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2006 — THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, IKEA store manager Mark McCaslin, and IKEA USA CEO Pernille Lopez sawed the birch log to open the new store back in June. The store opening was the news story of the year for 2006.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bob Boyer, IKEA, Olympic skaters big stories of 2006

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Looking back at 2006, one would have to say it was certainly an interesting year for Canton. Some would even say a monumental year.

The opening of IKEA in June, with all the hoopla and anticipation surrounding it, has to rank as the top news event last year — maybe even of the last

decade or longer. Canton Trustee Karl Zarbo thought it was such a big deal, he said in the future people will talk about Canton's history as "before IKEA and after IKEA."

But 2006 was about much more than just IKEA. The war in Iraq dominated headlines nationally, and in early November, the price of the war was brought home when Canton resident and U.S. Marine Sgt. Bryan Burgess was

killed by a sniper's bullet. He became the second Canton soldier to be killed in the war that began in March 2003. The war also cost Canton one of its trustees, when Todd Caccamo, who was elected in 2004, vacated his seat in April to rejoin the Marines and aid America's cause in Iraq.

There were certainly some interesting

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Students add 'Voices' to local newspaper

The *Observer Newspapers* is proud to present "Student Voices" in today's HometownLIFE.com section. A group of high school students volunteered late last year to write and report on issues important to younger readers. If you wonder what teens are thinking about, please take time to read their stories in today's issue and online at www.hometownlife.com.

The students, with help from their mentors — reporter Tiffany Parks, Canton editor Kurt Kuban and Plymouth editor Brad Kadrich — prepared today's stories and photos. Students brainstormed ideas, did the interviews and research and wrote the stories.

"The students showed an eagerness to learn about journalism and an enthusiasm for putting together the



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The Plymouth-Canton student-journalist team consisted of Kelly Clawson, Summer Diehl, Brad Kadrich, Kurt Kuban, Tiffany Parks, Rodney Harris, David Hopper, Nicole Wildman, Gabrielle Zuzo and Carlee Barackman.

best section they could," said Parks, the lead mentor for the Plymouth-Canton contingent. "We were very

impressed with the effort they put into the project." From Park set-up emulates college environment for stu-

dents" by Gabrielle Zuzo to "Local artists carve out names for themselves at Ice Festival" by Kelly Clawson, along with David Hopper's insightful column on police drug searches, the student journalists took their assignments seriously and have produced some compelling pieces.

As your hometown newspaper, we believe it's important to hear from younger readers and give them a forum to express themselves. They will be the print and/or online journalists of the future. Congratulations to these outstanding students. We hope you enjoy their work and look for more to come from our panel of student journalists in 2007. We welcome your comments.

— Susan Rosiek, executive editor
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Energized

Physically fit 77-year-old says life doesn't have to end when you get old

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

After some people reach a certain age, they're content just living to see another day. Betty McLeod is not one of those people.

An active grandmother of two, McLeod, 77, has become a permanent fixture at Summit on the Park, arriving to exercise at 5:30 a.m. every Monday through Saturday and staying for at least four hours.

"Life doesn't have to stop when you get older," she said. "People say they can't keep up with me because I'm like the Energizer bunny. I just keep going and going."

McLeod, who has three daughters, began frequenting the recreation center after she became a widow in the late '90s.

"I just needed something to do, but I became addicted," she said, adding that routine exercise has taken away the arthritis that used to plague her joints. "If there's a day that I can't go, I feel like I've missed a day of school. It's something I have to do."

Tom Nunez, a front desk supervisor at the Summit, said McLeod often arrives at the center before staff members.

She's usually waiting," he said, laughing. "She's a very sweet lady and she's in great shape."

Glancing at a glass plaque on top of her refrigerator describing her as an "Aqua Queen," McLeod said a Summit employee convinced her to start swimming again.

"They told me that I would like it, but I hadn't bought a bathing suit in years," she said. "Now, I have about 50."

McLeod, who even notices when new exercise equipment arrives at the facility, describes herself as an overachiever and said a fellow club member gave her the glass plaque after she nearly tripled the goal of an aquatic fitness program.

"The more I do, the more I get going," she said.



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Betty McLeod, 77, holds up one of the more than 50 swimsuits she owns. The Canton resident works out at the Summit six days a week.

McLeod grew up outside of Adrian. She moved to her Ford Road home in 1977. She still maintains the property's two and half acres.

"My kids are always bragging about me," she said, with a wide grin plastered across her face.

"They tell everybody 'My mom does this' and 'My mom does that.' Longevity runs in our family."

In addition to exercise, McLeod enjoys collecting porcelain dolls, shopping with her granddaughter and watching soap operas. "*Guiding Light* is my favorite," she said.

Hoping to inspire other seniors to "get off the couch," McLeod said life is too precious to sit around twiddling her thumbs.

"You're crazy if (you think I'm too old)," she said. "I'm going to keep going as long as I can."

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Winter Ball mixes fun with good cause

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

As the recipient of a \$20,000 scholarship, Katherine Robiadek can attest to the importance of the Canton Community Foundation.

"The foundation has the ability to directly impact a young person's future by making their education possible," said Robiadek, who graduated from Salem High School in 1999 and went on to attend the James Madison College at Michigan State University.

Robiadek, who's now a pro-

gram assistant with the foundation, is urging community members to support the organization's upcoming Winter Ball.

The 13th annual ball will take place at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$1,000 per table of 10 for the semi-formal event.

Proceeds will benefit the foundation, which gives scholarships and grants to students and non-profit organizations in Canton and Plymouth.

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Township board meeting

The Canton Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m., Jan. 9 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center. Among the agenda items include approval of a recreational trail along the Lower Rouge River, site plans for Goddard School and Quadrants Industrial Research Centre, purchase of a workstation for the detective bureau, agreement for payment of election costs to Canton from Schoolcraft College and Plymouth-Canton Schools, and a request to create and fill a recreation specialist position.

Tree vouchers available

Vouchers for Canton's 2007 Tree Planting Partnership Program are now available. The vouchers can be used to plant new trees or replace dead trees on any lot or parcel between the sidewalk and the curb line of the street. Applications for tree program vouchers can be picked up in person at the Planning Services counter or down loaded off the townships' Web site at www.canton-mi.org under "publications and forms." All applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Once Planning Services receives an application, an approved voucher will be sent to the applicant in the mail. Applicants will also receive a list

of approved tree species and planting specifications. Trees must be purchased after the issuance of the voucher to be eligible for reimbursement. Vouchers are valid from the date of issuance until Nov. 15 (planting season) and must be returned to Planning Services no later than Nov. 30 for reimbursement. Do not submit the voucher until the tree is planted. For more information on this program, contact Canton's Planning Services Division at (734) 394-5170.

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 Cojer, chamber president. Following lunch, 35th District Court Judge Mike



New York, New York

Eight students from the Plymouth-Canton Schools DECA Club traveled to New York City in November for the Michigan DECA New York City Marketing Conference. The students who attended (Andrew Bennington, Kaitlin Downey, Mike Eppler, Mark Gleba, Kristina Joseph, Leanne Palarchio, Andrea Spohn, and Rayvon Williams) attended the conference to explore a career track in the financial, advertising, hospitality, fashion or sports and entertainment industries. Over the course of the five-day conference, students worked closely with representatives of the New York business community. They also took in the sights and sounds of New York City and visited famous businesses including Barney's, Kenneth Cole, the Manhattan Theatre Club, the Commodities Exchange, and the Ritz-Carlton, just to name a few.

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.

Planning commission

The Canton Planning

Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, on the first floor of the Canton Administration Building. Items on the agenda include a public hearing on the final site plan and PDD for Wellington Willows, and a staff referral for J.C. Penney to be located north of Ford Road and west of Morton Taylor Road.

American Legion meets

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township.

All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

Grief support series

Coping with the death of a parent can be very difficult. Heartland Hospice is offering a free four-week series, "Adult Loss of a Parent", beginning Thursday, Jan. 18, through Thursday, February 8, from 5:30-7 p.m. This program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office in Ann Arbor, 3840 Packard Road, and is open to anyone. For more information on other

support groups or to register, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, at (734) 973-1145 or toll free at (888) 973-1145.

Home buying seminar

Join Shore Mortgage at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, for a free home buyers/credit fixing seminar. Representatives from Shore Mortgage will help you identify your credit problems, discuss solutions and show you how to purchase a new home. For directions to the Canton location, please call Richard Pasiaka at (734) 776-5635 or Karen Williams at (734) 218-0338.

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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CORRECTIONS

■ In a story about Canton Construction flipping a former drug house that appeared in the Dec. 21 *Canton Observer*, the house in question, which is on the west side of Manton Boulevard, was listed as being in the Parkwood Estates. Homes within the sub-

division begin on the east side of Manton.

■ In a story about the new Canton restaurant Chili Masala that ran in the Jan. 4 *Canton Observer*, the phone number listed was actually the restaurant's fax number. The phone number is (734) 981-6065.

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Orchestra Canton will bring Tchaikovsky and friends to life

Orchestra Canton will present the third concert of the 2006-2007 Classical Canton season with "Tchaikovsky & Friends" at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

This concert, which will be conducted by Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Director Nan Washburn, will feature the lyrical sounds of



Tchaikovsky's Andante Cantabile, along with his only large scaled work for string orchestra, the Serenade in C Major. A new work performed by a quartet of Orchestra Canton musicians Libby Larsen's Four on the Floor, inspired by both 'boogie-woogie' and the composer's love of driving fast, is a hilarious parody of contemporary American life.

Also, in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, prominent African American composer William Grant Still will be featured in his lively Danzas de Panama. A captivating arrangement of Bartok's Rumanian Folk Dances rounds out the pro-



Nan Washburn, Orchestra Canton music director and conductor, will once again lead the group on Jan. 20 at the Village Theater.

gram. Tickets for this concert, which is being sponsored by Huntington Bank, the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and Xerographic Solutions Inc., are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for children. Tickets may be

purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway in Canton or by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460 x 6 x 0.

Tickets may also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour before each

performance, though patrons are advised to order tickets early as Orchestra Canton's January concert has sold out the past two seasons. For more information on Orchestra Canton's Classical Canton season, please visit www.orchestracanton.org.

Board to decide fate of recreation trail

The Canton Board of Trustees will decide the fate of a proposed recreation trail along the Lower Rouge River at its regular meeting 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Canton Administration Building.

Board members will vote whether or not to approve an Interagency Agreement (IAA) and budget amendment for the trail head and associated trail project. If approved, a \$440,000 trail grant IAA with Wayne County will be used to construct a non-motorized recreational trail from the International Transmission Corporation (ITC) Corridor west to Canton Center Road. In addition, the money will also be used to construct a trail

head at the ITC Corridor and Morton Taylor Road for parking and trail access.

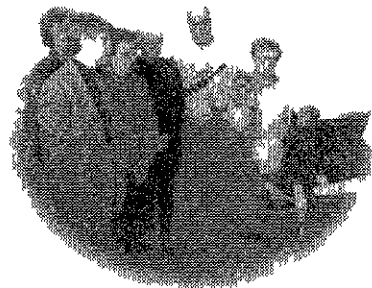
The trail proposal has been criticized by some residents, especially those living along or near the river.

In 2005, Canton applied for a 50/50 trail head grant with Wayne County. Earlier this year, the grant was awarded with Wayne County paying \$220,000 and Canton paying \$220,000 that will come from recreation funds and in-kind services. If approved, construction on this project could begin as early as this winter.

The Jan. 9 meeting is open to the public. The Canton Administration Building is located at 1150 Canton Center-

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When a physician experiences difficulty in dealing with pain in the bottom of the foot, certain conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis lead to pain at the balls of the toes. However, the most common problem, plantar fasciitis, causes physicians the most problem particularly in treatment. While a bone spur is most often identified as being the culprit, research shows the great majority of bone spurs give rise to nothing more than an interesting x-ray picture. The cause of plantar fasciitis is in the tough tissue that forms the plantar quadratus muscle and its surrounding tissue in the arch of the foot.

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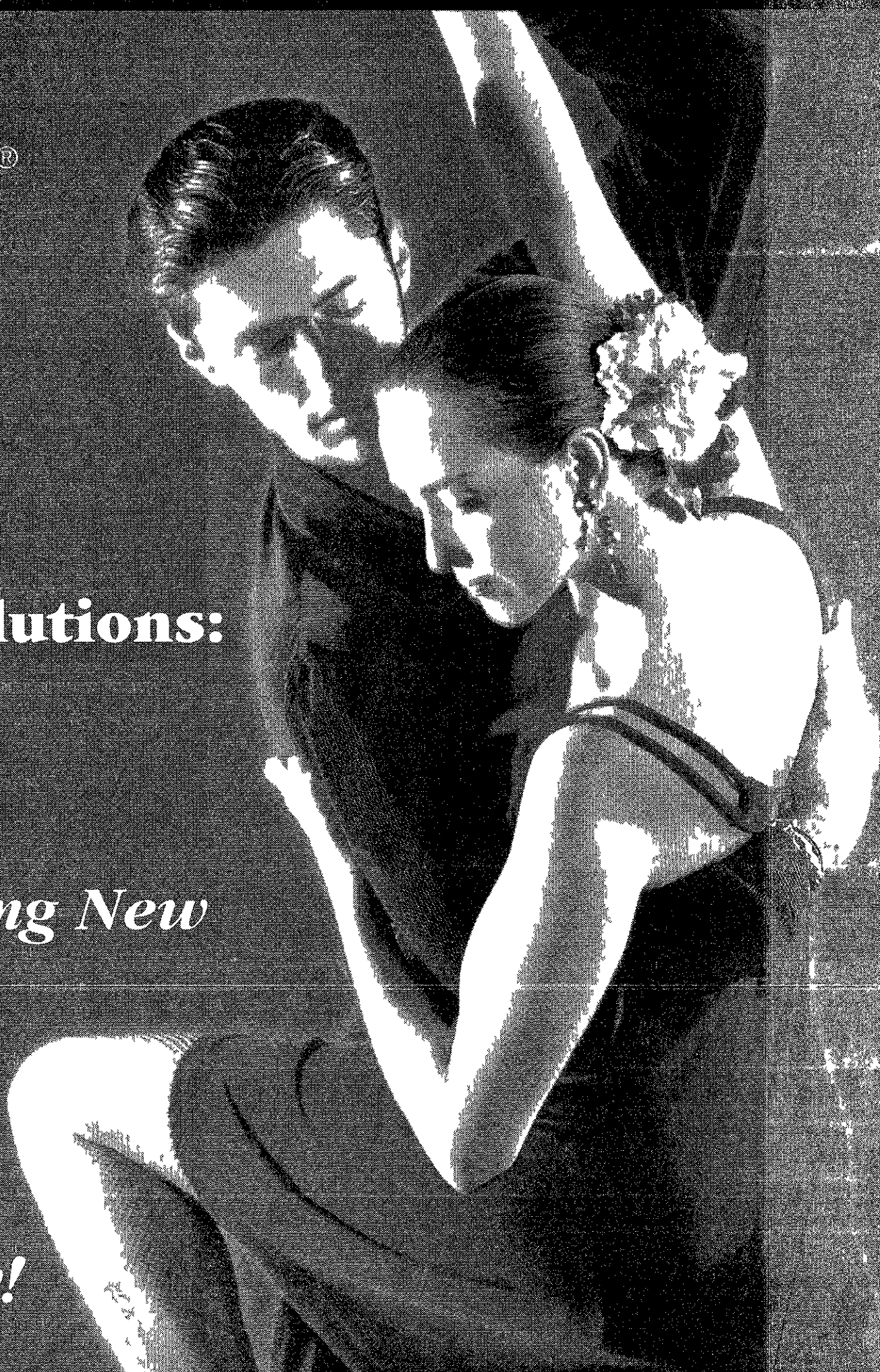


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The Canton Winter Ball will again be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia

WINTER BALL

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The foundation awarded \$100,000 in grants and scholarships last year.

Along with our golf outing, the Winter Ball is one of our major fund-raisers," said Joan Noricks, CCF president, adding that bleak financial times have affected contributions. "The economy is hitting us and our numbers are down (but this is a good cause) because the money really does stay right here in our community."

Following a cocktail reception, the event will include a gourmet meal, dessert bar,

13TH ANNUAL WINTER BALL

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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dancing and dueling pianos.

After 13 years, we're trying to keep it fresh and mix it up a little bit," said Noricks, referring to the dueling pianists

who engage the crowd and play with and against each other.

Robiadek, one of the first recipients of the Yazaki North America Inc. scholarship, said having the four-year award helped her flourish in college. "Without it, I would've had to dedicate my summers exclusively to work," she said, noting that she was able to use that time to take extra courses.

Calling the foundation a "philanthropic leader," Noricks said she hopes the annual ball will be well-received.

"I love the ball because it's a way to support your own community and have a lot of fun doing it," she said.

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Kettle campaign rallies to top goal

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In mid-December, three weeks into the annual Red Kettle drive, the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps collected \$27,800 — down 15 percent from the same time the previous year.

That was cause for concern for Capt. Jim Irvine, the corps commander. He not only feared the announced goal of \$155,000 wouldn't be met, but he needed more than the \$195,000 collected in 2005 to meet an ever-increasing need in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville communities.

Where there's a will, there's a way, with maybe a little divine intervention thrown in for good measure.

Irvine said after word the Red Kettles were lacking in donations, the community came through to raise a total of

\$248,120.

"People heard and understood," said Irvine. "It's just a phenomenal effort for this area, and a tremendous response to the needs of those in the community."

Irvine said the turnout in donations seemed to come when word spread that many of those who once supported the Salvation Army were now in need because of Michigan's economic doldrums.

"We had 110 families this Christmas that never needed assistance turn to us this year for help," Irvine said. "Out of that number, 80 percent came from Canton."

"The real story, where we sometimes lose sight, is that despite what people may think Plymouth, Canton and Northville are hurting," added Irvine. "And we believe there are far more people hurting who haven't been able to get

over the issue of pride it requires to come to the Salvation Army and say 'I need your help.'"

The annual battle of service clubs resulted in Plymouth Kiwanis beating the Plymouth Rotary clubs — again — in Red Kettle collections. The Kiwanians raised \$21,903 during one weekend, while the Rotarians collected \$8,957.

"You can't put a dollar price on that," said Irvine of the bell-ringing efforts of the various groups. "It not only helps during Christmas, but the entire community the rest of the year in terms of food, paying utility bills, mortgage assistance and keeping people in their homes."

"The piece that's missing is the level of hope that's provided to people that wouldn't be there if it wasn't for the donations," he said.

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New library board member

Canton Township Clerk Terri Bennett (right) swears in Colleen Van Auker as the newest member of the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees on Dec. 21. Van Auker replaces Richard Eva who resigned due to a conflict with his new position as Finance Director for Canton Township. Van Auker, an 11-year resident of Canton, describes herself as an avid library supporter who had at one point considered obtaining a masters degree in library science. She said she hopes to bring a sense of business acumen and understanding of technology as a trustee. Van Auker is employed as a commodity manager for an automotive supplier.



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YEAR IN REVIEW

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elections in 2006. Back in May, voters delivered a double whammy to the Plymouth-Canton School District, rejecting both parts of a bond proposal that would have made improvements to schools and added a theater, a pool and several athletic improvements. District officials will go back to voters in February with a much scaled-back bond proposal.

