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Elaine Terry Attridge painted a portrait of Rosa Parks, then managed to get it on display with Parks' casket in Washington, D.C.

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Local artist gets Capitol idea

Painter's Washington trip puts Parks portrait on display

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When news of the death of Rosa Parks spread, Elaine Attridge of Plymouth knew she wanted to do something to honor the civil rights pioneer.

Little did she realize that would result in a four-day pilgrimage that included a trip to the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., a memorial service for Parks in the nation's capitol, and back home to attend the funeral service at Greater Grace Temple

Church in Detroit

All along the way, Attridge - a local artist - transported a 3-by-5-foot likeness of Parks she painted last winter.

"Within an hour of getting the idea, I decided to drive to Washington, D.C., to display the painting for people to see inside the Capitol," said Attridge.

Attridge loaded her late 1996 Chrysler minivan with the painting and a few necessities, picked up 80-year-old Jean Eckhardt in Northville, and the pair were on their way, stopping for only short periods to catch a few

naps.

Even with the program of Rosa Parks, Attridge had a problem.

'PRAYER TO GOD'

"I had no contacts at the Capitol at all, so I said a prayer to God that he would let somebody with authority see the painting," Attridge said. "When we got to the Capitol on Sunday, I drove up to the barricade in front of the Capitol. The Secret Service agent asked

PLEASE SEE ROSA PARKS, A8

Low turnout expected for city election

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Sebok and her husband, James, will be doing their homework this weekend.

The Plymouth couple plans to get as much information as is available about Tuesday's city commission race, as well as the charter commission ballot question, to make intelligent decisions on election day Tuesday.

"I haven't been paying attention," said Lisa Sebok, who admitted she doesn't know who's running for what on Tuesday's ballot. "We're going to study up, that's usually how we do things. Even with the bigger elections, while you

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A9

Caring holiday helpers sought

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Every winter holiday season, Community Financial Credit Union branches in Plymouth, Canton and Northville help bring cheer to those in need by serving several families in the Plymouth Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program.

"During the holidays, we want to give back to the community, and the Salvation Army program that helps to make sure every child and family has a Christmas is an important thing for us to do," said Sarah Cousineau, manager of marketing for Community Financial. "We're blessed to have a roof over our heads and food on the table."

The Salvation Army thus far has 50 individuals or groups signed up to participate in the program this year. However, Red Kettle coordinator Kelly Boelter said the Army needs at least 80 more to take on the challenge.

She said generous contributions for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita victims could be part of the reason for the lack of participation.

"The need doesn't end locally, despite what happens throughout the country or around the world," said Boelter. "It's a great opportunity to give during the holidays."

Those who adopt families are given a list of each child in the family, and will purchase one need - such as coats, boots or gloves - and one want, such as a toy.

"Adopters are also asked to supply food for a Christmas dinner for the family, which can be in the form of nonperishable goods and/or a grocery store gift card," she said.

Boelter said she's also looking for volunteer bell ringers for 23 locations in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, as she attempts scheduling for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, beginning Nov. 19.

"Right now, we have very critical spots like grocery stores the week before Thanksgiving, and retail stores the weekend after Thanksgiving, standing empty," Boelter said.

"The bell ringing money stays in our communities, and goes toward assisting families with food, utilities and thrift store vouchers."

Those wishing to participate in the Adopt A Family program can contact Kelly Boelter of the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464. Bell ringers can call Boelter or sign up online at www.ringbell.org and click on Plymouth community.

Builder gets lift from Habitat projects

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Peter Fallon of Plymouth knows it's a cliché but he doesn't care.

He has taken part in building more than a dozen homes for Habitat for Humanity because it's a way to give back to the community and a way to help change people's lives.

"If you go to one of these dedications and see the changes it'll make for these families, it really makes you feel good," said Fallon, employee purchasing manager for Masco Corp. in Taylor. "We find ourselves high-fiving each other a lot."

Fallon and the other Masco team members had a lot of high-fiving to do recently in New York, where they took part in the "House

in a Box" program sponsored by Habitat for Humanity International and featured on NBC's The Today Show.

Teams of some 40 people - a normal Habitat build only uses about 15 people - built what Fallon estimated was some 40 prefabricated homes to be sent to the Gulf Coast in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The teams built the houses, stood them up and then folded them down for shipping to Louisiana, where additional teams had slabs ready to stand them up again. While the show was done largely for the TV cameras, their presence didn't dilute the importance of the work the crews were doing.



Plymouth's Peter Fallon (seated) and the rest of the Masco Corp. team have participated in more than a dozen builds for Habitat for Humanity.

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Patterson hours

Sen Bruce Patterson's district director, Sue Trussell, will hold office hours for all constituents of State Senate District Seven, in the Canton Public Library's Cafe from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov 7.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information, call the center, (734) 397-0999, or Patterson's Lansing office, (517) 373-7350 or toll-free (866) 262-7307.

Film series

The six-part film series, "The World War I Years America becomes a world power, continues at Plymouth Library with the second evening taking place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov 14, at the Plymouth District Library.

This program will explore the huge scale mobilization necessary to sustain the war effort and its enormous human and material costs on American society. The series is hosted by William Scott Beaman, retired U.S. history teacher at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Light refreshments will be served. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, to register.

Scarecrow winners

The Michigan Humane Society Volunteers, headed by Donna Page, took first-place honors in the annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Contest.

The Woman's National Farm & Garden Club-Plymouth Branch and Ann Leland were

in second, and Allen School Brownies headed by Sue LaVallee were third. Judges were Michelle Palmer of Chase/Bank One and Ian Hawkins of Ilmor Engineering, Inc.

The scarecrows will be on display in Kellogg Park until Tuesday. City crews will remove them on Wednesday.

Scholarship program

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan offers its fourth-annual "American Dream" scholarship program, open to high school seniors in Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne counties.

The scholarship program — \$500 to each of 20 student recipients — was originally established as part of the celebration of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan's 25th anniversary four years ago.

To apply, students must provide a short essay on what the "American Dream" means to them and the role higher education plays in helping to achieve that dream. Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content, originality and creativity. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 1.

"RE/MAX believes that education is the key for today's youth to grow and become tomorrow's leaders," said Jeanette Schneider, vice president and co-regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. "We look forward to assisting metro Detroit seniors in attaining their higher education goals with the 'American Dream' scholarship program."

For more information about



Strike up a cheer

The Canton Chiefettes will be competing in the Mid American Dance Team Championship on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. It is a competition the team has traditionally performed well at. The varsity team won the state championship high kick title in 2003-04 and will be making every effort to recapture that title again this year. The team invites everyone in the Plymouth-Canton community to come out and cheer them on.

the scholarship program, or to obtain an entry form, contact Cindy Brozo at (248) 440-0404, Ext. 206, check online at www.manyhouses.com, or visit any local RE/MAX office.

Culture night

South Asian culture will be celebrated by area teens at the Plymouth Library from noon-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.

The program will include dance by the IASA dancers, food, mehndi by Anju Garg and music. Registration is requested for this free program.

To register or for more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

Ornament workshops

The Glassworks in Plymouth

offers classes in Christmas tree ornament making that will include a brief introduction into frameworking.

Christmas tree ornament workshops will be presented from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, and again Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18. The class projects include solid icicles, hollow icicles and blown-ball-style ornaments.

The \$100 class fee includes all materials. Space in the class is reserved with a 50-percent deposit. Cancellations up to 10 days prior to class receive full refund, half-refunds go to anyone who cancels closer to the class.

For more information, call Don Schneider, (734) 459-6419.

Financial planning

Job seekers can hear financial adviser Steve Braun during a presentation at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 at OLC Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

Braun's presentation, "Handling Finances During a Job Transition," will focus on how to budget and stretch every dollar, pinpointing changes in spending habits, where to find cash to meet current needs, how to deal with creditors, health insurance, retirement and pension plan issues and options, and securing a financial future.

Admission is free. For information, call Ed Walton, (734) 634-2245, or the church office, (734) 453-0326.

Kiwanis speakers

Northern Michigan University President Leshe Wong is the scheduled guest speaker at the Thursday, Nov. 10, meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

Wong will discuss Northern Michigan University during the meeting, which runs noon-1:30 p.m. at Ernesto's Italian Country Inn, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

Saginaw Valley State University President Eric Gilbertson will discuss SVSU when he appears as the guest speaker at the Nov. 17 meeting. Cost for both meetings is \$13 at the door. For more information, call (734) 934-7653.

Top employee

Sarah Forster is the November 2005 Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Benmigan's, officials at LaBelle Management, which owns Benmigan's, announced. According to LaBelle

spokesperson Becky Dell, crew members are recognized "based on job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism."

The Basement

Salem United Church of Christ sponsors a pair of upcoming concerts in "The Basement" Coffee House.

Sticks & Stones, with Doug Johnson and Variable, with Chris Hutchinson appear Nov. 11. Drake and Nathan Schleicher appear Dec. 9. Performances run 7-10 p.m.

Admission is free. Espresso and cappuccino, as well as coffee, tea and soda along with a variety of snack items, are available. Proceeds are donated to Habitat for Humanity.

The church is located at 33424 Oakland Ave., north of Grand River and west of Farmington Road, in Farmington.

For more information, call (248) 474-6880.

Shopping

extravaganza

Just in time for holiday shopping, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, members of the music ministry of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church will welcome more than 30 vendors to participate in the fourth-annual Shopping Extravaganza fund-raising event.

Proceeds will benefit the music tour outreach efforts of the PFUMC Chancel Choir and Festival Bells. Located at 45201 N. Territorial (between Sheldon and Beck) in Plymouth, the event is open to the public. Baby-sitting and lunch are available, and door prizes will be awarded.

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Woman faces prison in fatal crash case

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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It was just after 8 a.m. on July 26, 2005, when Nancy Levy was leaving the Real Life Farm day care on Geddes Road in Canton.

The 41-year-old Plymouth woman didn't see Joe Stubblefield's car coming when she pulled onto the roadway, she would later have to tell police officers. According to Canton Township police, she did pull into traffic, and 81-year-old Stubblefield's car crashed into Levy's. The next day Stubblefield died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

Levy was arraigned Thursday at the 35th District Court in Plymouth on charges of negligent homicide, a high misdemeanor that could land her a two-year prison term.

