience.

We have good food that's fast and reasonably priced, he said. I think it's going to take off.

Chilli Masala, which is located at 3500 Lilley, is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 981-6075.

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FITNESS

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television show, will base results on the percentage of weight lost. Registration is open from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15. The competition will end May 15.

With a slew of prizes up for grabs, including a one-year Fit Zone membership, Bird said the program is designed to keep members enthused. For information about the contest, call (734) 927-9991 or stop by the center at Warren and Canton Center roads.

In order to stay motivated all year, Beverly Schwartz of Ladies Workout Express said people should set realistic goals.

A new year brings new promises and ideas, but if you're a size 18, you won't (magically) get down to a size 5, she said.



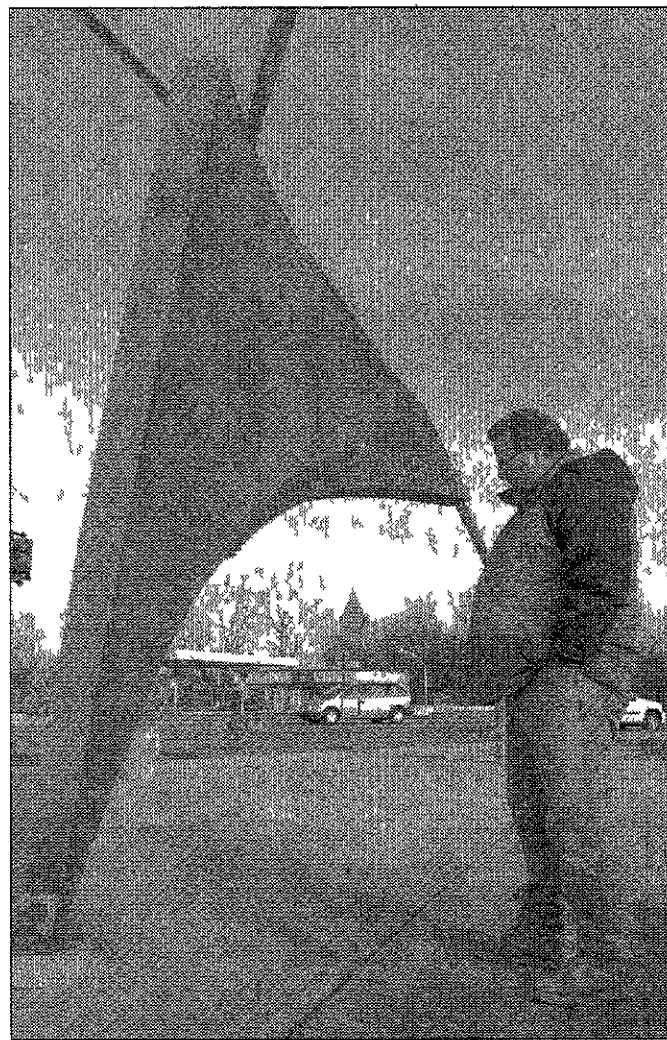
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Fitness 19 client Cheryl Moore works out on a reclining bicycle exercise machine.

Schwartz said her gym, located at 6541 Canton Center Road, will have its biggest boost in business once the holiday break is over for public schools.

It's become a pattern for

some people to get a new membership each year, but the majority of people I see do want to be healthier, she said. It's exciting for them right now because this is the beginning of something



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Canton Community Arch

Sculptor Ken Thompson inspects the final installation of the Canton Community Arch, the community's first permanent public art piece which is now complete. The sculpture, which is located at the southeast corner of Ford and Canton Center roads, is approximately 38 x 20 feet and features limestone columns, stainless and Corten steel grounded by a black slate circle inlaid in the existing stamped concrete to represent the 'circle of life.' The Canton Downtown Development Authority paid \$50,000 for the sculpture. The Canton Public Art Committee, a subcommittee under the Canton Commission on Culture, Arts and Heritage, assisted the DDA in selecting the artist and providing guidance for the design. Township officials will formally dedicate the sculpture this spring.

United Way tops goal, nets \$1.3m

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In a year when many charities and non-profit agencies experienced difficulties meeting fundraising goals to provide services to the needy, the Plymouth Community United Way, which also serves Canton, resisted the trend by announcing it surpassed its 2006 campaign goal expectations. Campaign chairman Tom Salapatek of Canton Township said the PCUW drive netted \$1.32 million, beating the announced goal by more than \$200,000.

'We'd originally thought about reducing our goal, given the economic climate in the state,' Salapatek said. 'But, we decided the people of Plymouth have been very good to us, and there's definitely a need. So, we decided to stretch our resources and our donors, and we beat the goal.'

It happened because of the generosity of local companies, businesses and individuals, and the dedication of our United Way workers and volunteers,' he said. 'Everybody stepped up and made it happen. It shows they see a need for the local agencies we fund, and they wanted to support them.' The PCUW supports 14 local agencies, including Community Opportunity Center. The Livonia-based group assists 93 mentally challenged adults at 23 living facilities, in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford.

Along with the \$80,000 it received last summer for helping with the PCUW's Tee Off for a Friend golf outing, COC annually receives about \$50,000 from the PCUW. Executive Director Denise King said knowing the PCUW met its campaign goal is good news for all the local agencies, which are facing cutbacks in from other funding sources.

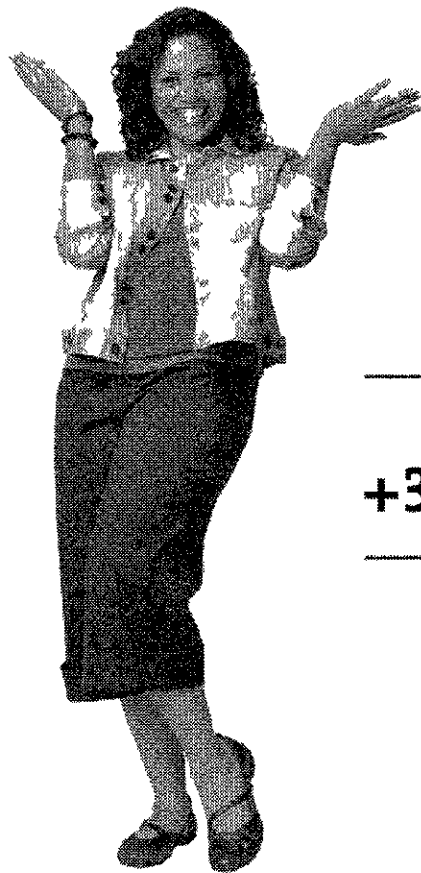
'Without the Plymouth Community United Way, I don't know if we could stay in business, especially at Plymouth House,' said King of the Deer Street home which houses 16 clients. 'The (annual) grant from the United Way and what we get from the golf outing help us meet a large portion of our fundraising expectations each year. It's critical those funds keep coming.'

PCUW President Marie Morrow said top givers included some \$800,000 from Johnson Controls in Plymouth Township who collected from both corporate and employees. Other major contributors included DTE Energy, Automotive Components Holdings, Visteon General Motors, Unisys Corporation and Metaldyne.

Morrow, who has been involved with the non-profit organization since 1983 — and its president since 1987 — has never failed to meet an annual fund-raising goal. However, she said the 2006 campaign started out as a real mystery.

This was one year we really had no idea how the campaign was going to end because of the economic problems, the layoffs and cutbacks at companies, Morrow said. However, even when times are tough, people have a tendency to reach deeper into their pockets because they know there are people in need.

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FORD

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glimpse of Ford's American flag-draped casket
 At first, we were debating if it was worth the wait, Hessel said "But as soon as we got there, it was well worth it. As a group, we were able to stop in front of it for 10-15 seconds, enough time to salute the casket."
 Hessel said the experience is one he'll never forget
 "Just looking back on it, thinking how he was a president, and former Eagle Scout, Hessel said "You know what they've been through to be an Eagle Scout the dedication, ideals, values they uphold who rose to the highest position in the country
 Former Michigan Congressman Carl Pursell of Plymouth Township began his 16 year career at the U.S.

**Kid's favorite
 Caillou to
 visit Village
 Theater**

Caillou, the star of the popular animated PBS series, is considered a best friend by millions of preschoolers nationwide. On Feb. 3, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill's little patrons will get to see him live. Caillou will be spending the day inside, but luckily he has a very inventive friend, Julie, who helps open up his world by introducing him and the audience to the joys of reading books. Along with learning that reading is fun, everyone in the audience gets to sing, dance and participate in every aspect of this 60-minute production.
 Caillou consistently ranks among the top five preschool shows in the U.S. on PBS and was named "one of the best new preschool series to come along in years" by *Child Magazine*.
 There are two shows scheduled for Feb. 3, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets, which go on sale on Jan. 2, are \$17 each for seniors and children 12 and under. Adult tickets are \$20. Groups of 15 or more are \$15 each. This show is not recommended for children under 2. Tickets can be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office. The Summit's box office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Village Theater box office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7-9 p.m., and Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office is also open one hour prior to each performance. Tickets can also be purchased online by visiting www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.
 All purchasers who buy their tickets before Jan. 20 will be entered to win the chance to attend a very special meet-and-greet with Caillou and friends after the show.

Capitol in 1977, the same year Ford was leaving office after being defeated by Jimmy Carter the previous November.
 As a minority leader, he attended a (Republican) fundraiser for the region at the Mayflower Hotel," remembered Pursell 74. "I didn't know him very well up til then, but got better acquainted when he came in when I ran in 1976."
 Pursell said he was surprised that after taking office in 1977, Ford — on his last day as president — called him to the Oval Office.
 "He spent some time with me as a freshman congressman, which I thought was classy," Pursell said. "He wel-

comed me to Washington and wished me all the best, and said if I ever needed anything to just call him."
 "He was well-respected by everybody, just a very open person," he added. "Friendly, thoughtful. I was impressed."
 Former state Rep. John Stewart of Plymouth Township and his wife, Beth, met Ford during the rededication of the Ford museum in 1997, eating lunch at the table next to Ford's.
 John Stewart, also an Eagle Scout, said he had a few moments with Ford to discuss politics, scouting and Michigan football. However, one moment stands out in Stewart's mind.

"During lunch, he leaned over and helped cut the salad and meat of a frail Lady Bird Johnson," Stewart recalled. "It was impromptu and vintage Jerry Ford."
 Beth Stewart said she worked on Ford's presidential campaign while a college student in North Carolina.
 Ford was on the ballot in my first chance to vote in a presidential election," she said.
 He was a moderate Republican and pro-ERA (Equal rights Amendment). We felt like Gerald Ford belonged to all of us.



Former state Rep. John Stewart (left) met former President Gerald R. Ford at the rededication of the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids in 1997.

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OUR VIEWS

State must deal with tax problem

Gov Jennifer Granholm sounded positive notes Monday in her second inaugural address.

In the election, Granholm was challenged by a well-financed campaign by businessman Dick DeVos. The state's continuing economic problems made her vulnerable, but voters were willing to give her another chance.

In her address, Granholm said that Michigan is uniquely challenged, but "will rise to meet the challenge because it's who we are and it's who we will be."

Those are fine sentiments, but Granholm and the state Legislature need a strong political will to do what needs to be done to both stimulate the state's lagging, auto-dominated economy while preserving the state's necessary public services.

At the top of the agenda immediately is finding a way to replace most, if not all, of the revenue that will be lost when the Single Business Tax expires late this year. But the state has a more fundamental problem: The state's budget is structurally unbalanced. The state doesn't take in enough revenue to meet its obligations.

The governor and the state Legislature need to move boldly to address the broader issues of the state's tax structure, beyond finding an appropriate business tax to replace the \$1.9 billion of revenue from the SBT.

This will include some more trimming of state government, but here the options are limited. The state has commitments to K-12 education, higher education, environmental protection, land management, public safety, roads, health care and many other services that are vital to providing an attractive environment for economic growth. Inefficiencies exist in state government as they do in private business, but in some areas cutbacks have already hurt services at the state and local levels of government.

Granholm has said that being a "lame-duck" governor will be liberating. The question is whether it will liberating enough for her to push through a tax plan that will include tax increases for some segments and may include taxes that will have an impact on everyone.

No one likes to pay taxes and no one likes to have state services cut. That's the problem.

Any change in the tax structure also has to balance the state's revenue needs with providing a tax environment that is attractive to businesses, especially the new, cutting-edge technology businesses that the state is trying to lure from other states.

But studies show that low taxes are only one of many factors that businesses look at when choosing to locate facilities. Good state and local government services, good roads and other transportation, a healthy environment, top universities and recreational opportunities are also high on the list.

This is a challenge and an opportunity to set the state on a solid footing for the future.

Nation owes debt to our own Gerald Ford

Michigan's only president returned home Wednesday to be buried in his boyhood hometown of Grand Rapids. The private ceremony for former President Gerald R. Ford capped a week of remembrances and tributes for the nation's 38th commander in chief.

While Ford's brief, two-year presidency was anything but normal, it appears certain that his legacy finally will focus on how he helped heal a troubled nation instead of how he pardoned a disgraced president.

Ford oftentimes was referred to as the "accidental president," who aspired politically to be Speaker of the House, but instead was thrust into the White House as a result of the Watergate scandal and subsequent resignation of then-President Richard Nixon.

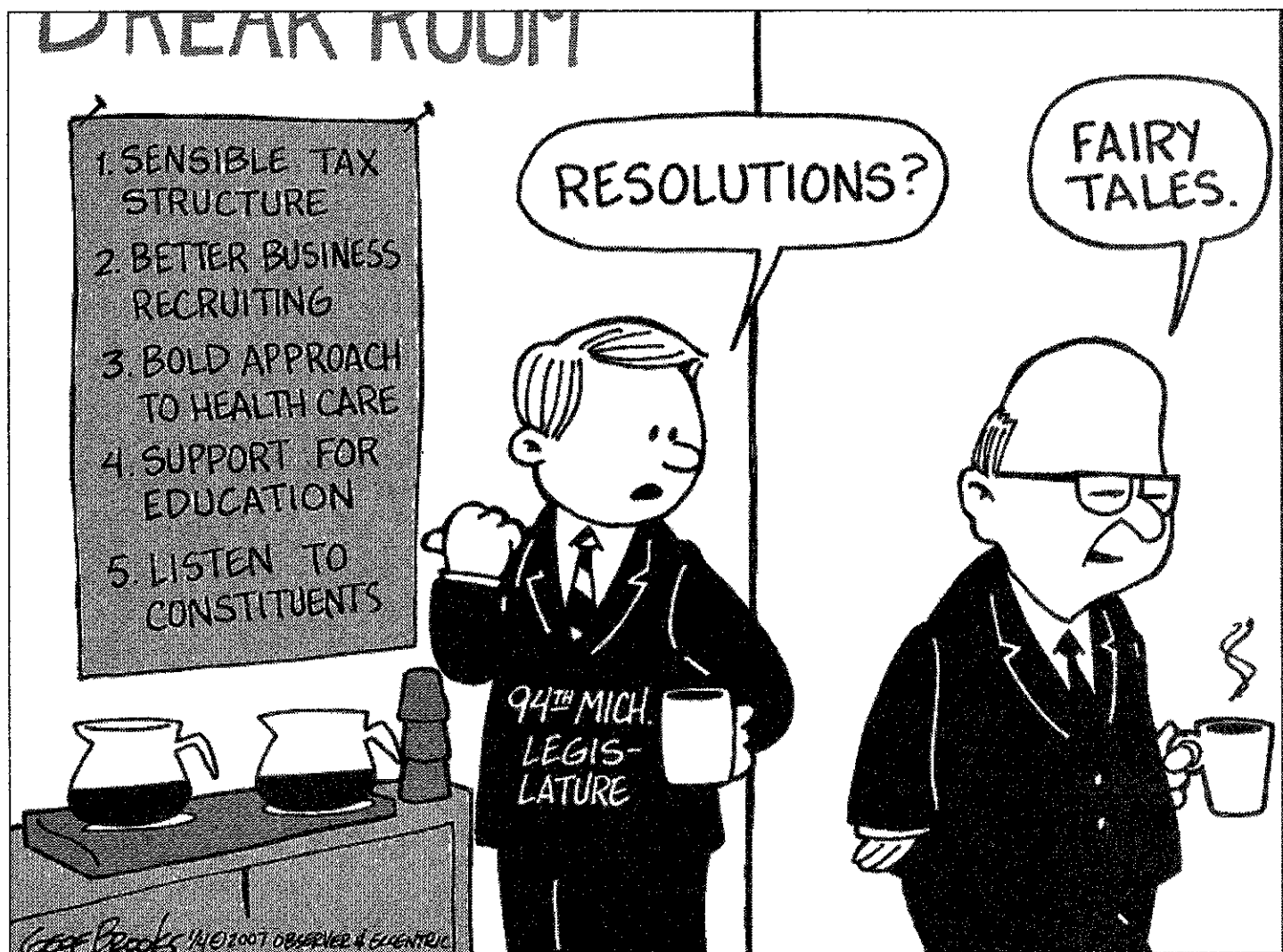
And while Ford was vilified by many for his pardon of Nixon, which likely ended his political career, even many of his staunchest critics at the time now admit that Ford was correct in ending the country's "long, national nightmare."

Politicians today could learn a lot from President Ford. He put the good of the country ahead of his own interests and served the state of Michigan well as both a member of Congress for more than 20 years and as president.

Words like honest, honorable, straightforward, warm and noble have been used over and over this past week to describe Gerald R. Ford. These are words not usually used to describe politicians today.

Although he moved to California many years ago, President Ford never forgot his roots, or his alma mater, the University of Michigan, where he starred on the football team. He returned to the state many times, and always spoke fondly of his years at the university. It seems fitting that the U-M marching band was scheduled to play *Hail to the Victors* at the final funeral service Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

President Ford was living testimony that nice guys can finish first, and that we can all benefit from a dose of humility from time to time.



LETTERS

Goodfellow gives thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Canton who helped with Christmas Project 2006.

Whether you sold papers, donated, sorted, wrapped, packed or delivered gifts, you made the difference in 555 children's lives. You put the smiles on their faces. You provided the food to warm their tummies, and you put the gifts under their Christmas trees. Each and every one of you helped to fulfill the Goodfellow (Old Newsboys) motto "No Canton Child Without A Christmas."

It truly does take a village to raise a child, and it takes the efforts of our whole township to let the children know that they are loved and cared for by all of us.

To all of you, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done, and I wish you God's most abundant blessings for the New Year.

If you missed us this year, please join us for Christmas Project 2007!

Nancy Spencer
Canton Goodfellows Inc

Doubts about drug house

In response to Couple try to flip former drug house into nice home (Dec 21, Canton Observer)

I applaud Mr and Mrs Sarnecky of Canton Construction for saving us from urban blight. Without their involvement in our neighborhood, we would have never been aware of the drug house that existed right under our noses. I have a very basic concern that our own police department, newspaper, and neighbors never let us know that our children were at risk. I'm also concerned with the lack of community. Why didn't neighbors come together and mow the lawn?

This house was reported to be in Parkwood Estates. It is not. Could it also be true that it was never really a drug house?

My last concern is with this property going rental. All it takes is one house to go rental before it starts moving from one block to another.

R. Hill
Canton

Course in ethics

We need to lend support to Mr Vorva (recent letter to the editor) and to re-emphasize our disdain, disapproval and disgust of the actions we witnessed during the Republican primary campaign this fall.

It appears that a cancer has begun to grow upon our beloved local Republican party and organization. Now, the voices of the voters have spoken their opinion of the local party. I think it is time for a "house cleaning party" for the party.