The general election in November was also full of surprises as voters in Canton, a traditional Republican stronghold, somewhat fell in line with the national trend of leaning toward Democrats. Incumbents Bruce Patterson and Phil LaJoy did both win re-election, but other Republicans didn't fare so well, including longtime Canton politician Loren Bennett, who lost to Kevin McNamara in his bid for a county commission seat. Incumbent 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe was also re-elected in a campaign that got nasty at times, and had employees at the court a little on edge.

Last year was certainly one in which Canton residents rose up to preserve their little corner of the world. In March, residents protested a proposal by township officials to sell off Fellows Creek Golf Course to a developer who wanted to build an upscale shopping center on the site. The protests were heeded and the township board decided not to sell the course, and in fact is now in the midst of upgrading it. Residents living near Beck and Geddes also rose up against a proposal by Oakwood Hospital to build a facility in the area. Currently it appears the residents may have won the day, as Oakwood has gone back to the drawing board with the plan.

And just when it looked like another piece of Canton's agricultural history was going to be lost, longtime Canton resident Bob Boyer stepped in to save the historic Cady barn. He paid to move the barn to Cherry Hill Village, where it will remind future generations that Canton was once home to



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bob Boyer was the person of the year in Canton for donating the money to move the historic Cady barn, but also for everything else he does in the community.

vast farm fields and was known for its delicious sweet corn.

Unfortunately, while Canton remained one of the safest communities in the area, there were a number of disturbing crimes in 2006, most notably a rash of infant abuse cases, some of which ended in death. In the most recent case last month, a five-week-old boy suffered nine broken bones among other injuries. The boy's father, Steven Michael Szyszkowski, 26, was charged with two counts of first-degree child abuse, each charge punishable by up to 15 years in prison. The mother, Jayme Beth Stratton, 36, was charged for not reporting the abuse to authorities.

Another crime that made news in 2006 was the April 16 murder of Robert Lee Armstrong in his home while his two young children slept in other rooms. After months of investigative work, Canton detectives came up with a suspect, Andre Adams of Ypsilanti, who was arrested in October in Nevada by North Las Vegas police officers. Investigators say his fingerprints were all over a flashlight that was used to beat

Armstrong to death. Adams has been charged with open murder and could face the rest of his life in prison.

Obviously these were only some of the stories that made 2006 an important one in Canton's history. There are just too many to list. But we thought we would highlight the biggest newsmakers of 2006. Hopefully, it will bring back some memories.

NEWS STORY OF THE YEAR

In Canton's history, there was probably never an event that was anticipated by so many people as the June 7 grand opening of IKEA. The June 7 grand opening for the Swedish furniture retailer was as much a carnival as it was a store opening. Live bands played and entertainers strolled through the parking lot in the early morning hours. When the doors finally opened, there were already 4,000 people waiting in line, many of whom had spent the night in the parking lot.

The day was also the culmination of a long process that began a couple of years earlier when IKEA officials initially chose Canton to be the site of their first store in Michigan —

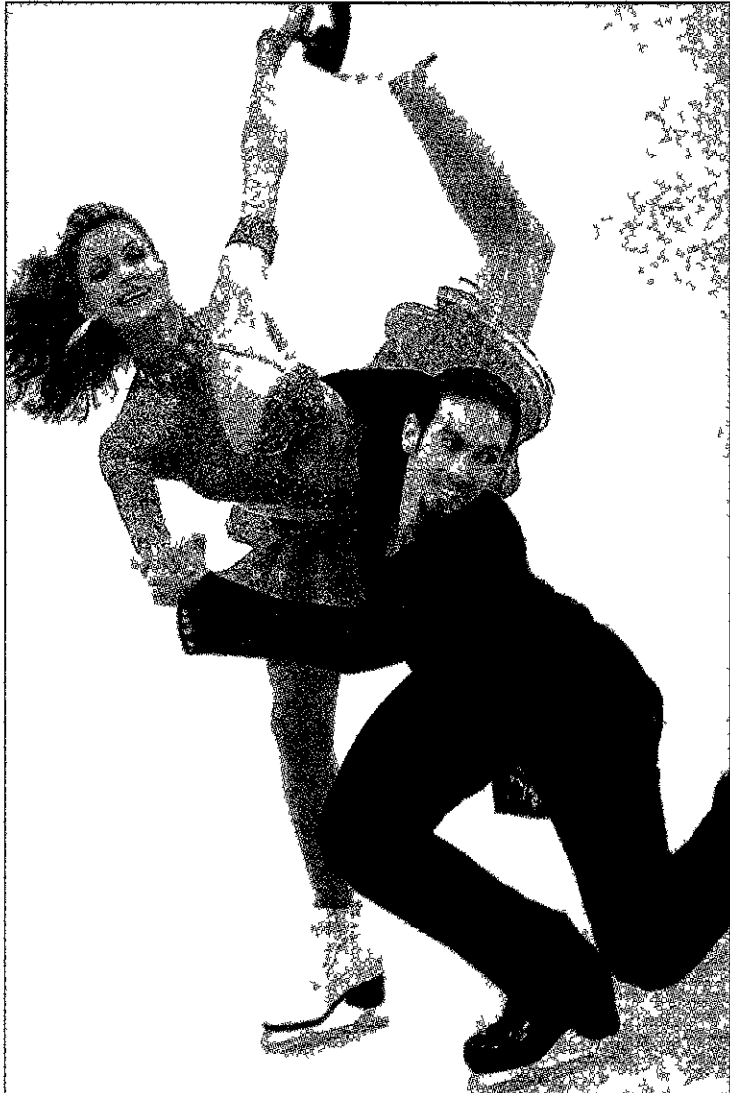
a giant 311,000-square-foot store at Ford Road and I-275 that employs some 400 people. There was a bit of drama when IKEA officials announced they were pulling out of their deal to buy the former Super Kmart, but township officials helped smooth out the deal.

Local officials believe the store makes Canton a destination, while also giving the town a hipper image. They also believe IKEA will provide a tremendous economic benefit to the Ford Road corridor because it attracts shoppers from all over the metro area, the state and even the Midwest and Ontario.

It didn't take long for IKEA to prove its appeal, as more than 100,000 shoppers visited the store during the first four days it was opened.

PERSON OF THE YEAR

Most people that know Bob Boyer will be quick to tell you what a great guy he is. Boyer, a longtime Canton resident who owns Boyers Meat Processing on Barr Road, proved what a good guy he really is by paying to save the old Cady barn, which was very close to being demolished. The century-old barn — one of the last in Canton — was located on the Plymouth-Canton Educational



PAUL M. CHELLE HARVATH | U.S. FIGURE SKATING

Ice dancing pair Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto won the Olympic silver medal, becoming athletes of the year in Canton.

Park. Schools officials wanted to build new tennis courts and were going to tear it down.

Boyer stepped in after reading a story about some Salem students, who made the old barn the subject of a class project and were advocating that it be saved. By some accounts, Boyer spent more than \$100,000 to have some Amish tradesmen dismantle and then rebuild the barn in Cherry Hill Village next to the equally historic Bartlett-Travis House. Fittingly, the barn was re-dedicated in October as the Boyer/Cady Barn, where it will forever stand as a testament both to Canton's proud agricultural past and Boyer's generosity.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto took the world by storm during their silver medal winning performance at the

Winter Olympics in Italy. But it was the many hours of unheralded practice at Canton's Arctic Ice arena where they honed the skills they displayed so elegantly on the world stage. They became the first Americans to medal in ice dancing in 30 years and, in the process, became America's darlings during the Olympics.

In the weeks after the Olympics, Belbin and Agosto could be seen all over the place. They were on just about every television talk show imaginable. They had become true celebrities. But that didn't stop them from making an appearance in Canton, which threw a big welcome home party for their heroes. More than 300 people, cheering and waving American flags, turned out to congratulate and honor them.

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State political scandal was turning point in Ford career

Jan 11 marks the 61st anniversary of a turning point in the life of the late President Gerald R. Ford. On that date in 1945, paid assassins shot and killed state Sen. Warren G. Hooper, R-Albion, on a rural stretch of M-99.

Ford had nothing to do directly with the case. But he was the beneficiary of its political fallout.

A one-man grand jury had been investigating bribery and corruption in the Michigan Legislature and business circles since 1943. Special prosecutor in the case was the flamboyant former Democrat Kim Sigler. Hooper had agreed a day or two earlier to blow the whistle on money that had been passed to influence votes on sausage manufacturing, barber regulation, chain banking, dog racing,



Tim Richard

horse racing, slot machines, small loan interest rates and the manufacture of oleo.

The story of Hooper's slaying is well told, in great detail, in *Three Bullets Sealed His Lips*, by Bruce Rubenstein and Lawrence Ziewacz (1987 Michigan State University Press). I recommend it warmly.

Sigler was highly ambitious. He wanted to ride the case to the governor's chair and then to the White House, in the footsteps of crime-busting Tom Dewey. Sigler did win one term as governor in 1946 but irritated so many that voters dumped him in 1948 in favor of Democrat G. Mennen Williams. (Sigler died in a plane crash 10 years later.)

As Rubenstein and Ziewacz relate the tale, Sigler and investigators believed the trigger men were members of Detroit's old Purple Gang, who were safely in Jackson Prison. They were let out by corrupt prison officials and even used a warden's car to track down Hooper and force his car off the road.

But the trigger men weren't Sigler's target. He sought bigger game. He figured the money man was Frank D. McKay, a Grand Rapids banker, real estate tycoon and businessman who had served three terms as state treasurer and was the king maker among Michigan Republicans. McKay was the target of several investigations — including why state cars all had tires purchased from the tire company McKay had founded.

Before the dust had settled, there were 130 arrests and 62 convictions of politicians, cops, lobbyists and lawyers. Among the convictions were 23 of our \$3-a-day legislators — 18 Democrats and five Republicans.

Among the Republicans was Sen. Carl F.

Attending Wolverine Boys State in 1952, I worked with a Grand Rapids student who extolled the virtues of Jerry Ford, even then destined for sainthood. In 1953 my buddy and I took a spring break vacation to Washington and called on Mr. Ford. We had in mind seeing Ford run for governor. Ford was uninterested.

DeLano, of Cooper Township in Kalamazoo County. My late colleague Fred DeLano, whose erudite writings once graced these pages, kept a 1944 edition of the Michigan Manual on his desk at home. One of his kids asked why Fred opened it to a picture of his father, the senator. It may explain why Fred always was a staunch Democrat.

Officially the murder of Warren Hooper was never solved, and McKay never was convicted of anything. He died in Florida in 1965, worth \$50 million in the fullness of years.

But McKay's days as a political king maker were pretty much over. In Grand Rapids there arose a reform group bent to brooming out the McKay machine. The reform group was composed of many University of Michigan alumni and friends, according to the Web site of the U-M's Clements Library.

Paul Goebel soon succeeded George Welsh as mayor. In the 1948 GOP primary, a young Navy veteran, former U.M. gridiron star and lawyer named Gerald R. Ford challenged and beat veteran Congressman Bartel Jonkman.

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One wonders if the McKay machine ever would have been discredited if the Purple Gang members hadn't put three bullets into the head of an obscure legislator named Warren Hooper that chilly January day in 1945. Maybe Jerry Ford would have achieved greatness anyway.

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Helping the less fortunate should be a yearlong effort

"Devon? Devon?" I had to say it at least twice. "Devon?" Maybe it was three times. Probably four, now that I think about it. "DEVON?"

What? The small 10-year-old boy didn't look at me. A puffy black jacket wrapped around him, his eyes were fixed upward, his hands hung limp into the sink, a steady stream of warm water pouring over them. He was in his head, concentrating on something I couldn't see.



Megan Pennefather

I watched him for a minute. He never looked at me. I didn't really say anything.

I watched him because he was quiet. Quiet and focused. Something I hadn't yet seen. Devon be in the nine months I had been volunteering at the Rosa Parks Art Studio in the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Conner Street in Detroit.

The studio provides inner-city teens and pre-teens with arts and crafts each weekday afternoon. The idea is for these kids to express their sometimes difficult feelings in art therapy projects, while staying off the streets or alone at home in the after-school hours from 4-6 p.m.

As a volunteer counselor, one of my biggest challenges was this wiry boy with big eyes who seemed to have an electric current running through him at all times. He was distracted, frustrating, anxious and regularly gave new meaning to the term "acting out."

But here he was, I thought to myself that day last January, his restless personality quelled by warm water falling over his hands.

I relayed the story to Sister Nancyann Turner, an art therapist and Dominican nun who started the program. Devon settled down, I told her. He actually stood still and focused, though on what I didn't know.

What Sister Nancyann said next is on my top 10 list of phrases that have impacted my life.

That's interesting, she told me. Hmm, maybe it's because the lights and heat is always going off at his house, and the feeling of warm water is such a welcome novelty.

His mother would disappear for days at a time, and Devon, one of three children, came home each night to flip on a switch that doesn't work or a faucet that doesn't produce water.

I was surprised by this fact. I was surprised by what I learned later. More than 1,000 families serviced by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen alone regularly get their heat, water and electricity shut off because for them, it's a choice between rent, food and utilities each month.

I've learned not to be surprised anymore. So I'm not surprised to relate that even

though this winter has been relatively mild thus far, the need for heating and electricity for the area's needy goes on. The poorest, those who've recently lost their jobs and must choose a mortgage payment over heat, and the working poor who've learned to go without if it means groceries that week.

It's the week after Christmas and the new year looms, and we most of us can pat ourselves on the back for dropping a toy in a Toys for Tots box, dropping canned goods and a few bucks for the needy. Maybe we helped out in a soup kitchen, maybe we adopted a family for Christmas.

And now is the time to sit back, silently congratulating ourselves on what good people we are and contemplate that perennial weight-loss resolution.

Life is good and we're good people. We'll all have another congratulatory group hug next Christmas.

This is the time where the point of this mis-sive comes in. Charity relegated to one time of the year is not true generosity. Misty-eyed sentiments expressed when dropping a dollar into a Salvation Army bucket are nice, but they're not enough.

We all have credit card bills. We all have debt. And you know what? In the great big scheme of it all, we have a lot.

That needs to be played through our heads all year. In the summer months, in the spring, in the autumn — hunger is hunger, heat is heat, water is water, electricity is electricity.

The needy don't just need at Christmas. And I tell you this knowing that we're all nursing battered bank accounts, myself included.

Need is need. It doesn't end. The needy don't go away when Christmas is over, even though donations seem to.

That's why when you see that solicitation for The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) come stuffed in with your electric bills, don't ignore it. Three dollars is better than nothing.

We may all be under the belief that for donations to mean anything, they need to be large. That's not true. Three dollars is better than nothing.

As for Devon, he still comes to art most days. He still is distracted and anxious.

But now, I think about him when he leaves the studio. I picture him going home and flipping a light switch. I imagine the lights go on. And the heat. He can take his puffy black coat off and sit in his home. Maybe he'll do his homework. Maybe he'll sleep.

Maybe. But I know that whatever happens, it's up to me. It's up to all of us.

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Nothing is easy about managing family finances

Hi, I'm Rick Bloom and it is my privilege and honor to be able to be here with you in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* every Sunday and Thursday.

To those of you who are not familiar with me, I was born and bred in Michigan and have lived my entire life here. I'm an honor's graduate from both Michigan State University and the University of Michigan School of Law. Professionally, I have been a fee-only financial adviser for more than 20 years.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

I have had the privilege of writing columns in other papers in the Detroit area. I've also have done a local radio show for 20 years. Presently, my show, *The Rick Bloom Show* is heard from noon to 3

p.m. every Sunday on WDTK-AM (1400).

I have lived in the Detroit area my entire life and I've had the privilege of conducting numerous seminars on investing, estate planning and personal financial planning throughout the state and the country.

As a financial adviser, I have always been independent in the fact that neither me nor anyone in my firm, Bloom Asset Management, has ever accepted, nor will ever accept, any compensation from any product I ever recommend. My belief is that when it comes to investing and personal financial affairs, you need independent advice, not advice cluttered by conflicts of interest.

And today, getting sound financial advice is more important than ever before. When it comes to your personal financial affairs, life used to be easy. When you needed a mortgage, you went to your savings and loan and had two or three options. 30 years, 15 years or adjustable. Today, there are hundreds of companies that handle mortgages and there are hundreds of different types

of mortgages. When it came to investing, if you decided on a mutual fund, there were only a few hundred funds to choose from. Today, there are nearly 20,000 mutual funds that you have to consider.

The bottom line is that in today's world, when it comes to your personal financial affairs, nothing is easy. In addition, what makes it even more difficult is that the consequences of making a wrong decision are greater than they've ever been before. As an example, retirement is not something that past generations had to worry about. After all, a mere 100 years ago when life expectancy was in the mid-50s, retirement wasn't an issue. In today's world, retirement is a brand new concept in the history of mankind, many of us have to plan to live in retirement for more years than we worked. The consequences of not properly investing your money for and in retirement can be severe. Today, when it comes to our personal financial affairs, you cannot turn a blind eye, you have to be proactive and involved.

When it comes to personal

finance and investing, I have some basic philosophies. I do not believe in gimmicks or mumbo-jumbo. I believe in straightforward, sound advice. My philosophy is that it is someone's individual situation that governs how they should invest their money, not their age. In implementing an investment portfolio, I believe in commission-free, low-cost investing. I have always believed that as investors, costs do matter. Before you invest in any product, you should know what it will cost you to buy, sell and to hold. All the investments I recommend are always commission-free.

My philosophy with regard to taxes is very simple. "You should never let the tax tail wag the dog." Your goal is not to lower your taxes, but rather to increase your net worth. That being said, I do not believe it is more patriotic to pay more money in taxes than you have to.

With regards to insurance, I do not believe in buying insurance as an investment. Insurance is a means to cover risk — period.

My goal for this column is to cover a wide variety of topics that impact your personal financial affairs, including investing, estate planning, taxes and risk management. I encourage you to write or e-mail me with any questions that you have, and I will answer them in my Sunday column.

I want to thank the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* for giving me this opportunity and I also want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Rick Bloom is a fee only financial adviser. His Web site is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Bloom live from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday on WDTK-AM (1400) *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com.

Chairwoman re-elected to Wayne County Commission

Wayne County Commissioner Jewel Ware (D-Detroit) was unanimously re-elected chairwoman by her colleagues Tuesday at the Commission's organizational meeting for the 2007-2008 legislative session. Ware will serve her third two-year term as chair of the County's legislative body.

"I am truly honored and humbled by my re-election," Ware said in her acceptance speech. "Being chair of the Wayne County Commission is a huge responsibility, and it is one I do not take lightly."

Her agenda for the Commission for this term includes supporting key regional projects like public transit, a new international border crossing, and working with the City of Detroit to improve Cobo Hall.

"While we must support regional efforts, we cannot lose sight of our key function, which is making certain Wayne County delivers mandated services like public safety and criminal justice," she said.

She said the County Commission will explore best practices that are in place across the country to see what innovations can be brought to Wayne County.

Ware added that Wayne County must also work with the State and the City to improve access to health care for the uninsured and under-insured.

Ware saluted Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and his administration for pursuing creative initiatives such as trade with China and a possible Regional Justice Complex to improve criminal justice and public safety operations.

She also said the County would be supportive of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's new neighborhood redevelopment program.