"She was pulling out of the driveway after dropping off a child at the day care. She pulled into the roadway and into the path of an oncoming vehicle. She told police she didn't see him," said Sgt. Rick Pomorski of the Canton Police Department. "It will be up to the prosecutor to determine if



Levy

it was a crime or an accident.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, whether the crash was an accident or was the result of a crime will need to be determined in court.

"We have probable cause to believe she did not obey the traffic laws, she did not yield and did not slow down as she should have, and that's why she's been charged," said Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

According to police reports, Levy and Stubblefield were involved in the crash at approximately 8:15 a.m. on July 26. The crash occurred on Geddes Road, just east of Denton.

Levy was released on a personal bond. Her preliminary examination is scheduled for Dec. 2 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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Bond could include tech center

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Jim O'Connor teaches auto body and collision repair to high school students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, it can sometimes be an uphill battle to pass on the needed skills that will help them get jobs when they graduate.

When Canton High School opened in 1972, the auto shop was state-of-the-art.

"Twenty years ago we had the premier vocational educational classes in the state," said O'Connor. "But, now, it's been reduced to a few classes that are archaic."

"We're doing the best we can to teach the latest technology possible with equipment from 30 years ago, which is horribly outdated," he said. "We're using a spray booth that was donated in 1970. I'm teaching collision repair, but when they get a real job, they won't know what they're looking at."

O'Connor is hopeful that when the Board of Education decides on what to include in a future bond issue — which could happen as early as Tuesday night — it will include the proposal for a \$21.4 million Career & Technical Center to house classes that will teach auto technology, early childhood education, electronics and robotics, machining and welding, health occupations and culinary arts.

The career and tech center would put into one place classes currently spread among the three high schools at the Park.

Every other career center is set up in one facility to teach the different vocations," said O'Connor. "We have the opportunity to literally build a world-class facility for a world-class community."

Part of the proposal calls for adding 40 new classrooms. Currently the three high schools are in need of 16 new classrooms to support the official enrollment of 5,671 students. More rooms



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Secile Patel spray paints a fender in the Canton auto body shop spray booth. The booth was donated to the program in 1970. Instructor Jim O'Connor and students Jonathan Kleeman, Majad Nawaz, and David Wells watch.

will be needed to handle an estimated future projection of 6,300 students.

"We already draw kids for our academics," said Ron Gooding, an assistant principal at the Park, and part of the 50-member task force that came up with solutions to overcrowding at the complex. "We also want to draw them for our career tech program."

A career and technical education center would help alleviate overcrowding.

Gooding told school board members they want to integrate career tech education with the core curriculum.

This is not your mom-and-pop wood shop and home ec, that's long in the past," said Gooding. "We have to prepare for a future career field, whether it's as a doctor, chef, auto mechanic, firefighter or robotics engineer."

Gooding said Plymouth-Canton had a chance to take in 75 students from Belleville High School to study culinary

arts and health occupations, but had to turn them away because of lack of space.

That would have also brought in state foundation money. "The Park is the ground jewel of our district, and for us to put ourselves to the next level in the face of rapidly growing student population and higher expectations for excellence, we must have space," said Gooding.

Assistant Principal Sharon Streat said Park administrators and teachers are united in their vision for the center.

"We want to be positioned for the 21st century and be a world class place for the kids," said Streat. "We're positioned to take the next step, if you'll take this step with us."

While the vision of a center appears to have support among a majority of board members, most are concerned about the high price tag for the facility, a new middle school and district wide building renovations which could stretch the cost of a bond issue next year to nearly



Canton's auto repair shop is due for an upgrade.

\$94 million. That would come on the heels of a \$109 million bond issue passed by district voters in 2004.

"We're heading into a very difficult economic time," said board President Mark Slavens. "It's a judgment call on how much you can put into a bond, how much is too much."

Public school retirees to learn about history

All public school retirees in southeast Michigan are invited to join the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) at the next luncheon meeting Wednesday, Nov. 9. MARSP meets at 11:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia.

UPCOMING

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Bringing back the ball

Symphony event helps celebrate 60th season

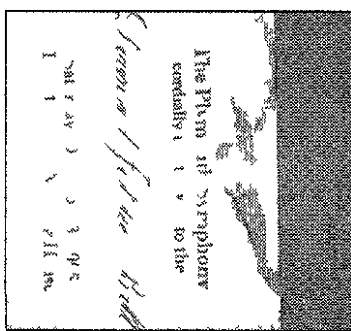
BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Symphony Society believes it has a lot to celebrate this year what with it being their 60th anniversary Jubilee season

To give local residents a chance to share in the celebration, the PSO is resurrecting an old tradition The Plymouth Symphony Ball

The Diamond Jubilee Ball is set for Saturday, Dec 3 in the Grand Ballroom at the Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth Organizers hope it will add even more happiness to an already-festive holiday season

Because of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, there are various events going on all year long," said Judy Lewis one of the co chairs of the symphony ball We wanted to see if we



Nearly 900 hand made invitations went out for the first Plymouth Symphony Ball since the early 1990s

couldn't possibly resurrect the ball and have a big holiday celebration along with everything else

Lewis said the ball, which used to be seen as one of the towns biggest social events, was discontinued in the early 1990s Some 18 months ago, Joanne Winkelman Hulce,

Jubilee Honorary chairperson and a long-time huge supporter of the arts in the community, broached the idea of resurrecting it

Some 900 hand-made invitations were recently sent out The committee even tied the little ribbons on them by hand in order to give the invitations the kind of cachet organizers are hoping the ball will have

"It's old-time Plymouth coming back," said Nan Cooper, one of three co-chairs who gathered at Pat Oldford's home a couple of weeks ago to put the finishing touches on the invitations "Hopefully, it attracts people back who remember doing it every year

While bringing the ball back might be a challenge, Lewis said the effort put into it should reflect the hope of success and, hopefully, draw people to attend

HAVING A BALL

What: Plymouth Symphony Ball

When: Saturday Dec 3 cocktails 6:30 p.m. dinner at 7 p.m.

Where: Mayflower Meeting House in downtown Plymouth

Why: Help the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra celebrate its 60th anniversary

How much: Tickets are \$85 includes open bar and dinner

Details: Call (734) 451-2112



Plymouth Symphony Ball co-chairs Nan Cooper, Pat Oldford and Judy Lewis put the final touches on the hand-made invitations for the Dec 3 event before getting them in the mail

entertainment

"We're very excited about the idea of bringing people back together again, particularly those of us who haven't seen each other for a long time," Lewis said "It used to be the social event of the season," always the kickoff of the holiday season We're very excited about the idea of bringing it back and getting the community excited about participating in this kind of event again"

Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner seating is at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$85 per person, which includes an open bar and several dinner choices Dress is black-tie optional, and seating is limited to 225 people

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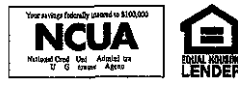
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BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Single, poor mothers who had no money to buy blankets,



Bertha Mayfield (left) of Westland and Joyce DeWulf of Canton work on assembling care bags on behalf of Warm Hearts

toys, bibs and other baby items benefited when a Westland-based group threw a baby shower at The Salvation Army

Low-income children this Christmas will receive hand-sewn bags filled with school notebooks, stuffed animals, crossword puzzles, hand-held games and educational books

Orphans as far away as the Ukraine have received blankets to keep them warm

It's all in a day's volunteer work for Westland resident Carol Sharp and some 20 women who belong to Warm Hearts, a group that helps the needy. Volunteers come from such communities as Westland, Plymouth, Canton and Redford

"What we're dealing with here is a group of volunteers who want to make a difference and help people," said Sharp, 63, a part-time accounting employee for Daimler-Chrysler. Our bottom line is that we want to warm the spirit and warm the body

To that end, volunteers make homemade blankets and hats that they distribute through

'I love to sew, and I love to help people.'

Bertha Mayfield
Ford retiree

such organizations the Westland-based Salvation Army

On a Friday in late October, they brought their sewing machines and ironing boards to The Salvation Army to make tote bags that will be filled with donated items for low-income children this Christmas

"I love to sew, and I love to help people," said senior citizen Bertha Mayfield, a Ford Motor Co retiree. This is a nice bunch of people to work with. We all have a giving spirit.

Warm Hearts started about six years ago and is registered as a nonprofit organization. Last year, alone, volunteers made 700 blankets for the poor. Sharp has sent items as far away as Afghanistan and the Ukraine

What does she get from her volunteer work?

"The joy of giving," she said. "The joy of making a better world. It starts with me and you."

Senior Gloria Blakely of Taylor came to the Westland Salvation Army on Oct. 28 to help make tote bags. She



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Gloria Norman of Plymouth sorts through the stacks of children's books that will be distributed to charities on behalf of the Warm Hearts group

talked of her involvement in Warm Hearts as she ironed straps for a bag

"I remember a party we had for pregnant, unwed mothers," she said. "This one mother was 14 years old, and she was scared to death. I tried to encourage her and to tell her how important it was for her to finish school."

Blakely and the young mother stayed in touch by telephone

Cindy Bolton, 45, said she volunteers because she likes to help others who are less fortunate than she is

"I've been volunteering every year of my life since I was 15," she said

That, Sharp said, is the spirit

that embodies Warm Hearts

Anyone who wants to volunteer with the group or help with donations, such as fabric, stuffed animals, magazines, pens and pencils, or even monetary donations, is encouraged to call Sharp at (734) 595-8305

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WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday, Nov 15, 4-5:30 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary. Come to either session or both.

GREAT BOOKS, Monday, Nov 21, 7-8 p.m. — This group continues to study *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys. Utilizing this anthology, the group will continue meeting every other Monday through May. The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet Web site <http://www.greatbooks.org/>.

THE WORLD WAR I YEARS: AMERICA BECOMES A WORLD POWER, Monday, Nov 14, 6-8 p.m. — The second in this six-part film/discussion series will address the huge scale mobilization necessary to sustain the war effort and its enormous human and material cost to American society. William Scott Beaman, retired U.S. history teacher at the Plymouth Canton Community Schools is hosting this series and leading the discussions. Registration is requested and can be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. This program is made possible by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, Nov 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second

Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com.