The local Republican party seems to have morphed into an organization that is self-centered and more interested in what is good for their secret coven than what is good for the constituents that they supposedly represent. I, for one, want a representative who represents me and my interests and values — not one who would vote "with the party" to support actions in which I have no vested interest, or which may be contrary to my wishes or principles, or which are not in the best interests of the 20th District.

I think the November election result for the 20th District State Representative speaks for itself. As Mr Vorva pointed out,

the defeat of Mark Abbo couldn't have happened to a more deserving person.

Donald Bain, Jr.
Plymouth

Common ground

An illustration of the universality and commonality of the monotheistic faiths — namely, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, in the order of their creation — is the fact that as a high school girl in Israel I used to sing in our school choir the famous Hallelujah chorus from Handel's Messiah with no inking on our part that this is not a Jewish song but a Christian song and a staple of the Christmas-New Year period. We sang it in our native Hebrew and the words were praise to God, the creator and king of the universe and I can easily hear it sung in Arabic as praise to the same God who is called Allah by an Islamic choir.

With all due respect to the individual traditions of each and every of the three Abrahamic religions, a close examination would reveal that the commonalities between them far exceed the differences, and there is nothing like the Christmas season of peace on earth and goodwill to mankind to implement these beautiful shared values.

Rachel Kapen
West Bloomfield

Support franchise bill

Times have changed in the last 50 years, and the world I was born into is almost unrecognizable from the world we live in today. I am sure that each generation can stake claim to this, but given the global nature of our economy, the fierce competition for jobs, it is imperative that we keep up the technological advances in order to stay one step ahead.

Technology has made our world more accessible, and brought the far corners of the world into our living rooms. We have come to rely on instantaneous communications and we expect to have information at our fingertips.

Even my 95-year-old grandmother utilizes a computer to keep in touch with her family across the United States. Technology is no longer a luxury. It is a necessity.

However, all of this has come at a real cost to us. Where in the past we only had our telephone bill (even our television was free), we now have a cable bill, a phone bill, a cell phone bill and an Internet service provider, which charges us a fee for using the Internet.

While all of these services are valued, there must be some way to encourage healthy competition, open up the market and see if we can bring down the costs of these services for Michigan consumers. We need to encourage the growth of these industries so that we, as consumers, have choices. Once we have competition in these industries, we know that the costs of everything will surely come down.

I have two children in college, and I constantly try to envision what their future will be. They will have a tougher road to travel than I did, and it is my hope that they will have a wide array of opportunities before them.

One of my children is interested in the field of communications. I wonder if there will be opportunities for him. Will there be jobs for him once he graduates? And what is the impact of our shrinking Michigan econ-

omy upon our children? I can only hope that there will be real opportunities available for him when he is looking for a job in the field. It is my hope that if the video franchise legislation passes in Michigan, it will open doors for my child, as well as opportunities for our community.

Marcy Colton
Farmington Hills

Taxing unemployment?

Some are concerned that Michigan could be headed for a fiscal disaster because of the repeal of the Single Business Tax by the Republican-controlled Legislature without a replacement. They said that would be too hard. Doing the right thing usually is.

I am sure these apparently gutless cowards will find a relatively harmless way to replace it by their planned date in December, after the November elections, harmless for them and their campaign supporters, anyway.

One possible way could be to raise taxes on the unemployed, since Michigan currently has a high number of them and they no doubt do not contribute that much to political campaigns.

I'm sure a lot in the state might not have known that unemployment funds are taxable income. These funds are compensation for a job loss due to no fault of one's own, not for quitting a job or being fired.

It wasn't always this way. Unemployment became taxable in Michigan in the Republican John Engler years. Remember Gov Engler, the great tax cutter, e.g., 50 percent increase in sales tax and an increase in the gasoline tax. It became taxable at the federal level during the Reagan administration, another famous "tax cutter."

There are those with the belief if you want less of something, then you tax it. That could be used as an excuse for raising taxes on the unemployed. The Republican run Legislature might also consider an annual fee on anyone without a job, after all we don't want a lot of unproductive people in Michigan for any reason.

For me, however, it just does not seem right to take money from people without jobs, but what do I know? I'm just a previously unemployed person having extra taxes withheld from my paycheck to pay for my unemployment compensation. I'm sure no politician would embrace these ideas before the election and I challenge our current office holders to defend the current policy.

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'Southeast Michigan and, indeed, the entire state, is in crisis. But oftentimes it takes a crisis to shake us from our doldrums and provide opportunity for meaningful change. I believe this region is at that point right now.'

Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance, an organization committed to restarting the engine that runs the area

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Farmingtons' example should point way for consolidation

On Feb. 1, 1824, Arthur Power left his home in Farmington, a tiny community in north central New York. A devout Quaker and a widower, he was headed for the recently opened Michigan Territory, then way out on the frontier. We don't know whether he was searching for cheap land or wanting to build a legacy for his children, or both. But we do know he traveled by sleigh, crossing the Niagara River and heading west through Canada. He arrived Feb. 15 at Windsor.

After crossing the river (hardly an easy task back then) and picking up supplies, he headed north along the Saginaw Road toward what is now Royal Oak. A few miles later, he turned west into deep woods and stopped near what is now the intersection of 11 Mile and Power roads. Immediately, he and his party started cutting trees and clearing the land to start a settlement.

In those early days, it was sometimes called Powerville and at other times Quakertown. Eventually, the community took its present name from his old home town of Farmington.

That story has special meaning for me because Arthur Power was my great-great-great-great-grandfather. The stories of his journey to Michigan and the founding of Farmington are from the diary kept by his son, Arthur Power.

And in an example of the odd serendipity life sometimes holds, early on in my career as a newspaperman, I wound up owning the *Farmington Observer*, the community newspaper serving both that city and the community next to it, at the time, Farmington Township.

There was a fair amount of bad blood between the neighbors, and in the summer of 1973 I stood in the township hall and watched as the trustees of the township created a new city by adopting the charter of Farmington Hills.

Fast forward to this past December, when around 70 people showed up to consider a consultant's study that looked at the possibility of merging both communities into one. There will be more meetings and a decision won't come for some time, but the idea deserves serious, common-sense consideration.

Farmington, with a population of around 11,000, is much smaller than Farmington Hills, which has 85,000 residents. But there is a lot to recommend this marriage. Both communities already share a library, district court and parks and recreation facilities.

Farmington Hills, now Oakland County's largest city, lacks a downtown, while Farmington's historic town center needs resources for redevelopment.

The consulting firm hired by Farmington Hills, Hooker/De Jong Architects-Engineers of Muskegon, found that a merged city would add \$4.5 million to the overall tax base. More impor-

tantly, combining the two communities would reduce costs by consolidating duplicated services and reducing redundant overhead costs.

Local communities throughout Michigan have been in the economic pressure cooker in recent years, as state revenue-sharing has been slashed, public employee health care and pension obligations have skyrocketed and restrictions on property tax increases have all taken their toll.

Many cities and townships are looking for ways to achieve economies of scale, leaner government, reduced costs.

Farmington and Farmington Hills are anything but alone in this. Once you start thinking about our entire cash-strapped state, paring costs out of local government units is hardly small beer.

Michigan has no less than 83 counties, 1,242 townships, 274 cities of less than 10,000 population, 259 villages, 553 local school districts, 230 charter schools and 57 intermediate school districts. How's that for overlapping governments? As a friend who provided me with these numbers wrote, "Give us a break!"

Districts can save lots of money without getting anywhere near the dreaded word, "consolidation," which might — gasp! — result in eliminating a high school football team mascot or school colors.

All they need to do is negotiate joint operating agreements to consolidate their business office functions together into intermediate school districts. They'd save pots of money that could be used to better educate kids.

And at least some of our too-many townships might do much the same thing with each other or with nearby communities, combining police or sheriff patrols, jail facilities, parks and recreation, environmental protection programs — the list of possible savings goes on and on.

So now is the time for some hard-nosed, unsentimental realism. Michigan is in the midst of a profound budget crisis that affects not only the state, but hits local communities with even more impact, now that revenue sharing is largely gone. The way our local government units are structured and function is a product of a past we can no longer afford to retain.

Communities and schools throughout Michigan ought to be following the far-seeing example of the Farmington communities that are considering a merger.

Everything we know about Arthur Power, who was willing to initiate a whole new order when he moved here in 1824, tells me he would have wholeheartedly approved. Matter of fact, this common-sense pioneer would have expected no less.

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Phil Power

2006 was a year that put Canton Township on the map

Looking back, 2006 was a pretty interesting year in Canton. It was a memorable year. In fact, you might even say it was a year that put Canton on the map, at least as far as the outside world is concerned.

It was on the world stage that ice skaters Tamith Belbin and Ben Agosto became the darlings of the 2006 Winter Olympics in Italy with their silver-medal finish in ice dancing. The two, who train at the Arctic Ice arena on Michigan Avenue, became the first Americans to medal in ice dancing in three decades. They also became Canton's biggest export since the township's famed sweet corn of previous generations.



Kurt Kuban

Each time Belbin and Agosto performed their incredible routines, the world audience knew they were from Canton. Local fans certainly knew it. In fact, when Canton threw a big welcome home party for Belbin and Agosto in late March, it was attended by about 300 adoring, American flag-waving fans — far more than township officials expected. The fans came out to get a glimpse of the rising stars, but also to let them know they were true hometown heroes. Without doubt, the most eventful day of the year in Canton had to be June 7 — the day that IKEA finally opened its doors to the buying public. Thousands of customers were already waiting in line when the doors did open at 8:45 a.m. They came from all over metro Detroit, the state and even the region to get a glimpse of the Swedish furniture retailer's first store in Michigan.

The day had long been anticipated by Canton officials, who worked hard to get IKEA to locate the giant 311,000-square-foot store at Ford Road and I-275. Although the township altered its own planning requirements to accommodate the gaudy blue and yellow store, township officials felt it would finally make Canton a destination — not to mention bring more shoppers into the DDA district and, ultimately, attract more development along Ford Road. Well, it appears they had a good hunch, because it didn't take long for IKEA to prove its attraction to shoppers. During the first four days it was open, more than 100,000 shoppers had descended on IKEA. And since its opening, numerous big-time companies have announced they will be locating on Ford Road. Borders, J.C. Penney, Starbucks and b.d.s. Mongolian Barbecue come to mind.

There was also a lot of apprehension about the store's opening, particularly from people who work and live along Ford Road. Ford and Haggerty was already one of the worst intersections in the area, and people felt the addition of IKEA was only going to exacerbate the problem. But all the planning and road work that took place before the opening seems to have paid off. Certainly there has been more traffic, but it doesn't seem to be much worse than before IKEA — although I'm sure there

will be people who will disagree with that assessment.

Certainly 2006 was another year of rapid growth for Canton, though maybe not as rapid as in previous years. Although many people may have been focusing on the changes along Ford Road, the biggest changes were actually occurring along Michigan Avenue, which has really been transformed in recent years. The new year will also bring new development along old U.S. 12.

To nobody's surprise, Canton's population continued to surge last year. Back in August, new U.S. Census numbers were released, and estimated the township's population at 90,501. Over the last five years, Canton has showed the fastest growth in the state and is growing at a rate more than 10 times faster than the state population.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was the increase of minority groups in the township. The fastest growing ethnic group is Asian residents, who now number 13,162, or 14.5 percent of Canton's population (compared to 4.3 percent nationwide). In 2000, there were 6,664 Asian residents in Canton, meaning their numbers have doubled in just five years. The African American population also grew rapidly, from 3,466 (4.5 percent of Canton's population) in 2000, to 6,653 (7.4 percent) in 2005, representing an 84-percent increase.

Last year offered plenty of other surprises. One of the biggest was the November election, which saw the Republican grip on Canton loosen a bit. State Rep. Phil LaJoy and state Sen. Bruce Patterson, both Republicans, were both re-elected, though Patterson's race was much closer than he or other political observers had anticipated. But other races saw Republicans defeated by Democrats — including Loren Bennett, who was defeated by Kevin McNamara for a county commission seat.

Another great surprise was the news that local good guy Bob Boyer had stepped in at the last minute to save the old Cady barn, which had been located near Joy and McClumpha roads (now the site of the high school campus) for a century. Boyer ponied up more than \$100,000 by some accounts to have the barn re-located to Cherry Hill Village, where it will stand as a testament to Canton's farming past. The community celebrated Boyer's generosity during the barn's re-dedication last fall.

There was also plenty of sad news in 2006, including the death of Marine Sgt. Bryan Burgess, who became the second Canton soldier killed in the war in Iraq. Burgess, 35, was killed by a sniper in November, while on patrol with the 1st Battalion of the 24th Marines in Fallujah. It was a sad reminder of the true cost of a war that is taking place a half world away, but is so intimately tied to families all over this great nation. Even in Canton.

All in all, 2006 was quite a year for our little corner of the world. I would have to say that 2007 has a lot to live up to.

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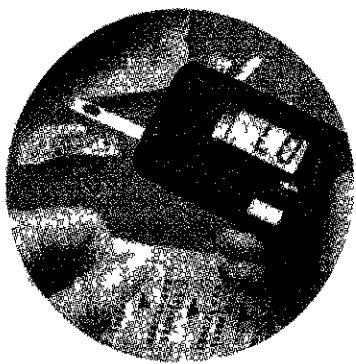


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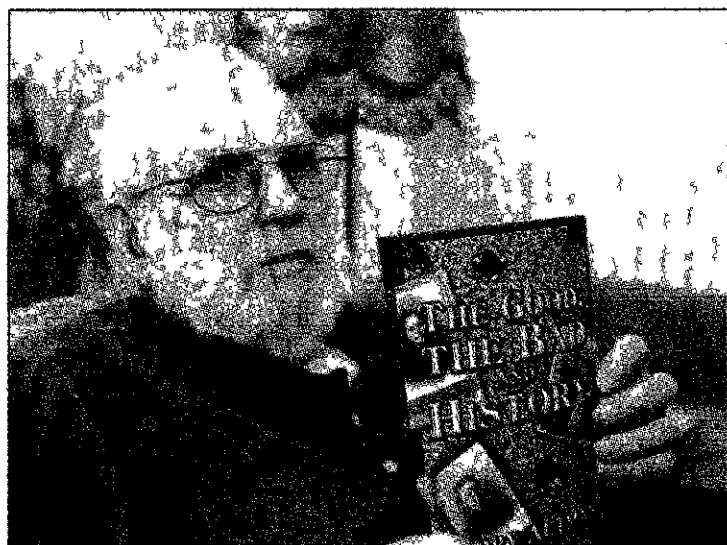
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Rochester Hills resident Larry Altman's new book highlights 11 figures or events that helped shape American history

Author highlights obscure pieces of our nation's past

BY GARY WINKELMAN
STAFF WRITER

Two of Larry Altman's favorite pastimes are history and writing

So it's no surprise he's drawing on those dual interests and putting together books these days

A retired newspaperman and Rochester Hills resident, Altman's most recent book is a collection of obscure true tales called *The Good, The Bad and History*

And though it's not bound for any best-seller lists, the author hopes readers inclined toward little-known but unique facts and figures may find it worth searching out

The 149-page book highlights 11 different stories that Altman, 79, says helped shape American history

Included are accounts about individuals with notable experiences but who failed to capture widespread acclaim. For instance, Altman reveals the story of Deborah Sampson, a New England "schoolmarm" who disguised herself as a man and fought in several skirmishes during the Revolutionary War

Then there's the story of William Walker, a Tennessee native whose toughness and tenacity helped him become the ruler of Nicaragua for a brief time in the mid-19th century

Although the bulk of Altman's subjects probably fall far below the historical radar of most people, *The Good, The Bad and History* features at least one name local readers may recognize — William Beaumont

The namesake of hospitals in Troy and Royal Oak, Altman recaps circumstances that led to Beaumont's pioneering peek into the human stomach

Serving as a surgeon at Fort Mackinac in 1822, Beaumont was treating a young French-Canadian fur trapper who had accidentally been shot in the abdomen. Instead of succumbing, the victim's injury became Beaumont's window into a

world medical science had not yet understood

"The wound had healed to a point where a little flap formed over the hole," Altman says. (Beaumont) found out he could open the flap and actually observe digestion at work. How food was digested, how long it took

And he did experiments on it and he wrote a book (*Experiments and Observations in the Gastric Juice and Physiology of Digestion*). As far as I know, it's still the bible in medical schools"

INSPIRATION

The historical stories in Altman's book started out as freelance magazine articles he penned years ago. He stumbled across his subjects while reading an almanac during lunch breaks when he worked at the now-defunct *Detroit Times*

He used his favorite research tool — the Internet — when preparing the long-dormant pieces for this year's compilation. "If you're ever going to write, whether fiction or non-fiction, and you need research, the Internet is the place to go," he says

Next up for Altman, who retired as a *Detroit News* copy editor in 1991, is finding an agent who will champion his recently completed novel, *Coney Island, 1943*. It's a family saga that draws on the author's experiences growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y. Altman's first novel, a small-press spy thriller called *The Chocolate Formula*, came out in 2005

Although finding widespread success or acclaim as a "new" author with an 80th birthday on the horizon is a long shot, Altman aims to continue telling his stories and searching for an audience. His motivation is simple and straightforward

"I like to write, he says. I enjoy writing

Larry Altman's book *The Good, The Bad and History* is available on Amazon.com for \$19.95

Mercy plugs into paperless classroom

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Last fall, about 200 freshmen at Mercy High School put down their pens and pencils and picked up their styluses

They are now all using the Hewlett-Packard Tablet PC, a computer notebook, which was a requirement for all incoming freshmen

Instead of using pen and paper to take notes, the students at the all-girls, Catholic school in Farmington Hills use the stylus connected to the computer to write on the screen

They can convert their handwriting to text and even create electronic "sticky notes"

The wireless notebook also has built-in speech recognition capabilities

The school views the wireless computer as a productivity tool and a way for students to problem-solve together

This is all part of the bigger picture at Mercy and its mission and what we are trying to accomplish," said Will Gervais, an associate principal. "Our motto is Educating Women Who Make a Difference"

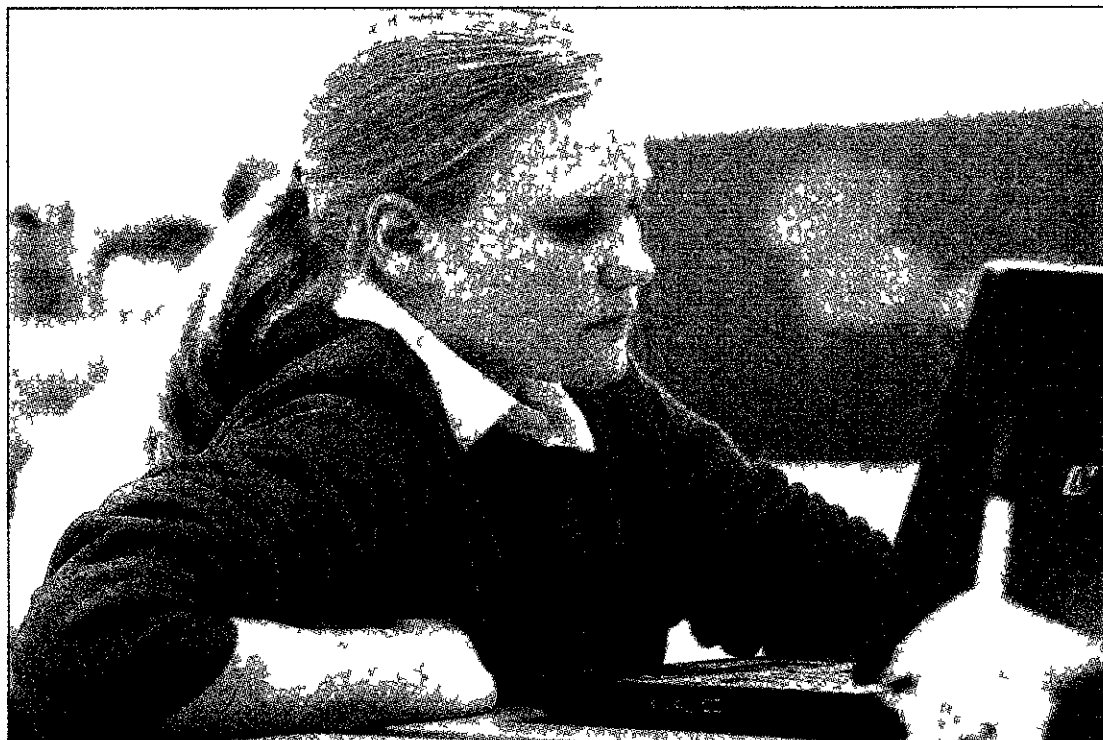
Gervais, who has worked at Mercy High School for 37 years, has seen many changes. He started as a science teacher before moving into administration