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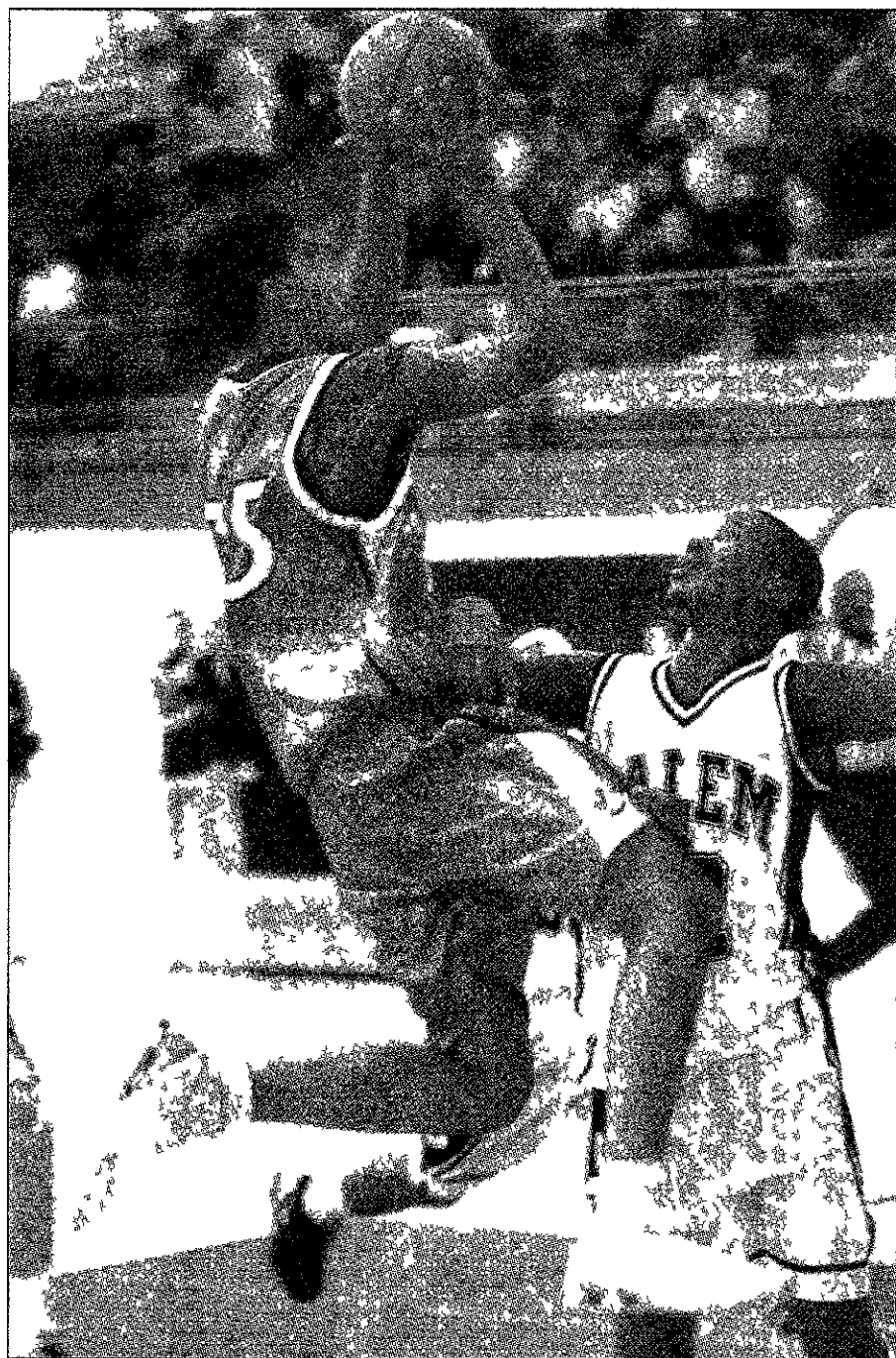
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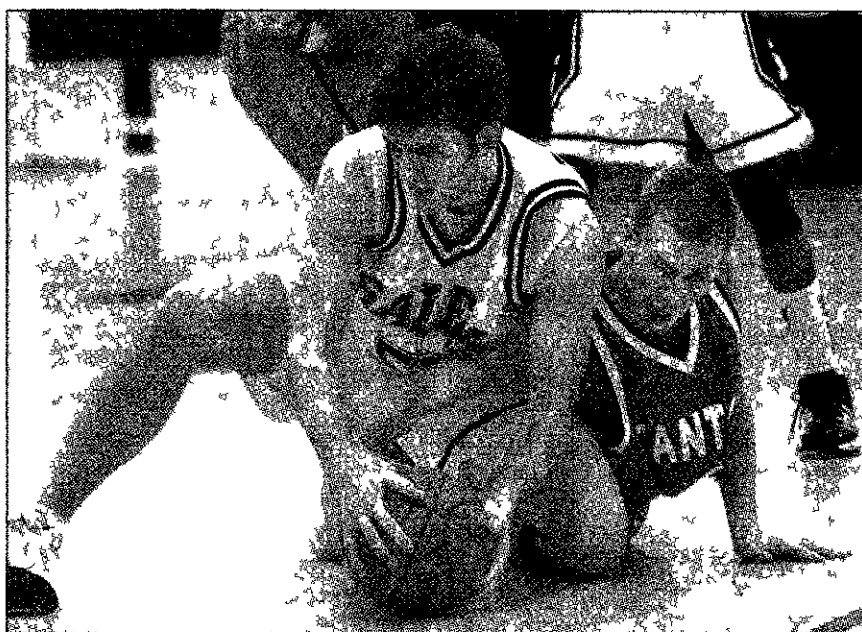
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Canton's Neil Sharma soars in for two of his 13 points over Salem's Anthony Mullins during Friday night's 52-40 Canton victory



Salem's J.P. Truesdell and Canton's Ryan Langdon hit the floor for a loose ball during Friday night's cross-campus match-up. The Chiefs won, 52-40.

A win to savor

Balanced attack leads Canton to first victory of the season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The persistent hunger Canton's basketball team took into Friday night's game at Salem wasn't the kind that could be satisfied at an all-you-can-eat buffet at Denny's.

Following a winless December, the only thing that would subdue the Chiefs' appetite was a hearty 'W', and that's what they got — a 52-40 triumph in the Rocks' gym.

Thanks to a rim-attacking offense that turned the ball over just five times and an energetic defensive effort, Canton

improved to 1-4 while Salem slipped to 2-3 in the season-opening Western Lakes Activities Association contest for both teams.

"We struggled our first four games, so we really needed a win tonight to boost our confidence," said Canton senior point guard Josh Butler, who tallied 11 points, five rebounds and three steals. "Hopefully, this will get us going."

"We played more aggressive tonight than we had been playing. Losing our first four games kind of shocked us. Tonight, we wanted to clear our minds and play

PLEASE SEE HOOP, B2

Ignition wins with huge 4th

Drew Callahan's three-point goal mid-way through the fourth quarter proved to be the game-winner in the Detroit Ignition's 24-14 victory over Chicago Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The victory leveled the Ignition's record at 6-6. Chicago slipped to 7-5.

Nine players registered points for the winners, including Kyt Selaidopoulos, who found the back of the net three times.

The Storm led 6-0 after one quarter thanks to goals from Chris Handsor, Awadalla Morad and Jorge Valle.

The Ignition stormed back to tie the game at 8-8 at the half with goals from Mike Apple, Hewerton, Selaidopoulos and Carlos Farias.

Rookie forward Worth Sampson (Madonna University) gave Detroit a short-lived 10-8 advantage in the third before Chicago responded to seize a 12-10 lead on goals from Matthew Stewart and Randy Soderman.

Detroit's offense exploded for 14 fourth-quarter points to record the victory.

Sanaldo notched the victory in net for the Ignition. The two teams combined for 63 shots, which was a season-high for an Ignition game.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Plymouth Christian Academy's Sara Ross goes high to tip the ball over the net during the Eagles' four-set victory over Livonia Clarenceville Thursday night.

Eagle spikers bump Trojans

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Back from the holiday break, Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team rang in the New Year with a four-game victory Thursday night at Livonia Clarenceville.

The Eagles, who squandered an 18-12 advantage in the first game before losing 20-25, captured the final three games in convincing fashion, 25-13, 25-21, 25-13, to improve to 8-4 overall with the non-conference triumph.

"I'm proud of the way we came back after losing the first game," PCA eighth-year coach Missy Henry said. "We gave them some unforced errors. We just needed to take control and play our style."

The Eagles used a balanced attack led by junior setter Sara Ross, who collected nine kills and 32 assist-to-kills.

Not bad for somebody who sat out all of last season due to a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee. Other standouts for Plymouth Christian included sophomore outside hitter Jessica Murphy, 15 digs and four ace serves, sophomore middle hitter Megan Greve, eight kills, and senior outside hitter Brooke Harris, nine kills, three aces and 11 digs.

"She's a leader, she leads by example and gets them going," Henry said of Harris. "It was not too bad for our first regular season match. We're young. Of the eight we're playing, five are sophomores. The mistakes we make are because of our inexperience. But our girls are working hard and they work well together."

Clarenceville slipped to 0-5-1 on the season as first-year coach Wendy Roy, a Trojan alum, remains in search of her first varsity win.

"We were missing a piece of the puzzle, we're still working on combinations," Roy said. "We were much better tonight, but we've got to work on our defense. The offense was there. We need to do a better job of covering the middle of the floor."

PLEASE SEE SPIKERS, B2

Sidelines

Brophey honored

Plymouth Whalers forward Evan Brophey was named the Ontario Hockey League's 'Player of the Month' for December. Brophey netted seven goals and 19 assists while recording at least one point in 10 of the 11 games.

The Brophey-led Whalers went 9-0-0-2 in December. The Chicago Blackhawks draftee finished the month with a plus-10 plus/minus rating.

'Y' offerings

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of preschool sports programs, the focus of which will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. The programs include sports sampler, Y-Hoops, Bumble Bee soccer, Y-Pucks and Pee Wee T-Ball.

There will be morning and evening classes available for children between the ages 3 and 5 years old.

The programs run the week of Jan. 8 through Feb. 12 and the cost is \$57 for program members and \$74 for community members.

For more information, please contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Plymouth Rec

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is currently offering the following youth sports programs:


■ Lacrosse for boys and girls in grades 3rd through 8th is available for the spring of 2007. The season will run from mid-April through mid-June with all practices and games played mostly on mid-week nights. Registration will run through January on a first-come, first-served basis.

■ Spring youth soccer registration will run throughout January at the recreation office, which is located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth.

The office is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.


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SPIKERS

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Despite the loss, there were some bright spots for the Trojans as junior setter Amanda Moody finished with 18 digs and 16 assists

Senior outside hitter Chelsea Gregg added nine kills, three blocks and four aces. Junior middle hitter Amber Mills finished with 20 digs, while senior Abigail Sochacki chipped in with eight kills.

Roy also singled out the play

of 5-foot-6 sophomore Marlene Azar, who was filling in for starting senior middle hitter Shannon McNeilly (on a vacation cruise)

Henry, meanwhile, was suffering on the bench from a touch of the flu

And when the PCA coach was asked if she felt better following the win, she said "Not really, but I would have felt a lot worse if we had lost."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan 9
Salem at Plymouth 7 p.m.
PCA at Baptist Park 7 p.m.
Summerfield at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Canton 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan 12
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill 7 p.m.
B Ham Roeper at PCA 7:30 p.m.
Canton Agape at Detroit Urban 7:30 p.m.
Northville at Salem 7 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan 8
Huron Valley at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Canton 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan 9
Parkway at PCA 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan 10
Plymouth at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
Canton at Salem 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan 11
PCA at Oakland Christian 6:30 p.m.
Franklin Road at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 13
PCA and Salem at U of M Dearborn Invitational 9 a.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan 9
Livonia Churchill at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan 10
Detroit Country Day at Canton at Arctic Edge 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan 12
Northville at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Arena 7 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Stevenson at Eddie Edgar Arena 6 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton at Arctic Edge 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 13
Plymouth at Canton at Arctic Edge 3:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan 11
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 6 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Canton 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 13
Wildcat Team Tournament at Plymouth High School 10 a.m.
Salem at Adrian Invitational 10 a.m.
Canton at Novi C.C. 8:30 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan 11
Plymouth at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Salem 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 13
Rock Kilgore Invitational at Salem noon
Plymouth at Tecumseh noon
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan 8
Plymouth at Farmington 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan 9
Canton at Saline 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan 10
Salem at Hartland 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan 11
Canton at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 13
Canton at Grand Rapids TBA
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan 8
Wayne Co. CC at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan 10
Schoolcraft at Delta CC 7:30 p.m.
Madonna at Aquinas College 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 13
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft 3 p.m.
UM Dearborn at Madonna 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan 8
Wayne Co. CC at Schoolcraft 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan 10
Schoolcraft at Delta CC 5:30 p.m.
Aquinas College at Madonna 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 13
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft 1 p.m.
U of M Dearborn at Madonna 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Jan 7
Whalers at Windsor Spitfires 2 p.m.
Friday, Jan 12
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit 7:11 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 13
Whalers vs Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena 7:05 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Jan 12
Ignition vs Milwaukee Wave at Compuware Arena 7:35 p.m.
Sunday, Jan 14
Ignition at Milwaukee Wave 7:35 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced

HOOP

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the way we know we're capable of playing."

The Rocks didn't come close to playing up to their potential, according to Salem coach Bob Brodie.

"We didn't come out ready to play and Canton did," said Brodie. "They beat us in all phases of the game. We didn't block out. We didn't rebound. We didn't play good defense and we didn't run our offense like we should."

"Only a few of our players played up to their ability. One of the reasons for that was that Canton came at us so hard both defensively and offensively."

The Chiefs' scoring attack was as level as the Salem gymnasium floor. In addition to Butler's solid performance, junior Neil Sharma poured in 13 off the bench, senior center Ryan Waidmann added 10, senior forward Eric Thornton had nine and senior forward Steve Paye chipped in with seven.

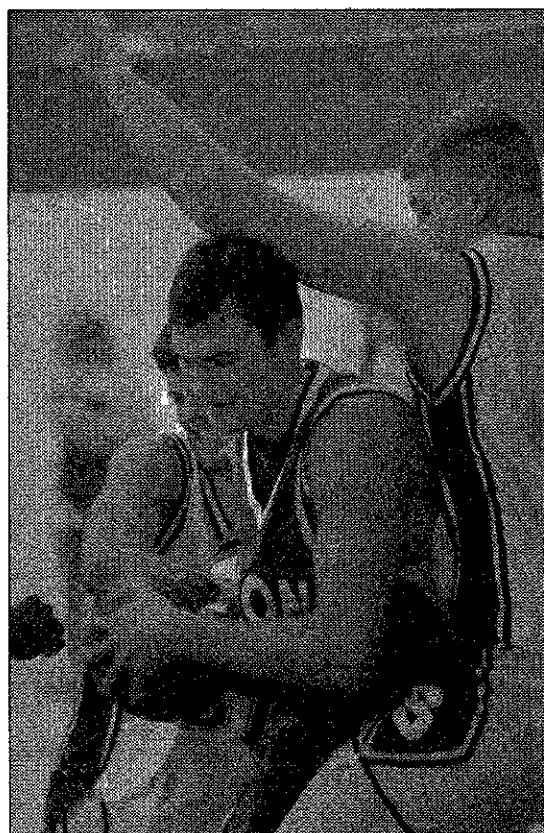
Junior Grant Stone led the Rocks with 15 despite drawing extra attention from the Chiefs' defense. Junior guard Tyler Jeleniewski also played well for Salem in a reserve role, netting seven points on 3-for-3 shooting. Dan Cassidy also twined seven for the hosts.

Two things that haunted the Chiefs in their forgettable opening four games — turnovers and poor shooting — went by the wayside Friday night. Canton turned the ball over just five times while shooting a respectable 40 percent from the field.

"We worked on taking care of the ball better the past two weeks at practice," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "You can't win when you're turning the ball over 23 times a game like we were doing before the break."

"We knew Salem was vastly improved from last year and that we had to do a good job defensively on Grant Stone, and I thought Josh did a nice job against him. It feels good to finally win one. I just didn't think we'd have to wait until 2007 to get it."

The Rocks' lone lead of the night came 15 seconds into the game when Stone drained a long triple to put his team ahead, 3-0. However, Canton dominated the following 31 minutes and 45 seconds, posting leads of 17-6 after one quar-



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Canton's Ryan Waidmann battles through a double team formed by Salem's J.P. Truesdell (left) and Brian Baumgart.

ter, 26-13 at the half and 40-22 after three quarters.

Both teams registered a couple of spectacular baskets. Thornton's two-dribble, high-rising baseline slam one minute into the second quarter brought the Chiefs' fans to their feet. Stone countered with a reverse, double-pump, off-the-glass drive early in the third quarter that was almost worth the price of admission.

Led by Paye's eight boards, Canton outbounded the Rocks, 31-23.

Salem hit 36.3 percent of their field goals (16-of-44).

Canton swished 7-of-10 free throws (70 percent) while the Rocks made 4-of-6 (66.7).

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Salem gymnasts edge Wildcats

Led by a strong all-around performance from sophomore Katie Koetting, Salem's gymnastics team rolled to a 136-425-116 950 victory over cross-campus rival Plymouth in a Western Lakes Activities Association meet in the Wildcats' gymnastics facility.

Koetting's most eye-popping performance came in the floor exercise when she earned a near-perfect mark of 9.7. She finished first in the all-around with a 35.45, less than a point higher than teammate Autumn Collins' 34.575. The Rocks swept the top four all-around places as Brittany Young was third at 33.75 and Katerina Kariotis was fourth with a 32.65.

"For our first meet of the year — and considering the girls have been on break for 10 days — I thought we did pretty well," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "We still have a lot of work to do, but everything went as well as can be expected tonight, especially since we were one gymnast short. Katie had a good night."

Although the Wildcats shipped to 0-2, coach Diane Hodur saw some positive signs in her young and improving squad.

"We improved from 110 to 116 from our first meet to our second, so this was definitely

our best all-around performance so far," said Hodur. "One of our freshmen, Danielle Gornick, had what may have been the best floor routine that I've seen from one of our gymnasts in the two years that I've been here. She did well on vault, too."

"Salem is going to have a great season. They're right up there in the league with the Livonia teams and Canton. Their work ethic is incredible. Along with her gold-medal effort on the floor, Koetting also placed first on the uneven bars (9.1). Collins placed first on the vault (8.65) and the balance beam (8.65).

Sophomore Kaseigh Zeban turned in the Wildcats' best finish when she placed second on the vault with a 8.2.

CHIEFS SWEEP

Canton's gymnastics team improved to 3-0 on Thursday with a pair of victories over Livingston County rivals Howell and Brighton.

"I was very pleased with how the meet went," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "We were weak on the bars, but strong on the vault, beam and floor. We had four nines on the floor, which is pretty good this early in the season. Kate Staley had a 9.45 on the floor, which was a personal best."

The Chiefs compiled 141.05 points to outdistance Brighton (137.25) and Howell (133.1) in the tri-meet.