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Nov 16, noon (please note date change for this month only) — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org.

CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Nov 16, 7-8:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP, Thursday, Nov 17, 5 p.m. — The topic for the November meeting is getting your garden ready for winter. This group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and plans for the upcoming season. No registration is required.

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He attended Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in geology, and holds a master's degree in industrial operations from Lawrence Technological University.

Lynn is actively involved in the Plymouth community as a member of the Colonial Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the Educational Excellence Foundation.

Radio program

Student-run 88.1FM, the Escape, is partnering with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra on a new program called Salute to the Plymouth Symphony.

The second program will air on 88.1FM at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov 9, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov 10. It will preview the symphony's Nov 12 concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Salute to the Plymouth Symphony will feature an interview with Nan Washburn, Musical Director and Conductor, Norman Fischer, guest cellist, and composer Joan Tower.

Tower's piece, "Made in America," will be performed at the Nov 12 concert. Hailed as one of the most successful woman composers of all time in *The New Yorker* magazine, Tower was the first woman ever to receive the Grawemeyer Award in Composition in 1990. She was inducted in 1998 into the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Letters, and into the Academy of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University in the fall of 2004. Tower is the first composer chosen for the ambitious new

NEWS BRIEFS

'Ford Made in America' commissioning program, a collaboration of the American Symphony Orchestra League and Meet the Composer.

Cop graduates

Plymouth Police Department Sgt. Allen Cox was graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University, successfully completing the 10-week Staff and Command program at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

The program, implemented by the Center for Public Safety in 1983, has graduated more than 7,500 students nationally and internationally. Cox's class included more than 40 students.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in 22 core or mandatory blocks of instruction and utilizes nine additional optional blocks during each session. Major topics of study include management and management theory, organizational behavior, human resources for law enforcement, budgeting, staffing allocation and personnel department.

Abatement bill

The state House this week

approved legislation sponsored by state Rep. John Stewart that allows Coffee Express Company in Plymouth to re-file for an exemption to the tax abatement certificate for up to seven years.

Abatements are approved by local municipalities and issued by the state to reduce property tax on buildings, machinery and equipment by approximately 50 percent for new facilities and 100 percent for renovation projects.

"Under current law Coffee Express is unable to re-file," said Stewart. R-Plymouth "However, my legislation revises the current law to allow them to file again."

Coffee Express Company was issued a five-year exemption in October 1997. Plymouth Township officials and Coffee Express have mutually agreed to the extension of this tax abatement.

"This legislation will fix this problem and enable Coffee Express to re-file for the remaining seven years of the tax abatement with the local unit of government," Stewart said.

House Bill 4027 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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"The exposure was great, it did amazing things for Habitat," said Fallon, a licensed builder and master plumber. "It was a bummer taking a house down, but we knew it was going right back up."

Masco has been involved in Habitat for years, with employees first taking part in building in 1999. In fact, shortly before the first Masco build, Fallon had to have some heart surgery and missed the build. He had to convince doctors to let him take part the second year.

"I was worried I wouldn't be able to contribute the next year," Fallon said. "I feel very fortunate to work for a great company."

Habitat seemed like a natural fit for Masco, the parent company to some 40-odd companies, such as Delta Faucet, in the home-building industry, to support Melonie Colaianne, president of the Masco Corporation Foundation, the company's charitable arm, is a

long-time board member for Habitat International and serves on the advisory board.

Colaianne said Habitat's mission ties directly into Masco's overall mission of home building products.

More importantly, it's a cause our employees have really embraced, Colaianne said. "It provides them with the opportunity to give back to the community and the satisfaction of working side-by-side. I think they get a lot out of it."

With some 65,000 employees in the company — more than 700 at its Taylor facility alone — both Fallon and Colaianne agree it's often difficult to get to know very many co-workers. Habitat builds often forge friendships between co-workers who previously hadn't even known each other.

"With 700 people in the building, you can't possibly get to know them all," Fallon said. "But they come out to (a build), and you get to know them."

"Out there it's a level playing field," Colaianne said. "It's kind of fun to tell the boss, 'go get

me this.' People get to know each other. Relationships are always professional, but if you can add that personal side it makes everything better."

Masco employees took part in former President Jimmy Carter's Habitat for Humanity build in Detroit earlier this year, and Fallon, an Irishman, got to meet the former peanut farmer first-hand.

I called my wife to tell her I'd just met the president, Fallon recalled with a smile. She said, "That's not bad for an old plumber from Dublin city."

Fallon pointed to a series of homes being built in Detroit, in the I-96/Martin Luther King area. He said not only are those homes lasting, but older homes in the area are being cleaned in order to keep up.

It's an area that hasn't had residential building in 40 years, and we're building communities," Fallon said. "Now you go back there and you even see some of the older houses getting cleaned up."

Meeting President Carter left Fallon with a great feeling, but it's nothing compared to what he feels when he sees the recipient of a Habitat home have their lives changed.

"We see these people year after year, and it's amazing the changes they've made," Fallon said. "It's hard work, and there are a lot of aches and pains and you're tired and sweaty. If you go to one of these houses, and you see the tears of joy, all the aches and pains go away."

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ROSA PARKS

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if I had a contact and I told him I didn't have one."

The Secret Service agent gave Attridge a telephone number, and she was able to make contact with the woman who was in charge of the Capitol viewing of Parks.

"I told her I drove through the night and I just wanted her to look at the painting," said Attridge. "She told me to meet her at the church (where the memorial service for Parks was held) and she would look at it."

Attridge drove to the church, pulled a pedestal stand and the painting from the van, and the woman was so impressed she pulled the strings to get Attridge and her painting inside the Capitol Rotunda.

"At the memorial service, I was standing 15 feet from the president," Attridge said. "You just felt so humbled to be there in the same room with her casket, the president and everyone else. I felt totally humbled and awed."

The choir sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic, my favorite song, and it sent chills through my whole body," she said.

Attridge's journey wasn't finished. After driving all night to get back to Plymouth, it was on to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. While Attridge couldn't get her painting inside during the viewing of Parks, she set it up under street lights for all to see.

Attridge also didn't get to

Greater Grace Temple in time to get her painting inside. However, she set it up for all to see.

Attridge now has a decision on what to do with the painting. She could keep it, sell it or use it to generate money for a charitable organization, among other ideas.

"Whatever the Lord wants me to do with the painting, I will do," she said.

ANOTHER LINK

Attridge wasn't the only Plymouth person to be touched by Parks. Seventeen-year-old Evan Shepherd of Plymouth Township was invited to attend the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development in the summer of 2003.

"I thought it was important to be exposed to a different way of life, different people, as a way for me to grow," said Shepherd. "I was exposed to what it was like to be a minority, something I experienced the very first day I was the minority, and I wasn't used to that."

When the Institute invited all those who attended the program to services for Parks in Montgomery, Ala., Washington, D.C., and Detroit, Shepherd didn't hesitate. The Canton High School senior skipped his cross country regional to attend the events, and spent time with Parks' family during the entire trip.

"Rosa Parks was a quiet, but strong person," said Shepherd. "Her message would be that it doesn't take a strong person to send a message, you can be small and quiet, and still have

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Elaine Attridge
artist

a major influence on people. "It inspires me to want to get out and be a part of my community and tell her story," he said. "Her legacy needs to be continued."

Todd Grossmann of Canton Township runs the Kmart Super Center on Telegraph Road, near Eight Mile, in Detroit. Coordinators for the services at Greater Grace Temple got permission to use the Kmart parking lot for those attending the services. In exchange, Grossmann received tickets for the services, and he took his son, 11-year-old T.J., and his two daughters, 9-year-old Meghan and 7-year-old Rebecca, with him.

"I wanted to be there because I thought she was a very good person because she changed history," said Rebecca. "I realize freedom is important."

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ELECTION

FROM PAGE A1

hear more about it, we go crash course the weekend before and do as much research as we can."

Part of the reason for the lack of attention to election detail? "One, two, three reasons," said Sebok, pointing to her 1- and 3-year-old children in the stroller she was pushing on Main Street, as well as her 5-year-old.

While the Seboks will take time to "study up" on the candidates and the charter review issue, they may be an anomaly.

City clerk Linda Langmesser said she expects only 10-15 percent of the 6,638 registered voters to actually cast ballots. In fact, Langmesser said only 40 percent of the absentee ballots sent by her office have been returned, and she's fielded few questions about this year's election.

One Plymouth woman, who declined to give her name, said she's not informed, and doesn't plan to vote Tuesday.

"I know there's an election because I see the yard signs, but it's not something I've gotten really involved with," she said. "I don't care about it very much. I have other things to do."

Five candidates — incumbents Stella Greene, Ron Loisel and Phil Pursell, former commissioner Colleen Pobur and Zoning Board of Appeals chairman Gerald

Sabatini — are running for four seats. The three highest voter-getters earn four-year terms, the fourth-place candidate gets a two-year term.

City Manager Paul Sincock said there have been some telephone calls on the charter review question, in which the city is asking voters to approve a revision of the city charter and, if so, to elect a nine-member commission to complete the task. Sincock said some residents are concerned their taxes may go higher as a result, which he said isn't true.

"People have to understand this is the first step of many, and would merely authorize a charter commission to review the charter," Sincock said. "It doesn't change anything in the charter, or the way we do business."

"If they do a revision, the commission has to report back to the city commission," he said. And, if the charter is changed, it has to go to the governor's office for approval, and then the voters.

Sincock said most of the changes that would be made are outdated mandates that have been superseded by state law.

The nine people running for the nine seats on the charter commission are Anthony Guillom, Michael Holmes, Robert Johns, Fred Libbing, Donald Morgan, Bob Mundt, James Potter, Steve Rinaldi and Tim Roraback.

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Crafts abound

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Serial robber hits bank, eludes cops

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton police have excellent surveillance images of the man who robbed the Charter One Bank on Ford Road Thursday. They say they also have evidence linking the robber to other area bank robberies this week.