Gervais, part of team, was instrumental in bringing the computer tablets to Mercy. The team wants to prepare the students for a global society by integrating technology into the curriculum

Each freshman was required to purchase the \$2,100 computer which can be financed over four years. The school worked with Credit Union One so that parents could obtain low-interest loans, Gervais said

The computers are not included in the annual \$9,000 tuition

The school has about 800 students and draws from 60



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Mercy High School ninth grader Christina Lehman works on her tablet computer in class



Mercy High School students use their tablet PCs for a variety of tasks, including taking notes and reading on-line textbooks

communities in metro-Detroit

Mercy has gone wireless and some textbooks are offered on-line

"We wanted our students to be competitive in their related

fields when they go on to college," said Maureen Stirling, an Admissions Office coordinator

Mercy is the only private school in the area using these type of tablets, Stirling said

"Many colleges are moving to this as well," she said. "When you look at the careers out there right now, so many are computer related"

Students Rosie O'Malley, a Farmington Hills resident, Danielle Monette of Rochester, and Lauren Richards of Farmington Hills are enthusiastic about the computers

They said that it didn't take them long to learn how to use them

O'Malley said she can turn a written equation into a typed equation on the computer and copy and paste graphics

"It goes right into your notebook," she said

Monette said that she likes not having to carry a lot of binders and notebooks

"It eliminates everything else you could have had in your backpack," she said

With on-line textbooks, the tablet "lightens your load," Richards said

"I have my Biology book on-line," she said

All freshmen take a one-semester class called Technology Overview, which helps them learn more about technology

They use their notebooks to read textbooks on-line, take paperless notes in class, make flash cards, transfer media and create valuable study aids

"It's so 21st Century," said Nadine Maynard, director of development

Taking care of their computers is simple. The students have to charge their batteries every night to make sure they are functioning for the day, Gervais said

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Read Rick Bloom on money matters in the O&E beginning Jan. 7

Read about how to invest and safeguard your money along with planning for the future in Rick Bloom's column which debuts Sunday, Jan. 7 in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

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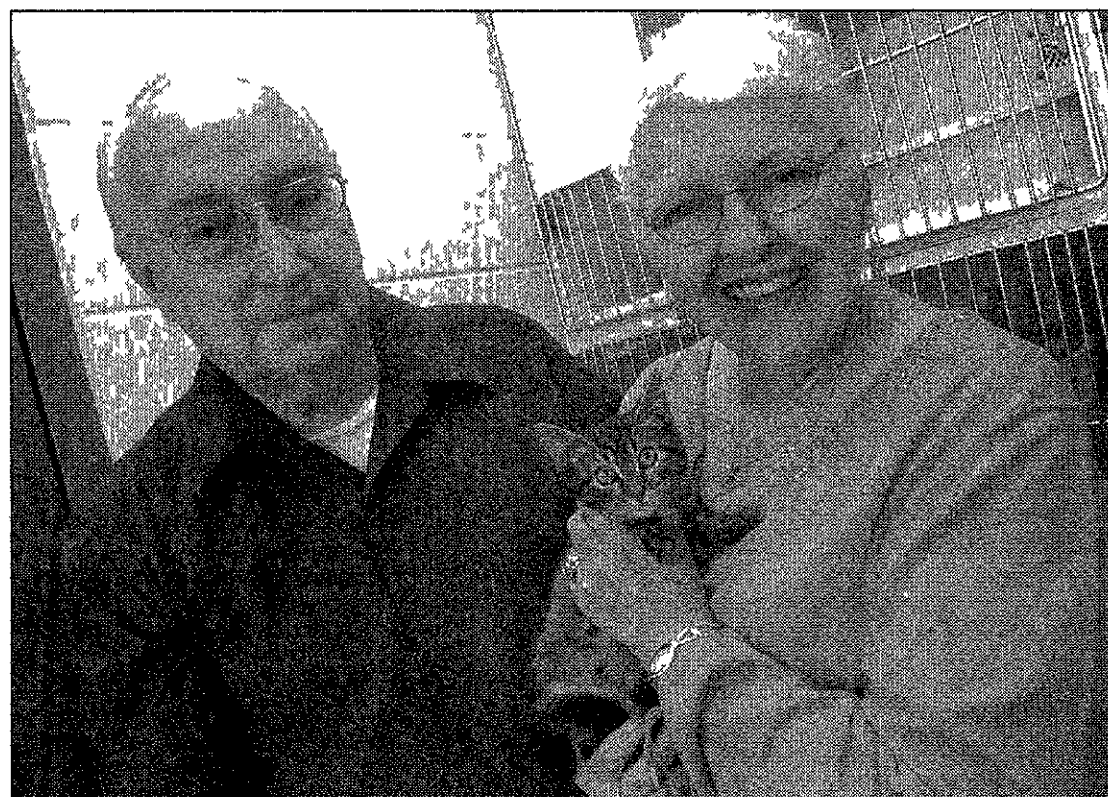
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Ivan and Dorothy Love hold one of 126 kittens that they have helped foster for the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care

Cat whisperer

MHS volunteer provides four-legged fostering for kittens

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

When Ivan and Dorothy Love's daughter died in an automobile accident in May 2005, the Livonia couple found solace in hugging their kittens. And when Ivan was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in December 2005, it was the kittens he held when he was upset.

"In February (2006), I had surgery, 38 rounds of radiation and now hormone therapy," Ivan said. "The kittens helped me through this a lot more than they can ever know."

That "they" is the staff at the Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland. Ivan has been a MHS volunteer since 2001 and for the past two years has, with the help of his wife, fostered kittens.

"We've fostered 126 kittens and haven't adopted one yet, so I guess that's pretty amazing," said Ivan who has had a positive outcome of his cancer treatment.

Ivan retired from Ford Motor Company in March 1999 and turned to working at the MHS's old shelter in Westland after everything on the honey do list was done.

He went one day a week to the shelter, working exclusively with the cats. He happened to be at the clinic when a woman brought in a cat and four kittens just five weeks old. He volunteered to take them home and raise them.

"After I experienced numb toes from diabetes, it got hard to clean those old cages, so I started doing this," said Ivan.

"The rule was that we can foster as long as we don't keep one," added Dorothy.

According to Dorothy, her husband has a way with the kittens, a knack that has earned him the nickname of the Cat Whisperer.

He is experienced in dealing with a variety of pet ailments — fleas, upper respiratory infections and parasites — and nursing kittens back to health. He has sat up with young kittens, feeding them with an eye dropper, slept in the spare bedroom for three days with a ailing kitten tucked under his arm, and has been able to socialize a group of kittens the shelter determined were feral.

"When you foster, you have to look at it from the standpoint that you have to socialize them and take care of their illnesses," Ivan said. "Most have upper respiratory illnesses, so you have to know how to deal with the medicine."

"It's impossible for him to walk into the kitchen without being followed by four kittens," Dorothy added. "When he naps, the kittens are sleeping on his chest."

The Loves keep the kittens in the breezeway of their home for two days to make sure they use a litter box, then they introduce them to their two cats, Midnight, age 5, and Kate, age 15 and blind. They describe Midnight as the uncle, saying he licks and cleans the kittens. Kate, however, growls.

She tells them "I'm the queen, leave me alone," Ivan said.



Dorothy Love can't resist giving a hug to a wide-eyed kitten in the Berman Center's adoption section

Volunteers important part of work at MHS

Volunteers are an integral part of what the Michigan Humane Society does for homeless and unwanted animals.

Volunteer opportunities include doing adoption center animal care and serving as greeters/adoption assistants, online Pets Program writers and photographers and in-shelter dog trainers.

MHS also has an urgent need for foster families to temporarily house animals, providing them extra care and love so they can ultimately be adopted into good homes.

Volunteers foster animals which cannot immediately be placed for adoption but are considered highly adoptable. The animals may be injured, ill, too young to be adopted, or animals who have been abused and are in need of extended care.

Once the animals are healthy, they are either

returned to the adoption center and placed for adoption or kept in the foster home and placed on Petfinder until they are adopted.

People interested in being foster parents can contact Janell Tumko at (248) 799-7400, Ext 136, or by e-mail at jumko@michiganhumane.org

MHS requires volunteers be at least 14 years old. Those between 14-17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult mentor who is at least 25 years of age every time he or she volunteers.

They also must be willing to make a minimum six-month commitment, attend the general orientation and any other required training, depending on the volunteer position.

For more information on volunteering, visit the Michigan Humane Society Web site at www.michiganhumane.org

said

While the MHS provides supplies to care for the kittens, Ivan prefers to buy his own. He has nine litter boxes, four of which are top-of-the-line electric litter boxes, for his "guests" and serves them Tasty Treats at meal time.

Katie is the first to be fed, followed by the kittens. Midnight will come in and wake him at 5:30 a.m. Ignoring him is good for a kitty hit, Ivan said.

"They get spoiled rotten," Dorothy said. "It's like having kids, only we have four to nine kids at a time," Ivan said.

Age and weight determine how long the kittens stay with the Loves. The general rule is that the kittens must be eight weeks old and weigh two pounds, the minimum required for spaying and neutering, to become available for adoption. They did have a pair of calico cats that they turned in at 10 weeks who still weighed on 1 1/2 pounds.

The Loves at first hesitated to name the kittens, figuring that they would end up keeping them, if they did. They now do and none of their guests have the same name.

"We have two kittens that look like twins, so we call them Pete and Repeat," Dorothy said.

So committed to their fostering, the Loves plan their vacations around the kittens.

And they're proud of what they've accomplished with the kittens, pointing out that theirs are "first picks" when they become available for adoption. Three kittens in one litter had homes before they came back to the shelter, and one orange cat ended up being adopted by a clinic worker.

Fostering the kittens is important to MHS, and Ivan, who just turned 69, figures he has another 20 years, and will have kittens "as long as I'm physically able."

But the Loves say the work is just as important to them.

"We've had a lot of fun with them," Ivan said. "The last 1 1/2 years since we lost our daughter, they've been more of a therapy for us than we've been for them."

"No matter how sad we are, you just have to laugh when you see what they do," Dorothy added.

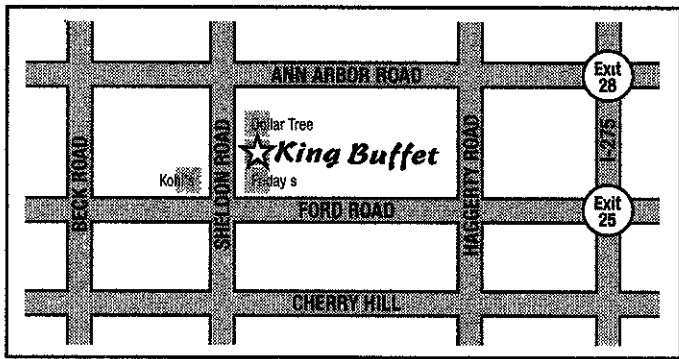
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| 7 Chicken with Vegetables | 4 50 |
| 8 Garlic Chicken | 4 50 |
| 9 Chicken Chow Mein | 4 50 |
| 10 Curry Chicken* | 4 50 |
| 11 Beef with Broccoli | 4 50 |
| 12 Pepper Steak with Onion | 4 50 |
| 13 Yu-Hsiang Beef* | 4 50 |
| 14 Beef Chow Mein | 4 50 |
| 15 Beef with Vegetables | 4 50 |
| 16 Kung Pao Beef* | 4 50 |
| 17 Yu-Hsiang Pork* | 4 50 |
| 18 Twice Cooked Pork* | 4 50 |
| 19 Sweet & Sour Pork | 4 50 |
| 20 Garlic Pork | 4 50 |
| 21 Pork Chow Mein | 4 50 |
| 22 Vegetables Delight | 4 50 |
| 23 Yu-Hsiang Broccoli* | 4 50 |
| 24 Shrimp with Broccoli | 4 95 |
| 25 Yu-Hsiang Shrimp* | 4 95 |
| 26 Cashew Shrimp | 4 95 |
| 27 Kung Pao Shrimp* | 4 95 |
| 28 Shrimp with Vegetables | 4 95 |
| 29 Shrimp with Lobster Sauce | 4 95 |
| 30 Curry Shrimp* | 4 95 |
| 31 Shrimp Chow Mein | 4 95 |
| 32 Garlic Shrimp | 4 95 |
| 33 Sweet & Sour Shrimp | 4 95 |
| 34 General Tso's Chicken* | 4 95 |
| 35 Sesame Chicken | 4 95 |
| 36 Shrimp & Chicken Hunan Style* | 4 95 |
| 37 Triple Delight | 4 95 |

Fried Rice

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| 38 Chicken Fried Rice | 4 50 |
| 39 Vegetable Fried Rice | 4 50 |
| 40 Beef Fried Rice | 4 50 |
| 41 Pork Fried Rice | 4 50 |
| 42 Shrimp Fried Rice | 4 50 |
| 43 Combo Fried Rice | 4 50 |

Lo Mein

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| 44 Chicken Lo Mein | 4 50 |
| 45 Vegetable Lo Mein | 4 50 |
| 46 Beef Lo Mein | 4 50 |
| 47 Pork Lo Mein | 4 50 |
| 48 Shrimp Lo Mein | 4 50 |
| 48 Combo Lo Mein | 4 50 |

Appetizers

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| 50 Egg Roll(1) | 1 00 |
| 51 Fried Wonton(8) | 2 25 |
| 52 Fried Chicken Wings(4) | 2 95 |
| 53 Fried Shrimp(3) | 3 00 |
| 54 Bar-B-Q Chicken (4) | 3 95 |
| 55 Crab Rangoon (3) 2 00 (6) 3 95 | |
| 56 Steamed or Fried Dumplings(6) | 4 25 |
| 57 Pu Pu Tray (for 2) | 7 25 |
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Soups

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| 58 Egg Drop Soup | 1 50 |
| 59 Wonton Soup | 1 50 |
| 60 Hot & Sour Soup* | 1 50 |
| 61 House Special Soup (for 2) | 4 95 |
| <small>(chicken shrimp scallops)</small> | |
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| 63 Sweet & Sour Chicken | 7 50 |
| 64 Chicken with Broccoli | 7 50 |
| 65 Moo Goo Gai Pan | 7 50 |
| 66 Cashew Chicken | 7 50 |
| 67 Kung Pao Chicken* | 7 50 |
| 68 Almond Chicken | 7 50 |
| 69 Lemon Chicken | 7 50 |
| 70 Moo Shu Chicken | 7 50 |
| 71 Yu Hsiang Chicken* | 7 50 |
| 72 Szechuan Chicken* | 7 50 |
| 73 Hunan Chicken* | 7 50 |
| 74 Chicken with Snow Peas | 7 50 |
| 75 Curry Chicken* | 7 50 |
| 76 Empress Chicken* | 7 50 |
| 77 Chicken with Vegetables | 7 50 |

Beef

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| 78 Mongolian Beef | 7 50 |
| 79 Beef with Broccoli | 7 50 |
| 80 Yu-Hsiang Beef* | 7 50 |
| 81 Szechuan Beef* | 7 50 |
| 82 Hunan Beef* | 7 50 |
| 83 Beef with Vegetables | 7 50 |
| 84 Kung Pao Beef* | 7 50 |
| 85 Moo Shu Beef | 7 50 |
| 86 Pepper Steak with Onion | 7 50 |
| 87 Beef with Snow Peas | 7 50 |
| 88 Sha Cha Beef* | 7 50 |

Seafood

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|------------------------------|------|
| 89 Sweet & Sour Shrimp | 8 50 |
| 90 Shrimp with Snow Peas | 8 50 |
| 91 Cashew Shrimp | 8 50 |
| 92 Kung Pao Shrimp* | 8 50 |
| 93 Shrimp with Broccoli | 8 50 |
| 94 Moo Shu Shrimp | 8 50 |
| 95 Yu-Hsiang Shrimp* | 8 50 |
| 96 Szechuan Shrimp* | 8 50 |
| 97 Hunan Shrimp* | 8 50 |
| 98 Curry Shrimp* | 8 50 |
| 99 Shrimp with Lobster Sauce | 8 50 |
| 100 Shrimp with Vegetables | 8 50 |
| 101 Yu-Hsiang Scallops* | 8 50 |

Pork

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|--------------------------|------|
| 102 Sweet & Sour Pork | 7 50 |
| 103 Moo Shu Pork | 7 50 |
| 104 Yu-Hsiang Pork* | 7 50 |
| 105 Twice Cooked Pork* | 7 50 |
| 106 Hunan Pork* | 7 50 |
| 107 Pork with Vegetables | 7 50 |

Vegetables

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| 108 Vegetarian's Delight | 6 50 |
| 109 Moo Shu Vegetables | 6 50 |
| 110 Yu-Hsiang Broccoli* | 6 50 |
| 111 Family Style Bean Curd* | 6 50 |
| 112 Bean Curd Szechuan Style* | 6 50 |

Chow Mein

(Crispy Noodle)

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| 113 Chicken Chow Mein | 6 50 |
| 114 Beef Chow Mein | 6 50 |
| 115 Pork Chow Mein | 6 50 |
| 116 Shrimp Chow Mein | 7 50 |
| 117 Combo Chow Mein | 7 50 |

Lo Mein

(Soft Noodle)

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| 118 Chicken Lo Mein | 6 50 |
| 119 Beef Lo Mein | 6 50 |
| 120 Pork Lo Mein | 6 50 |
| 121 Vegetable Lo Mein | 6 50 |
| 122 Shrimp Lo Mein | 7 50 |
| 123 Combo Lo Mein | 7 50 |

Fried Rice

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| 124 Chicken Fried Rice | 5 95 |
| 125 Beef Fried Rice | 5 95 |
| 126 Pork Fried Rice | 5 95 |
| 127 Vegetable Fried Rice | 5 95 |
| 128 Shrimp Fried Rice | 6 95 |
| 129 Combo Fried Rice | 6 95 |

Side Orders

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| 130 Steamed Rice | 0 50 |
| 131 Fried Rice | 1 25 |
| 132 Crispy Noodle | 0 50 |
| 133 Fortune Cookie | 0 10 |
| 134 Soft Drink | 1 25 |