Senior Alyssa Kelley's 35.8 all-around was good enough for first against Howell and second against Brighton. Jessie Murray registered a strong 35.65 all-around while Kaithyn Burns (34.65) and Staley (34.15) also excelled.

SALEM 136.425
PLYMOUTH 116.95
Wednesday at Plymouth
VAULT: 1 Autumn Collins (S) 8.65 2 (tie) Kaseigh Zeban (P) and Katie Koetting (S) 8.2 4 Brittany Young (S) 8.1 5
UNEVEN BARS: 1 Katie Koetting (S) 9.1 2 Brittany Young (S) 8.9 3 Autumn Collins (S) 8.4 4 Erica Kosmalksi (P) 7.8
BALANCE BEAM: 1 Autumn Collins (S) 8.65 2 Katie Koetting (S) 8.45 3 Katerina Kariotis (S) 8.05 4 Brittany Young (S) 7.95
FLOOR EXERCISE: 1 Katie Koetting (S) 9.7 2 Katerina Kariotis (S) 8.95 3 Autumn Collins (S) 8.875 4 Brittany Young (S) 8.75
ALL-AROUND: 1 Katie Koetting (S) 35.45, 2 Autumn Collins (S) 34.575, 3 Brittany Young (S) 33.75 4 Katerina Kariotis (S) 32.65
RECORDS: Plymouth 0-2 Salem 1-0

CANTON 141.05
BRIGHTON 137.25
Jan. 4 at Brighton
VAULT: 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.4 2 Lauren Dillulo (B) 9.1 3 (tie) Rachael Page (B) and Kate Staley (C) 8.85 5 (tie) Tiffany Wysocki (B) and Jessie Murray (C) 8.7
UNEVEN BARS: 1 Rachael Page (B) 9.35 2 Lauren Dillulo (B), 9.15 3 Jessie Murray (C) 8.9 4 Alyssa Kelley (C) 8.55 5 (tie) Tiffany Wysocki (B) and Chelsea Selden (C) 8.0
BALANCE BEAM: 1 Rachael Page (B) 8.9 2 (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Lauren Dillulo (B) 8.85 4 Chelsea Selden (C) 8.65 5 (tie) Andrea Houdek (C) and Alyssa Kelley (C) 8.4
FLOOR EXERCISE: 1 Rachael Page (B) 9.7 2 Lauren Dillulo (B) 9.6 3 (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.45 5 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 9.35
ALL-AROUND: 1 Rachael Page (B) 36.8 2 Lauren Dillulo (B) 36.70 3 Alyssa Kelley (C) 35.8 4 Jessie Murray (C) 35.65 5 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 34.65

CANTON 141.05
HOWELL 133.01
Jan. 4 at Brighton
VAULT: 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.4 2 Alexis Johnson (H) 8.95 3 Kate Staley (C) 8.85 4 Monica Cauley (H) 8.75 5 Jessie Murray (C) 8.7
UNEVEN BARS: 1 Jessie Murray (C) 8.9 2 Alyssa Kelley (C) 8.55 3 Alexis Johnson (H) 8.45 4 Monica Cauley (H) 8.35 5 Amanda Roikohl (H) 8.2
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ALL-AROUND: 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 35.8 2 Jessie Murray (C) 35.65 3 Monica Cauley (H) 35.2 4 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 34.65 5 Kate Staley (C) 34.15

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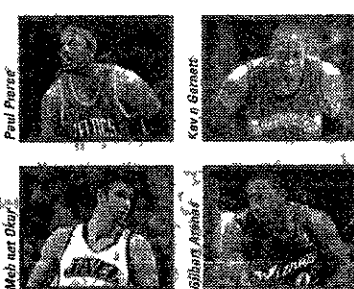
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Jan. 4 at Salem

103 pounds Salem won by void 112. Kevin Bennett (S) won by major decision Matt Hecksel, 13-4 119: Andrew Murray (LC) pinned Ben Dewitt 3 26 125: Nick Steiger (S) won by major dec over Martin Rivera 130 Alex Kemp (S) dec Joey Tesner 3 2 135: Greg Roberts (LC) p Kevin Hayter 6 48 (overtime) 140: J P Gaffke (LC) won by technical fall over Johannes Oind 22 7 145 Gramos Pallaska (LC) p Justin Kane 0 44 152: Jeremy Epley (S) dec Danny Smallis 4 3 160: Brian Ziembra (LC) won by injury default 171: Curtis Castleberry (LC) dec Sam Lepper 10 9, 109 J J Vandenbosche (LC) p Blake Abbey 1 48 215: Hussein Ajami (S) p Kyle Juco 2 19 285: Mark Parrish (LC) p Chase Moore 0 09

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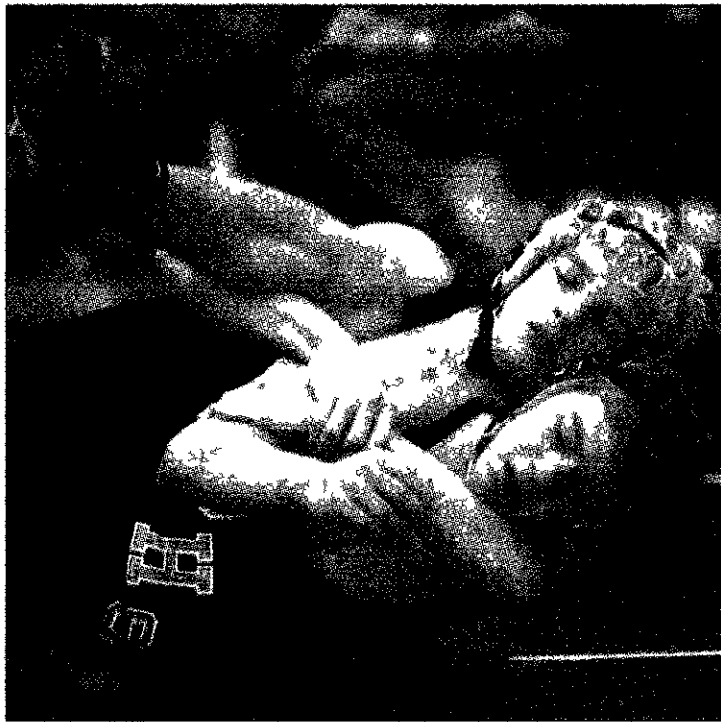
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Dec. 28 at Salem

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds 1st place Gamal Yahia (MV) decisioned Jon Lichorobiec (N) 10 4 3rd: Ryan Jones (M) dec Cam Sebring (R) 4 0 112: 1st: Justin Pullin (N) dec Justin Fleeson (B) 8 7 3rd Ben Kosmowski (P) pinned Bryan Boulware (MV) in 4 04 119: 1st: Jason VanWasshenova (LP) won by default over Jamie Preiss (WM) 3rd Sean Turner (M) dec Nick Wellman (MV) 9 4 125: 1st: Dustin Zak (B) dec Jared Stephens (JG) 8 3 3rd Nick Steiger (S) dec Harold Windle (LP) 9 4 130: 1st: Lance Pritel (R) pinned Wesley Long (M) in 3 27 3rd: Jorden Belous (LP)



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Rob Barackman (foreground) tries to escape the grasp of Wayne Memorial's Jack Muncie during a 130-pound bout in the Dec. 28 Salem Wrestling Tournament. Muncie, who went on to place fourth, pinned Barackman in 1 23

won by technical fall over Jack Muncie (WM) 19 3 135: 1st: Brian Augsburger (B) dec Wes Verner (A) 8 2 3rd Joe Hess (M) pinned Kevin Hayter (S) in 3 46 140: 1st: Kyle Dupuis (R) dec Jim Wood (JG) 11 6 3rd Steve Coak (B) pinned Dain Taylor (M) in 2 59 145: 1st: Brian Peterson (R) dec Kelly Poupard (M) 9 6 3rd: Justin Zay (A) won by major dec over Steve Sherman (B) 12 2 152: 1st: James Zerebiny (JG) dec Peter Meisner (DH) 7 6 3rd Bryan Decker (R) dec Jeremy Epley (S) 9 7 160: 1st: Justin Jaynes (R) dec Wassim El

Awadi (B) 6 3 3rd Jeff Elswick (WM) won by major dec over James White (DB) 12-2 171: 1st: Nick Bosel (LP) pinned Will Marr (A) in 3 24 3rd Andrew Hein (JG) dec Devin Duncan (M) 4 0 189: 1st: Chris Perry (A) dec Joey Kowtko (JG) 11 4 3rd Justin Gjonaj (UE) dec Mike Lasinski (R) 5 3 215: 1st: Brett Correll (E) dec Marc Shaw (LP) 6 4, 3rd: Ed Henry (R) dec James Rafko (M) 8-2 HWT 1st: Sean Lathrup (LP) won by major dec over Robert Coffey (WM) 15 5 3rd: Chris Boma (M) dec Jacob Sweeney (B) 6-1



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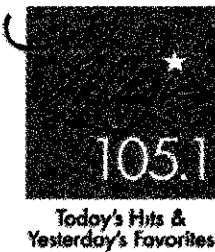
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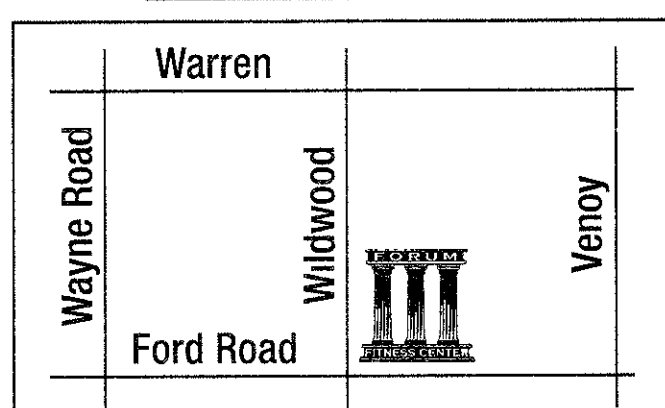
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Police drug searches violate student rights

Most students don't realize that when they buy a parking pass for the P-CEP parking lot, they're paying to sacrifice their basic rights as an American

Nonetheless, students are all too willing to subject their car to random, unprovoked searches with no prior notification

This little blurb in the Student Parking Pass Contract was just another clause of gibberish for most students until a few weeks ago, when Wayne County sheriffs, Canton police and six dogs swept Plymouth-Canton's Educational Park for illegal substances

The dogs sniffed through parking lots and students were called out of class to open their vehicles whenever a dog showed specific interest in an automobile. Dogs then jumped into the cars to sniff for drugs. Since the only reported damage was slightly torn car seat, the dog ate my homework' excuse still didn't go over too well with my teachers

Needless to say, a multitude of illegal substances were confiscated from students cars across the Park. But the fact that a handful of suburban adolescents are smoking pot and drinking alcohol is hardly breaking news

And now that a crack-squad of police and school officials have broken new ground by revealing the startling truth that a fraction of students at the Park do indeed smoke like chimneys, it's time to ignore this small monkey on our backs and observe the 8,000-pound gorilla trying to hide behind a dinette set in the corner

This drug sweep highlighted an alarming trend in Plymouth-Canton's school district, and quite possibly illustrates a nationwide tendency for school officials to involve themselves in every aspect of student life

Though there's no question of legality of the search conducted by school security and police, the morality remains an entirely different issue

How odd is it that in attempts to create a drug-free learning environment, students are being punished for keeping their illegal substances out of the school building?

Most students — especially the pot-smoking demographic — will probably continue to take the slight risk and won't feel inclined to keep their pot at home. And while the vast majority of these teens will continue to have a hash-stash in the glove box, the remainder of them will only be likely to stuff their pot in a backpack or pocket

Congratulations, public schooling. You just pushed a little more marijuana a little deeper into the school system

The misguided — though perhaps well intentioned — coordinators behind these busts declare minimal tolerance for illegal activities such as substance abuse

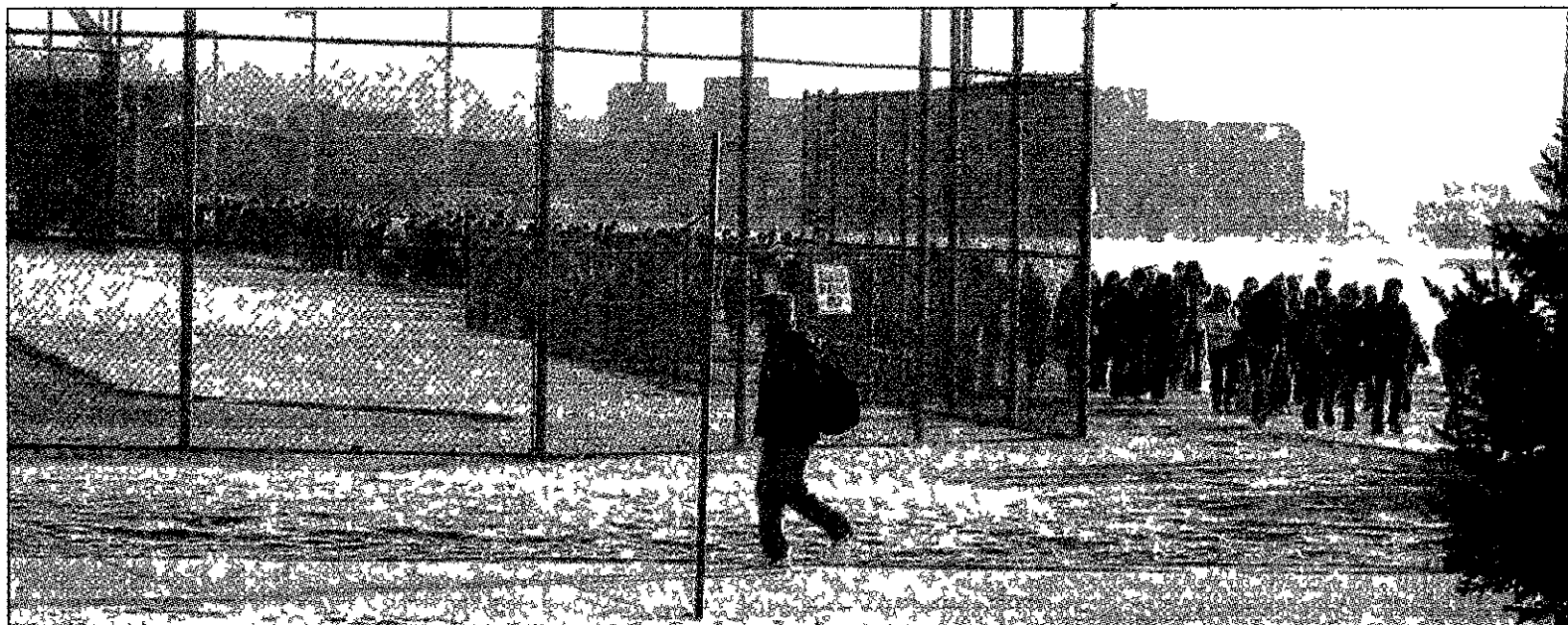
Nonetheless, rumors and reports abound that police disposed of and even ignored cigarettes that were found in student vehicles at P-CEP. Apparently reading, writing and arithmetic aren't the only lessons being taught in Plymouth-Canton. The newest addition to the curriculum may indeed be that it's 'OK to smoke cigarettes, just not pot'

Just because the school district is going to void the student right to privacy, students should still be entitled to the American values of equality and justice

I'll go out on a limb here and guess that most of the students caught with marijuana are a little indignant about receiving a minor-in-possession charge while the underage, cancer-pumping, nicotine-addicted smokers walked away with nothing but a pat on the back for smoking a different type of leaf

If students are not going to be consistently disciplined and punished based on written rules, the school district has three options: enforce the rule, erase the rule or gradually allow the system to slip into a chaotic anarchy

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The thousands of students who attend high school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park use paths to make the trek between buildings

Park set-up emulates college environment for students

GABRIELLE ZUZO

A quarter-mile hike through rain or snow to get to their next class is hardly what someone would imagine when thinking of the high school experience

But the students of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park face these conditions every day. Situated on a 305-acre campus, the district's three high schools, Canton High School,

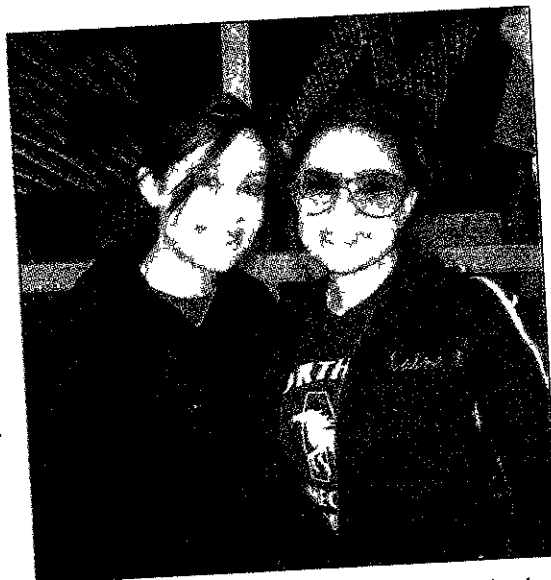
Plymouth High School and Salem High School, are referred to as "The Park."

Kaitlin Forster, a high school senior, said she appreciates the college-like atmosphere of the largest high school campus in the state

"Walking from building to building at P-CEP will prepare you for the reality of college," she said. "In college, you won't be in the same building all day, so if you get used to the situation in high school, you'll have one less thing to adjust to."

With nearly 6,000 students in the three high schools, the park provides learning experiences that go beyond the classroom. Having students walk from school to school to get to their classes, forces responsibility and time management

Forster said the back-and-forth treks don't bother her



Amanda Lindlbauer (left) and Laine Kostegian in front of the school store at Plymouth High School

"I was stunned at the number of complaints I overheard about walking from building to building during my tour of Eastern Michigan University," she said

In addition to the accountability of getting from class to class, P-CEP students are provided with other opportunities simulating a college environment



Kaseigh Zebari (from left), Alyssa Kay and Erica Beltz hang out in the hallway at Plymouth High School

Students determine their schedule by picking classes from a thick course book that includes offerings like creative foods, pre-calculus and thought to auto

Along with the vast range of learning choices come numerous extra-curricular activities. Everything from the robotics club to great books and in between can be found at the park. Just about everyone can find an activity that will suit their interests

High school senior Andrew Dooley said P-CEP provides a valuable one-of-a-kind experience for its students

"My entire perspective on life has been changed by the ideas of the different people in classes like philosophy and Tao," he said

Gabrielle Zuzo is a junior at Plymouth High School

Local artists carve out names for themselves at Ice Festival

BY KELLY CLAWSON

For the last 25 years, Plymouth has been home to a very special event — one that draws people from all over Michigan. In less than two weeks (Jan. 19-21), we will embrace, once again, Plymouth's Annual Ice Sculpture Spectacular, a celebration that has become part of the heart of this town

Using everything from chainsaws to blowtorches, high school and college students, as well as professional artists will carve more than 100 ice sculptures on-site for the enjoyment of the public



Kelly Clawson

Spectators will have the opportunity to ask questions to the ice carvers as they work, and learn what it takes to turn a 330-pound block of ice into a delicate work of art

The artists compete with each other in various categories, which include high school team, high school individual, college team, and college individual. Each year, there are even some participants from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park



Six-time world ice carving champion Tajana Rauker cuts into her work during a carving session at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular

One such person is Kevin Tykoski, a senior at Plymouth High School. He was introduced to the art of ice carving as an assistant to his older brother, Scott Tykoski, and has since become a carver himself. For the last three years, he has competed in the high school individual category, winning first place each time. Using his own designs, he has created increasingly complex carvings, including "a marlin on a wave, a dolphin doing a back-flip over a wave, and a cori fish," as he

described them

Kevin creates his designs ahead of time, even drawing them out on a big sheet of paper. But sometimes that doesn't work out, because even the best carvers must succumb to mother nature. A hot day, regardless of an artist's skill, can limit how intricate a sculpture can be because the ice can't support itself, thus making the artist change design in mid-course. "As far as the weather goes, you just have to pray for the best," Kevin said. "Bring a good

ice carver means that you have to adapt to all kinds of situations"

In fact, he has had to make a last-minute adjustments of his own

"Last year I planned on doing a flying fish, but it was too hot to get the wings to stick. So I improvised and turned it into a cori fish," he said

There are also times when the audience can be as unpredictable as the weather, especially when they stray from the typical questions. Kevin remembers one spectator asking him, "How do you get ice so clear?"