"The one thing we don't have is someone calling to say they know this guy," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

According to police records, the robbery at Charter One Bank occurred Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Within minutes of receiving the call, Pomorski had excellent images of the robber, and sent it out to every patrol officer in Canton. He also had images from bank robberies in Dearborn and Westland, which occurred during the two days before the Canton holdup.

"That's three in three days this guy was involved in," Pomorski said. "It's definitely the same guy."

Police said the man walked into the bank at 9:30 a.m. and handed a note to a teller.

"The note said something about \$100 bills and no cops and no alarms," Pomorski said. The robber never claimed to be armed, but the teller told police he kept his hand in his pocket during the robbery.

Though Canton officers had the area contained pretty quickly, they were not able to find the man, Pomorski said.

In Westland, there were two bank robberies this week. The suspect in the Canton robbery is linked to at least one of them, a Tuesday robbery at the Comerica at Wayne and Warren roads, Pomorski said.

The suspect is described as a white man, 25 years old, 5-feet, 8 inches to 6 feet tall, and unshaven. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400 or the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

Breakfast on tap for veterans

All local veterans are invited to a special breakfast on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

The American Legion Beasley-Zalesny Plymouth Township Post 112 and Ladies Auxiliary will serve breakfast from 7-9 a.m. There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted. The breakfast takes place at 344 Elizabeth (the IOOF Hall) at Ann Arbor Trail.

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Incumbents, Pobur our picks in city commission race

Voters casting ballots in Tuesday's Plymouth City Commission election don't need to winnow down the list much, what with only five candidates to fill four seats.

We think those ballots should be cast for returning candidate Colleen Pobur and the three incumbents seeking re-election: Phil Pursell, Stella Greene and Ron Loisel.

We're particularly excited about the return of Pobur, who has been out of the political arena for two years after the birth of her twins. She has returned a more relaxed, confident candidate who has not lost her penchant for expressing her opinions.

Pobur's return to the commission would add a strong voice to a commission. She has shown a willingness to work with other commissioners, even those with whom she has disagreed. She's willing to listen to anyone about anything, and firmly believes everyone should get a voice.

Even during her break, Pobur has been engaged, particularly with her attendance at Joint Services Committee meetings at which a new fire contract with Plymouth Township is being hammered (ever so slowly) out.

Incumbent Phil Pursell's no-nonsense, steady manner has served the commission well. Initially urged to run and perhaps elected through his well-known last name (dad Carl was a U.S. representative), he has carved out a name of his own in four years. Pursell is a calming influence, and he can be counted on for measured thought and a balanced approach. He helped steward the city through tortured financial times and should be given the opportunity to continue helping as the city comes back.



Pobur



Greene



Pursell



Loisel

Stella Greene has likewise served the commission well, including a two-year term as mayor. She exudes pride in the city she has served and a steadfast determination to see her city continue its successes.

In her role as director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Greene is keenly aware of the human side of the city. She has parlayed her service to the commission into a strong understanding of the municipal facts of life, and deserves a chance to see things through.

Ron Loisel has served some 20 years, off and on, on the city commission. He was on board when some of the toughest decisions - including the choice to combine fire department services with Plymouth Township - were made.

His institutional knowledge and ability to work with and listen to people make him a valuable asset to the community.

Because their relative strengths make for a balanced, team-conscious commission, we urge voters to elect Colleen Pobur, Phil Pursell, Stella Greene and Ron Loisel when they cast their ballots Tuesday.

Think about our vets, all they've done

There are two important dates this week that have a lot to say about who we are as a people, both locally and as a nation.

First, on Tuesday, most cities will hold local elections that will determine which people will be responsible for the day-to-day decisions that impact us most, such as how many police will be on the streets, which roads will get fixed and when our garbage will be picked up.

And then on Friday, our nation celebrates Veterans Day. It is the day we celebrate the people who are most responsible for the freedoms that we all take for granted here in America - the soldiers who have fought in our nation's many wars.

We currently have about 160,000 troops serving in Iraq, not to mention the ones in Afghanistan fighting the war on terror. Recently the Pentagon announced that American troop deaths in Iraq alone have surpassed the 2,000 mark.

While President George W. Bush and his administration have fluctuated on the reasoning behind our March 20, 2003 invasion of Iraq, it seems now the main goal is to establish a democratic society where a brutal despot once ruled with an iron fist. While it will always be questioned why we initiated a pre-emptive war, helping establish a healthy democracy in Iraq would be a monumental achievement, both for American interests and especially the Iraqi people.

However, with the chaos that currently

reigns daily in the streets of Baghdad and other Iraqi cities, somehow that seems to be a bit of a pipe dream. I don't know if you've noticed or not, but our own democracy is not all that healthy, either.

Save a few heated presidential elections, voter turnout in this country in recent years can be described as deplorable. It seems less and less people are interested in exercising their right to vote. Tuesday isn't supposed to be any different.

In Plymouth, for example, Clerk Linda Langmesser is expecting a very low turnout, somewhere in the neighborhood of 10 to 15 percent of registered voters. Yet, there are four seats on the city council up for grabs.

Also in recent years, many citizens have begun to question the fairness of our elections. Does anybody remember the infamous hanging chads from the 2000? There were also many claims of voter intimidation in places like Florida, and other irregularities.

To find a local example of this, you have to look no further than Detroit, where questions have been swirling around Clerk Jackie Currie for weeks. At question is the way Currie is conducting the current election, which features the highly contested mayoral race between Kwame Kilpatrick

and challenger Freeman Hendrix. There have been numerous reports that many of the city's registered voters no longer live in the city, including many who have been displaced for years.

If Kilpatrick wins on Tuesday, the allegations against Currie will only intensify, and nobody will ever know what really happened, or who really won. I hope federal investigators take a look at the way Currie and her staff have handled the election, because if people lose their faith in the system, they will even be less apt to vote. And in a democracy, nothing is more important than the will of the people and their right to vote.

But voting is also a duty we should all take very seriously, even though sometimes it seems we might be wasting our time.

No matter what our personal feelings about this current war are, we should all do everything we can to support our troops and their families. They are paying the price more than anybody for our democratic society. In the case of those unfortunate 2,000 who have died in Iraq, they had to pay the ultimate price. Just like all the soldiers who died in previous wars.

One way we can all support our troops is by heading out to the polls on Tuesday, and voting.

Kurt Kuban is community editor for the Canton Observer. He welcomes feedback at (734) 459-2700 or e-mail him at kkuban@oe.homecomm.net



Kurt Kuban

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wonderful Bee

What a wonderful evening we had at the Community Literacy Council's fantastic 'Spelling Bee' on Oct 12. The 14 teams of spellers were exceptional!

I wish to thank the following groups/businesses for contributing to the successful Community Literacy Council, Inc. Spelling Bee to raise funds in support of literacy:

- Gold sponsors: Yazaki North America, Inc., Alphagraphics and the Michigan Educational Credit Union, whose contributions were at the \$500 level or above.

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- Community honor roll: American Transmissions

- Friends of Literacy: E.G. Nicks, Plymouth Crossing, Handy-Pro Handyman, The Coffee Beanery and UNO Chicago Grill, who contributed prizes making the event a success.

To all of the wonderful people who gave of their time and talents serving as officials to ensure a smooth and successful Bee, including Emcee Dr. James Ryan, superintendent Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools, Judges Jean Tabor, director, Canton Public Library and Pat Thomas, director, Plymouth District Library, Pronouncers Cynthia Swift, PCCS director of Elementary Education, and Deborah Taracuk, English instructor, Schoolcraft College and University of Michigan-Dearborn, and timekeeper Ron Lowe, judge, 35th District Court.

As everyone knows, for all of those in the spotlight, there are countless others behind the scenes who make an event a success: the CLC Board of Directors - Ed Quant, Ed Schulz, Cyndy Gresens, Mary Kay Frey, Ron Lowe, Penny Joy, Janet Campbell, Susan Goerge, Jan Tiplady, Kevin Scanlon, Carolyn Washington and Kurt Tyszkiewicz, CLC program coordinator Mercedes

Williams, and the wonderful people at Yazaki led by Linda Young, who always goes above and beyond in assisting the council.

As soon as the trophy is engraved, I will happily present it to the winning team from New Liberty Bank. The Plymouth Rotary cheering group took home the coveted 'Spirit' award and the PCCS Community Council 'Queen Bees' were rewarded with Godiva chocolates for their sign painting ability. It was a great evening. I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and will join us for the 16th annual Spelling Bee in October 2006!

Carol G. Saunders
president, Community Literacy Council Inc.

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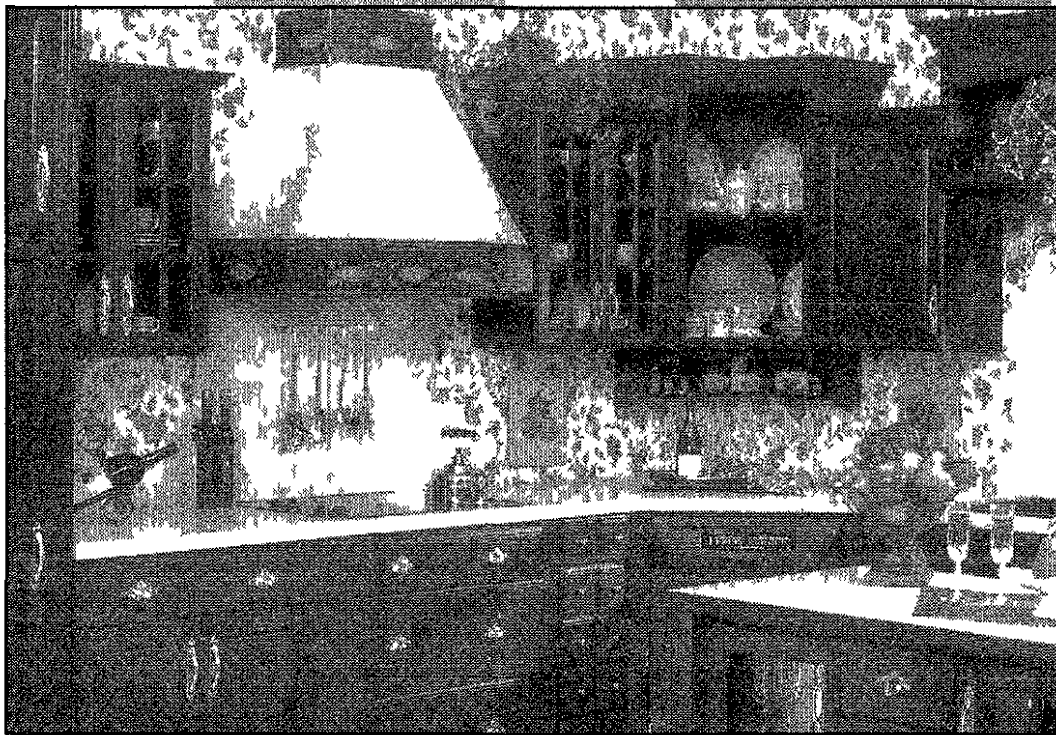