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Served with Steamed Rice

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| C1 General Tso's Chicken* | 8 95 |
| <small>(Chunks of chicken quickly deep fried with red pepper garlic & ginger in a red hot & sweet sauce)</small> | |
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| C5 Orange Flavor Beef* | 8 95 |
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| C6 Orange Flavor Shrimp* | 9 95 |
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| C7 Hunan Double Delight* | 9 95 |
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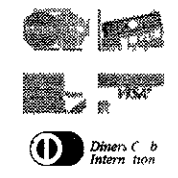
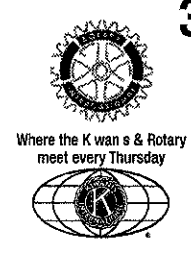
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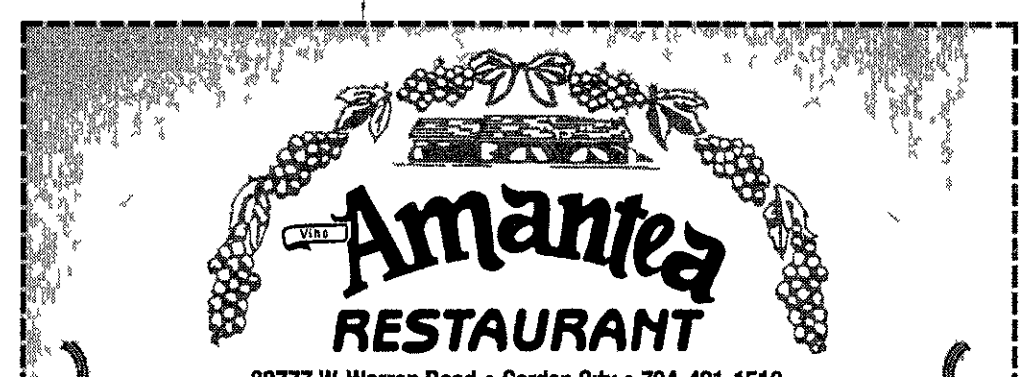
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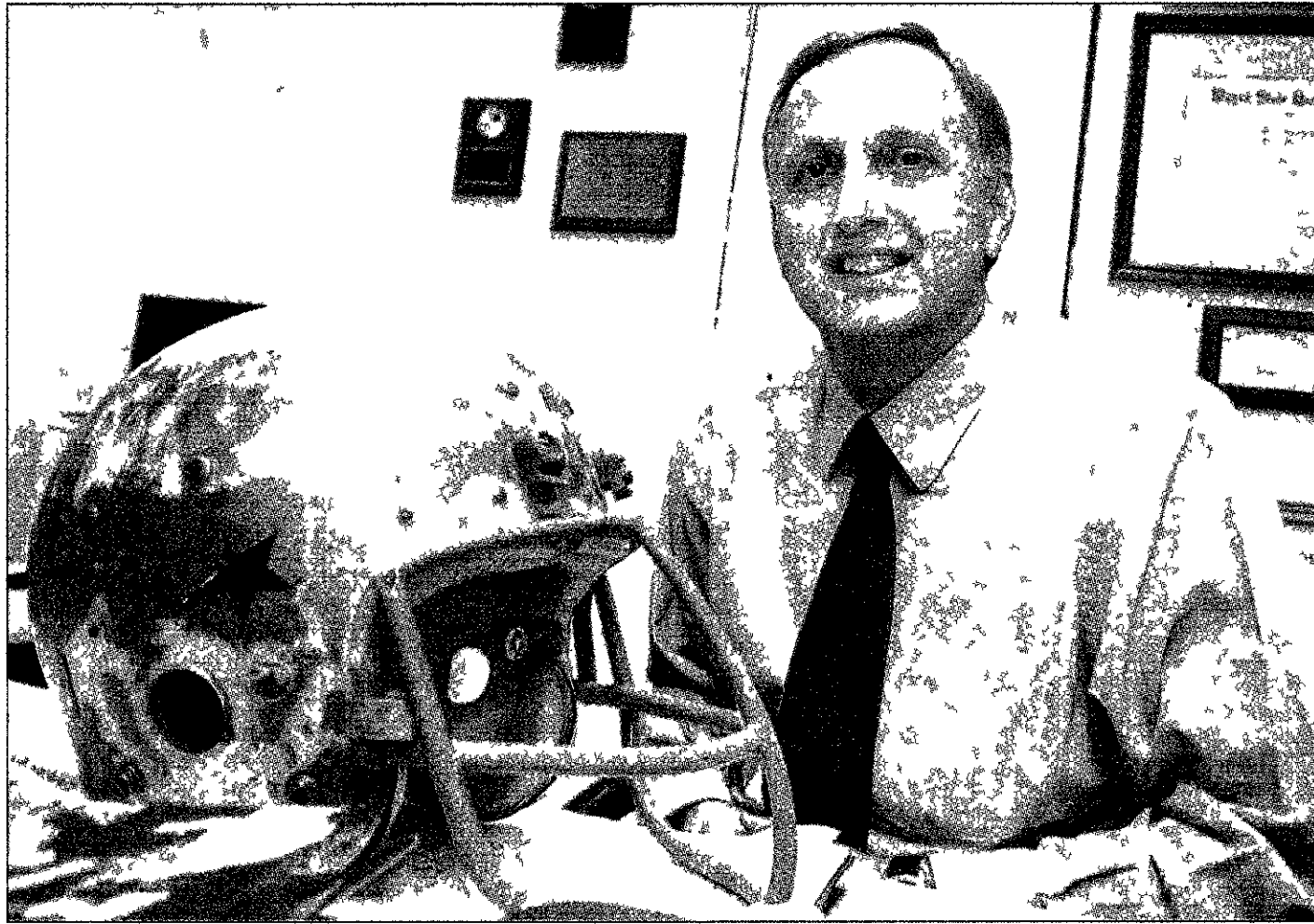
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Canton resident and former Wayne State University football standout Keith Anleitner is pictured with one of his old college football helmets. Anleitner, an elementary school principal in Garden City, will be inducted into the WSU Hall of Fame in February.

From walk-on to Hall of Fame

Canton resident set for enshrinement at Wayne State

 BY TIM SMITH
 STAFF WRITER

As a football player at Garden City East and Wayne State University, nothing got in the way of linebacker Keith Anleitner.

Without a scholarship, he persevered and made the 1973 Tartars as a walk-on despite weighing just 165 pounds. Over four seasons, he went on to knock over running backs with confidence and style — even leading the '75 team to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

championship

"For me it was the most important thing I was doing at the time," said the 51-year-old Canton resident about playing WSU football. "I felt it was an expression of who I was, a statement. And I just wanted to do something significant, make a mark."

There is no denying he succeeded. On Saturday, Feb. 3, Anleitner will be inducted into the Wayne State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

"I've been kind of almost embarrassed to talk about it," said Anleitner, a mild-

mannered elementary school principal and church elder who can still crank up his competitive juices as boys basketball coach at Canton Agape Christian. "By the same token, I'm proud of the accomplishment and leaving my name for my kids at the (WSU) Hall of Fame."

MOTIVATIONAL MANTRA

His photograph and name will be part of a plaque to soon adorn the halls of Wayne State's Matthaei Athletic

PLEASE SEE ANLEITNER, B2

Guards lead 'Cats to split

 BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth basketball team's back court stepped to the forefront during its two-game split in the four-team Plymouth Holiday Tournament held Dec. 28 and 29 in the Wildcats' gym.

Junior guard Myron Puryear poured in 29 points in Friday's 61-40 consolation-game victory over Ontario Riverside. Plymouth junior guard Brandon Roberts led the way with 19 in the Wildcats' 50-48 setback to Madison Heights Bishop Foley one night earlier.

PREP HOOP

The Wildcats will take a 2-3 record into their Jan. 9 Western Lakes Activities Association opener at home against Salem.

Puryear's 29-point explosion, which included a 5-for-7 performance from beyond the 3-point arc, fell just one point short of the school record for single-game scoring.

"We're establishing a good back court with Brandon and Myron back there," said Plymouth co-coach Jason Maschke. "They play well together at both ends of the court."

Southfield (2-2) captured the tournament title by roughing up Bishop Foley, 78-55, in Friday's title game. The Bluejays advanced to the championship showdown by ousting Riverside, 67-47, on Thursday.

The Wildcats nearly pulled off a stunning comeback in Thursday's opener, trailing 48-36 with 2:01 left, they outscored Bishop Foley,

PLEASE SEE 'CATS, B2

Sidelines

PCS lacrosse registration

■ A mandatory player/parent meeting for the 2007 Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, in the Canton High School library.

■ Girls who are interested in playing lacrosse for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors are encouraged to attend a registration meeting today at 6:30 p.m. in the Waldorf Room of the Plymouth Library.

All prospective players should be accompanied by a parent and must bring a doctor's physical form along with a \$400 registration fee.

For additional information on the team, send an e-mail to rabe@comcast.net.

Szczechowski lauded

Stefani Szczechowski, a Plymouth resident and 2003 graduate of Livonia Ladywood, recently received several honors after completing her senior season as a goalkeeper for the University of Wisconsin's women's soccer team.

At the team's year-end banquet, the senior captain received the "Coaches Award," which was voted on by her teammates and coaches based on work ethic, leadership and attitude. Additionally, she received the Big 10's All-Academic Award for the third consecutive year. Szczechowski was a three-time All-State goalkeeper at Ladywood and a key member of the Michigan Hawks club team for seven seasons. She's majoring in Consumer Science at Wisconsin.

GCYBSA sign-ups

Registration for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association will begin Jan. 15. The GCYBSA offers baseball and softball programs — T-ball through 18U — for residents of Plymouth and Canton, or any child who attends school in Plymouth or Canton.

Registrants may register online at gcybsa.com, drop off their forms at the Canton Sports Center or the Summit on the Park, or mail them in to the Canton Sports Center. Forms will be available online, at the Canton Sports Center or at the Summit.

There will also be a mass registration at the Summit on the Park on Feb. 11 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, see gcybsa.com or call (734) 394-5489.

McKee excels

Former Canton High School soccer player Erik McKee earned the "Freshman Award" and made the All-Mid-South Conference team following his first season at Georgetown (Ky.) College. A defender, McKee helped the NAIA team to an 8-9-1 record.

New year, same results: Whalers win, 5-0

The Plymouth Whalers welcomed 2007 in high style with a 5-0 triumph over Owen Sound on New Year's Day.

Michal Neuvirth recorded a 27-save shutout for the Whalers, who received two goals from Evan Brophey and singles from Dan Collins, Joe McCann and Kaine Geldart.

The win moved Plymouth back into first place in the OHL West Division with a record of 24-10-1-2, one point ahead of Saginaw (24-12-0-2) with a game in hand.

Brophey opened the scoring with seven seconds left in the first period when he worked with Chris Terry behind the Owen Sound net to pick the puck clean from an Attack defender and score on a wrap-around from the right wing side.

McCann scored a shorthanded goal early in the second period when A.J. Jenks picked off a loose pass along the boards in neutral territory and found McCann skating hard in the Owen Sound zone. McCann's quick shot from the left hash mark beat Anthony Guadagnolo.

Plymouth made it 3-0 when Wes Cunningham found Andrew Fournier with a quick hand-manning pass out of the Plymouth zone.

Brophey scored his second lamp-lighter of the afternoon when he intercepted a bad Owen Sound clearing pass at the mid-point of the Attack blue line and ripped a shot by Guadagnolo.

"We definitely have talent and depth," McCann said. "If the first line

isn't scoring, the second line is chipping in. If the third line doesn't score, than some other line is scoring. The coaches tell us now all the time to win our battles and good things will happen."

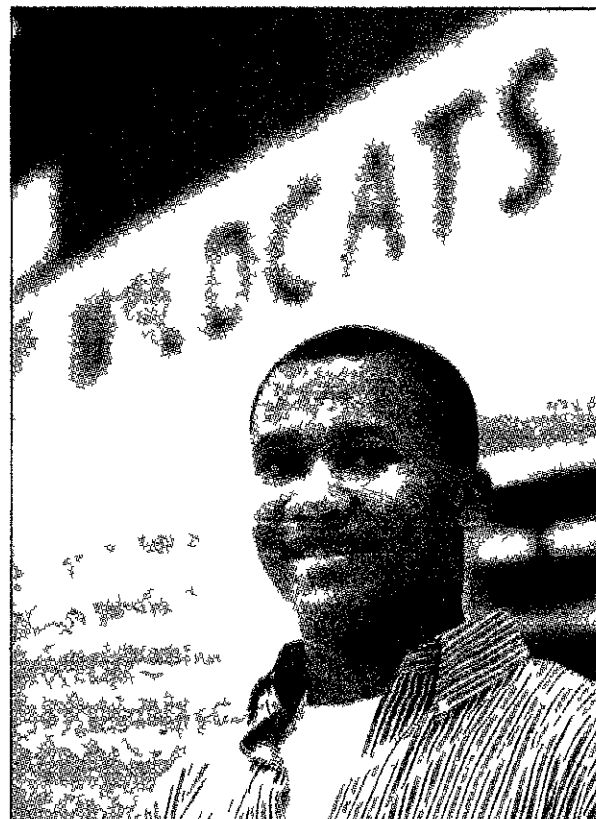
The Whalers are proof of that. Plymouth plays in London on Friday before returning home Saturday night at 7:05 p.m. to host Saginaw. The Whalers complete a busy weekend Sunday afternoon in Windsor.

On Saturday, the Guelph Storm received shootout goals from rookies Tyler Melancon and Anthony Nigro to come all the way back from a 2-0 deficit to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 3-2, in an OHL game played Saturday night before 2,727 at the Compuware Sports Arena.



WALT DMOCH

Forward Evan Brophey has been a key component in the Plymouth Whalers' recent victory surge.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth two-sport athlete Nate Gholston has found incredible success in athletics and academics during the past three-plus years.

Fasci-Nate-ing feats

Gholston shines on the field and in the classroom

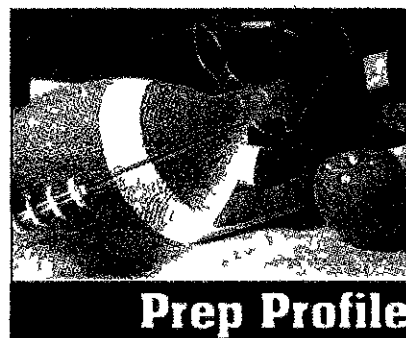
 BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

You'll never guess how Nate Gholston scored his first career touchdown as a 9-year-old playing for the Inkster Raiders Pop Warner football team.

Before you guess, you have to take into consideration that Gholston was one of the smallest players on the field that autumn day in 1998.

He was probably one of the fastest players on the gridiron, too, but the then-fourth-grader's sprinter's speed wasn't even a factor on that ground-breaking, end-zone-finding play.

"I wasn't real big, but my coach had me playing D-line for some reason," remembered Gholston, chuckling. "Our defensive end smacked the other team's quarterback and the ball went straight up in the air. When the ball came down, I caught it and ran about 10 yards to the end zone. Once I crossed the goal line, I



Prep Profile

just stood there. I didn't know what to do. My teammates came up to me and screamed, 'You just scored, man!'

"Later that season, my coach figured I was too fast to be playing D-line, so he moved me to running back."

It turned out to be a brilliant move for Gholston, who has been running fast and hard ever since.

In 2005, the explosive tailback was one of Plymouth's primary

weapons in its successful run to the Division 1 state playoffs. This past season, despite a nagging ankle injury, he rushed for close to 1,000 yards and scored a team-high eight TD's.

While the senior's on-the-field feats are impressive, they pale in comparison to the in-the-classroom accomplishments he's piled up at Plymouth.

With a zest to learn that rivals his desire to run over linebackers, Gholston has compiled a 3.48 grade-point average. And thanks in part to a sterling score in a PSAT test he nearly aced last year, Gholston is a semifinalist in the prestigious National Achievement Scholarship competition, which could earn him a \$2,500 college scholarship.

"I take a lot of pride in my sports and my grades," he said. "But I realize my grades are more important."

PLEASE SEE GHOLSTON, B2

GHOLSTON

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because — like my mom has told me over and over — I can play football forever”

Gholston's self-proclaimed favorite subject would appear on many of his peers' list of "Most Feared Classes

"I love physics," he said, reeling off a three-word sentence that rarely comes out of the mouth of a high-school student. "With physics, you get to take all of the skills you've learned in math classes and put them to use to actually solve something

For example, during the first week of school this year, my physics teacher asked the class, "If a man was standing on a 20-meter cliff looking out on the horizon, how far could he see?" We were all sitting there puzzled. But then he explained how we could figure it out. It's fun seeing the laws of physics at work.

As of late December, Gholston was uncertain which college he would be attending in the fall. This much is clear, though: His next stop on the educational ladder will be at a distinguished institution.

"I've already been accepted to Purdue's College of Engineering, so that's definitely an option," said Gholston, who has also drawn interest — both from an academic and athletic standpoint — from Ivy League giant Harvard.

"We sent one of my football tapes to Harvard and their offensive coordinator called my grandfather (Venus Vesey) and said they were impressed. If Harvard wants me, that's where I'm going. You don't say no to Harvard. That would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportuni-

ty." Gholston's track-and-field skills — he missed qualifying for the Division 1 state meet in the hurdles last year by less than 1/10th-of-a-second — have attracted attention from Michigan State University.

"Wherever I go — whether it's Harvard or Purdue or some place else — I'm going to at least try to walk on to the football team, he said. "I'm at least going to give it a shot."

Vesey has been much more than a grandparent to Gholston. Despite living almost a half-hour's drive away in Dearborn Heights, Vesey has attended nearly every one of Gholston's high school athletic events and he's always been there to lend a hand to his high-achieving grandson.

"My grandfather never misses my games or meets," said Gholston. "He even comes to some of my practices."

"And I can ask him anything and he'll find the answer. Once I was having trouble with a calculus problem so I asked him if he could help me. He didn't know much about calculus, but he did some research and helped me find the answer. He's definitely one of my role models."

In October, during halftime of a football game in which he scored twice and rushed for over 100 yards — Gholston was crowned Plymouth's Homecoming king.

"That meant a lot to me, he said. "It let me know that I was liked at school — and that a lot of my friends voted for me."

It was a shining night in the life of Nate Gholston. But not nearly as bright as his future promises to be.

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ANLEITNER

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Complex

But three decades after making his last tackle for the Tartars (WSU later changed its nickname to Warriors), Anleitner would rather steer attention away from him and remain true to the blue-collar roots that took hold while growing up in Garden City.

With such, he remains the best kind of role model for today's Garden City children who attend his school, Farmington Elementary.

"My dad (Paul, a factory worker) always told me if you work hard and try hard you can accomplish a lot," he said. "That's what I like to get across to kids in Garden City."

"Just because you come from a middle-class community doesn't mean you can't achieve much and have an impact."

It's a platform he uses when trying to motivate his students.

"The first time I left Garden City was to go to a Detroit Tigers game when I was 10," he noted. "I didn't get on a plane until I was in college. So, you can start off with a small beginning and make the most with what you've been given."

Anleitner's upbringing by parents Paul and (now-deceased) Patricia taught him the importance of keeping his nose to the proverbial grindstone. That lesson would help him considerably during his transition from high school to college.

MAKING A SPLASH

At now-defunct Garden City East, the lanky student athlete started to hone his linebacker skills while also competing in baseball and on boys basketball teams coached by the late Billy Joe Young.

During the 1972 football season, Anleitner helped the No. 3 ranked Panthers finish 9-0 and capture the Northwest Suburban League Championship.