The ice carvers use a wide variety of tools, including delicate tools, such as chisels, and much more heavy-duty ones, including dremmels, die grinders, disc sanders, chainsaws, and even blowtorches, to transform their single block of ice into a masterpiece to be remembered

Of course, when dealing with such tools, safety is an important issue. An awareness and respect for the inherent risks involved is important to stay safe. Although the ice carvers are aware of the dangers, there is always medical staff ready at the event

"You have to have a healthy fear for the sport," Kevin said

Kelly Clawson is a senior at Canton High School

Teens talk about eating disorders

Note: The names of the sources in this story have been withheld for privacy.

BY JUSTIN SMITH

The body to a teenager is simple to understand, if you are fat, then get rid of it all. And if you are thin, keep getting thinner. At least, that's how some teenagers feel at Garden City High School.

Teenagers, both male and female, have become accustomed to the fact that an eating disorder is a deadly but quick way to lose weight.

When asked why area students had an eating disorder, the answers were all different, ranging from the fear of never being loved to the fear of becoming an effigy of the thin kids.

"It's not a diet, it's a way of life," said a 14-year-old freshman at Garden City High School.

An eating disorder is considered to be a life-threatening neurotic condition caused by anxiety, abuse, nicknames, and puberty, according to Marya Hornbacher, author of the book *Wasted*.

The results of an eating disorder are devastating to see, let alone have. Fatigue, headaches, heart pains, weak bones, thinning hair, bad teeth, insomnia and mania

are all common in an eating-disordered person. These are just a few symptoms gathered from those who were interviewed.

An eating disorder is more than just purging or starving. There is binge eating, compulsive exercise, laxative or diuretic abuse, and diet pill abuse. A person is not limited to just one eating disorder. A person with multiple eating disorders is believed to be grouped in a different form of eating disorders: Eating Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (EDNOS).

"I have all the criteria for anorexia and all the criteria for bulimia except the bingeing," said a 16-year-old junior at Garden City High School. "I guess I would be considered EDNOS."

Hiding an eating disorder can be very easy, sources said.

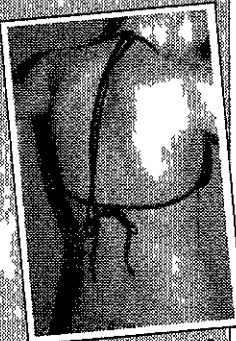
"It can be as simple as taking a shower after eating to sneaking diet pills after eating a few carrot sticks," said a 17-year-old senior at John Glenn High School.

The freshman student agreed. "I always went to the garage to clean it and my parents just thought that I was being nice," she said.

The senior noted, "I painted my nails to hide the discoloring and wore large hoodies and pants that were two sizes too big on me. I wore gloves on my hands to hide the scars from vomiting and when people asked why I was wearing gloves, I would just tell them that I was making a fashion statement."

SIGNS SOMEONE MIGHT BE HIDING AN EATING DISORDER

- Wearing baggy clothes
- Commenting that he or she ate earlier in the day
- Painting fingernails or wearing gloves to hide the blue tint
- Wearing more clothing than needed
- Rapid weight loss and denial of it
- Hard time walking up and down stairs
- Constant fatigue
- Anemia



Teens with eating disorders may go to extremes to be thin.

Compiled by Justin Smith

A teen starves himself or herself in order to gain control of something he or she has lost control of in his or her life. By gaining control over life, the teenager will lose the respect of his or her friends and family.

Teenagers fear the rejection of their friends and family, and therefore, do not tell many people about their illness. Doctors believe that this is why teenagers lie about their disease.

Teenagers may realize that an eating disorder is a dangerous addiction and still refuse to get help of any kind. When asked about how long she has been ill, the 16-year-old Garden City High junior said that "it started in the seventh grade and manifested completely in the eighth grade and is still going."

Almost all anorexics or bulimics have admitted during interviews that goals and excitement over weight loss go hand-in-hand. Not all people with eating disorders are affected by feelings of regret.

Do I ever regret my habits?" said the 16-year-old. "Only on days when getting out of bed is harder than lifting an elephant and only on days when I cough up blood. And days when I realize that I have to keep secrets from my boyfriend. The pain you feel makes you know that you are alive."

Those with eating disorders admit they have been impacted by television and the Internet.

"I heard about it from a Lifetime movie called *Kate's Secret*," said the freshman.

The junior said, "I didn't really know what I was doing. I just picked up a few tips online."

If you or anybody that you know is doing something to hurt himself or herself, please seek help. Chums and support groups are private. Help is out there.

Justin Smith is a junior attending Garden City High School.



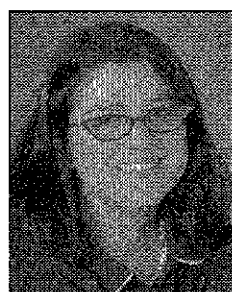
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The Acoustic, a new hookah lounge recently opened in Westland

Venue attracts young audience

BY EMBERLEY NEIDHARDT

The Token Lounge in Westland has made quite a name for itself through the years. Since its original opening in 1971, many musical acts have graced its stage, including Megadeth, Quiet Riot, and a slew of smaller up-and-coming rock bands. Popularity among teenagers and young adults has steadily increased over time, with the establishment of all ages shows every Sunday from 5-10 p.m.



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The Lounge was closed down between the years of 1991 and 1993, but reopened in 1994 as the Mosquito Club under current owner John Anton. In 1998, Anton returned the club to its original name.

Part of the Token Lounge's reputation comes from his ability to bring small time music to a wider fan base. Bands representing all genres, with members of all ages, are able to

try out their material on a real audience. Bands can make and distribute fliers, sell merchandise, and get the full concert experience in a small, local setting.

"You've got to start somewhere," said Anton. With a maximum capacity of 500 and a main floor area the size of an average living room, fans get up-close and personal with the music.

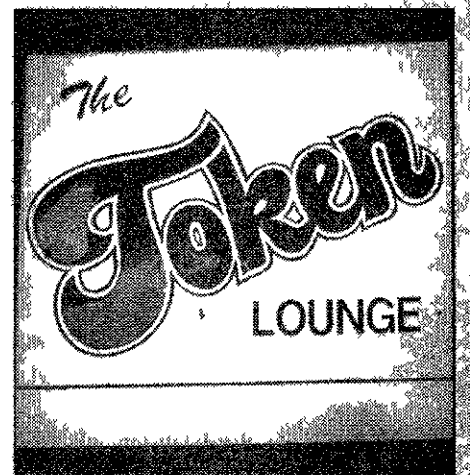
Host to many touring acts and battle of the bands-type events, the Token Lounge has become a bit of a hot spot among teens and young people.

"It's close to me, and it's an inexpensive way for me to hear good music," said Nick Janeczko, 16. Ticket prices are usually under \$10.

The Token Lounge provides an alternative for young people. Teens can gain exposure to new music, even if they don't have the means or desire to travel to downtown Detroit.

Located at 28949 Joy, just off of Middlebelt, it is accessible to those in near by communities including Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Dearborn, Redford and Canton.

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videos are shown between acts. Another addition is The Acoustic, a new hookah lounge located directly behind Token Lounge. It is managed separately, and hours range from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, and 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sundays. The deep red lounge area features a small stage where acoustic music can be performed, and a wide variety of tobacco flavors.

Patrons of The Acoustic must be 18 or older. The Token Lounge has held a rockin' place in history for music lovers young and old. Whether it's progressive or traditional, quiet or loud, chances are there'll be an act that will catch anyone's fancy.

Emberley Neidhardt is a senior at Garden City High School.

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Fashion trends that will be hot in 2007

BY SUMMER DIEHL
TEEN JOURNALIST

One way for a teen girl to begin the new year with confidence and style is to update her wardrobe with some of the latest fashion trends.



summer diehl

Whether you're a size zero or a size 20, love your figure, play up its best assets and have fun creating your personal style.

Here are a dozen fashion tips that will help you look trendy in the new year.

■ Using one color from top to bottom. If you're self-

conscious about your height or weight, wearing one shade can lengthen and slim your appearance.

■ Leggings and straight-leg jeans. The 90s had the return of the bell bottom and now these two blasts from the past are back and in stores everywhere.

■ Wedges. Add inches to your height while making your legs appear longer.

■ Knee-length skirts. If you hate your legs but love skirts, this could be a viable and fashionable option.

Unlike minis that broadcast everything, a skirt that falls below the knee will often highlight the most toned area of your leg.

■ Bright-colored slacks. People tend to believe they can only pull off basic black but adding a bit of color can do wonders for your appearance. Bright pants look great when paired with a fitted camisole.

■ Jewelry. Known to make a great outfit even better, jewelry is always a big hit with women.

Chunky jewelry, like necklaces and rings, are in this season and especially look cute with a chic shirt and jeans. When layering multiple necklaces, avoid overkill by making them the same length.

■ Wide belts. A great way to bring color to any outfit whether worn with jeans or on top of a long sweater.

■ Headbands. In addition to masking a bad hair day, a headband can offer your look its final touch.

Whether colored, sparkly, cloth or solid, they look great coupled with fancy up do's or side swept bangs. And they cover your dirty hair that you didn't have time to wash in the morning.

■ Sheer blouses. When worn with a matching

camisole, a sheer top is a cute way to show skin without baring all.

■ Waist-length jackets. Putting aside your big, poofy winter garb, this can be a fun look for the season.

■ Fleece zip ups. Do you want to look sexy but not want to show everything? Try one of these. They are warm, cute, and very fashionable.

■ Shearling boots. These have become a winter staple in recent years but if worn the wrong way they can look dated.

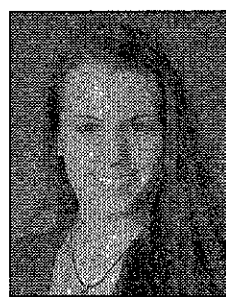
The trendy way to don this footwear is tucking your pants all the way into the boot and avoiding scrunching.

Summer Diehl, a student at Schoolcraft College and resident of Plymouth, is a keen observer of fashion trends and an admitted TV junkie. She welcomes your comments at xsumm3rx@yahoo.com.

Rwandan author speaks on genocide

BY HALEY M. DUNNIGAN

For the students and staff at North Farmington High School, the 2006-2007 school year has been and will continue to be a learning experience in world-wide awareness and compassion. The high school has been engaging in an interdisciplinary study with a special focus on genocide.



haley m. dunnigan

Along with other events, North Farmington has arranged for Paul Rusesabagina, author of *An Ordinary Man* and the inspiration behind the film *Hotel Rwanda*, to speak to students about his experiences. Over a period of 100 days in the spring of 1994, some 800,000 minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slaughtered, most hacked to death by machete.

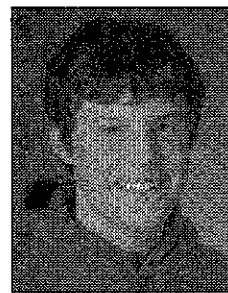
Rusesabagina, with a gift of persuasiveness and an impressive facility of words, was able to save 1,268 lives. Rusesabagina has traveled around the world to talk to groups, students and adults alike, to educate and share the horrors of the Rwandan genocide. In *An Ordinary Man*, Rusesabagina says, "I have told you that Rwandans have a special ear for their own history, we take it seriously in a way that few other nations do. It is what caused us to pick up arms against ourselves and kill each other."

Haley Dunnigan is a senior at North Farmington High School.

Despite some dangers, the Internet allows self expression

In a world of instant messaging, e-mailing, Web sites such as MySpace and Facebook, and where kids like me have their own Web sites there seems to be a lot of horrible news about the Internet. We hear so much about how child predators are out there chatting with children and meeting up with them, or how some kids are bullying other kids online. It seems you never hear good news about the Internet.

Personally, I don't think there is anything wrong with the Internet, and it isn't as big of a danger as portrayed in the media. In fact, I find it very liberating.



rodney harris

The Internet is a way for people to get things out, good or bad. They can type what they think on blogs, which are online journals. Sites like livejournal.com and blogger.com, both free blogging sites, have become more and more popular. People seem to open up online. That is certainly the case with me.

I have my own Web site (www.news144t.com) on which I run a daily newscast video that I record, edit, and post on the site.

I, myself, am more comfortable online than in person. If you were to visit my Web site, and watch my newscast, you could never tell that I am a shy person who doesn't talk a lot. Plus, with

instant messaging, you are able to talk to more than one person at once.

The Internet is a safe place. With all the news about kids chatting with predators, no one ever seems to bring up the fact that kids can block someone (meaning a person cannot talk to another person) and not have to deal with the person. Creativity comes out online also. On sites like MySpace or on your own Web site, you can decorate the Web site with colors, wallpaper, music, and even pictures. You could never do that in person. You can not walk around with different music and colors and pictures on you, so with Web sites you can show the real you.

One negative about the Internet is that people are now getting in the habit of horrible grammar. It is like a whole new language online. The problem is people transfer this into the real world. I have seen people writing computer lingo on their school work. Phrases like lol (laugh out loud), or b4 (before), and other phrases are being used away from the computer.

Web sites, e-mail, and instant messaging are the new thing. According to the New Media Concept Web site, more than 12 million people in North America use the Internet everyday, and as more and more people begin to use the Internet, its influence will continue to grow. And it is also becoming safer with new technology everyday.

Rodney Harris is a sophomore at Canton High School and a resident of Canton. Contact him at HotRodhrs@yahoo.com.

Scholarships are the answer to quick cash for college

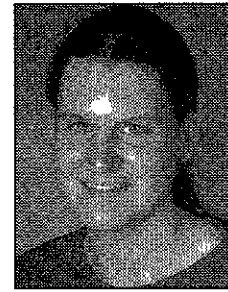
BY JILL GORYCA AND JENNIFER WAKENELL

A student entering college is usually excited, sometimes confused, yet always seems to be "broke!" Wouldn't it be great to have some funds in his or her college account, even before going to the university?

Savvy students anticipate the costs of "higher education" and look for ways to cut expenses.

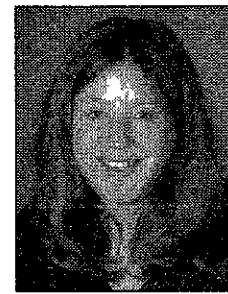
With tuition, books, room and board, the bills can really add up fast. What's a poor college student to do? Scholarships could be the answer. These awards are not only for the "super-brammy" or the "down and destitute," but also for the "average Joe" (or Jill).

Nowadays, almost any student is qualified for scholarships. The trick is knowing where to find out about these scholarship offers, how to apply for them, and following through.



jill goryca

Before filling out any college entrance or scholarship applications, students should examine their GPA and ACT or SAT scores (these tests can be retaken, if necessary, to try for a higher score). The student should also make a list of school achievements, extracurricular activities, sports or clubs, volunteer service and community awards. It is best to be detailed about involvement in any of these areas, particularly if it is a leadership position (according to the book, *Winning Scholarships for College* by Marianne Ragins). Be sure to check the library or bookstore for other scholarship sources. Even



jennifer wakenell

hobbies or heritage may lead to some money. With this information, the student is better prepared to fully answer college admission or scholarship forms.

The application process usually requires an essay and specific information about the prospective student. School transcripts and/or references also might be necessary. It is very prudent to ask a favorite teacher, counselor, boss, or someone who knows the student well to write this recommendation letter. This should be done at the earliest time frame possible to benefit the student to the

greatest advantage. (The student may want to send a "thank you" card or do something nice for the person who is writing on their behalf.)

In addition, many applications require submitting a FAFSA form, which gives information about the student's (and parents') financial circumstances. Two ways students can fill out the FAFSA are on a paper form and on the Internet. Paper forms are usually available from the student's counselor or at a public library. Students can also complete the FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

When filling out any application, a person should be as neat and complete as possible. Applicants should follow all directions, pay attention to the deadlines, and have their paperwork "proofread" before submission. Students should showcase their unique talents which separate them from their classmates. It is important for the student to stand out as an individual. Numerous men and women apply for scholarships, and a student must explain why he or she deserves the scholarship over the other applicants. Hardships or overcoming challenges may be mentioned if the opportunity presents itself. A creative writing style or heartfelt sentiment could especially be appealing. Some students are so busy, scholarship applications are not a top priority, but think of how many "working" hours would be needed just to match the awarded amount. There may be a small chance of winning if there are many applicants, but each student should remember that there is NO chance without applying.

Students can look for scholarships on the Internet, as many Web sites provide free search opportunities. Some scholarship search Web sites are:

- www.michigan.gov/mstudentaid
- www.finaid.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.scholarshipexpert.com

Students can ask their counselors at school or supervisors at work to see if there are any scholarships offered. Applications may take a lot of time, but the reward can literally pay off.

Sources for this article include personal seminars and experience from the FAFSA Web site and Yahoo! Internet search among others.

Jill Goryca attends Grace Academy. Jennifer Wakenell graduated in 2006 from Divine Child High School.

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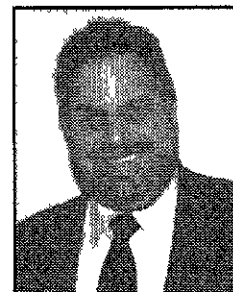
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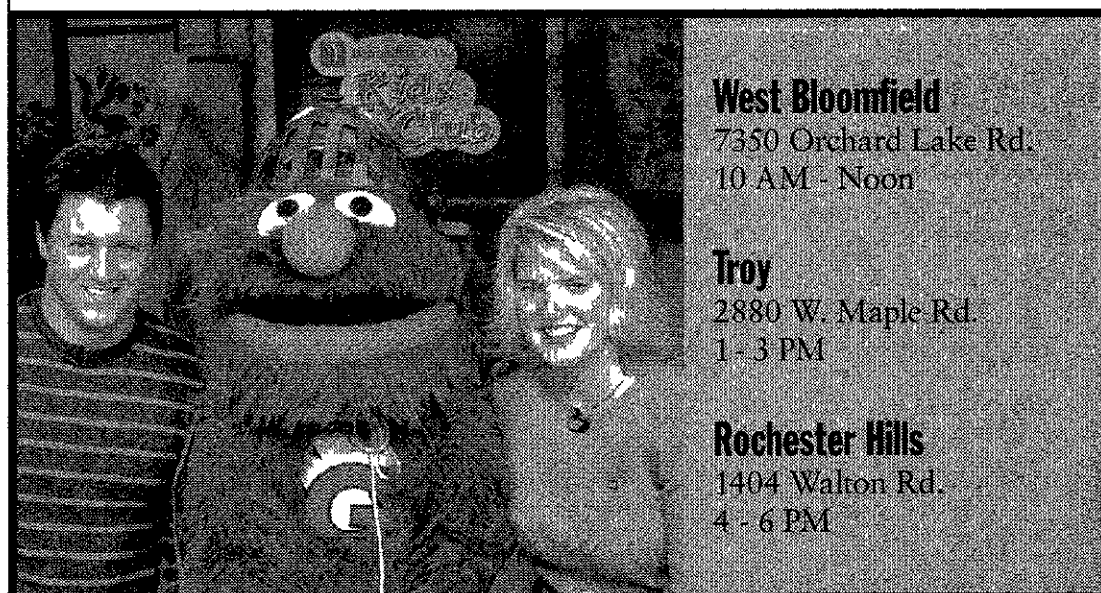
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REUNIONS

Dearborn Fordson
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A 30 year reunion Friday Aug. 3 to Sunday Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number.