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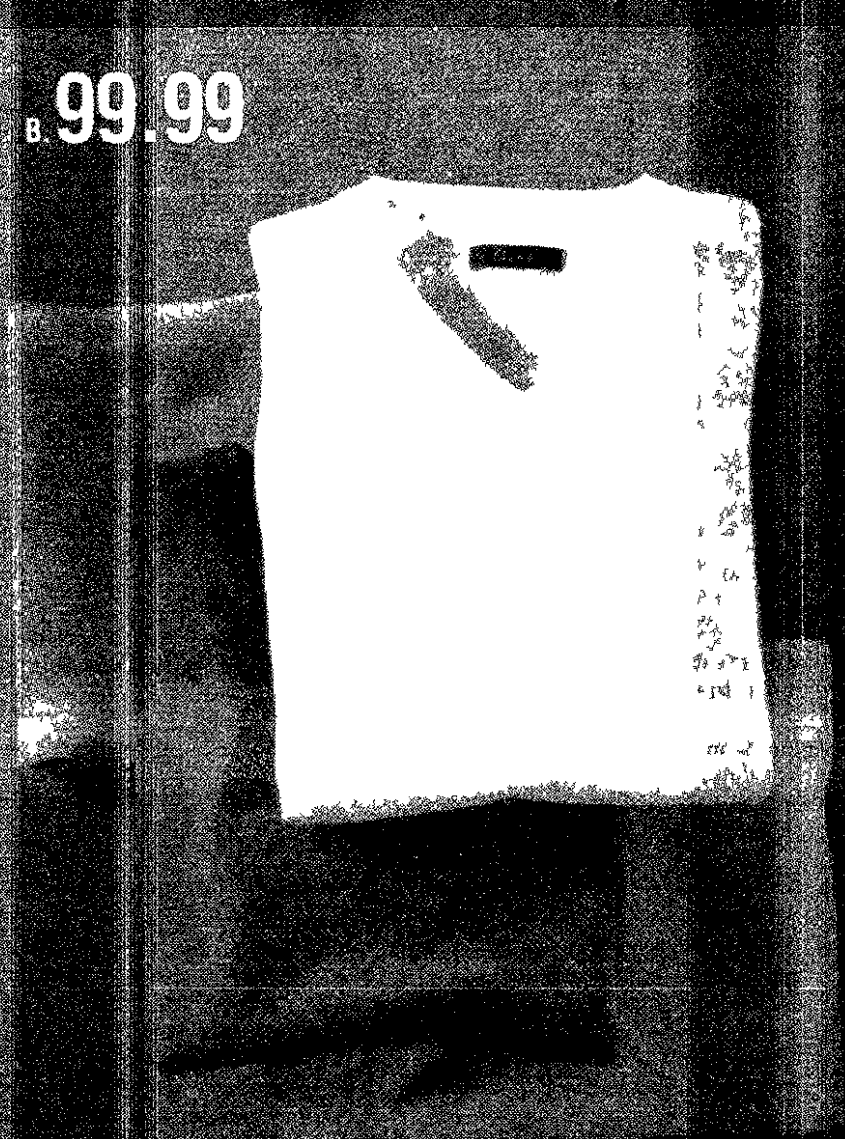
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Canton 63, Detroit Cody 34



Canton players all want a piece of the MHSAA Division 1 district trophy that they earned with Friday night's 63-34 victory over visiting Detroit Cody



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Canton's Andy Rossow puts the clamps on a 35-yard touchdown pass from Shawn Little as Detroit Cody's Eric Dale looks on. The TD came with two seconds left in the first half and gave the Chiefs a 28-14 halftime lead

Sidelines

Smart Whaler

Plymouth Whalers center Chris Terry, a student at Plymouth High School, was voted to the Ontario Hockey League's All-Academic Team for the month of October

"It's not always easy to combine our busy schedule on the ice with work in school — especially for a player in his first year in the league," said Whalers assistant coach Todd Watson. "But Chris has been able to manage his time well. He deserves this award."

"We are very pleased to introduce this program, which identifies and recognizes players who have also enjoyed success in their academic careers," said OHL Commissioner David Branch. "All of our teams support the academic pursuits of our players and count on scholastic achievement as one of the building blocks of a successful student-athlete."

More than 97 percent of the players currently playing in the OHL are currently attending high school or post-secondary institutions. More than 400 OHL graduates are currently attending Canadian universities and colleges on scholarships from their OHL teams.

Good sports

The Plymouth High School athletic program was recognized recently by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the outstanding sportsmanship record its teams compiled during the 2004-05 season. The Wildcats' received no official reports of concern, ejection or poor sportsmanship.

"It is a credit to Plymouth High School's student-athletes, coaches, administrators and staff for demonstrating such positive sportsmanship throughout the entire school year," MHSAA Executive Director John E. Roberts wrote in a memo directed at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan. "Congratulations on a job well done."

Ocelot harriers 2nd

Schoolcraft College's women's cross country team recently finished runner-up to host Lansing Community College in both the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA Region 12 meets.

Lansing CC, led by individual winner Megan Swick's first place time of 18 minutes, 7 seconds (for 5,000 meters), captured the MCCA title with 16 points followed by Schoolcraft (55).

Schoolcraft was led by Danielle Malone, who placed ninth in the region with a time of 20:22. Other SC finishers included Kristian Tyler (Livonia Franklin), 14th (20:44); Melanie Anderle (Livonia Stevenson), 17th (21:26); and Kristyne Green (Stevenson), 20th (21:44).

Crowning a-Chief-ment

Canton rolls over Cody for third district grid title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Moments after Canton's 63-34 demolition of Detroit Cody Friday night in a Division 1 district title game, Cody coach Vernon Brown Jr. smiled, shook his head, then flashed the look of a man whose speedy Ferrari had just gotten run over by a monster truck.

A giant red monster truck with a white "C" on both doors

"Canton just over-powered us," Brown said, looking up at the scoreboard. "We emptied our playbook on offense and threw everything we had at them on defense, but they were just too strong up front for us. You can tell that team hits the weight-room on a regular basis. Their quarterback didn't run at all and they hardly passed, but they didn't have to

They just keep coming at you."

The seemingly unstoppable Canton offense — which hasn't punted in three weeks — has been a defensive coordinator's worst nightmare during its seven-game winning streak, averaging 44.4 points a contest. The Chiefs will take their 9-2 record and loads of momentum into Friday night's home regional final game against the winner of Saturday's Detroit King-Detroit Mumford match-up.

"Our offense seems to be peaking at the right time," said Canton running back/defensive end Andy Rossow who produced 138 total yards and three touchdowns on eight carries and one reception. "Our offensive line is doing a great job opening holes for the backs."

PLEASE SEE CANTON GRID, B7

EIGHTY SECONDS OF ACTION

If you left for the concession stand with 1:20 left in the second quarter of Friday night's Detroit Cody-Canton district championship football game, here's what you missed:

■ 1:20 - Cody's Eric Terry returned a fumble 61 yards to the Canton two-yard line

■ 1:13 - Cody's Louis Beal scored from two yards out and added two-point conversion

■ 0:17 - Canton's Andrew Pettway scored on a 35-yard pass from QB Allen Adams.

■ 0:08 - Canton's Deshon McClendon returns kickoff 57 yards to Cody 35

■ 0:02 - Canton's Shawn Little connects with Andy Rossow on a 35-yard TD pass

■ Total 21 points in 80 seconds

Houdek leads Canton's charge into WLAA final

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton junior point guard Becci Houdek made up for lost time Thursday night.

Houdek, who missed most of the Chiefs' 42-29 loss to Plymouth on Oct. 20 due to a medical condition, played every second of Thursday's 41-32 victory over the Wildcats in a Western Lakes Activities Association semi-final match-up — and she played well, shrugging off a sluggish start to



Houdek

Lake Central Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Wayne Memorial High School.

The Vikings knocked off Livonia Franklin, 44-35, to earn

tally a team-high 11 points, four assists and four steals.

The victory propelled Canton (15-4) into Wednesday's WLAA final against Walled

Lake Central Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Wayne Memorial High School.

The Vikings knocked off Livonia Franklin, 44-35, to earn

a spot in the title game. Plymouth (15-4) will take on the Patriots in Wednesday's third-place showdown, which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Houdek missed her first seven shots against the Wildcats, but — thankfully for the Chiefs — she kept shooting. Her first two baskets were pivotal — a driving lay-up following a steal with one second left in the first half, and a long triple to open the third quarter. The five points extended Canton's lead to 19-13 and shifted

the momentum to the Chiefs, who never trailed again.

"When the ball is in Becci's hands, good things happen," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "She has outstanding vision and when she's not distributing the ball, she can score."

Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly said her team was simply out-played.

"Canton played well and didn't match their intensity or their focus," Reilly said. "Turnovers hurt us, too, tonight. When we

turn the ball over like we did tonight, it limits the number of opportunities to score and to get put-backs. One of the keys for us is to get a shot every time down the floor, and we didn't do that tonight."

Like Houdek, Canton junior forward Lisa Ealy was less-than-100 percent in the first meeting between the two teams. And like Houdek, a healthier Ealy put up healthy numbers, net-

PLEASE SEE HOUDEK, B6

Plymouth's Olech is talented and helpful

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Kim Olech has earned a reputation as one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's most productive post players the past two seasons by accumulating hundreds of points and rebounds.