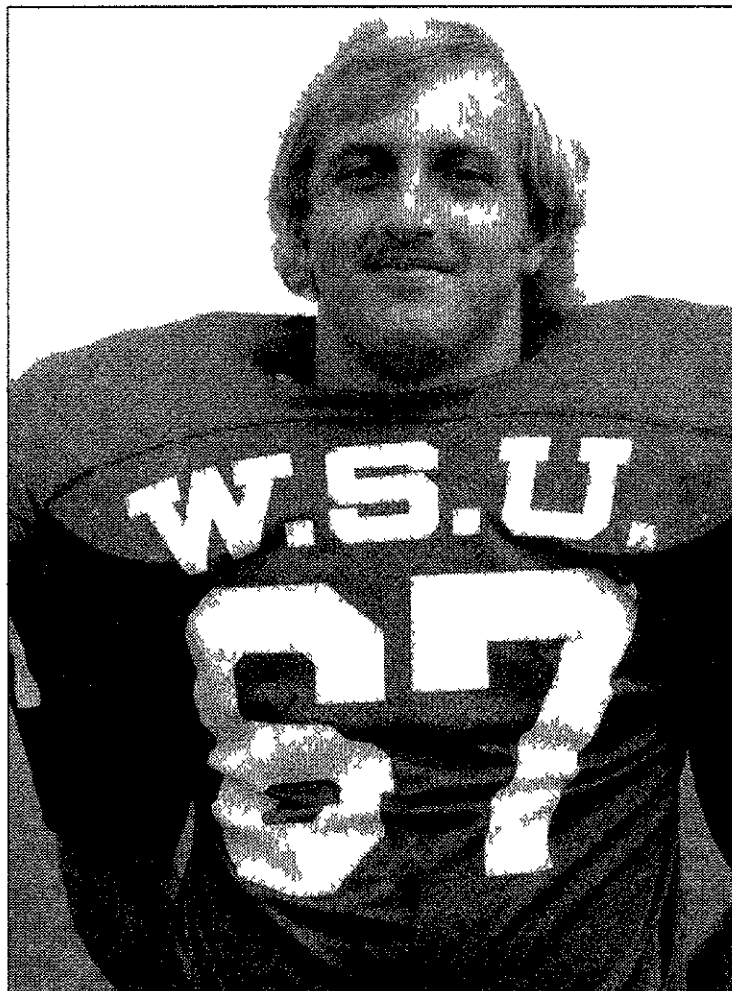
Despite those lofty accomplishments, he was unable to nab a college scholarship, even at Division 2 Wayne State.

Undaunted, he walked onto Wayne State's plush gridiron for pre-season workouts and played so well that head coach Dick Lowry couldn't ignore him.

By mid-season they offered me a tuition scholarship and by the end of the year tuition and books," said Anleitner, who took the Warren Avenue bus to campus from his parents' house.

Beginning with the '73 season and continuing through his 1976 senior year, Anleitner was a defensive stud for the Tartars (amassing college records with 505 tackles and 250 assists).

In 1974 and 1975, he was the team's most valuable defensive back and then won the 1976 Ron Solack No. 35 Award. Other honors included being selected twice to the All-GLIAC First Team.



This 1976 photo of Keith Anleitner is the one that will be included in his Hall of Fame plaque at WSU's Matthaei Athletics Center.

Such personal awards were never what mattered to Anleitner, only the success of the squad.

WSU PRIDE

In fact, the gold and forest green colors worn during his Tartar days still flow through his veins.

Displayed on his Farmington Elementary desk was a tattered helmet, affixed with star-shaped decals representing game-day accomplishments such as fumble recoveries or interceptions.

"It's like Notre Dame, he said with a laugh.

The recent championship by D2 Grand Valley State and the media buzz following the Lakers is something Anleitner would love to see replicated at WSU.

If Wayne State could increase their winning percentage I think they'd begin to see a little bit more of a return of the alumni," Anleitner emphasized. "It's difficult to get on a bandwagon, they haven't had a winning season in I don't know how long."

Anleitner said he is still finding out details about the Feb. 3 induction ceremonies, which will take place both at the historic, on-campus St. Andrews Church and Matthaei.

But the induction program and reception undoubtedly will give Anleitner and others a chance to reconnect and talk about their 1970s heyday — and about what hopefully might be around the corner at Wayne State.

"When you have something of common interest like a football game, or a basketball game, I think it makes the school more of a community,"

he noted. "That's what Wayne State has really missed."

FULL PLATE

The spotlight is about to shine on Anleitner's college football life. But he is far from a one-trick pony.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education at WSU and later received a master's degree in that field. Before taking over the helm at Farmington Elementary, he was principal at the former Garden City Junior High and spent two years as an assistant principal at Garden City High School.

Agape Christian is the latest of many coaching stops over the past 20 years. Previously, he coached basketball and football at Garden City East, Southgate Aquinas and Marne City Holy Cross, among other schools.

Keith and his wife, Gerry, have four children (Paul, Heather, Jack and Mary) and the couple is active at Agape Family Worship Center in Canton. He also is an Elder at the church.

"We have a strong faith in God," Anleitner said. "You've got single parents in the church, the needs of individuals who are ill, older folks who are ill, children who need instruction in Sunday school."

There also is time to swing by the Summit in Canton.

"I just go up and shoot hoop for half an hour," Anleitner said. "I have to be careful, though. It's 25 minutes playing basketball, 10 minutes in the sauna and 20 minutes lifting."

Even Hall of Famers need to stay sharp and show they've still got plenty of game.

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'CATS

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12-2 down the stretch, thanks to a pair of triples — one by junior guard Andy Price and the other from Puryear — in the final 11.7 seconds.

The Ventures sealed the win by converting a length-of-the-court pass following Puryear's three with 1.4 seconds left. Roberts contributed five points in Wildcats' late charge.

Bishop Foley, which was paced by Clifton Powell's 18 points, led 13-7 after one quarter, 22-17 at the half and 35-24 with eight minutes to play.

Plymouth outrebounded Bishop Foley, 35-22, but was hampered by 21 turnovers. Puryear chipped in with nine points and four rebounds. Junior center Jake Hager chalked up six points and a game-high 10 rebounds while senior forward Austin Barnett had six and five, respectively.

The Wildcats used the long ball to jump to an early lead against Riverside. Puryear drained three first-quarter triples and junior forward Mike Hanchett buried one to spark the 'Cats' 16-15 first-quarter lead. Puryear, Price and Roberts all hit shots from beyond the arc in the second quarter, which ended with Plymouth comfortably in front, 33-22.

Plymouth cushioned its lead to 46-31 after three quarters and was never threatened in the fourth.

Roberts and Hager complemented Puryear on the offensive end with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Hanchett pulled down a game-high eight rebounds, Puryear and senior forward Wes Shelton both notched six boards.

Six-foot-seven junior Jason Gander led the Rebels with 15 points. Senior guard Ryan Robinet added 13.

"We got a lot of solid minutes from a lot of players against Riverside," said Plymouth co-coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We did a better job of taking care of the ball, too, than we did the night before."

"We did a nice job of creating the pace tonight," added Maschke, following his team's 21-point triumph. "We pushed the ball up the court a little more than we have been doing. We're not the biggest team in the world, so to be successful we're going to have to be an up-and-down-the-court team. We're going to have to use our athleticism and speed to create the tempo we want."

Plymouth connected on 24-of-58 field goals (41.3 percent) while holding its Canadian visitors to just 34.7 percent shooting (16-of-46). Both teams struggled from the free-throw line, canning just 3-of-8 attempts (37.5).

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Wildcat spikers 2nd in 'Silver'

Plymouth's volleyball team advanced to the finals in the Silver Division of last week's University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament before getting upended by Carlton Airport in two sets. The Wildcats advanced to the Silver title match by knocking off Riverview Gabriel Richard (23-25, 25-23, 15-7) and Royal Oak

Shrine (25-11, 23-25, 15-9) in the single-elimination portion of the tournament. The Wildcats received strong efforts from several players, including Chelsey Quinlan (45 digs), Clare Baptist (53 assists), Rachel Heaton (42 digs), Brittany Hengesh (20 blocks, 27 kills) and Courtney Buttermore (37 digs).

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M. H. Madison at Clarencville 7 p m
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Franklin at Stevenson 7 p m
Thursday, Jan 4
Ply Christian at Clarencville 6:30 p m
Light & Life at Luth Westland 6:30 p m
Saturday, Jan 6
Macomb CC Tournament 8 a m
Clawson Tournament 8 a m
Grand Valley Invitational 8 a m
W.L. Central Invitational 9 a m
PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Jan 4
Royal Oak vs Redford Unified at Redford Arena 7:15 p m
Ladywood vs G.P. South at Detroit City Arena 7:30 p m
(Pioneer Tourney at A.A. Ice Cube)
Churchill vs Millford 5 p m
Birm. Unified vs A.A. Pioneer 7:30 p m
Friday, Jan 5
Pioneer Tourney at Ice Cube 5 & 7:30 p m
Franklin vs Farmington at Edgar Arena 6 p m
Plymouth at Woodhaven Tourney at the Icebox TBA
Saturday, Jan 6
Plymouth at Woodhaven Tourney at the Icebox TBA
Detroit Country Day at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center 8:30 p m
Stevenson vs W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena 3:30 p m
Redford Unified at Troy 6:15 p m
Ladywood vs G.P. North at Arctic Pond 6:30 p m
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan 4
Churchill at Salem 6:30 p m
Wayne at Franklin 6:30 p m
Stevenson at John Glenn 6:30 p m
- Canton at Plymouth 6 p m
Saturday, Jan 6
Fordson Invitational 8:45 a m
Wyandotte Invitational 9:30 a m
South Lyon Invitational 10 a m
Troy Invitational 10 a m
Richmond Invitational 9 a m
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan 4
U.D. Jesuit Saline at Stevenson 7 p m
Woodhaven at Plymouth 7 p m
Saturday, Jan 6
W. Bloomfield Invitational 9 a m
W.L. Northern Invitational 1 p m
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Jan 4
Canton at Brighton 7 p m
Saturday, Jan 6
Canton at Rockford Invitational 10 a m
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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Indiana Tech at Madonna 3 p m
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC 3 p m
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Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC 1 p m
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Whalers at London Knights 7:30 p m
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Whalers vs Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena 7:05 p m
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MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Jan 5
Det. Ignition vs Chicago Storm at Compuware Arena 7:35 p m
Saturday, Jan 6
Ignition at Baltimore Blast 7:35 p m
TBA - time to be announced

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PURE ENTERTAINMENT
Sweet Thursday!

P-CEP gymnasts set to shine again in '07

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There's good news for fans of the Salem gymnastics team — and bad news for the Rocks 2007 opponents. All of the key members of last season's team that finished ninth in the state are back and ready to display the enhanced skills they've honed the past several months.

The girls have done a good job of working hard during the off season so that they can reach the goals they've set for themselves, said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "We didn't lose anybody off our 'A' team from last year, so we have a lot of depth."

Leading the Rocks points charge will be sophomore Katie Koetting, who finished 10th in the state in all-around last year and third in the floor exercise event.

Katie has added some new things to her floor routine and it was already very strong, so she should be in for a great season, said Driscoll. "She's starting to work into a leadership role on the team, too."

Junior Brittany Young, who's especially strong on the balance beam and uneven bars, returns to pick up where she left off in the spring. Returning letter-winner Katarina Kariotis, a junior, should also be a top point-producer for the Rocks following an extremely consistent sophomore campaign.

Brittany worked very hard in the off season, said Driscoll. "She's one of our best all-around gymnasts."

Junior Autumn Collins should rack up significant points on the beam, floor and vault, Driscoll said.

Serving as captains will be seniors Sarah Bugosh and Shawdi Dager, both of whom will provide leadership both on and off the mats.

Driscoll said the fact that former co-op teams like Farmington and Livonia have split up this season adds a dose of unpredictability to the upcoming season.

It's really hard to say who has the best team this year, said Driscoll. Canton will definitely be in the mix. Other than that, it's up for grabs.



Kelley



Bugosh

Even though Farmington and Livonia have been split up, I expect the teams from those areas to be very good.

CANTON

The always-competitive Chiefs will be looking to improve on last season's fourth-place showing at the state meet. Those aspirations are more than realistic thanks in large part to the return of senior Alyssa Kelley, one of the best all-around competitors in the state and the 2006 vault champion.

I think we're capable of finishing in the top five in the state again, but it's hard to say because I haven't seen a lot of the other teams compete yet, said veteran coach John Cunningham. "We had two of our top four gymnasts out against Vasser (the Chiefs season-opening meet last week) and still had a score of 134. We have a lot of very capable seniors who have the potential to score 35s and 36s."

Joining Kelley in the Chiefs talent-laden senior class are Kate Staley, Kaitlyn Burns, Chelsea Selden, Courtney Ward and Andrea Houdek. All were key contributors to the team's enormous success in 2006. Junior Jessie Murray is one of the area's top all-around gymnasts as well.

Cunningham is also counting on a trio of sophomores — Olivia Stephens, Kate Carroll and Sam O'Flynn — and three freshmen — Kylie Hakala, Mallory Hudak and Katelyn Rutherford — to provide depth this season.

We have at least four good routines in every event, so if for instance, one girl has a bad routine, we have others who can pick up the slack, said Cunningham.

Salem is a contender this season and I know Livonia has at least two very good girls. But I don't know how they split up.

PREP GYMNASTICS PREVIEW

Livonia and Farmington, so only time will tell.

PLYMOUTH

Second-year coach Diane Hodur may not have the numbers or the depth that the Rocks and Chiefs are blessed with, but that hasn't taken away from the young and inexperienced squad's work ethic or positive attitude.

This is a hard-working group, said Hodur. "We have some first-year freshmen and sophomores who lack experience, but they have the kind of attitudes that will only make them better. We just need to clean up our routines a little bit."

The young Wildcats can look to junior Jordan Brodehl for inspiration. The two-year letter winner and second-year captain has the skills and the mental approach that make her a force to be reckoned with in the gym.

"Jordan is a very talented gymnast, but her biggest strength is probably her mindset," said Hodur. "Of all the gymnasts I've coached over the years, she's the best at knowing what needs to be done and then going out and doing it. She has such confidence in her routines and she puts her heart and soul into everything she does."

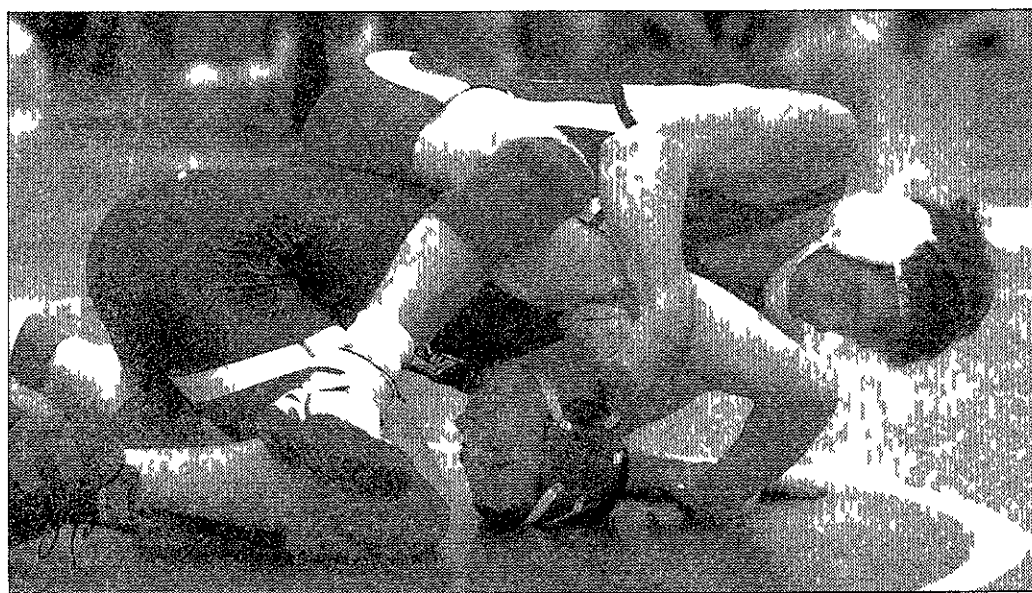
Among the Wildcats' top newcomers are freshmen Erica Kosmalksi and Danielle Gormick.

Erica has so much talent for a freshman, said Hodur. "I'm looking forward to working with her over the next four years."

Most of Danielle's experience is in dance, but she's really been a fast learner so far. Give her some time and she'll be right up there.

Plymouth's fortunes will also be bolstered by the addition of first-year performers Caren Kadra, Brooke Rodwell, Kirsten Engstrom, Tori Beeler, Tiffany Gibbon, Julia DeGripp, Ashley Chiado, April McLaughlin and Lauren Connors.

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Solid as a Rock

Salem wrestler Kevin Hayter (top) is pictured during his 17-2 victory over Westland John Glenn's Zaid Ammani in the second round of the Dec. 28 Salem Varsity Tournament. Hayter placed third in the 135-pound bracket. Complete results of the tourney were not available as of Tuesday's presstime.



All that 'Jazz'

The Jazz recently captured the championship of the Community Education Basketball League's 7th/8th grade A league by going 13-0. The team went 9-0 during the regular season before sweeping all four of their opponents in the playoffs. The Jazz upended the Pacers 41-31 in the title game. Pictured (front row from left) are Thomas Fafalios, Tyler Winningham, Justin Kreger, Alex Brown, Jonathan Harper (back row from left), coach Bruce Price, Thomas Rodriguez, Scott Devine, Devin Price, Garrett Lipp, Nick Tata and coach Denny Devine.

Cougars claw Ignition, 12-10

The Detroit Ignition (5-6) was defeated, 12-10, by the California Cougars (4-7) at Stockton Arena in Stockton, Calif., on Dec. 29.

Midfielder Brian Farber registered the game-winning goal two-point goal for the Cougars at the 6:00 mark of the fourth quarter.

Forward Vicente Figueroa put the Cougars on the board first with a two-point goal off a pass from Matt Cauton at 1:18. Rookie Worth Sampson (Madonna University) scored first for the Ignition with a two-point goal at 3:33 of the first quarter.

The Cougars took a 4-2 lead in the second quarter thanks to a two-point goal from Jorge

Martinez at 1:04. The MISL's leading scorer, Jamar Beasley, scored his first goal of the night, a two-pointer, at 3:04 in the game at 4:4. Beasley followed quickly with another two-point tally at 4:06 to give the Ignition the 6-4 advantage.

Cougars forward Bernie Lilavois slid a header past Ignition goalkeeper Danny Waltman to knot the game at 6:06 at the half.

Martinez registered his second two-point goal of the night at 3:17 of the third quarter of play to give the Cougars an 8-6 lead.

The Cougars' offense continued with a two-point tally from Nelson Santana at 7:48, extending its lead to 10-6 at

the end of the third quarter.

Detroit defender Droe Callahan registered his first points of the season with a two-point goal at 4:12 of the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 10-8.

The Cougars responded quickly as Brian Farber capitalized on an error by Ignition netminder Danny Waltman and tallied a two-point goal at 6:00 to make it 12-8. Beasley recorded another two-point goal at 10:05 to close out the scoring.

The Ignition will return home to host the Chicago Storm on Friday at 4:35 p.m. Game time at the Compuware Sports Arena is slated for 4:35 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MU SOFTBALL CLINICS

Madonna University will stage two sessions of girls softball fundamentals clinics for ages 7-18 from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4 (Session I), and from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24 (Session II), at the MU Activities Building.

Specialized individual instruction is offered by MU women's softball coach Al White, the 2004 NAIA Region VIII and Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. He will be assisted by staff members Curt White, Terry Abraham, Shawn Hopper, Steve Gentilia and Rodney Schellenberger.

The cost is \$150 and pre-registration is required. Call Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-4719. You can also call Gentilia at (734) 414-8053.

TENNIS CAMPS

A series of tennis camps

through the Plymouth-Canton Community Ed after-school program will be held throughout the community in the coming weeks. Following is the schedule:

■ **Tuesdays, Jan. 23-March 6 at Isbister Elementary:** Intro to Tennis (grades 1-5, 3:45-4:40 p.m.), Intro to Tennis II (for those who have completed Intro to Tennis) from 5:55 p.m.