Dearborn Edsel Ford
Class of 1967

A 40 year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday Aug. 4, 2007 at Doubletree Hotel Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313) 336-0192 or e-mail efrs67@yahoo.com.

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Class of 1957

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

Detroit Cody
Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia, Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$95 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memo, yearbook, CD, and much more. We extend this invitation to all 50's graduates. Deadline is June 25. Don't miss out! Call 800-859-9502 for details.

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Class of 1957

Looking for graduates to attend a reunion scheduled for Oct. 19, 2007. Call Eleanor at (734) 425-8278.

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Class of 1962

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jlsccranton@yahoo.com

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Class of 1957

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

Epiphany Grade School
Class of 1966

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

Fordson High School
Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kaynini1u@aol.com or Kathy Shoenbridge @ Klivingston@nucore.com.

Garden City High School
Class of 1987

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

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Classes of 1971-2007

Alumni Summer Bash 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Nankin Mills Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. No fees but accepting donations. All proceeds over and above costs are being donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center. For more information, call Chris (Don) Nicholson at (734) 658-5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734) 728-0393 or Gayle@ChurchillAlumni.com.

Livonia Franklin
Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kaynini1u@aol.com.

Redford Thurston High School
Classes of 1957, 1958

A 50 year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites Livonia. For information, contact Ron Beller at (989) 652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral741@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248) 349-2697 or e-mail at Mama@comcast.net.

Roseville High School
Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709, Alice at (586) 792-7757 or e-mail at aljune1939@scbglob.al.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

Southeastern (Detroit)
Class of 1987

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

Southfield High School
Class of 1977

A 30th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007. For further information, contact MDurz@aol.com or IleneSilvermanAbrinSHS1977@comcast.net.

St. Mary of Redford
High School class of 1956

Grade School class of 1952. Looking for graduates. Contact (734) 525-5888 or e-mail kheenani@gls.net.

Utica High School
Class of 1981

A 25th reunion is being planned for the fall of 2006. Please send updated address information and inquire to Todd Richter (trichter26@comcast.net).

Wayne Memorial High School
Class of 1957

A 50 year class reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, May 19, 2007, at American Leg on Post, 9318 Newburgh Road (near Ann Arbor Trail), Livonia. Also a Wayne High Alumni Association All Class Reunion honoring class of 1957 on Friday, May 18. Try to attend both! For details, contact Richard Smith at (248) 442-7543 or Carl Allore at (810) 231-2713 or Larry Schafer at LES87@aol.com.

ANNIVERSARY



Schells celebrate 55th

anniversary

Kenneth and Carol (Richards) Schell of Westland will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

The Schells were married Jan. 19, 1952, at Grace Church in Redford Township.

The Schells have three children: Denise (John) Maynard of East Pointe, Ken (Cheri) Schell of Commerce Township, and Jeanne (John) Patla of Livonia. They have five grandchildren.

Kenneth is retired from MichCon. Carol is a homemaker. Kenneth is active in the VFW and American Legion. They enjoy bowling and being with family.

A family gathering is planned to celebrate their anniversary.

WEDDING



Kostun-Wysocki

Michael Kostun of Brighton and Erin Wysocki of Plymouth were married Oct. 7 at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church with Dr. William C. Moore officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Edie and Tom Wysocki of Plymouth. She is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School and a 2002 graduate of Hope College. She is employed by R SVP in Plymouth.

The groom is the son of Ginny and John Kostun of Brighton. He is a 1996 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a 2006 graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Accu-Read Contract Meter Reading Services.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Catherine Baxter and bridesmaids, Jill Schwendeman, Heather Putt, Tricia Huddas and Amber Wendels.

The groom was attended by best man Patrick Kostun and groomsmen Ken Galica, Michael Botka, Brian Apostolovski, Jim Bieniewicz and Joseph Wysocki.

The reception was held at the Plymouth Manor. The couple honeymooned on Hutchinson Island in the Florida Keys.

They are making their home in Canton.

ENGAGEMENTS

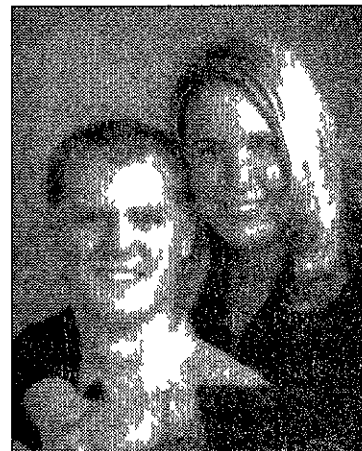
Rzepka-Kaufman

Steven and Helen Rzepka of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Diane Rzepka, to Bryan William Kaufman of Canton.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a master of occupational therapy degree from Eastern Michigan University.

The prospective groom is the son of William and Renee Kaufman of Canton. He is pursuing a master of business administration degree from Cleary University and is employed as an account manager for Coca-Cola.

A May 2007 wedding is planned for St. John Neumann.



Catholic Church. The couple will honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii.

Serge-Blue

Michael and Joan Serge of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Serge of Livonia, to Matt Blue of Homewood, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is an elementary teacher in a suburb of Chicago.

The prospective groom is the son of Tom and Maryanne Blue of Muskego, Wis. He is a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is a physical education teacher and varsity boys basketball coach in a suburb of Chicago.



An August 2007 wedding is planned at the Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth, Mich.

Merrill-Stone

Jim and Sharon Merrill of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Merrill of Philadelphia, Pa., to Bill Stone of Philadelphia.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a middle school math teacher at Marion T. Academy Charter School in Wilmington, Del. She is pursuing an online masters of educational technology through Michigan State.



is a first year law student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

An Aug. 11, 2007 wedding is planned for St. Colette Church in Livonia.

Jordan-Wagner

Jerry and Lenore Jordan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Lynn Jordan, to Matthew Lee Wagner of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed by a White Lake law firm.

The prospective groom is the son of Carol and Jim Todd of Portland, Mich., and the late Jack Wagner. He is a graduate of Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw. He is employed as a carpenter with PCI Industries.



A Sept. 29, 2007 wedding is planned for Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

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DUANE L. BLOCK, M.D.

January 3, 2007. Age 80 of Bloomfield Hills. Retired Medical Director for Ford Motor Company. Beloved husband of Kathleen for 25 years. Loving father of Susan Rupe (Stephen) and Jeffrey. Dear grandfather of Katie, Lindsey, Bryan, Matthew and Allyson. Family will receive friends Monday, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial service Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to Kirk in the Hills Music Fund or Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

HERBERT JAMES BROWN

Age 87. January 3, 2007. Dear husband of Jean L. Uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Member of the VFW, Bruce Post #1146 and proud member of the Cooties. Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak.

LAVERNE GORDON
WILLSEY

Jan. 4, 2007. Retired Detroit Police Sergeant. Service on Monday, 1 p.m. at Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Visitation Sunday, 2-9 p.m.

RUTH N. ARNOLD

Age 83. November 14, 2006. Ruth was a long time resident of Livonia, a member of the Livonia Church of Christ and a General Motors retiree. She is survived by son John Arnold of Remus, MI, and daughter Sue Ellen Opperman of Netcong, NJ, five grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. There will be a memorial service in the Spring. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice.



JOSEPH M. HENSHAW

Jan. 4, 2007. Age 76 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Janet. Loving father of Michael (Margot) and Kimberly (Steven) Grulke. Dear brother of the late Paul and the late Gerald. Proud grandfather of Kirsten, Kyle, Paige, Caroline, Garrett and Evan. Joseph was a Biology teacher in the Plymouth Canton Schools from 1962-1987. He was also a charter member and past president of the Plymouth Canton Civitan Club and past president of the Plymouth Fall Festival Board. Visitation Saturday, 5-9 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. until funeral service at 3 p.m. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Monday, 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Civitan International Foundation. To leave a message of condolence, please log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT WILLIAM
ROSENBERGER

Age 84. Passed away January 3, 2007. He was born on January 20, 1922, in McKeesport, PA, to the late Harvey and Ruth (Fryar) Rosenberger. He resided in Plymouth prior to moving to South Lyon. He served in the Army during WWII and was a life member of the VFW and American Legion. Bob was an avid gardener and loved to do woodworking. He had just finished setting up his dream workshop. He also collected model cars. Robert is survived by his daughter Barbara Dorey, two granddaughters Kimberly (Correy) Turner and Jennifer (Andrew) Duncan, two great granddaughters Mikayla, Chloe, and another one on the way. He also is survived by many nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors, and his devoted dog, Sable. Visitation will be held on Sunday, 4-9 p.m. Monday, 2-9 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile). South Lyon Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

WILLIAM KIMBALL, DVM

December 26, 2006. Age 78 of Bigfork, Montana. Beloved husband of the late Donna. Loving father of the late Ross, Scott, Tom, Melody, Todd, Monty, and spouses. Dear brother of Mary McGraw and the late Richard Kimball. Eleven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and a special niece, Marie. Doc will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His family wishes to extend special thanks to all of his friends and neighbors who have loved and supported him throughout his life. Donations may be made to the Humane Society, 43 Woodland Park Drive, Kalispell, Montana 59901.

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Dear Member-Owners,

DFCU Owners United is pleased to endorse three highly competent DFCU Financial members who are running for the credit union's volunteer board of directors. After fulfilling all the requirements mandated by the credit union's bylaws, **Jesse D.L. Brunais, Linda M. Malec and Salvatore Mazzola** have been notified by the DFCU Financial Board of Directors Nominating Committee that their names will be included on the ballot for the 2007 Board of Directors election.

Bruce D. Gears, Ryan M. Hershberger and Ronald K. Seiler, endorsed by DFCU Owners United, also qualified to run for the board election. However, they have since notified DFCU Financial that they wish to have their names withdrawn from the ballot, and will lend their support to **BRUNAIS, MALEC and MAZZOLA** for the three announced open board positions.

Brunais, Malec & Mazzola pledge that putting members first is their #1 commitment. Each of these candidates has a passion for DFCU Financial Federal Credit Union, and they have expressed their displeasure at the recent attempt to change their credit union to a bank.

"It is no secret that DFCU's recent initiative to become a bank provoked very strong opposition from member-owners of the credit union. Early in 2006, I took the time to learn more about this ill-fated proposal by talking with others, attending informational meetings sponsored by DFCU Owners United, and reading industry related periodicals. The more I learned, the more my personal opposition grew. I now ask the members of DFCU for their vote as a candidate for DFCU's Board of Directors in order to help guide this great institution in an open and transparent manner as governed by the credit union's bylaws and policies."

--- **Jesse D.L. Brunais**, automotive product design engineer in Powertrain Operations at Ford Motor Company. A member of DFCU Financial since 1981, Brunais is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Master's degree in electronics and computer science from Wayne State University.

"I became re-involved in DFCU during the attempt to convert it into a for-profit bank. During that time, I also listened to members unhappy with other changes that seemed to be trending toward 'just another bank.' I was stunned because, as a cooperative, DFCU operates for the benefit of member-owners and should strive to be 'better than the competition' by returning earnings back to members with better rates on savings, lower rates on loans, and providing exemplary services so that over time, all members benefit. With your vote, I pledge to 'put members first' and to support continuing the great traditions of DFCU, its employees and members." --- **Linda M. Malec**, human resources associate on the corporate staff at Ford Motor Company's World Headquarters. A member of DFCU Financial for 36 years, Malec served on DFCU's board of directors from 1980 to 2000, including chairperson from 1988 to 1998. Malec holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

"In the nine years I have been a member of DFCU, I have come to value the credit union for what it is—an efficient organization of exceptionally competent professionals, committed to serving all its members as owners and not as customers. I first became involved with DFCU Owners United when my confidence in the present Board of Directors was shaken by last year's proposed bank conversion, which was strongly opposed by the membership. In seeking the members' vote for the Board of Directors, I ask DFCU member-owners to support continuing the credit union's traditions of professional service and growth driven by members' needs." --- **Salvatore Mazzola**, funding analyst in the Treasurer's Office of Ford Motor Company. Mazzola earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois, as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University.

Ballots are expected to be mailed to members in January 2007, in advance of DFCU Financial's Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2007.

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'A little Meadow Brook'

Historic Pine Knob Mansion opens doors to public

BY KAREN SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in decades, the general public may dine in the historic Pine Knob Mansion with its scenic vista of south-eastern Michigan.

Built in the late 1920s on top of Pine Knob in Clarkston, the 19-room English Tudor-style home was opened Dec. 17 by owners Nino and Stacey Catenacci for Christmas brunch, the first of several holiday special events they plan to offer. A New Year's Eve party is next.

Since 1992, the mansion has been used as a banquet facility for weddings and other private gatherings.

It was last open to the general public in the 1970s when it was a restaurant known to locals as the Hamburger Mansion.

BIG TURNOUT

"I can't tell you how happy people were (to have the mansion open again)," said Stacey Catenacci. "I was hoping for 60 (for brunch) and got 200."

Zoe Aldrich, event planner for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, remembers the Hamburger Mansion as a local hot spot and is glad more people will be able to enjoy the view from southeast Michigan's highest point — 1,221 feet above sea level.

"It's breathtaking when you get out of the car," she said.

Toni Smith, director of the Clarkston Heritage Museum, said the mansion is an important part of Clarkston history more people can now experience.

It's nice to see an historical building coming back into public use," she said.

'A LITTLE MEADOW BROOK'

Clarkston resident Matt Duff, who lives near the mansion, has attended private functions there but is glad he no longer has to wait for an invitation to visit.

"It's like a little Meadow Brook (Hall) inside there," he said.

Col. Sydney Waldon, an automotive and aviation pioneer who helped develop the U.S. Air Force during World War I, built the mansion as a summer home for himself and second wife, Helen Rentschler, on 820 acres he purchased in 1927 from Harvey and Mary Fleming.

Waldon lovingly referred to his residence as "the hill," Stacey Catenacci said.

"I miss the hill," he would write to his secretary who oversaw things while he was away. "I can't wait to come home to the hill."

He designed his own gardens



Owner Stacey Catenacci points out design details in the Great Hall, including tributes to Henry Ford and the Wright brothers.

and had a bird sanctuary outside his library.

"He loved his birds," Catenacci said.

The home was designed by architect H.A. O'Dell with entertainment in mind. The Great Hall has an acoustically perfect ceiling so music lovers could enjoy music from an organ console hidden by a hand-carved oak screen.

FRIEND OF HENRY FORD

The stained glass in the great hall bears coats of arms and artistic tributes to friends Henry Ford and Orville and Wilbur Wright, who later served as a pall bearer at the colonel's funeral in 1967. Wood carvings in the great hall tell of Waldon's many travels, including safaris.

"Everything carved in the woodwork had a meaning," Catenacci said.

The mansion also had six master bedrooms with private baths, servants' quarters, a gun room, fruit room and wine cellar. Outbuildings included a carriage house, tenant house, machine shop and many barns.

The great hall and Waldon's library look much like they did when he lived there, but most of the rest of the house has been modified.

The Waldons moved from the home in 1941 to Helen's family home in Hamilton, Ohio.

FORMER SANITARIUM

The mansion and 460 acres were purchased in 1948 by Henry Ford Hospital as a sanitarium and convalescent center for psychiatric and physical

therapy patients. Ten years later, in 1958, Dr. Harley Robinson bought it for use as a rest home. In 1976, a group of developers turned it into the Hamburger Mansion.

In 1992, the current owners turned the mansion into the 27-hole championship Pine Knob Golf Course and Banquet facility.

Catenacci said maintaining the mansion has been a labor of love, but she and her husband have no plans to move in.

It's spooky and they say it's haunted," she said, referring to local lore and adding she would not want to be alone in the mansion at night.

Now, members of the public will be able to decide for themselves if those legends are true.

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The Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston sits at the highest point in Oakland County, 1,221 feet above sea level. On a clear day, visitors can see Detroit from the mansion's back yard and gardens.

Mansion owner helped to build Air Force and road system

BY KAREN SMITH
COMMUNITY EDITOR

A history buff who researched the life of Col. Sydney Waldon, builder of the Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston, said he was a genius whose aviation and automotive innovations helped build the industries that have become the bedrock of modern society — air flight and motor travel.

Rachel Godley, who did the research for owners Nino and Stacey Catenacci, said Waldon was a friend of Henry Ford, the Dodge brothers and the Wright brothers.

He was born in London on Jan. 29, 1873, and came to America at age 20.

"These men were some of the most influential thinkers of their time — the very first to think outside of the box," she wrote in an article titled "Pine Knob Mansion: A Brief Historical Overview."

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Specifically, Waldon was involved in building "from scratch" the U.S. Air Force during World War I, Godley said. After the war, he helped to create and improve Detroit's and the state's roadways, she said.

Waldon met the Wright brothers while working in the infant automotive industry, first as vice-president of Packard Motor Car Co. from 1910 to 1915 and later as executive/engineer for Cadillac Motor Co. from 1915 to 1916.

In 1916, during World War I, Waldon enlisted in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, which included the first "Air Service." There were only about a dozen pilots and about 150 obsolete planes at the time, Godley said. Waldon reached the rank of colonel and, as assistant to the chief of the Aircraft Production Board, he helped to create the Liberty engine, the first engine used in fighter planes.

After the war, Waldon served as president of the Street Railway

Road Commission and the Rapid Transit System in the 1920s. From 1935 to 1945, he served on the Michigan State Advisory Board.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Waldon and his second wife, Helen Rentschler, were also involved in civic activities. He was a founding member of the Detroit Club, first director of the Automotive Club of America and an original member of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

She supported the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Boys and Girls Scouts of America and the Garden Clubs of America.

The Waldons had one child, a boy, who died at birth. Little is known about Waldon's first wife, Lois Strong Burton, with whom he had a daughter, Maume Waldon Street.

Waldon died Jan. 20, 1945, of a heart attack at age 72 at the Rentschler family home in Hamilton, Ohio. Orville Wright was a pallbearer at his funeral.

Helen Waldon died Sept. 11, 1967, at age 77, also in Ohio.

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West coast workout

Nia combines art forms to improve health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Beverly Price is enjoying every movement of the newest class at the Body Connection in Royal Oak. Nia puts the fun back in exercise for those courageous enough to let themselves go.