But it's the assists Olech dishes out away from the spotlight that set her apart from the rest.

Olech plays the role of teacher and mentor during Plymouth practices when she assists the Wildcats' young players — most notably freshman Shaakira Haywood — with their post moves and defense. When practice ends, Olech lends her advice to middle-school players as the assistant coach of a local CYO girls middle-school basketball team.

"Kim has been instrumental in

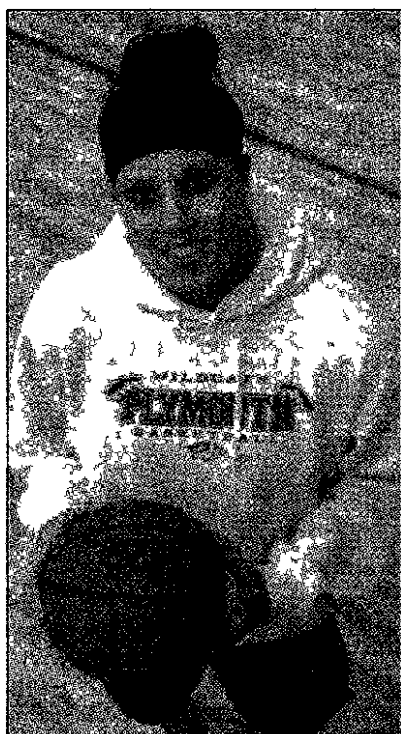


Prep Profile

Shaakira's development this season," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "I asked her at the beginning of the season if she would work with Shaakira, and I haven't had to ask her since. She works with the younger players every practice and she takes it seriously."

"Kim is hands down our hardest-

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Kim Olech has been a major force around the basket for Plymouth's girls basketball team. The senior forward averages 12 points and seven rebounds a game for the 15-4 Wildcats.

Whalers bury Spitfires

Andrew Fournier's goal at 17:51 of the second period snapped a 2-2 tie and lifted the Plymouth Whalers to a 5-2 victory over Windsor in an Ontario Hockey League game played Thursday at the Windsor Arena.

The victory moved Plymouth (9-5-1-0) to within one point of first-place Saginaw (10-3-0-0) in the OHL's West Division. Windsor occupies the West Division cellar with a 5-11-0-0 record.

Five players scored for the Whalers: Fournier (fifth), John Armstrong (third), Dan Collins (14th), Gano Pisellmi (third) and Tom Sestito (third). Ryan Garlock and Cal O'Reilly found the back of the net for the Spitfires. Plymouth goal-tender Ryan Nie also played well, stopping 28 of 30 Windsor shots for his fifth victory of the season. Nie was particularly sharp in the first 4:37 of the game when Windsor had two power-play opportunities and out-shot Plymouth, 8-0.

The Whalers turned the game in their favor when Armstrong scored on a power-play with 7:15 left in the first period. On the play, Armstrong directed a rebound past Windsor goalie Anthony Guadagnolo, who had knocked away a John Vigilante shot.

Plymouth doubled its lead to 2-0 at 8:11 of the second period when Collins picked up a pass from Mike Letizia at center ice, skated in on a partial break-away and beat Guadagnolo top shelf.

Windsor tied the game at 2-2 on goals 3:39 a part in the second period, but Plymouth took the lead for good when Chris Terry assisted on Fournier's goal.

Rice's Goebel cooks Franklin

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

John Goebel wore an ice pack on his knee following Birmingham Brother Rice's 35-21 football win Friday night over host Livonia Franklin.

But the 6-foot-1, 207-pound senior running back actually wore out the Patriots' defense with 244 yards rushing and three touchdowns, including two long runs to advance the Warriors (9-2) into next week's Division 2-Region 3 final against either nemesis Orchard Lake St. Mary's or Walled Lake Western.

Franklin, meanwhile, ends its best season since 1975 at 10-1.

Goebel spun out of a scrum at the line of scrimmage for an 89-yard TD run in the second quarter and then broke the Patriots' backs with TD runs of 3 and 49 yards in the final quarter after Franklin closed the deficit to 20-14.

"Once you get that adrenaline going out there you're not thinking about anything else, my knee was fine," Goebel said. "We definitely had to keep our guard high because that team was undefeated and they didn't know how to lose. We had to work our butt off, and we pulled through."

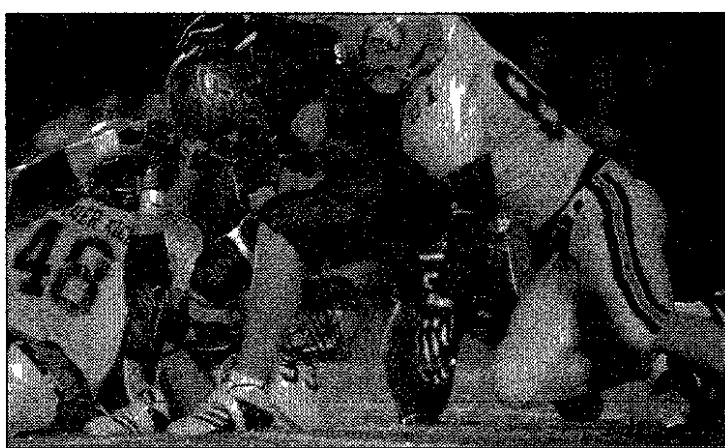
Franklin appeared to have the momentum shifting its way after pulling to within six on Dan Kozlowski's fourth-down 8-yard TD catch from Matt McCullough, but Rice's Joey Henry returned the ensuing kickoff to his own 37 and Goebel did the rest with runs of 2, 16, 26, 1 and 3 yards (with 6:59 left) to put the Warriors up again by 14 (following Mike Cappelto's shuffle pass to Kaundra Hancock for the two-point).

Goebel then helped put the game away with a 49-yard run, zigzagging through a host of Franklin tacklers with 4:23 to go after the Patriots dropped a sure TD pass and failed to convert on fourth down.

They blitzed hard on every play and I just spun out of a tackle and there was a wide-

'It looked like we had him a couple of times, but to his credit he's a powerful runner - at times we tackled him too high and you can't do that. We expected them to power us physically and that's what they did.'

Chris Kelbert
Franklin coach



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

open lane," Goebel said. "Our offensive line was awesome tonight."

Goebel averaged 11 yards per carry on the night and had over half of Rice's 474 total yards.

"It looked like we had him a couple of times, but to his credit he's a powerful runner - at times we tackled him too high and you can't do that," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "We expected them to power us physically and that's what they did."

But we also made a lot of mistakes and we knew we had to play the perfect game. I knew we'd fight and never give up, and you can't ask for more than that."

Franklin, playing before the largest home crowd in school history, was shaky throughout the first half.

Cappelto, a junior quarterback who alternated certain series with sophomore Andy Lentz, was 4-of-4 in the first half for 141 yards, including a 30-yard TD toss with 18 seconds left in the first quarter to Henry.

That came after Franklin's Mitch Jelonek blocked a Rice 38-yard field goal attempt and came up with a big stop against the Warriors' first offensive series on fourth down at the Patriots' 6.

In the second quarter, Goebel made it 14-0 for Rice when he turned what appeared to be a sure loss into an 87-yard TD jaunt with 8:46 left in the half.

I don't know how he got out

Franklin's D.J. Tracy gets swarmed by the Brother Rice tacklers Charlie Gantt (right) and Chris Colasanti (left) during Friday's district championship final.

of there," Rice coach Al Fracassa said. "He's got great balance. He's a wonderful kid and a hard runner. He's had a sore knee, but he came back to be his own self and really helped us tonight."

Rice went up 20-0 when Cappelto found tight end Charlie Gantt on a 24-yard TD toss with 5:22 to go before the half.

But Franklin answered with 41 seconds left in the half on McCullough's 11-yard strike to Davon Brown (set up by 56-yard pass to Justin Bending).

Despite trailing by 13 at half, Franklin got a rush of adrenaline itself with the second-half kickoff return from sophomore Cole Kelly, who slithered through the middle of the wedge and out loose down the sideline for an 88-yard return down to the Rice 11.

But the Patriots squandered the scoring opportunity by having to burn a timeout on second down followed by Goebel's interception of a McCullough pass in the end zone.

The Patriots, however, kept within striking distance going into the final period after stopping a pair of Rice offensive series in the third quarter.

Franklin's 6-2, 225-pound fullback D.J. Tracy, who had 75 yards on 20 carries, then began to chew up some inside yards resulting in McCullough's clutch fourth down toss to Kozlowski with 9:21 to go,

making it 20-14 in favor of Rice following the extra point.

"That team (Franklin) kept us on edge the whole time," said Fracassa. "You never know what's going to happen, but we knew they (Franklin) would never quit. The film we had on them was the Walled Lake Western game, and they came back from being down 19-0 (to win 29-19)."

Goebel, however, responded with his two fourth-quarter TD runs, including the 49-yarder to put the Warriors up by 21.

"I think we audibled into the play and I found a couple of wide receivers who got out and blocked for me," Goebel said. "And our No. 55 (Ryan Helmer) has the speed of a linebacker, and he made a great block, too."

Franklin scored its final TD when McCullough connected with Anthony Farthing out of the backfield for a 19-yard score with just under two minutes left.

Rice outgained the Patriots, 474-204. The Warriors limited Franklin to 88 yards on the ground and kept McCullough in check (He was 8-of-22 for 116 yards and two interceptions).

It's hard because I'll never have this group again," Kelbert said. "It's the best group any coach can ask for. I just had too much fun with them and I'm sorry it had to end."

Senior Saberettes

The first senior class of Plymouth Saberettes were recognized at the Plymouth football game Oct. 21. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Tara Kay, Laura Schulz, Alexandria Lernerode, Kristina Ring, (standing from left) Jessica Bono, Alexandra Eckardt, Amanda Baldwin, Angelina Moise, Mallory Zarate, Lindsay MaParlane, Sarah Brown and coach Cheryl Custer.

Former Whaler applauded

Peoria Rivermen goaltender Jason Bacashihua was named the American Hockey League player of the week Monday. The 23-year-old Garden City native and former Plymouth Whaler recorded two shutouts in three victories last week.