■ **Thursdays, Jan. 25-March 8 at Workman Elementary:** Intro to Tennis (grades 1-5, 3:45-4:40 p.m.), Intro to Tennis II (for those who have completed Intro to Tennis) from 5:55 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 416-2937.

CANTON REC OFFERINGS

Canton Leisure Services will be offering several fun-filled sports programs during the winter months. Among the offerings are:

■ The annual Snowball Co-ed Classic Softball Tournament will be held at the Canton Sports

Center on Jan. 13. This event is played in the snow with an oversized, Chicago-style softball. The cost of the double-elimination tournament is \$125 per team. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams.

■ The bi-annual Family Bowling Night will be held at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton on Friday, Jan. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$40 per resident family and \$50 per non-resident family. The cost of the event includes two-and-a-half hours of bowling for up to six bowlers per lane, shoes, pop and pizza and free give aways.

■ A pair of cross-country ski days at Pheasant Run Golf Course will be offered on Jan. 28 and Feb. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Participants may bring their own skis or rent them at the course. The cost is \$10 per person and includes access to the trail that winds through the golf course, refreshments and a free raffle. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 483-5600.

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Playoff time: And once again the Detroit

Do you remember the last time the Detroit Lions went to the postseason? It's now seven years ago. Bobby Ross coached the team to an 8-8 record and backed into a playoff spot against the Washington Redskins. The game was in D.C., where the Lions had never won. On Jan. 8, 2000, they didn't win there again.



Mark Wilson

The Cowboys blew their chance at winning the NFC East with that loss last Sunday. Dallas coach Bill Parcells sounded like a man who had just lost his best friend.

I can't tell you how disappointed I am, Parcells said to reporters. This is the low point for me in a long time.

Yeah, losing to the Lions will do that to you. Losing to the Lions in Texas was even more shocking. The Cowboys are getting ready for a trip to Seattle for the NFC wild card game. Two Super Bowl winning coaches, Parcells and Mike Holmgren, will square off.

Our record isn't what we had hoped, but there's something about 9-7 being a lot better than 8-8 even though it's just one game.

Holmgren said after the Seahawks beat Tampa last weekend.

Just 11 months ago, Holmgren brought his team to Ford Field for Super Bowl XL. At least the Seahawks made it back in. The champion Steelers weren't so fortunate. Despite a win over Cincinnati, Pittsburgh ended up 8-8 and missed out on a chance to defend its title.

Seattle finished the year losing three of the last four. Dallas ended the year losing three of the last four. These are two teams playing some bad football that will meet Saturday night at Qwest Field. The Cowboys' defense has allowed 132 points in the last four games. That's an average of 33 points a game in the last month. As we saw against the Lions, the boys just can't stop anyone.

We're definitely going in backward from the way we wanted to. Cowboys quarterback

Tony Romo said after the loss to the Lions. The other wild card game in the NFC has the Giants playing in Philadelphia. The Eagles ended up as East champs with Jeff Garcia playing a stellar quarterback in place of the injured Donovan McNabb. It just hasn't looked like the same Garcia who replaced Joey Harrington in a Lions uniform last season. Garcia is 5-1 since replacing McNabb.

We expected to come out and earn the NFC East championship, but we were able to coast," Garcia said to reporters following Philly's win over Atlanta last Sunday. It gave the Eagles a 10-6 mark for 2006. Very few would have thought that possible once McNabb was lost for the year.

Garcia threw three passes only Sunday. Once it was announced on the big screen at Lincoln Financial Field that the Lions had upset the

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it Lions are on the outside looking in

Cowboys coach Andy Reid pulled his starters out. Backup guys went in and still beat Michael Vick and the Falcons.

The Eagles are rolling and — don't laugh — but Garcia is the reason why.

This is just the first step," Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter said. "We want the big one."

The big one would be Super Bowl XLI in Miami. Philadelphia may be the best choice to come out of the NFC. The Chicago Bears look horrible lately and the Saints were just 5-5 in their last 10 games. New Orleans may still be too fresh to be considered a Super Bowl favorite.

Garcia gives Philly a bona fide veteran presence under center. The Eagles have won their last five and the game against Eli Manning and the Giants is at home. Tiki Barber was unreal in what could be his final regular season game.

He rushed for 234 yards and three touchdowns in the Giants' win over Washington. Barber has said he will retire once this season is over.

We won a game and got into the playoffs, Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "Is that good enough?"

Coughlin was referring to keeping his job with the Giants. His act has grown thin in New York and rumors swirled that he was out if he didn't make the playoffs. Now, the hot rumor is that he must at least get to the NFC championship game to assure his return.

In the AFC it all starts with New England. The Patriots are playoff-tested and Super Bowl ready. Tom Brady and Bill Belichick simply know how to do it. A fourth trip to the 'big one' in the last six years is not out of the question. They are at home and play the upstart Jets. There is no love lost between Belichick

and his protege, Eric Mangini. The latter has done a masterful job getting the sad-sack Jets into the playoffs a year after they were 4-12.

"I'm hoping for a few more of those Gatorade showers," said Mangini, who finished his first year as head coach with 10 wins.

Kansas City goes to Indianapolis in the other AFC wild card game. If Tony Dungy doesn't get the Colts into the Super Bowl this year, he might as well just give up. Peyton Manning still had a terrific year despite losing four of his last seven games. He threw for more than 200 yards in 14 of his 16 contests. His 4,400 yards passing and 31 touchdowns with just nine interceptions would be MVP numbers in most other years.

The idea, obviously, is to be playing some of your best football in January," Manning said. LaDarian Tomlinson will prevent Manning

from any MVP notions. The Chargers and the Ravens have the byes from the first round of the playoffs. The Colts will face the Chiefs on Saturday afternoon in Indy.

"Some people in the locker room suggest that my father (Lamar) had a hand in that win (on Sunday)," said Clark Hunt, the son of the legendary K.C. owner who passed away three weeks ago. Larry Johnson set an NFL record with 416 rushing attempts this season.

So the playoffs begin. I like Philly, Seattle, New England and Indy to move on to Week 2. It's just too bad that, once again, the Lions will be like us — watching from their sofas this weekend.

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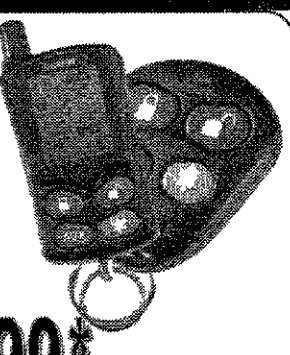
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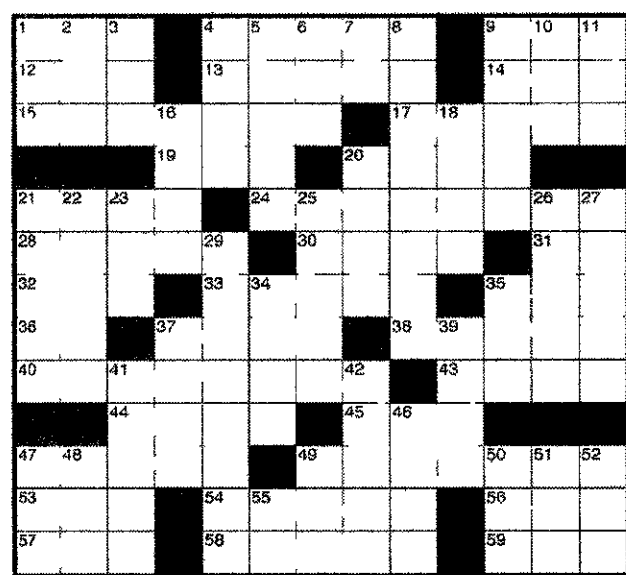
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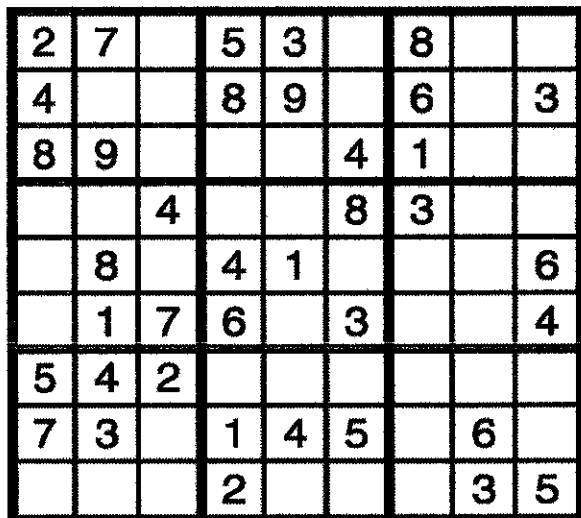
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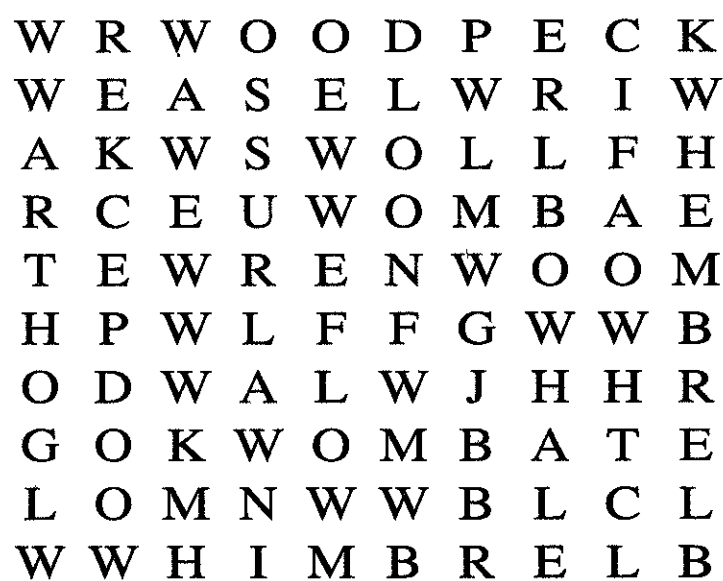
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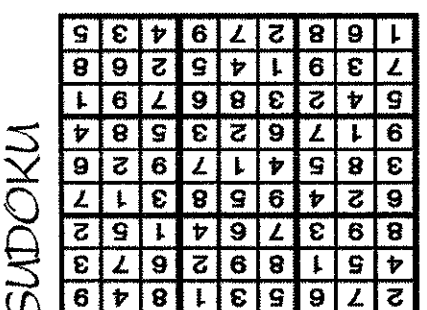
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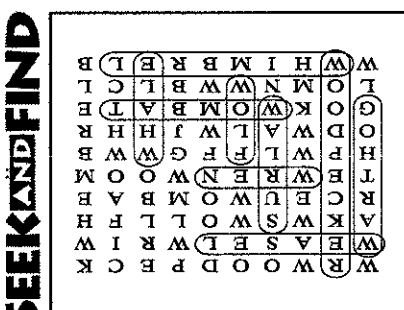
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From russet to clay, modern colors look natural and comforting, particularly when compared to the jewel-toned burgundy or navy blue hues made popular in the 1990s.



Debra Volanski of Debra Designs in Canton, combines warm earth tones in a playful way to create this artistic living room

DEBRA VOLANSKI



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Margaret Skinner, owner of Margeaux Interiors Inc., painted the ceiling of this foyer two shades darker than the walls, a current trend in home interiors

Think warm colors, simple

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to predicting the future, local interior designers say rich warm tones and clean-lined elegance will rule home decor in the new year.

Margaret Skinner, owner of Birmingham-based Margeaux Interiors Inc., focuses solely on residential interior design. She's been doing so for eight years.

Skinner said she's noticed that her clients tend to lean toward more environmentally-friendly materials these days, when renovating their living spaces. From bamboo to eucalyptus, flooring options are more interesting than ever.

"These are much more renewable," said Skinner. "I'm finding people are using more recyclable items. They are re-using items in a new way - salvaging tile or brick, recycling glass for mosaic tile."

Skinner attributed this trend to two things - the state of Michigan's sluggish economy and clients who are more environmentally aware. "I'm trying to promote that, too," she said, "more awareness of our own resources."

And Skinner said you don't have to sacrifice high-style to do so.

"People do want to hold onto what they have," said Debra Volanski, owner of Debra Designs in Canton. She too is seeing a trend toward re-using and re-mix-

simple decor for 2007



BETH SINGER

Wainscoting, molding, and a window seat add detail in this living room, designed by Margaret Skinner



BETH SINGER

Margaret Skinner enhanced this small powder room with tin ceiling

PLEASE SEE DECOR, D2

Full steam ahead for a tasty and healthy New Year

The festivities are officially over. Most of us will have to pay for the sins of holiday overindulgence - too many second helpings of rich, fatty foods, too many pastries and chocolate.

Enough! The good news is that mending your ways doesn't have to mean cutting out flavor. In fact, steaming food is a good way to retain not only flavor, but color and

nutrients as well, creating a festive-looking as well as healthful, diet-conscious entree.

Steaming is one of the gentlest ways to cook. The even, moist heat of the steam envelops the food, allowing it to retain its natural juices and nutrients.

There are many different varieties of steamers in many sizes, shapes and price levels. If you don't

own one, you can easily fashion a steamer at home.

Start with a deep pot, deep enough to hold two to three inches of boiling water, a stand of some kind to hold a plate, and the plate of food to be steamed. The pot should be wide enough to allow about an inch of space between the plate and the pot, to allow steam to circulate evenly. A tight-fitting lid is also nec-

essary.

The plate that holds the food should be heatproof, with a little depth to it so it can hold any juices that might be produced as the food steams.

The plate of food can be set on any kind of heat-proof stand or rack that will keep it stable and high

PLEASE SEE HEALTHY, D3

Let's examine intelligence of smartphones

Can a smartphone make you smarter? Probably not, but it can help you work smarter, and that's a goal worth pursuing.

I recently got the chance to try three of the latest and greatest models - the BlackBerry 8703e, the LG enV VX9900 and the Motorola Q.

All three came from Verizon Wireless, though the BlackBerry is also available from Cingular (as the 8700c) and T-Mobile (8700g), and Sprint is expected to offer the Q in the near future.

I tend to be a harsh critic when it comes to phones, mostly because I dislike their unintuitive, overcomplicated menu systems.

That's why I've always been partial to Palm's Treo line - the friendly, familiar Palm Operating System offers tap-and-go simplicity.

Not so the BlackBerry, enV and Q, which rely on scroll-wheel or number-pad navigation.

Still, despite their somewhat steep learning curves, these smartphones pack considerable power. Let's take a look at the pros and cons of each model.

RIM BLACKBERRY 8703E

Not too different from the original e-mail-only BlackBerry, the 8703e combines savvy phone features with RIM's unsurpassed e-mail capabilities.

Put simply, new messages get "pushed" to the device as they arrive, meaning you don't have to manually retrieve your mail. For anyone whose life revolves around their inbox, it's easy to see how the nickname "Crackberry" came to be.

The 8703e's thumb keyboard features relatively large, rectangular keys, and though they seemed a bit cramped, I found I could type quite accurately.

I also liked the BlackBerry's bright, colorful screen, fast start-up and reasonably uncluttered interface. Once you learn the intricacies of scroll-wheel/back-button navigation, you should be able to zip along.

Unfortunately, the 8703e suffers from a somewhat weak Web browser (due in part to its small screen) and, surprisingly, a lack of instant-messaging software. For a device that so excels at e-mail, you'd think IM would be second nature.

LG ENV VX9900

At first glance, the LG enV looks like a traditional candy-bar phone.

Open it up however, and you're treated to a roomy screen and even roomier keyboard, by far the best of the bunch for composing messages.

The enV also boasts a two-megapixel camera that actually takes decent snapshots (provided you turn off the autofocus, which adds interminable shutter lag). It even has stereo speakers for listening to music without headphones.

I really wanted to like this phone. The design is just about perfect - comfortably curvy and narrow, but with that great QWERTY keyboard inside the clamshell. And I found voice quality and volume to be quite good.

Unfortunately, Verizon's costly, clumsy implementations of e-mail and instant messaging make this phone unworthy of envy.

To get mail, for instance, you have to download a special program and pay an extra \$20 per month, or install Verizon's Wireless Sync software on your PC, which forwards mail to the phone (and requires your PC to remain on at all times).

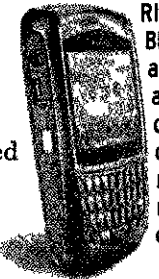
As for instant messaging, you can connect with AIM, MSN and Yahoo networks, but each message you send or receive is treated as a text message - and billed accordingly.

Much as I like the enV hardware, Verizon's service charges will quickly put me in the poorhouse. Thanks, but no thanks.

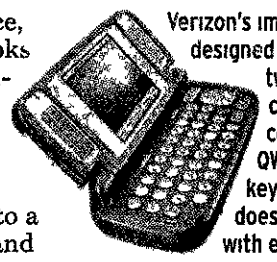
MOTOROLA Q

Thin, sexy and more multimedia-savvy than either the BlackBerry or the enV, the Motorola Q turns heads like few other smartphones.

It includes a 1.3-



RIM's latest BlackBerry excels as both a phone and e-mail device, but it's curiously lacking in the instant-messaging department.



Verizon's impressively designed enV features a two-megapixel camera and comfortable QWERTY keyboard, but it doesn't play well with e-mail and IM.



The amazingly thin Motorola Q gets bogged down by its unfriendly, unintuitive Windows Mobile interface.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2

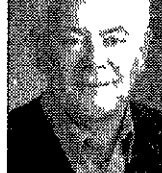
Purtan column to return

Off the Air with Dick Purtan & Purtan's People will return next week.

This remedy usually fixes disposer

Mrs Barringer writes "I have a garbage disposer that didn't run when I turned it on. I heard a humming sound for 10 seconds or so and now when I turn it on, nothing happens. Do you think I should call a plumber, or go and purchase a new one?"

Thanks for writing. Before you go out shopping, let me have you try to do a little service on the one you have.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

The humming sound you heard is normal whenever the cutter blade inside becomes jammed.

You may have dropped something like a little wire twist off a loaf of bread inside the disposer. Even a tab from a can of pop is enough to jam the disposer.

First you need a hand small enough to get into the thing, then start feeling around the edge of the base plate. Once you find the obstruction, use a flashlight and a pair of needle-nose pliers and pull it out.

Take note. You should always have the power in the off position whenever you work on something electrical.

Next, you should have a large Allen wrench, which came with the disposer, that inserts into a fitting on the very bottom of the dis-

poser. Turn it back and forth several times to see if it turns freely. When you heard the humming sound, you popped the circuit breaker on the bottom of the disposer.

If you press it inward with your finger, it will stay in and you are now ready to turn on the power switch to check it out.

In most cases, the disposer is repaired with this remedy. Please let me know.

Our 8-year-old gas stove was not working properly the other day. The oven light was flashing and the heat was not on. When you looked inside, there was no light on, like it was not heating. If you turned it off and turned it back on in a minute or so it would work. Could the oven need a good cleaning?"

Thanks for the note, Jason. I think you have an igniter that is going bad on you.

There will come a time soon when it won't work at all, and you can replace this part yourself rather than call for a service technician.

It's mounted to a railing and located under the floor of the oven. It's in a wire cage.

Make sure you use the correct size screwdriver when removing the screws, or you will strip the screw heads.

Two wires come off the back of the igniter and need to be disconnected from the terminals they lead to.

Use extreme care with the new igniter as they are very fragile

and rather expensive. Igniters in a gas range are very common to fail. An oven that is dirty won't normally be the cause.

You will have to be the judge on whether your oven needs a good cleaning. Warm white vinegar is a good solution to loosen up the heavily soiled spots with a little elbow grease.