Even though the workout originated on the West Coast in the 1980s, Nia is just beginning to catch on in Metro Detroit. In anticipation of the growth of the next hottest fitness craze, Price has scheduled classes from morning to evening for nearly every day of the week.

Usually Price is leading classes through yoga movements or counseling clients about their relationship with food but this evening she follows instructor Beth Silver who is scooping chi or energy out of thin air. A registered dietitian, Price regularly sees men, women and children with eating disorders and weight issues.

Nia's neuromuscular integrative action blends elements of dance, kickboxing, the martial arts including tai chi, and yoga and healing techniques such as feldenkrais to raise the heart rate, strengthen muscles, release tension, and burn calories while liberating the mind, body and spirit. Throughout the session students are able to express themselves during free style periods by creating their own movement.

"We bought an elliptical trainer for our basement but it's boring," said Price, a Huntington Woods resident who was practicing yoga every day and looking for a way to cross train when she invited a Nia instructor to teach a course in July. "When you go to a Nia class you gather everybody else's energy. Health wise, it's increased my endurance although yoga has as well, my strength and durability. I like the combination of both."

Price has observed a change in her nutritional counseling clients as a result.

"Many of them don't feel good about their bodies," said Price. "This is a nonjudgmental way to move your body. Many come to see me for weight loss but they're not exercising. This is a great way to do it and have fun."

Silver discovered Nia while on a self-exploration journey. Over the years, she tried pilates, yoga, weight training, and ice dancing as a way to stay fit after leaving Harbinger Dance

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"Nia invites you to move your body naturally. You're not asked to get into positions that don't feel good," said Silver who became a certified Nia instructor after completing training in East Lansing. "It's a work in and a work out, a mind, body, spirit class. Anything cardio you've got to improve your heart, circulation. It's going to make weight loss easier. People in wheelchairs can take the class. It's designed for all fitness levels, ages, body types. I provide the movements. Students decide how big or small they're going to do the movement. It's self-adjusting."

Best friends Mayyadah Ali and Valerie Harris of Southfield had tried every kind of exercise program as well. They decided to take Nia together as part of a continuing search to keep their bodies limber. Both trained with Alvin Ailey.

"I love the constant movement," said Mayyadah Ali. "I'm feeling more relaxed. I'm just entering menopause and it's given me a release of stress, tension."

Kelly Ray drives all the way from Rochester Hills to take Nia classes at the Body Connection in Royal Oak. Her physician recommended Nia as a way for her to lose weight and reduce stress.

Jeni Langan likes the stretching, music and the fact that Nia incorporates dance. She earned a dance degree from Wayne State University.

Sandra Braden was searching for different ways to exercise when she discovered Nia. Now at least once a week Braden leaves her job in Detroit to drop in for a Nia class in Royal Oak before heading home to St. Clair Shores.

"I'm age 56 and it keeps the joints moving," said Sandra Braden. "Even after the class I kept feeling the movement. You feel looser. It stays with you the whole week."

Amy Lockmondy is always looking for new, effective ways for students to stay fit at The Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton. As the recreational facility's health and wellness coordinator and a mother of twin toddlers, Lockmondy doesn't always have time to exercise so when a Nia instructor contacted her a year ago she was excited about offering classes. Unfortunately, the community has shown no interest.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Valerie Harris, Southfield, participates in a workout called Nia which combines dance, and the martial and healing arts.

"I liked it because it was something different," said Amy Lockmondy. "I feel people are looking for out of the ordinary workouts. When pilates broke across the country everybody was asking about it. I will offer it if the community asks for it."

"With Nia there are a couple of parts where you have to freestyle with your movement. That can be very intimidating if others are around because people don't want to look silly. I am actually fine with it but think that part of it, letting yourself go completely, might be hard for some people."

It's not unusual for Lockmondy to offer a class and have no one sign up. While the community wasn't ready for belly dancing, Lockmondy says January and February will be "crazy" with people registering for land aerobics, pilates, yoga, kick boxing, tai chi, mother-daughter aerobics, and family yoga. For details,

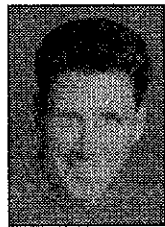
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For information on Nia classes at the Body Connection in Royal Oak, call (248) 390-4150 or visit www.bodyconnection-nia.com. In addition to Nia, pilates, yoga, and yoga dance are offered nearly every day from 6:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. along with nutrition counseling and workshops. Nia classes are \$15 for drop-ins or 12 classes for \$139, 24 sessions for \$239, or a \$79 per month unlimited package with a one year commitment. Price offers the first week of classes free to prospective students.

"It's a great way to exercise your body and your mind," said Price. "The instructors bring in a lot of stress management techniques, breathing techniques."

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Be careful with water during run



Jill from Commerce is a marathon runner and wants some tips on proper water intake.

Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Jill, many endurance athletes think it is OK to drink and keep on drinking. That may be OK for high performance athletes losing body fluids with excessive sweat, but athletes going at a slower pace just don't need that kind of water consumption. Taking in too much water can lead to a condition called hyponatremia, or water intoxication. The water overload causes the body's cells to swell up. This condition can

lead to things like headache and nausea. You can even become delirious.

Try to limit water intake to no more than a liter per hour for no more than four hours. When it comes to water intake, for some endurance athletes slow and steady really does win the race!

Terri from Detroit is concerned about her daughter's weight. She e-mailed Peter looking for help. Terri, I am glad that you brought this up. The childhood obesity problem in this country is skyrocketing out of control. One in 3 kids are overweight! Now, a new study could help fight the epidemic. Researchers followed a group of children for 10 years. They found the average child ate 165 calories more than they needed each day. Also, the more

overweight teens took in about 1,000 calories more each day than needed. That is almost two Big Macs! The study concluded children are spending more time putting food into their mouths than exercising.

So what can be done? Teach your children healthy eating habits, which include avoiding sugary sodas because they are packed with calories. Also limit television time. Experts found cutting television watching by just an hour a day can cut a child's food intake by 160 calories a day. Get your child involved in a physical activity instead!

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

Protect yourself with a flu shot

Local visiting nurse associations are warning residents that time is running out to get a flu shot.

Walk-in clinics are being offered at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600 in Oak Park from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Homebound service and corporate worksite clinics are also available.

"Flu season generally peaks in February for Michigan residents," said Kay Renny, R.N., Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan community programs manager. "The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stresses that

individuals can be vaccinated through flu season as late as March, but remember, it takes up to two weeks to build up sufficient immunity."

Each year in the United States approximately 36,000 people die and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized because of influenza complications, according to the CDC.

Flu shots through the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan cost \$24, and are payable by cash, check, Medicare, HAP or Care Choices. Pneumonia shots are \$40. For more information, call (248) 967-8751 or visit www.vna.org. The University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is offering a flu shot clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Michigan Visiting Nurses, 2850 S. Industrial Hwy, Suite 75, near the intersection of Industrial and Eisenhower in Ann Arbor.

Flu shots are \$33 this year, pneumonia shots \$82. Payment options include cash, check and credit card, as well as Medicare Part B, M-Care, CareChoices and HAP, all of which cover the entire cost of the flu shot.

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Buyout/retirement offer calls for planning, thought

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Buyouts and early retirements are common right now in the auto industry. Those faced with such offers need to think things through, both financially and in terms of their careers.

Bob Thomas, director of career services at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, urges those leaving auto companies to link up with professional organizations. Such organizations offer resume sharing and job postings, he said, citing Automation Alley as one option good for those taking a buyout.

OU also offers limited scholarships to those downsized through buyout or layoff, he said. Assistance is available for those changing careers, to see what's necessary in terms of educational requirements.

"So there's a variety of things that can be addressed," Thomas said.

He also recommends use of the states Michigan Works! system.

It's a pretty vast network of job postings. You can work with state staffers on your resume, and Michigan Works! staffers have access to new employers in the state.

Michigan Works! can be reached online at www.michiganworks.org, and has a number of offices statewide. They just have to get in

there and talk to those professionals in those offices," Thomas said.

Oakland University also has adult career counseling available free to nonstudents. For information, visit accc@oakland.edu online or call (248) 370-3092.

PJ Rao, assistant director for career services at Wayne State University in Detroit, said her office is also ready to help. "We have a staff of many counselors available to talk to folks." They work primarily with students and alumni on career development.

Rao and her colleagues see if job seekers would like to go back into same career path. "We work with them on resume writing, polishing up their resumes," she said. They also work on cover letters, what their niche is and assisting them with interviewing skills.

"We have a lot of resources they can utilize online and in the office," Rao said. In addition to students and alumni, those in the community are welcome to stop-in counseling hours, with no appointment needed, at certain times of day. You can go to www.careerservices.wayne.edu or call (313) 577-3390 for details.

"We hear from a lot of different people. We meet with a variety of folks," she said. Wayne State staffers have also told people about Michigan Works! and career Web

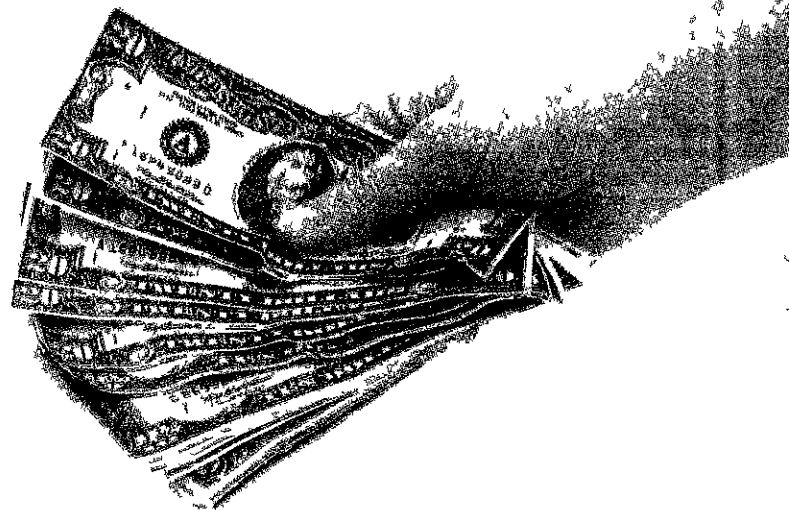
sites. The career services staff tells job seekers to bring in drafts of resumes so they can work on that, "and see where they want to go."


There are financial considerations involved in such buyout/retirements offers as well. "I have some clients that are in the process of doing that," said Mark Napolitano, vice president of investments for Raymond James & Associates in Plymouth, of buyouts.

There isn't a simple solution to making a life-changing decision like the one DaimlerChrysler, Ford, and GM have proposed to many of their employees, he said. Each package from the Big Three is unique, as is every employee's situation.

New legislation may be the key in the decisions you make regarding these offers, according to Napolitano. Even if you have made the decision to take the buyout, it's crucial that you seek out a professional that will help establish a plan to transition through this process.

That includes financial decision and investment strategies that take into consideration each client's future plans, family dynamics, and current situation. "Really have a good handle on one year's expenses," he added. "I think that's very important."





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Communication Technicians will be responsible for installation and service of cable digital and High Speed Data. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License. License must be in good standing. Ability to lift 70 lbs. and climb ladders. This is a full-time position, working Tuesday thru Saturday 10am-7pm. \$13.00 per hour including self-promotion program.

Please come to an information session regarding the above position on **Tuesday, January 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the **Livonia Marriott 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive**.

In order to be considered for a position, you must apply online at <http://www.comcast.com>. Please bring an updated resume to include related experience and minimum requirements as listed on the unit's job posting.

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HI-LO OPERATORS

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Qualified candidates should submit a resume to
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P.O. Box 701248
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HoMedics the leader in wellness and relaxation products is looking for a Maintenance Technician to work in their Commerce Township and Novi facilities. Duties will include preventive and corrective maintenance and repairs on equipment routine maintenance and repairs on all facility equipment building and grounds. Good mechanical communication and problem solving skills are a must. The ideal candidate will have a high school diploma and 1-3 years maintenance experience. HoMedics offers competitive wages and an excellent benefits package including 401K. If you are interested in this position fax your resume and wage requirements to 248 863 3119 or email resume@homedics.com

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Exp preferred. FT Company vehicle. Medical & Dental benefits. Fax resume to 313 277 8604

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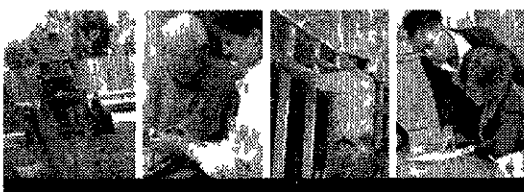
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DENTAL ASSISTANT

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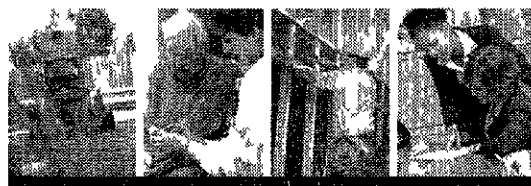
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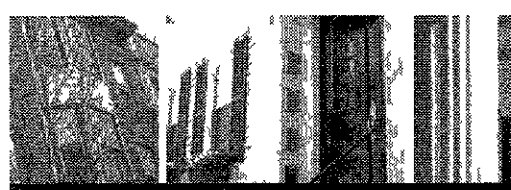
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Interest building in housing trade show

(NAPSI) Home buyers aren't the only ones interested in construction. More than 100,000 housing professionals are expected to descend on Orlando, Fla., for The 2007 International Builders Show (IBS). In today's slow housing market, the educational sessions, networking opportunities and state-of-the-art technology and products featured make attendance critical for any professional working in the industry. Hosted by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the housing industry's largest annual light-construction trade show and exhibition will be held at the Orange County Convention Center, Feb. 7-10.

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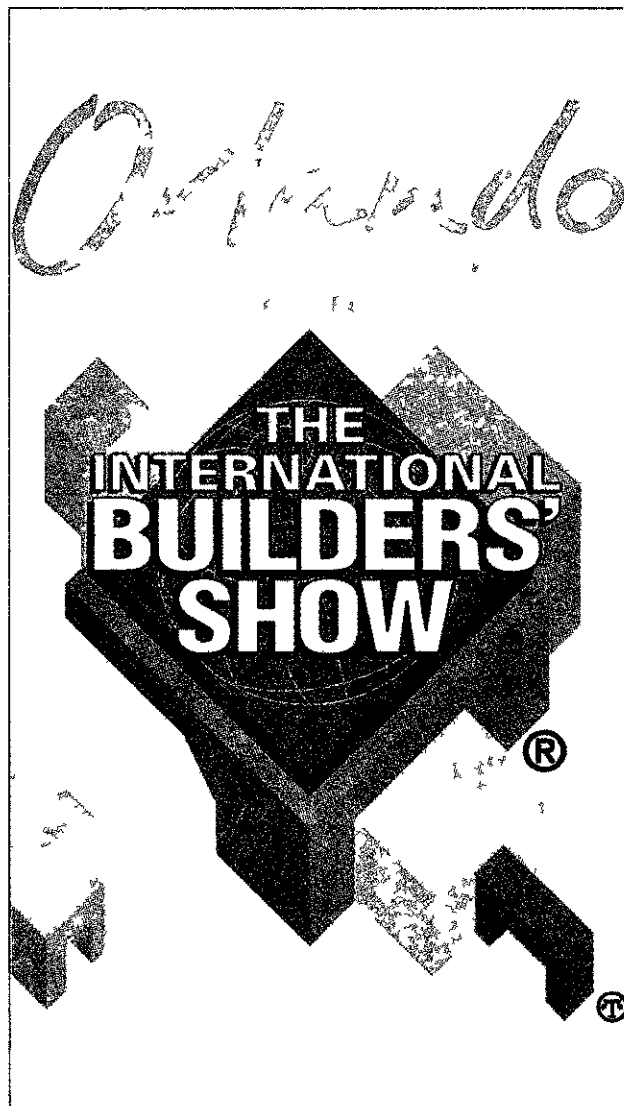
Hailed as The Big Show, IBS promises a wealth of opportunities for professionals, particularly at a time when many home builders and associates have seen a slowdown in business. With more than 290 educational sessions scheduled during the show, attendees will discover that succeeding in changing times is a theme incorporated into many of the sessions. In addition, new for 2007 is the 'Changing Markets' education track, which includes classes such as:

- Selling Smart to Builders: Your Best Plays for a Changing Market
- Cut Construction Costs: 20 Proven Techniques
- Using the Internet in a Changing Environment
- It's a Whole New World: Make Money in 2007
- 107 Marketing Ideas for 2007

Changing Markets is just one of 19 different educational tracks available to this year's attendees.

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These educational sessions are your best opportunity to learn how to grow your business and discover the latest trends and best practices that will take you to the next level. For more information on registering for classes and to see the full array of educational offerings, visit www.BuildersShow.com/Seminars.



On-site registration begins on Sunday, Feb. 4. Visitors can also see what the show has to offer at www.BuildersShow.com/VTS, a virtual showcase for exhibitors and their products.

Take credit for home energy improvements

(NAPSI)—Uncle Sam is ready to give you credit for the steps you take to reduce energy consumption in your home. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provides valuable tax credits—as much as \$300 to consumers who purchase qualified high-efficiency heating, cooling and water heating equipment.

These new tax credits took effect in January 2006. Unlike a tax deduction, which reduces the amount of income subject to tax, a tax credit directly reduces the amount of federal income tax you pay or increases the tax refund you receive.

The new energy legislation defines the type of equipment and the amount of the credit in this way:

- High-efficiency gas, oil and propane furnaces and boilers: \$150
- High-efficiency central air conditioning units, including air source and ground-source heat pumps: \$300
- High-efficiency fans for heating and cooling systems: \$50
- High-efficiency water heaters, including heat pump water heaters: \$300

Manufacturers and retailers should be able to tell homeowners whether a specific product qualifies for a tax credit. Qualifying efficiencies identified in the bill include:

- Furnaces and boilers: Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) of 95 or higher
- Air-source heat pumps: Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF) of 9 or greater, Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) of 15 or higher and Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) of 13 or higher
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The maximum credit for all taxable years is \$500 and is applicable to other home energy-efficiency improvements, including the installation of new windows, insulation, doors and roofs. To qualify for the tax credits, homeowners will need to verify the efficiency of the equipment and the date when it was placed in service. The equipment must be installed between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007.