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Salem rebounds to edge Detroit Renaissance

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls basketball team proved it is both talented and resilient Friday night.

Just 72 hours after suffering a disheartening setback to Livonia Franklin in the opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association conference tournament, the Rocks rebounded with an eye-opening 48-46 non-conference victory at state-ranked Detroit Renaissance.

The impressive road triumph improved Salem's record to 16-3 heading into Tuesday night's regular-season finale at home against Walled Lake Northern. The loss dropped the Phoenix to 14-4.

"We got into the flow of the game quickly and we did a good job of handling their full-court pressure," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We were a little bigger than they were, which was to our advantage, but they had great quickness."

The Rocks off-set Renaissance's speed with a balanced scoring attack that was led by sophomore guard Alaya Mitchell's 15 points. Junior forward Teresa Coppellie chipped in with 14 points and seven rebounds while Taylor Langham added 10. Carly Sommers and Becky Ward scored four points a piece while Lauren Kurtz grabbed a team-high 12 boards.

Janell Harris paced the Phoenix with 20 points. Salem sprinted to a 16-11 first-quarter lead before the hosts stormed back to take a

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slim 23-22 advantage into the half. The Rocks led 36-34 with eight minutes to play.

Salem led by four with just over a minute to play, but Renaissance deadlocked the game at 42-all behind its pesky full-court press. Mitchell drained a pair of clutch free throws in the final minute to give Salem a lead it would not relinquish.

"Alaya, Brianne Clarin and Keyana Arnold all did a great job of handling their pressure," Thomann said.

SALEM 41, NORTHVILLE 16: On Thursday, the Rocks rebounded from their opening-round loss in the WLAAC conference tournament by routing the host Mustangs. Salem led 10-5 after one quarter, 20-8 at the half and 32-10 with eight minutes to play.

Teresa Coppellie and Lauren Kurtz led all scorers with 10 points a piece. Keyana Arnold also had a productive night, netting seven. Danielle Toney paced the Mustangs with five.

"We had nice balance tonight as eight girls scored for us," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Everybody played hard."

The Rocks, who improved to 15-3, made all eight of their free throws. Northville, which slipped to 11-8, was also perfect from the line, netting all four of their attempts.

PCA 36, AGAPE 27: Lauren Beckett helped the Eagles win

on "Senior Night" by pouring in a game-high 13 points. Kelsie Tietjen also played well, scoring eight. Brianna Chrenko paced the Wolverines with eight points.

The victory lifted PCA to 8-10 overall. The Eagles are 1-9 in the rugged Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. PCA led 6-5 after one quarter, but trailed 12-9 at the break. The Eagles came out sizzling in the third quarter, sprinting to a 23-19 advantage. They sealed the win by outscoring their visitors, 13-8, over the final eight minutes.

"It was 12-9 at the half, so neither team was shooting very well," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "They switched between a zone and man-to-man defense, but we just missed a lot of easy shots."

"We played much better in the second half. We handled their pressure better and got some easy points off that. It was nice to win on 'Senior Night' for our two seniors, Kelsie and Stephanie Auwers." Auwers tallied six points in her final home game.

The Eagles were 12-of-24 from the free-throw line. Gerulis praised the play of freshman Jessica Murphy, who played solid defense and scored four points.

The Eagles close out the regular season Tuesday when they travel to Baptist Park. They open the district tournament Monday, Nov. 14, when they take on Lutheran Westland in a 5:30 p.m. contest.

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Madonna at Spring Arbor 8 p.m.
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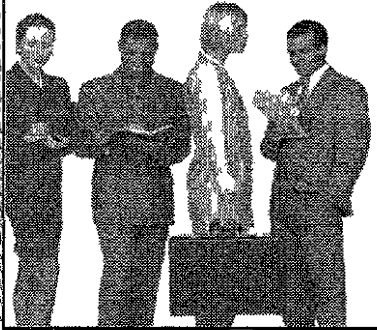
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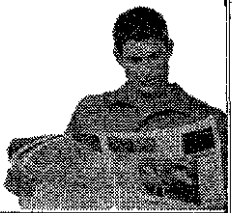
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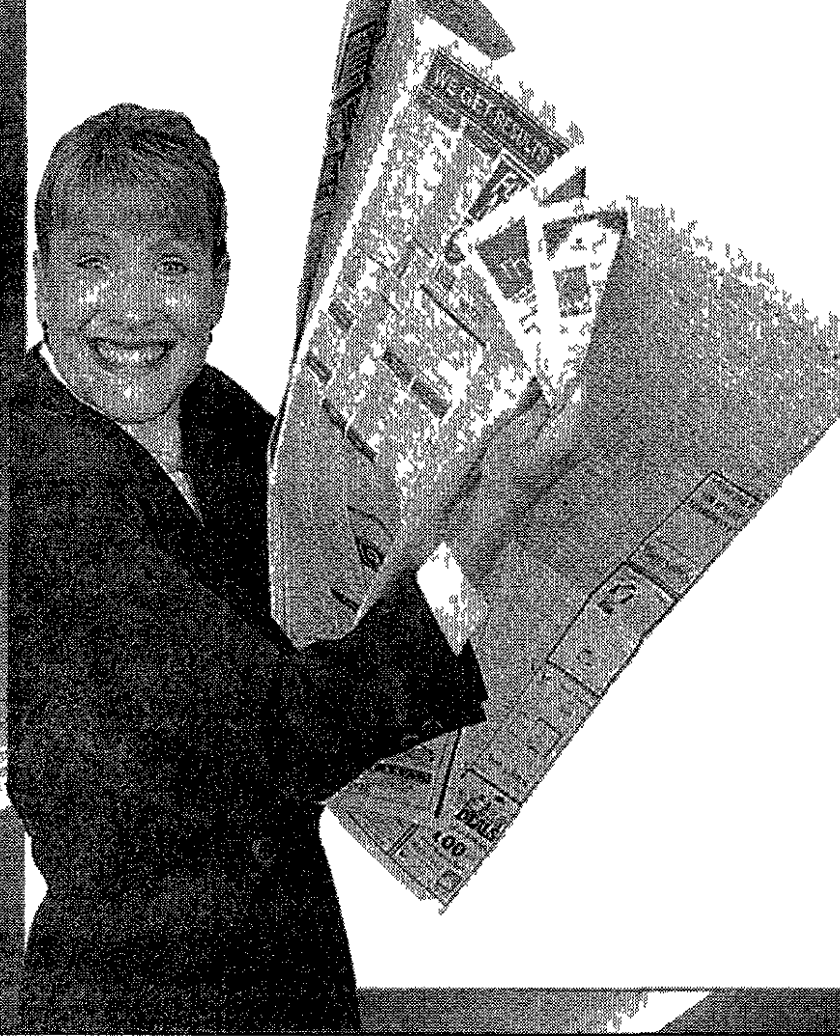
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This is a troubling time for young athletes, who not only have to learn the games they play and how to mesh as part of a team but also deal with the loudmouths and know-it-alls who roam the sidelines or sit in the bleachers. Unfortunately, that also includes parents and, sometimes, coaches.



Tim Smith

In recent weeks, I have been in close proximity to a couple of situations where football parents nearly came to blows with a coach and sideline official, respectively.

And the language they threw out also couldn't have been music to the ears of their kids. Unfortunately, young people sometimes imitate adults. The cycle will keep repeating itself unless society backs away from its 'win-at-all-costs' and 'if you don't win, you're a loser' mentality.

That again was the case last weekend, at the Redford Union-Birmingham Brother Rice football playoff game. With the Warriors trouncing RU 48-7 at halftime, the Brother Rice cheering section continued taunting the other side with their 'why so quiet?' and 'this games over' chants. Meanwhile, a couple adults were complaining about the one touchdown the Panthers did get in the first half, as if it were the end of the world. Waaah!

Of course, most parents are fine folks who go beyond the call of duty and do help their sons and daughters become solid athletes and people. It's just that they don't yell from the crowd.

Which brings us to a DVD about young kids learning about and playing soccer, for the fun of it. The 2 of Each Inc./Popcorn Productions DVD is "Playing Soccer is Fun

with Jimmy Sport' (The DVD can be ordered through www.jimmysport.com)

The Jimmy Sport character is a friendly dog who teaches youngsters the importance of good sportsmanship, teamwork and athletics, etc.

Several youth soccer coaches and parents were asked to take a look at the DVD and let me say, their reviews were not glowing.

'It's like they're in slow motion, and they're all just sort of standing around in a bunch following the ball,' wrote one Redford youth coach in an e-mail after being asked to watch Jimmy Sport. "Poorly coached teams might do that, but why show that in a video when you can teach young kids at an early age to avoid it, at least to the extent shown in this video."

He goes on to say that important drills such as passing and footwork are discussed but never really shown during the DVD.

Yes, the coach is correct about how silly songs and nonsensical skits permeate Jimmy Sport with little or no technical advice. But he and others who watched seemingly only looked at the DVD's apparent shortcomings in helping young kids compete or play soccer better.

"If I were doing a video, I'd show kids doing things," he continued. Like the right and wrong way to do a throw-in, what part of your foot to dribble the ball up or across the field, what part of your foot to use to shoot the ball, what a

corner kick is, what a goal kick is, how to pass the ball and how to try playing your position. Those last two will definitely get them into team-oriented thinking.

They missed the point about what Jimmy Sport's main goal is - to show youngsters about having fun on the soccer field while hopefully learning a thing or two about the game.

According to the Redford coach, the fun comes from realizing during the middle of a game "that they actually did pass the ball and set up a goal."

I'm not surprised about that, because it is a bottom-line society, with pressures to come out on top starting very early. Today's youth-game mistakes might cost someone a college scholarship tomorrow, right?

Yes, Jimmy Sport is juvenile and simplistic. But aren't kids the target audience? It's kind of like the movie critics who slam flicks about Spongebob or Scooby-Doo. Everything isn't made for adults, or need to be hot topics at Starbucks.

Parents should watch this DVD - or others like it - with their children and get in on the ground floor in terms of building healthier attitudes about playing sports. Who knows, maybe with a more-balanced approach the kids won't get burned out on athletics by middle school.