Ms. Carol wrote me and asked if I had come to a final conclusion on the Maytag Neptune front load washer we bought seven months ago.

Well, my darling Valorie still loves it, there are no odor or mold or water problems around the front door tub boot, and it hasn't needed any sort of service call.

I trusted the store when they told me that all past problems with the washer have been resolved, and so far it's running like a champ.

Keep in mind that the washer we had before this new one was something like 35 years old. I guess I'll come to a final conclusion on this new one if it should last anything close to 35 years. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600 Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

DECOR

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SPLASH OF COLOR

Designers agree the easiest and least expensive way to transform a room, any time of year, is by adding or changing paint.

"If people are willing to do the labor themselves, it's one of the most high-impact ways to transform a room," said Volanski.

She suggests going bold and warm when adding color to a home. "It's nice to have a sense of place to go back to," said Volanski.

That's where the warm tones can make a difference. From russet to clay, modern colors look natural and comforting, particularly when compared to the jewel-toned burgundy or navy blue hues made popular in the 1990s.

Skinner agreed warm tones are tops. Instead of boring beige or off-white walls, Skinner said chocolate browns and earthy greens or blues can give a room a new feel.

"They tend to be a good route to go," she said. And color can set-off a room's natural appeal from its crown molding or columns.

When painting smaller private rooms, Skinner may opt to paint the ceiling or crown molding in a deep color like gray or brown, leaving the walls shades lighter. "It gives the illusion of a larger space," she said.

Volanski said another current color option is icy blue or seafoam green, complemented by those ever-present chocolate browns. The pairings offer a "sense of crispness" to any room, she said.

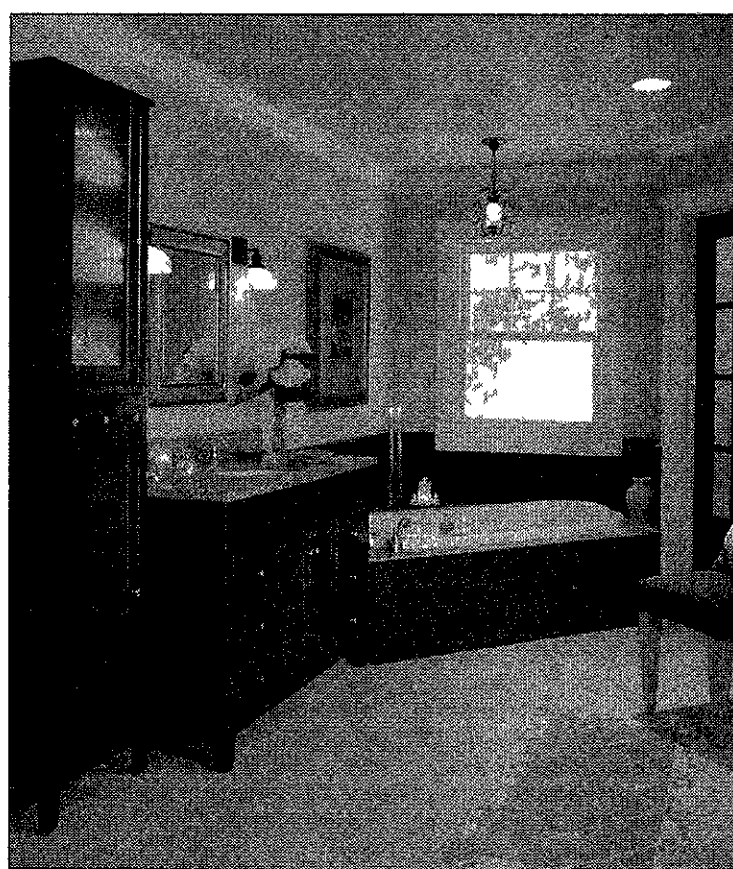
"These colors are so delicious, it's like describing food," she added.

While some people tend to steer away from pastels, a pale peach or strawberry pink pairs well with chocolate browns. And earthy greens are quite prevalent - though hunter green is "a no-no," according to Volanski.

BEYOND THE WALLS

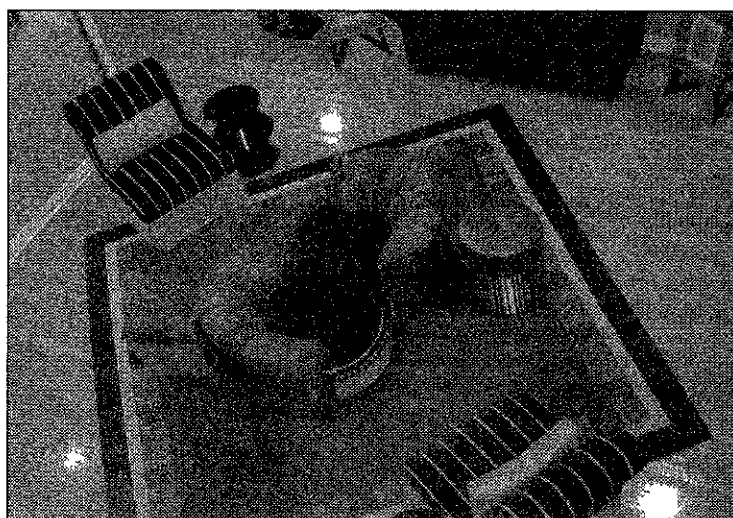
Updating a room can be as easy as changing small accessories like pillows or window treatments. Volanski said an affordable way to do so involves a quick visit to Lowe's for weighted Roman shades to update a window.

Volanski predicted a mix of retro and modern styles for 2007. She envisions a 1960s influence in furniture, and the boldness to combine several



BETH SINGER

This master bath, designed by Margaret Skinner, exhibits style with an espresso-stained wood tub surrounded by matching cabinetry and a French door.



DEBRA VOLANSKI

This bird's-eye view shows designer Debra Volanski's flair for warm tones and creative textures in home design.

types of fabrics.

When it comes to metal accents, on kitchen cabinetry for example, Volanski said brushed silver or copper will bring a modern feel. Gone are the days of shiny chrome and brass, she added.

The most-renovated of rooms, according to Skinner, might well be the kitchen, followed by the family room and the master bedroom suite.

In 2007, Skinner expects to see a lot of art deco influence in design.

"Clean lines are a must," she said. And, currently, it's daring and fresh to mix styles of furniture, rather than sticking to one look throughout an entire room.

This eclectic approach "is not so matchy-matchy," she explained. "And it looks fresh and original."

Try combining traditional furnishings with something hailing from the 1920s. Skinner works with clients across the metro area - from Bloomfield Hills to Milford, Rochester to Ann Arbor. As a result, she seen a bevy of challenges when designing in a variety of living spaces.

Newer homes lack detail, she noted. And a lot of design choices can depend on a homeowner's budget and style.

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HOME CALENDAR

Home decor

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents home decor classes. The schedule includes Faux Finish Techniques (7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 10, cost is \$24) and Wildflower Painting (7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 16, \$24 plus \$15 materials fee payable to the instructors in class). To register and for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. In the faux finish class, learn creative and inexpensive decorating techniques and complete sample boards to take home. Wear old clothes and bring plastic gloves. Interior decorating professionals Bob and Esther Kerr will conduct the

wildflower painting workshop. Learn techniques of painting foliage, str. roses, backgrounds and petals that can be used on craft projects as well as furniture and complete a wood plaque.

Dog show

The Michigan Midwinter Classic Dog Show will take place Friday, Sunday, Jan. 19-21 at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, one mile west of Novi Road in Novi. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$10-\$7 for seniors (over 65) and ages 6-12. \$25 for family day passes. Download a discount coupon at www.ukcdogs.com/DEMetroClassic.htm. Parking is \$5. Spectators may meet the dogs and ask owners about characteristics and care of

the different breeds. Don't bring dogs or pets. Dogs not participating won't be allowed into the event area.

The show will feature dog and owner teams from across the country representing many popular and rare breeds. The Novi-based Rock N Roll K 9s team will perform high energy relay and obstacle competitions. The show is licensed by the United Kennel Club. For information about UKC registration and events, call (269) 343-9020 or visit www.ukcdogs.com. Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

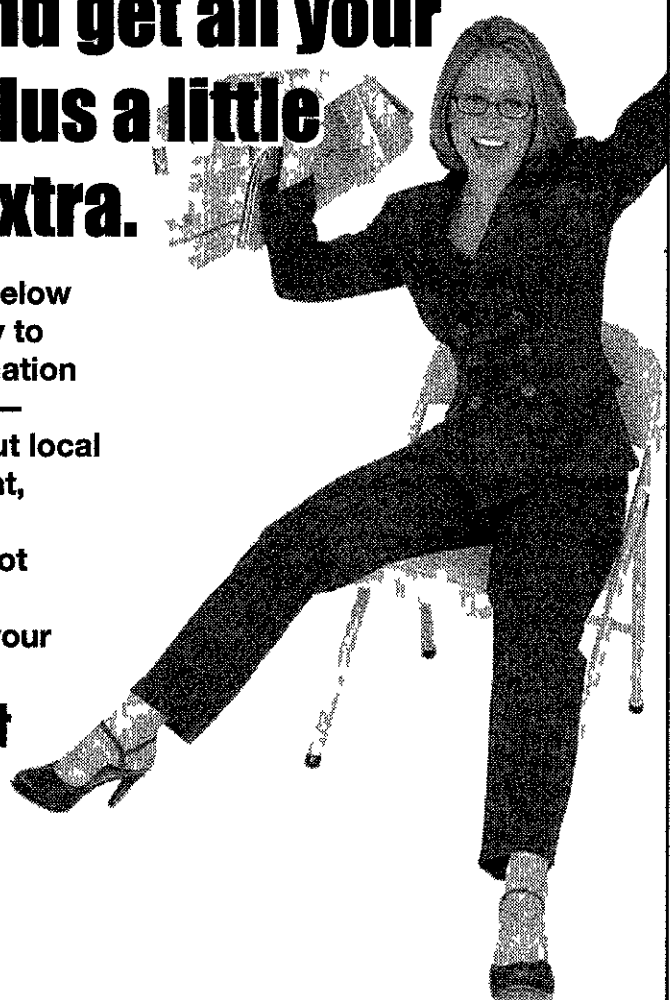
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megapixel camera, music and video players, and all the voice features you could want. And did I mention its deliciously svelte design?"

Now for the bad news: the atrocious Windows Mobile interface.

Because the Q lacks a touchscreen, navigation requires a BlackBerry-like scroll wheel. That wouldn't be such a big deal if Microsoft made the interface usable by ordinary people.

For example, you'll find half a dozen program icons spread across the top of the screen, but they're all unlabeled.

Thankfully, programs are more clearly identified when you venture into the Start menu - but they're not alphabetized, so finding what you want is a chore.

Meanwhile, I tried to run the Pocket MSN instant-messaging applet but couldn't get past the setup screen. That's because my username includes a number, and for whatever reason, numbers are disabled in the username field. Sheesh!

These aren't insurmountable problems, but they sure are annoying. Same goes for Verizon's steep service plans.

WHAT TO BUY

Needless to say, these three smartphones have middling intelligence at best.

If you're heavy into e-mail,

the BlackBerry doesn't disappoint, though I can't believe it lacks instant messaging capabilities.

I like the designs of both the enV and Motorola Q, but I can't abide the crippled e-mail capabilities of the former and the irksome interface of the latter.

Although I didn't review it here, the Palm Treo 700p earns my vote as the top smartphone available today. It's on the bulky side, but it's also the easiest phone to use and the most expandable.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Royal Oak Garden Club

The Royal Oak Garden Club will go on a field trip to Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R in Troy, 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8. Attendees will learn what's new for 2007.

Tropical plants

English Gardens will host free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays this month at all six locations, including stores in West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506, Royal Oak/Troy (248) 280-9500, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433, and Ann Arbor (734) 332-7900.

Caring for Tropical Plants will be the topic. Jan. 13 House plants provide beauty and health benefits by cleaning the air. Learn how to care for plants that will thrive indoors.

English Gardens experts will give information on how to select a plant, tips to encourage flowering and suggestions on using plants to enhance a home's decor.

Winter interest

Michael Sant of Good Earth Landscape Institute of Clarkston (formerly Good

Earth Landscape & Interior Design) will present "Creating Your Garden for Winter Interest: a slide show to benefit the Oakland County Master Gardener Program."

The presentation will take place 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road in Clarkston. Tickets are \$10. All of the money will go to the master gardener program. Call Saint at (248) 620-7188 or visit www.goodearthlandscapelc.com. Learn some fun ways to incorporate sculpture, yard art, summer perennials and ornamentals into a wonderful winter perspective.

Pests, design

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels. Register early. Seating is limited. For more information, call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes: Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems, four ses-

sions beginning 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 or 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Michigan School of Gardening in Livonia, 29429 Six Mile west of Middlebelt (cost is \$137) and Landscape Design, seven Wednesdays beginning 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 17 in Troy through Troy Continuing Education (\$232; register at www.troyceonline.com).

Hardy perennials

Gardening classes at The Community House in Birmingham include What are Hardy Perennials? 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16. Cost is \$29 plus \$5 materials fee payable to instructor in class.

To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates. Students will learn to mimic nature and make invasive plants garden friendly. Breathtaking slides of tried and true perennials will be shown. Important design principles will be featured.

This year get ready for Bordeaux 2005

Last year, all the Bordeaux wine buzz was about the excellence of the 2005 vintage. Top chateaux offered their wines at astronomical futures prices and many wine lovers got wine sticker shock.

This year, the less-hyped and heralded 2005 Bordeaux wines will begin to show up on wine retail shelves. You should consider buying. "From Bordeaux, 40 producers are extremely well known and command high prices, yet there's no excuse for rustic 2005 Bordeaux from any producer," said Alain Moueix, fourth-generation director of Château Fonroque in Saint-Emilion.

BORDEAUX FACTS AND FIGURES

In the broader French region known as Bordeaux, there are 12,000 wine chateaux and more than a quarter million vineyard acres, producing 800 million bottles annually. Due to overproduction, there were endless reports last year of a wine crisis in France, including Bordeaux. *Sacrebleu!* Incentives via the EU may now make available monetary motivation for the least competitive producers to grub up their vineyards.

Through all this, however, Bordeaux remains California's biggest competitor for high-end wines. From the 2005 vintage, we discovered stellar values, because it has long been said, that in a great Bordeaux vintage, real value lies in seeking out the best from lesser-known chateaux. Especially true if you are not fond of the current style trend for many New World red wines — overly jammy, overly extracted, over-ripe fruit characters, heavy-handed oak and alcohols soaring to 16 percent and higher, resulting in elegant wines, lacking terroir characteristics.

Sylvie Courselle of Chateau Theuley, a producer of Bordeaux and Bordeaux Supérieur wines, adds a caution: "Red Bordeaux wines are best with food. They are not sipping wines."

Within the Bordeaux region, there are 57 appellations in the Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) system. To simplify location and characteristics of wines produced, it's easiest to categorize them into six larger,



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

roughly geographical areas. On the right bank of the Dordogne River, all producing principally plush Merlot-based wines, Saint-Emilion (where limestone soils significantly impact the wines' character) can be grouped with Pomerol and Fronsac. Most Saint-Emilion and Pomerol wines will be priced well above \$50. What delighted us most was the superiority of wines from Fronsac at prices well below \$50.

Premières Cotes de Blaye, Cotes de Bourg, Cotes de Castillon, Premières Cotes de Bordeaux and Cotes de Francs are also right bank and frequently dubbed Les Cinq Cotes de Bordeaux, deriving its name from the right banks of the Gironde, Dordogne and Garonne Rivers. On the left bank of the Garonne River and the Gironde estuary, Cabernet Sauvignon prospers in gravelly soils in the Medoc, Pessac-Leognan, Graves and Haut-Medoc. The largest category is labeled Bordeaux and Bordeaux Supérieur and can originate from throughout the region. In 2005, weather conditions benefited cabernet franc, so Medoc and Haut-Medoc producers have potential to surpass plaudits given to only a few vintages in the last 100 years. "However, 2005 was an unusual vintage," cautioned Damien Berureau of the Syndicat Cotes de Bordeaux. "Although ripe fruits are evident, tannins are also. These will tame with bottle age and the wines will be long-lived."

Read *Focus on Wine* next week (Jan 11) to learn more about Bordeaux wines and what to buy from the 2005 Bordeaux vintage.

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WINE PICKS

Disposable income for wine running a little short after the holidays? Try these values, all \$12 or less.

RED WINES

2005 McManis Cabernet Sauvignon \$10
2004 Meridian California Cabernet Sauvignon \$10
2004 Two Tone Farm California Cabernet Sauvignon \$10
2005 McManis Merlot \$10
2004 Canyon Road Merlot \$10
2005 McManis Petite Sirah \$11
2005 McManis Syrah \$10
2005 Bulletin Place Shiraz \$8
2005 McManis Zinfandel \$11
2005 Beauzeaux (bo-zo) \$10
2005 Goats do Roam RED (So. Africa) \$10

WHITE WINES

2006 MAN Chenin Blanc \$10
2006 Goats do Roam WHITE \$10
2006 Simonsig South Africa Chenin Blanc \$11
2005 A by Acacia California Chardonnay \$11
2005 Estancia Pinnacles Ranches Chardonnay \$12
2005 Estancia Pinot Grigio \$12
2005 Gallo Family Twin Valley Moscato \$5 — sweet dessert pour

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

HEALTHY

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enough to prevent boiling water from splashing onto the food. You can improvise a stand by removing the ends of a large can that once held sweet potatoes, for example, or pumpkin.

This dish is as pleasing to the eye as it is to the palette.

STEAMED CHICKEN WITH RED AND YELLOW BELL PEPPER

1/2 tablespoon sesame seed oil
1 teaspoon grated garlic
1 teaspoon grated peeled fresh ginger
1/2 cup sliced spring onions
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1/2 pound (8 ounces) skinned boneless chicken breasts
1 large red bell pepper seeded and cut into thin strips
1 large yellow bell pepper seeded and cut into thin strips
1/2 cup sliced canned bamboo shoots (drained and rinsed)
Salt and freshly ground black pep

per
3 cups hot steamed rice preferably brown

In a small cup, combine oil, garlic, ginger, spring onions and soy sauce. Pour marinade over chicken breasts and rub into meat. Set aside while completing other preparations or marinate for up to 2 hours in the refrigerator. Bring to room temperature before steaming.

Steam until chicken is almost tender. Add bell peppers and bamboo shoots. Sprinkle any remaining marinade over vegetables. Continue steaming until chicken and peppers are tender.

Cut chicken into thin bite-sized slices, then combine with vegetables. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve with rice.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 252 calories, 4 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 36 g carbohydrate, 18 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 349 mg sodium.