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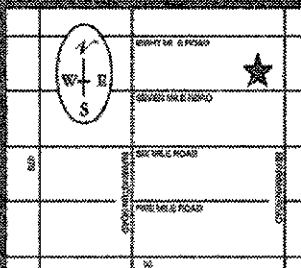


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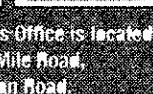
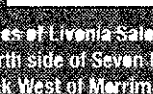
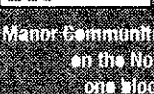
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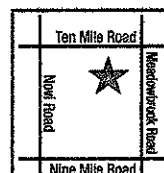
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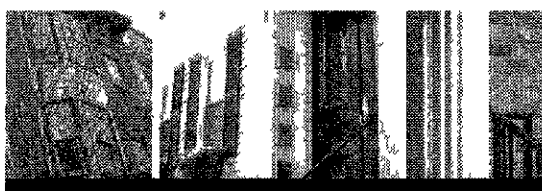
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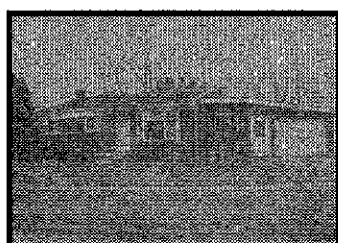


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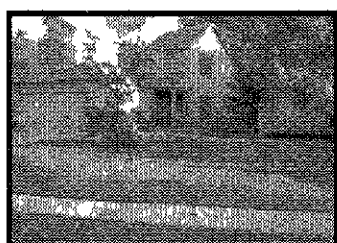
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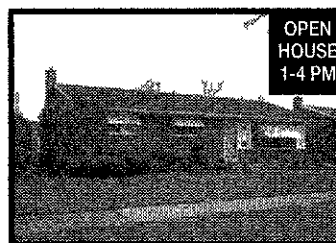
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U WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED
Good hearted SBF 49 loves music travel
togetherness Looking for a sweet sexy
SBM respectful and easygoing to share
nice dinners good talks romance and affection
☎152214

LOVES BOATING
SWF 65 5'6" Aries N/S loves dancing and
dining out Seeking WM 60-71 N/S with
sense of humor for friendship, possible
romance ☎690004

IS IT YOU?
SWF 56 tall trim seeks hard working or
retired conservative SWM 5'11" 58-65
with good values educated no tattoos
drugs or games please ☎138961

SEEKING SPECIAL GENT
DWF 65 attractive well-dressed sincere
loving optimistic likes theater travel dining
fitness Wishing to meet a non smoking WM
58-70 for possible romance ☎630808

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF 50s 5'7" 125lbs loves all
life animals, arts family nature spirituality
Hearts helping professional Seeking big
mastered financially/emotionally secure intel
ligent DPM 48 68 for fun friendship depth
etc ☎922242

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF young 60s w/good morals, caring
nice looking 5'3" 156lbs N/S N/D
N/Drugs clean honest living partly retired
enjoys art card playing casinos and
movies Seeking honest man 50-60 race
open ☎134425

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

FIND ME
Attractive SAF 49 N/S 5'3" 110lbs slim
build seeks WM 45-56 N/S for friendship
and more ☎113901

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SWF 38 mother enjoys Harley's, rock n
roll good talks classic cars sports amuse
ment parks casinos, meeting new people
Seeking outgoing sweet fun man w/spon
taneous streak to share new adventures
with ☎962910

IVORY SEEKS EBONY
Honest independent separated W/F 47
5'7" voluptuous N/S N/D DWF free
enjoys coffee shops reading walks din
ing movie nights etc ISO stable secure
sociable sweet SBM to share special
times ☎147676

RIGHT HERE WAITING
SBF 36 5'7" full figured would like to
meet a hard working SBM 36 50 for shar
ing of conversations dates fun and more
☎155646

MR RIGHT ARE YOU THERE?
SWF 56 5'8" HWP easygoing dependable
reliable Taurus N/S social drinker likes
computers nascar casinos sports seeks
WM 46 65 for friendship and more
☎112612

TRUE FRIENDSHIP
WAF 62 5'100lbs enjoys gardening dogs
cats cooking dining out travel Seeking
kind caring honest SW/AM 55 70 slim
with understanding of asian culture for
friendship first maybe more later ☎139934

WHERE ARE YOU?
Very attractive sexy SBPF 63 5'2" medi
um build enjoys dining out jazz plays ISO
SBM 40 52 commitment minded and sin
cere for LTR ☎950732

LOOKING FOR ME?
Affectionate sincere SWF 63 5'2" dark
hair and eyes employed part time enjoys
travel movies dining out more ISO tall
active open minded lovable man to share
a little fun possibly romance ☎959193

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SBCF 38 5'6" 120lbs smoker loves jazz
Seeking BF 30-45 smoker for dining out
and movies for friendship possible
romance ☎152399

FRIENDS FIRST
SBF 37 5'6" black/brown easygoing
Aries N/S enjoys bike riding long walks
travel and cooking Seeking WM 30 50
N/S for fun ☎93970

AWAITING YOUR CALL
SBF 47 200lbs mother self-employed
neat sociable happy enjoys reading danc
ing Looking for a nice man to share nice
times and special moments ☎157109

LOOKING FOR LIFE PARTNER
Female young 45 NKds loves animals
nature gardening old cars new music, and
quiet nights. Seeking a man 40-50 with a
positive attitude and good SOH Friends first
possible LTR ☎113552

FORMER MODEL
SWF 50 5'6" slender intelligence creativi
ty passion for music and dancing Seeks
partner 38-50 who is attractive and fit, to
share this interests and more ☎600106

ONE GOOD WOMAN
BBW SWF attractive compassionate
down to earth Enjoys movies comedies
long walks romantic evenings and more
Seeking employed SM 38 55 to do and
share things together Must like pets
☎947175

TAKE ME GOLFING
Tidy SWF 60 enjoys fine dining traveling
Seeking golfer best friend confidante 58
70 widower a plus Honestly trust a must
to make a relationship work ☎975914

SEEKING SOMETHING NEW
Down to earth attractive SBF 36 N/S 5'7"
professional enjoys movies dining out
shopping traveling seeks WM 35-55 N/S
for friendship first possibly more ☎123659

MAYBE US?
SF 42 blonde/blue leggy loves all types of
music dancing movies nature road trips
dining and simple fun ISO easygoing loving
guy to share talks, good times friendship
and more ☎132593

DO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE?
SBF 54 5'9" N/S with great personality
likes walking holding hands playing intellec
tual board games and Jazz music Seeks
SM 50+ with similar interests for compan
ionship romance possible ltr ☎155558

WANTED TALL, CLASSY MALE
I am in my early 60s, 5'2" brown/brown I
enjoy dancing outdoors and travel
Seeking a companion 60 70 and maybe a
relationship Please call ☎982305

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

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE
Very attractive blonde fit energetic and
happy professionally employed very youth
ful 60s 5'3" trim and shapely enjoys dining
travel dancing theater family and friends.
Seeking honest, handsome fit 55+ college
grad N/S with youthful passion for life
Serious replies only ☎652380

LOOKING FOR YOU
Attractive SWF Catholic, 59 N/S 5'6" good
shape seeks WM 53 70 N/S who enjoys
golf movies theater dining long walks
church and much more ☎124235

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SBF 56 BBW loves jazz concerts movies,
travel walks great conversation Seeking
commitment minded mature loving man
with similar interests for possible LTR
☎140023

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

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Loving youthful SBF 57 trim shapely very
attractive energetic happy enjoys dining
travel amusement parks the outdoors festi
vals nature family friends theater more
Seeking like-minded gentleman to share
these ☎121526

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Fun-loving attractive SWF 70 5'5" 135lbs
blonde retired N/S seeks well-groomed
WM 65-72 N/S to share life romance and
possible relationship. ☎991247

PETITE & SEXY
SBF sensitive affectionate loving 51 looks
35 5'1" 105lbs NS. Seeking healthy SBM
5'10" 6'1" to work out with ☎912553

ALL OF ME
SWF 50 5'10" big beautiful woman 300+
pounds easygoing N/S light drinker enjoys
nights out or in ISO loving happy commit
ment minded man to share a happy lasting
loving relationship ☎956929

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Beautiful shapely SBF 34 5'4" likes read
ing long walks working out, movies, plays
concerts spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks
patient, understanding BM 34-46 N/S with
similar interests ☎123905

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN
Attractive professional educated WF 55
5'2" slim N/S Interest include movies com
erts comedy clubs jazz dancing dining
out, family ties Seeking WM 48-55 HWP
for lasting loving LTR ☎973365

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF 57 5'7" attractive slender athletic
Scorpio, N/S enjoys sports concerts dining
out seeks WPM 55-61 N/S educated
healthy humorous, possible LTR ☎983381

MADE TO ORDER
SWF 52 attractive Pisces, N/S nice edu
cated secure fun enjoys sporting events
movies, camping travel theater seeks WM
45-58 N/S possible romance ☎993487

GREAT CATCH
Attractive youthful widow 68 5'3" 135lbs
Brunette/brown shapely N/S seeks WM 55-
70 prefers N/S in luxurious country or
Oakland county areas for LTR w/variety of
interests. Seeks relationship/companionship
and more ☎111193

SEEKING A LADY?
SBF 56 5'4" 110lbs slim build Sagittarius
smoker honest sincere retired enjoys
movies, concerts travel park walks seeks
man 45-70 similar for friendship possible
romance ☎118410

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Easygoing SWF 57 CNA N/S N/D enjoys
talks, togetherness, day trips soft rock ISO
loving Christian man N/S N/D, w/children
ok to share talks, dates s ~e times, then
who knows? ☎126925

FRIENDS FIRST
WVWF 68 5'6" 145lbs healthy honest
happy likes comedy films country cooking
Looking for outdoorsy, active man affection
ate and warm-hearted to share the good
times in life ☎139719

HI EVERYONE
SF 18 seeks nice easygoing guy who
knows how to have fun and knows how to
treat a lady Friendship first ☎142588

LET'S TALK
SWF 55 125lbs financially stable I enjoy
concerts walks dancing etc Seeking an
honest SBM financially stable 40 55 for
friendship possible LTR ☎924511

BBW SEEKING COMPANION
SBF 27 5'5" BBW N/D N/S enjoys
movies concerts plays Seeking SM 27 50
with similar interests for friendship possible
LTR ☎153342

BIG THREE ENGINEER
Attractive SBM 6 220lbs N/S occasional
drinker 40 ish family oriented likes din
ner movies, going to the gym sport motor
cycles Seeking SF 25-40 race open H/W
proportionate for friendship possible LTR
☎622912

HI LADIES
Sweet genuine SBM 38 6 320lbs
good looking warm smile enjoys writing
reading drawing music and much more
Seeking real fun open minded lady to
share the good times ☎152105

JUST A CALL AWAY
SBM 36 6'1" medium build dark complex
ion shaved head almond shape eyes,
down to-earth Looking to meet similar lady
to share a little love and romance. ☎151282

SHARE GOOD TIMES
SBM 27 6 173lbs N/D NKds, slim build
brown complexion glasses likes movies
long walks Jesus, cooking music bowling
mexican food shyness seeks SB/HF 25-28
N/S for friendship possible romance
☎980453

LET'S TAKE A RIDE
Very tall SBM medium build independent
likes riding motorcycles, shopping and being
outdoors Seeking SF 18+ easy going
respectful and is not afraid to take a ride
☎157364

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS
WVWF 68 retired honest independent,
5'8" 198lbs, enjoys golf dining home life
quiet times Seeking like-minded lady 55-68
for friendship/LTR St. Heights. ☎115273

NEW TO AREA
SWM 36 6'5" athletic build dark blond/
blue enjoys sports outdoors, music, movies,
cooking and more Seeking creative fun lady
with an open mind and heart to share friend
ship and fun ☎140690

IS SHE OUT THERE?
SM 41 5'11" 175lbs enjoys all types of
music, simple fun good talks good compan
y Seeking outgoing fun-loving affectionate
lady light hearted and optimistic to share
lives little adventures Possible LTR
☎157219

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM
47 6'2" 205lbs athletic, part time personal
trainer brown/blue degreed outgoing per
sonality enjoys outdoors working out new
activities seeking friendly SF age/location
open ☎531308

HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR
SWM 6 medium built independent N/S
seeks SF 22 50 N/S slim average built, d/d
free must be trust worthy honest and
mature for companionship romance and
more ☎148763

SHARP
Easygoing SBM 39 enjoys movies music
long drives gourmet tea live music much
more Seeking spontaneous SWF 37-50
for friendship good times good talks and
maybe more ☎152047

GOT TIME?
SBM 46 6'3" average build seeks down
to-earth gentle honest SF 35 55 for din
ner dates good conversation walks in the
park or just hanging out watching a good
movie ☎154257

A GOOD CATCH
SWM 30 athletic shaved/blue Seeking
SW/ HF 21+ with good personality kind
hearted who likes dining out cocktails and
more ☎154141

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape SWM
blue eyed blonde 50 year-old 180lbs
desires SBF for friendship and definitely
romance ☎672855

UNUSUAL REQUEST
Nice looking extremely busy Grosse Pt.
SWPM 6'3" 228lbs N/S, N/Drugs ISO over
45 also extremely busy SWPF pretty lady for
great friendship and special times I know
how to treat a lady and practice the golden
rule ☎143494

LOOKING FOR A SINGLE LADY
Looking for a SF 20-30 to get know and
possibly lead to marriage One who is help
ful and down-to-earth who can accept a
man who may have a learning disability
☎152775

IT TAKES TWO
SBM 36 enjoys movies, reading and social
izing seeks spontaneous, articulate attrac
tive open-minded SF 45+ who know how to
enjoy life for friendship romance and more
☎152776

WORTH IT
Sweet real SBM 49 fit 6'3" 245lbs active
simple and honest likes jogging playing bas
ketball R&B cooking home life Seeking
good hearted compassionate woman
beautiful inside/out to share a little happi
ness ☎154783

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN
SBM 35 6'2" N/S independent enjoys
bowling and comedy shows Seeks SBF 26
36 for dinnr dates, "recreational activities or
the weekends good conversation and much
more ☎155319

CALL ME
Cool fun guy 18 dark complexion dark
brown eyes looking for cool sweet chick to
chill with and get to know call me ☎155548

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE
SWM 26 enjoy road trips with friends,
movie sports, sightseeing dinners out
drinks good company good talks Looking
for a nice lady to share these ☎155622

TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME
SBM 18 5'11" wavy hair tattoos indepen
dent Seeking honest SF for sharing of con
versations dates fun and more ☎156937

KING LOOKING FOR QUEEN
SBM 30 5'7" long dread looks well
groomed masculine build Seeking a SF
21+ mature for dinner dates outdoor activ
ities conversation or watching a good
movie ☎158454

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM 44 5'9" 150lbs father enjoys gour
met cooking beach walks, sunshine soft
rock, much more Seeking a loving happy
lady to share the special times in life
☎151943

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

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

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM 6 220lbs physically fit retired well-
educated I would like to meet a single
female 52-62 who is understanding loving
and caring for a LTR ☎969189

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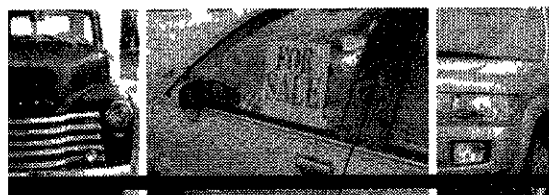
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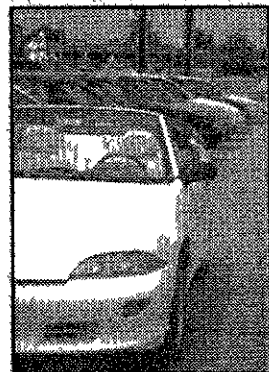
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Consistently adding new cars to its lineup since the introduction of the 2000 Xterra, Nissan continued that trend by launching a small hatchback Versa in July and a sedan version in December.

This new Versa is a compact car with an impressive fuel economy of 30 miles per gallon in city driving. It offers plenty of interior space, various features and with a base price of just \$12,550, is less expensive than the Nissan Sentra. "Consumer response to the roomy, highly fuel efficient Versa hatchback has been tremendous, with dealer inventory running at around a 15-day supply level or less since its introduction last summer," said Bill Bosley, vice president and general manager, Nissan Division. Demand is so high, additional Versa production is planned beginning this month at Nissan's plant in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Called the Tuda in Mexico, Japan and China, the Versa, as it is called in North America, reflects the versatile space provided by the roomy interior and cargo area.

The Versa hatchback's small-and-tall body style looks a little awkward, but provides value in that there is a lot of interior space within a small frame.

The interior length of the hatchback and sedan front to back is more than 6 feet long. The Versa hatchback is about 10 inches shorter than the 2007 Nissan Sentra, yet at only 38 inches tall, it offers almost 4 more inches of backseat legroom than the Sentra.

With a combined front and rear legroom that lets 6 foot plus passengers sit comfortably in all four positions, the Versa's interior is spacious.

And all of that legroom coupled with the hatchback's high roof, the Versa easily provides enough headroom for tall passengers. That makes me wonder, was the Versa tailor made for tall people who like small cars? Maybe as Nissan's Executive Bosley said, the Versa is simply for people who need functionality in a car.

"The new Versa sedan is a great choice for buyers who prefer sedan styling and a traditional trunk, while the Versa hatchback offers the added flexibility of a rear hatch and combined cargo/passenger compartments," Bosley said. "It's an easy choice to have, with two great cars for the same great price."



The Nissan Versa Sedan's impressive fuel economy is sure to please car buyers facing rising gas prices.

Two trim levels are offered for the hatchback and sedan: Versa 1.8 S and Versa 1.8 SL. The 1.8 S provides the bare-bones essentials. It has air conditioning, a rear wiper and a CD player as standard features with power windows, power mirrors and keyless entry optional.

Those features are standard on the 1.8 SL as well as cruise control, upgraded interior cloth, more adjustments for the driver seat and an in-dash six-CD audio system with an MP3 player jack.

Optional features for the Versa 1.8 SL include a Sport Package featuring fog lights, lower-body side extensions and a rear roof spoiler.

The Convenience Package comes with Bluetooth connectivity, Intelligent Key keyless entry and a leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, a sunroof, upgraded audio speakers and satellite radio.

And the Power Package includes remote keyless entry, power door locks, power windows, door armrest pad, rear door pockets and a glove compartment light. As far as power options go, there are three Versa hatchback and sedan models available besides the 4-speed manual transmission base model.

There is the Versa 1.8 S 4-speed automatic transmission, priced at \$13,350, the Versa 1.8 SL 6-speed manual transmission, offered at \$14,550, and the Versa 1.8 SL with Nissan's advanced Xtronic Continuously Variable Transmission, which stickers for \$15,550.

The Versa's handling is enhanced by vehicle-speed sensitive power steering. With this system, steering feels more responsive and easy to turn at low speeds. As the car's speed increases, the feel of the

steering wheel tightens to help give you better control.

The exterior of the Versa features a bold look for a small car, as evident in the large headlights, signature Nissan grille and large taillights. Its round body tips off the roomy interior of the Versa.

The Versa recently earned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 5-star rating for side-impact crash test safety. It also received the highest possible rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in all three tested areas - front-, side- and rear-impact evaluations.

This car is equipped with the Nissan Advanced Air Bag System, which includes dual-stage front supplemental air bags and front seat side-impact supplemental air bags for chest protection and roof-mounted curtain side-impact air bags for front and rear head protection.

After hearing about all of these great features and packages, you shouldn't be asking yourself, "Should I get a Versa?" The question should be "Which Versa should I get?"

2007 Nissan Versa Vehicle class: Compact car. Comes as hatchback and sedan. Power 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 30 city/36 highway. Where built: Cuernavaca, Mexico. Base price: \$12,550.

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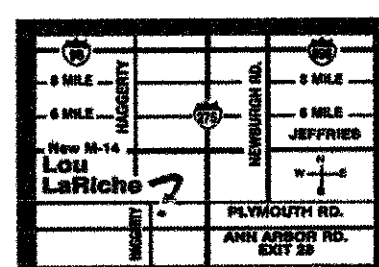
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