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Wine Exploration Series

The Community House offers a variety of classes to learn more about wine. All seven sessions cost \$162, including an Introduction to Wine 7:30 p.m. Jan 17, California and the Pacific Northwest 7:30

p.m. Jan 24, Wines of France (two sessions) Jan 31 and Feb 7, Italian Wines Feb 14, South of the Equator: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand Feb 28, Fortified Wine: Ports, Sherries and Madeiras. March 7, to register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham (248) 644-5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com

Native Italian Cooking

Discover how to make paccheri al prosciutto e piselli (pasta with ham and

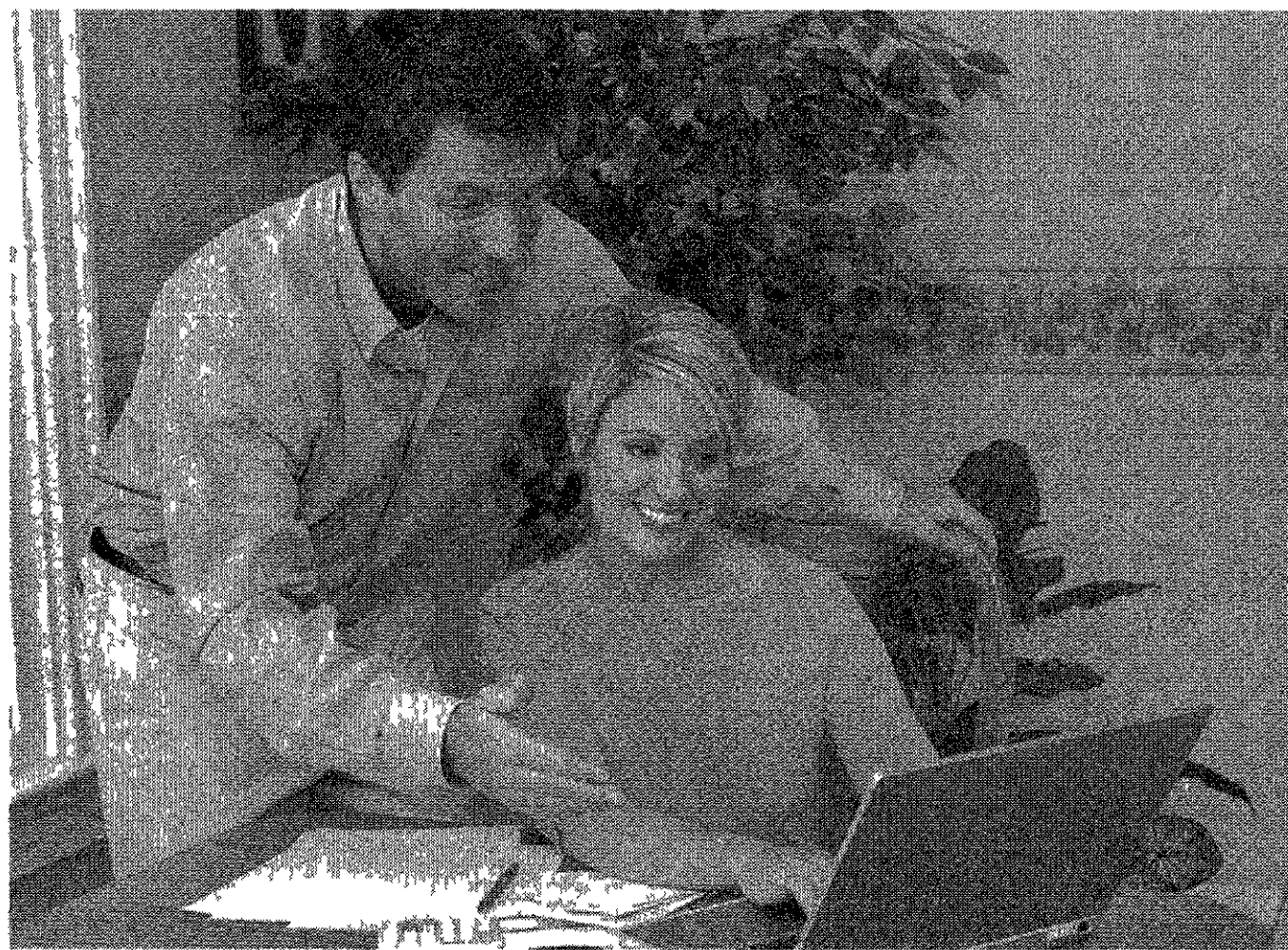
peas), spaghetti alla carbonara (spaghetti with eggs and pancetta) and bucatini alle zucchini. A \$6 materials fee is payable to the instructor in class. Instructor Giovanna Cappi was born and raised in Italy. Class is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Jan 23. \$26 for class. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham (248) 644-5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com

Sauces 101

Simple sauces can be made from things

you already have at home. Learn the keys to building your flavors for that rich taste in your food. Taste samples and take home recipes. A \$6 materials fee is payable to the instructor in class. Chef Christopher Jones brings with him a vast skill set from such places as The Hotel Pontchartrain, Marriott Hilton and Radisson. Class is 7:30 p.m. Jan 22. Cost is \$26 to register for classes. Contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham (248) 644-5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com

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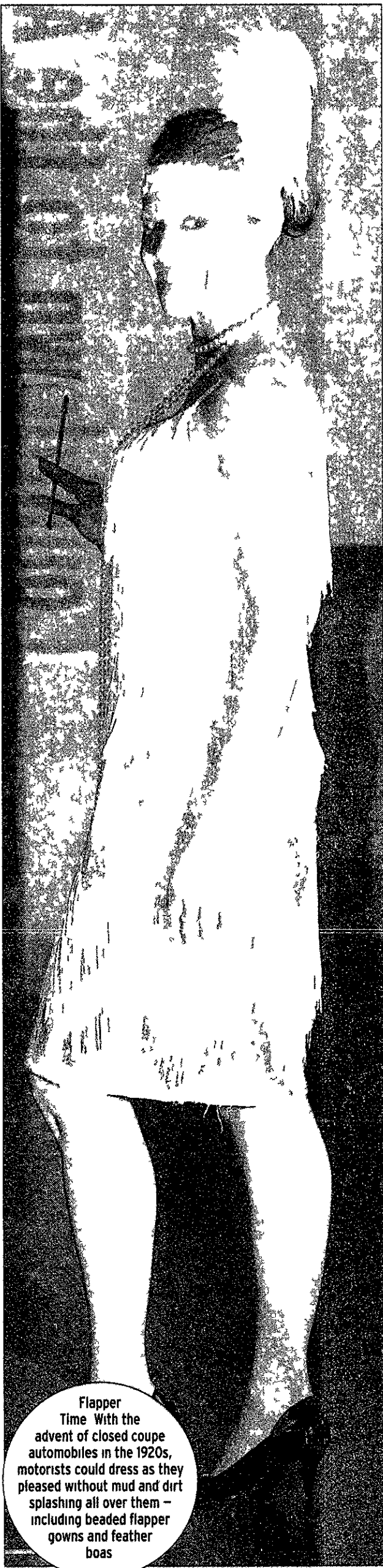
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Auto Show Fashion Through the Decades

By Maureen McDonald
Special Correspondent

At the annual North American International Auto Show in Detroit, motor heads want to know how fast the Nissan Z will zoom from zero to 60, but fashionistas want to see the styles that show models wear.

If Margery Krevsky, CEO of Bingham Farms based Productions Plus, calculates it right, the talented models will deliver fluent talks on Nissan's assets while sporting the latest outfits on the New York runway scene.

Krevsky oversees training, wardrobe and placement of 300 individuals working the bright lights of Cobo Center from Jan. 13-21.

These individuals are far more than models, Krevsky said. They are the eyes and ears of the vehicle brand whose wardrobe matches the spirit and style of the manufacturers they represent.

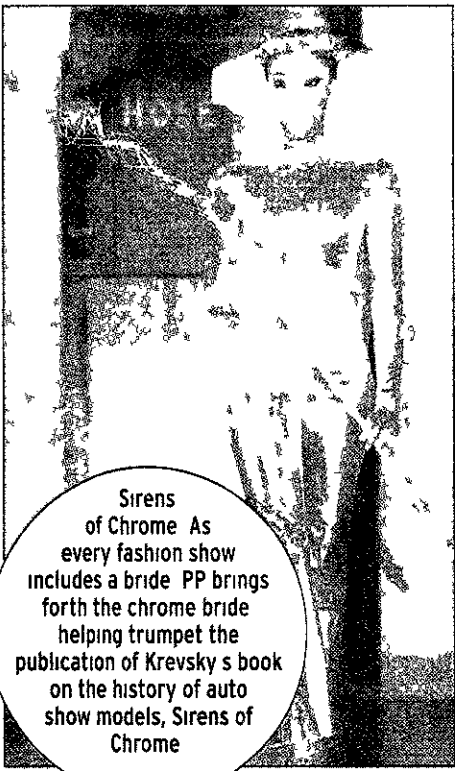
Clothing addresses the attitude of a contemporary home, an urban disco or the deep woods, much as it embodies a Toyota Avalon, a Lexus ES or a Nissan Pathfinder.

Coordinating wardrobe is more daunting than finding bridesmaid dresses, according to Krevsky, who started her career in fashion merchandising for Hudson's. All product specialists assigned to a car line must look good in the same outfit, proportions and colors.

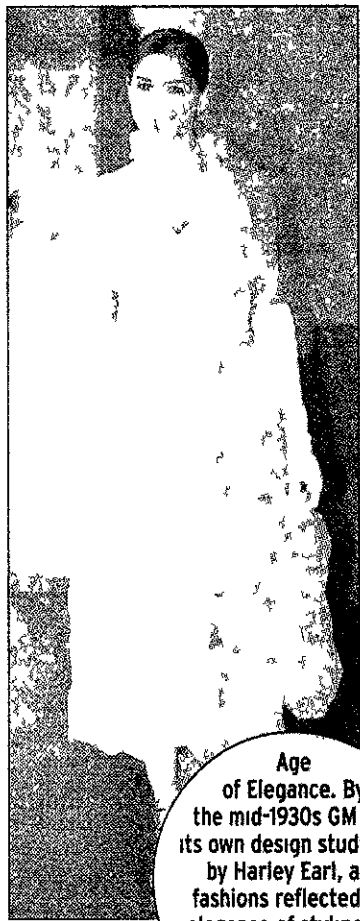
Clothing must be comfortable enough for models to empty boxes of product literature, stock information booths, move on and off turntables and demonstrate car features. And it has to last — models wear the same outfit 10 days in a row for up to 30 events in a regional circuit. At one time, models referred to their outfits as "pain management," because they included chandelier earrings, waist cinchers, push-up bras and stilettoes. Today's garments are made from breathable, beautiful fabrics that accent figures.

Krevsky maintains a full-time wardrobe department at Productions Plus to research historical styles and invent new outfits. She is currently working on a book about auto show fashion through the ages called *Sirens of Chrome*, due out this year.

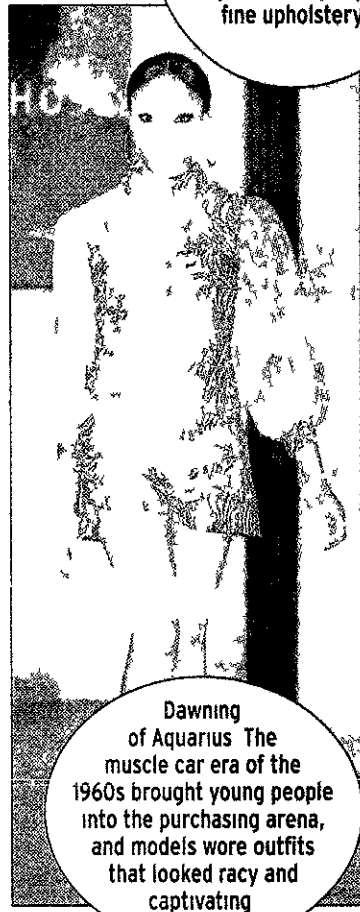
Last May, Krevsky presented a runway show of auto show fashions to members of Women in Communications at the Players Club in Detroit. Here's a look at outfits from the Roaring 20s to the 21st century.



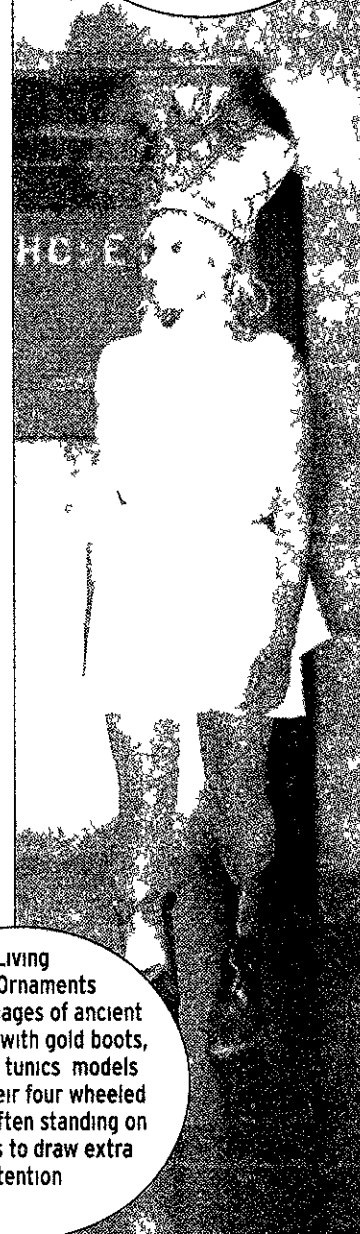
Sirens of Chrome As every fashion show includes a bride, PP brings forth the chrome bride helping trumpet the publication of Krevsky's book on the history of auto show models, *Sirens of Chrome*.



Age of Elegance By the mid-1930s GM had its own design studio led by Harley Earl, and fashions reflected the elegance of styling and fine upholstery.



Dawning of Aquarius The muscle car era of the 1960s brought young people into the purchasing arena, and models wore outfits that looked racy and captivating.



Living Hood Ornaments Evoking images of ancient goddesses with gold boots, tiaras and tunics, models blessed their four-wheeled chariots often standing on car hoods to draw extra attention.

PINK PICKS

By Wendy

Wore It!
Sunny jeans and leggings

Drank It!
Pom-toms

Smelled It!
Badgley Mischka Fragrance

Saw It!
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Wedges

Belts — skinny or wide, they made fashion a cinch!

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The bob — everyone from Madonna to Britney rocked this timeless style



Motor City Makeup Giveaway!

Want to rev up your look? In honor of the North American International Auto Show, Motor City Makeup has donated 25 tubes of 'Auto Show Model' lip gloss to PINK for a glamorous giveaway!

The Milford-based company produces adorable lip glosses and balms with Detroit-inspired monikers like 'Woodward Dream Angel,' 'She's a Tiger,' 'D-Town Diva,' 'Livin' Lodge' and '313 Knockout.'

Motor City Makeup was founded by Natalie Hagopian, a registered nurse who ensures that the formulas are chock full of healthy ingredients, and Cindy Lehrer, a licensed esthetician who expertly picks the color palette.

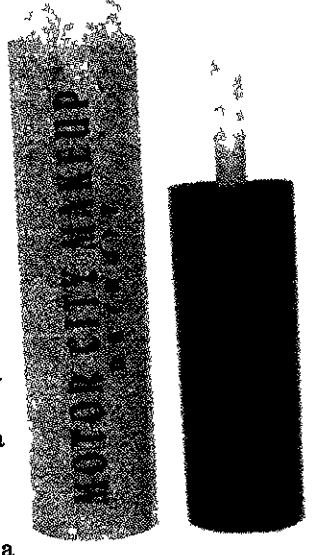
Hagopian said Auto Show Model was inspired by all the lovely ladies who add a dash of panache to NAIAS every year. "We think today's auto show model is more than just a pretty face. These ladies really know their stuff, and they're actually a really important part of selling the cars," Hagopian said. "We wanted to pay homage to the models in a fun way. We picked a shimmery sheer ice pink color because it's an international show, and we wanted it to look good on all 'makes and models' of women."

Now, 24 lucky PINK readers can win a glamorous gloss of their own (we couldn't resist cracking open one tube for ourselves, and found it looks great alone or layered over lipstick).

To enter, simply send an e-mail to pink@hometownlife.com with your name, address, age and phone number. And, in the spirit of NAIAS and the Motor City, tell us in 25 words or less about something you always carry in your car, and why you can't live without it.

Get your entry in by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. We will announce winners in an upcoming edition of PINK!

Meanwhile, check out Motor City Makeup at High Wire Girls in Novi, Shoe-La-La in Birmingham, the Henry Ford Museum Gift Store or online at www.motorcitymakeup.com.



NURTURING LOCAL TALENT

Productions Plus is partnering with PINK to take 10 emerging fashion designers on a fashion-focused tour of the North American International Auto Show Jan. 17. The local designers will learn what it takes to wardrobe auto show talent and may be invited to join the Productions Plus team in creating clothing lines to present to top automakers. Stay tuned to PINK for more or visit www.productions-plus.com.

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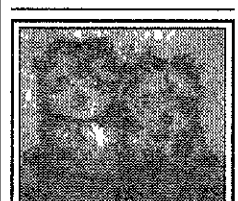
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FORD'S FREESTAR A HARD-WORKING FAMILY MINIVAN

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By Wendy Clem
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Ford Motor Co.'s slogan is "We want everything about your Ford to work as hard as you do." Well, the 2007 Freestar minivan keeps that promise, and at \$24,000, comes at a price even frugal people will appreciate.

Available in three models - SE, SEL, and Limited - the Freestar offers three-row seating to carry seven passengers as well as 15 cubic feet in cargo space, even with the third seat in use.

This provides consumers 70 percent more room than Ford's nearest competitor, and the third seat will also stow in the load floor for maximum cargo space.

Without passengers, that cargo zone is ample enough to transport a full-sized kayak in its 91.7 cubic feet of open area.

The minivan's second and third-row seats are theater-style, and the innovative third row Tailgate Bench Seat allows it to be reversed for group gatherings and lift gate picnics.

Renamed in 2004, the Windstar became the Freestar with Ford's plan to create only cars beginning with the letter F. But a vehicle by any name with the Freestar's safety features earns major kudos, as is obvious in its awards.

The Freestar received the top five-star frontal crash test rating from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from 2004 through 2006, and was named a Best Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, IIHS.

It also got the institute's nod for a top rating for preventing neck injuries during rear crashes - the only minivan to have done so.

The Freestar's optional Safety Canopy with Rollover Sensor protects all three rows by deploying side curtain airbags during certain side crashes or rollovers. Other safety options include an anti-skid system with brake assist and traction control, Advance Trac Reverse Sensing System is another warning device and is an add-

2007 Ford Freestar. Vehicle class: Minivan. Power: 4.2-liter V6 engine. Mileage: 17 city / 23 highway. Where built: Oakville, Ontario. Base price: \$23,705.



on feature. The anti-lock braking system is standard. As part of a commitment to dispense more standard safety features, value and advanced technology, Ford went the extra mile by offering the longer five-year/60,000-mile powertrain limited warranty. The warranty - fully and complementarily transferable to any future vehicle owners - covers the transmission, engine, and more, with no deductibles for repairs. Consumers benefit by free roadside assistance for the entire warranty period, including towing, lock out services and emergency fuel. The industrious Freestar has power to spare on climbs in hilly terrain, and easily cools the interior for the hottest climate. The 4.2-liter V6 engine in the SE model has a 4-speed transmission with 201 horsepower and 263 foot pounds of torque. Two possible V6 engines are Freestar choices. The 3.9-liter brings a maximum of 193 horsepower with 240 foot pounds of torque, along with the greater power of the 4.2-liter. The smaller is on base models in the U.S. and the latter standard on all Canadian models. The front features independent suspension, with semi-independent suspension powering up the rear. Leg and head room and passenger volume are pluses, and the Freestar earned a 5.2 consumer rating at

edmunds.com <http://www.edmunds.com/>. The instrument panel is outfitted with the popular faux wood accents of high-end autos as well as highly visible in-dash gauges. Optional navigational help is available with the Freestar's global positioning system, which also furnishes a 6.5-inch color DVD screen and voice directions as well as DVD mapping. A DVD entertainment extra is also offered. The Freestar shares a design with its twin, the Mercury Monterey. The second passenger row comes with standard captain's chairs or can be ordered with bench seating for three. Choosing a trim level means picking from five possibilities: Freestar (base), SE, Sport, SEL and Limited. Whatever the trim and options you choose, the basic Freestar credo shows that it's working hard for you.

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