Roll your eyes if you must. But if Ryan or Kristin get something good out of "Playing Soccer is Fun with Jimmy Sport," what's wrong with that?

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Outstanding Oaks

The Canton Oaks U11 premier soccer team finished its fall season by winning the Cleveland Internationals in Cleveland, Ohio. The Oaks won all four of their games against premier teams from the northern Ohio and Pittsburgh Pa. areas. Pictured are Chadd Alspach, Chris Dierker, Danny Kemp, Derek Lord, Griffin Parks, Scott Pwovar, Bryan Ren, Blake Townes, Justin Bean, Brian Eggenberger, Justin Dunlavy and Brent Perry. The team is coached by Bill Joker.

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Great outdoors: Pheasant hunting experiences peaks, valleys

The frost-covered switch-grass glimmered in the orange, morning sunlight that cast its warming rays on the landscape. As I was taking

in all the splendor of the season and the hard work the dog was putting in, a rooster pheasant cut loose with a loud, bodacious cackle as he took

flight from the heavy cover right in front of me. He'd run to the end of the field and was running out of cover when he decided to take

flight, with Scooby, my mixed-breed hunting buddy hot on his tail. It was a beautiful sight. At the report from my shotgun the bird tumbled to the ground and Scooby made a beautiful retrieve.

Pheasant hunting has certainly experienced its peaks and valleys here in Michigan. Back in the 1950s and '60s there were more pheasants in Michigan than hunters could harvest. Bag limits were liberal and opening day was celebrated like a holiday in farming communities across southern Michigan.

Everyone within a couple-hour drive of farm country went pheasant hunting. Schools closed for the day. Families gathered to celebrate the harvest — or at least the opportunity to harvest, depending on your shooting ability.

Then came the crash and all of that changed. As small family farms began to get gobbled up by the mega-farms of today, habitat that pheasants relied on was destroyed.

Overgrown, grassy fencerows and buffer strips of marginally productive land were plowed under and planted with crops. In addition, suburbia started to migrate into country and many once productive agricultural fields



Bill Parker

were quickly turned into concrete slabs called subdivisions and stripmalls.

Biologists feel that pheasant numbers are also affected by the amount of tree cover. They say that pheasant numbers tend to decline as the amount of tree cover exceeds about 10 percent of the landscape. In southern Michigan, the amount of wooded area increased by about 40,000 acres per year from 1980 to 1993. Biologists feel this, too, contributed to the downfall of the ringnecked pheasant.

The decline in pheasant numbers was drastic. What was once a celebrated gamebird became little more than a second thought on the agenda of many gamebird hunters.

Data from recent DNR pheasant surveys indicates that pheasant numbers have stabilized in Michigan over the past 10 years. Although still just a fraction of what it once was, at least it's not declining any more.

Part of that stabilization is

being attributed to private land conservation programs like the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP pays landowners in three watersheds (River Raisin, Saginaw Bay and Lake Macatawa) to enroll marginal agriculture lands in the program for 10 to 15 years while establishing filter strips (native grasses, which pheasants thrive in), restoring and creating wetlands, windbreaks, and riparian buffers. Approximately 47,000 acres are currently enrolled in this program, and about 15,000 acres of warm season prairie grasses have been planted.

Michigan hunters, according to DNR data, harvest approximately 120,000 ringnecks during the regular season, and about 13,000 during the late December season.

The regular season runs Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula and Oct. 10-31 in the U.P., which has a small population in the south-central part of the peninsula. The late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in selected counties in southern Michigan. The bag limit is two male pheasants per day and the possession limit is four.

While there is nowhere near the amount of pheasants the state used to boast about, there is still a huntable population in southern Michigan. Counties with some of the highest densities of pheasants include Huron, Sanilac, Van Buren, Muskegon, Mecosta, Isabella, Gratiot, Montcalm, Ionia, Clinton and Livingston. Many farmers are still receptive to allowing hunters to hunt their fields if approached in a polite and professional manner.

Take a day and give pheasant hunting a try. You'll have to work hard for the birds, but it will all be worth it when that cackle of a flushing rooster shatters the crisp, morning air.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

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ting nine points, nine rebounds and three steals. Chief senior forward Leslie Olech was also solid, scoring seven points while Ja nee Morton had six points, five rebounds and five thefts.

Senior forward Jeanine Moise paced the Wildcats with 13 points and eight boards. Moise had to leave the game for a few minutes mid-way through the third quarter after colliding with Canton's Kelsy Zemanski. Senior forward Kim Olech racked up six points and nine rebounds for Plymouth, and senior guard Janet Hanchett had five points and three rebounds.

Plymouth built an early 11-8 lead on an Olech basket three minutes into the second quarter, but Canton countered with a 6-0 run thanks to jumpers from Leslie Olech and Ealy, and a pair of Ealy free throws.

The Chiefs extended their 16-13 halftime lead to 28-18 after three quarters. The closest Plymouth came in the final eight minutes was to within seven points.

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Canton defenders (pictured from left) Marwan Faraj, Jeff Piper, Colin O'Shaunessy and Matt Sweda bring down Cody quarterback Allen Adams during Friday night's district title game.

CANTON GRID

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Rossov's lone reception was a 35-yard TD catch from quarterback Shawn Little that came with just a few ticks left on the first-half clock. The pivotal play, which followed a dazzling 57-yard kickoff return by Deshon McClendon, extended Canton's lead to 28-14.

"Shawn (Little) couldn't have thrown that any better," Rossow said, describing the pass he secured just before stepping out of bounds. "He threw it where only I had a chance to catch it."

"That play was huge," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "We felt like we had dominated pretty much the whole first half except for a couple of plays when we turned the ball over, but it was still a close game. That gave us some momentum heading into halftime."

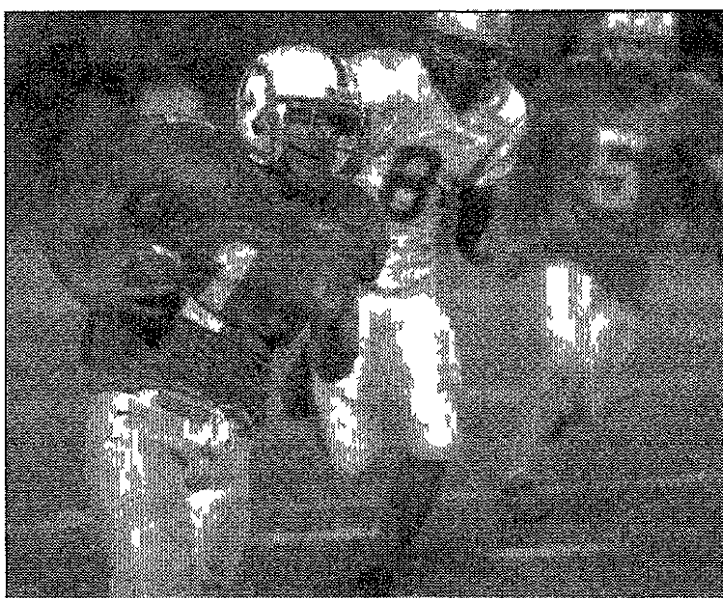
The district title was Canton's third in the past six years. The Chiefs also advanced to the regional final games in 2000 and 2003. A victory next Friday night would be the Chiefs' first-ever regional crown in football.

The first (district title) is still the best because we were 6-3 and we weren't expected to do much in the playoffs," said Baechler, reflecting on his first district championship in 2000. "We're expected to win now, but it still feels good, especially after last year (when Canton lost 20-0 to Novi in the district final). It's fun any time you're still playing and practicing this late in the season."

Early on, the game had "mercy" written all over it. When Chris Woudstra burst up the middle and into the end zone from 12 yards out with 8:29 left in the second quarter, Canton led 21-0. The Chiefs scored on their first two possessions on a three-yard run by Matt Sweda and a five-yard fumble by Rossow.

The final 1:20 of the first half was enough to drive a scoreboard operator to exhaustion. Cody's Eric Terry returned a Canton fumble 61 yards to the Chief two, setting up Lous Beal's two-yard TD. Beal then rumbled in on the two-point conversion to make it 21-8.

With 17 seconds left in the half, Cody quarterback Allen Adams hit Andrew Pettway with a 35-yard spiral to make it 21-14. Canton then closed out the electric final minute on the Little-to-Rossov TD pass.



Canton's Deshon McClendon sprints into the end zone after intercepting a Detroit Cody pass during the third quarter of Friday night's 63-34 Chief victory.

When the first half dust had settled, 21 points had been scored in just 80 seconds.

Cody kept it going in the third quarter when Adams and Pettway hooked up on a 54-yard scoring pass. 47 seconds in to cut the Chiefs' lead to 28-20. Canton answered by marching 59 yards on eight plays, scoring on Little's one-yard dive to make it 35-20.

After the Adams-Pettway duo struck again on a 61-yard score, Canton countered with McClendon's six-yard scoring run to extend its lead to 42-26. The junior set up the TD two plays earlier when he scampered 44 yards.

McClendon stepped up again seconds later when he picked off an Adams aerial and sprinted 35 yards to the end zone to put the Chiefs up, 49-26, with 4:51 left in the third quarter.

Canton closed out its near-perfect offensive night with a pair of fourth-quarter scores: a 27-yard run by Rossow and back-up quarterback Corey Nicoloff's one-yard sneak with 5:10 to play.

Cody's final points came on a one-yard run by Adams and a two-point conversion run by Beal.

Led by McClendon's 160 yards rushing, Canton racked up 508 yards in total offense. Sweda finished with 129 on 12 attempts while sophomore Dalton Walscr picked up 45 on eight rushes.

Adams was a human highlight reel for the Comets, completing 14-of-26 passes for 330 yards. Pettway reeled in five of

Adams passes for 176 yards. The senior quarterback's most amazing completion came mid-way through the second quarter when he flung the ball up blindly while being spun around by Canton linebacker Colin O'Shaunessy. Somehow, the ball - falling end-over-end - found its way into the hands of Cody wide receiver Lavell Washington 12 yards downfield.

Adams, who scrambled like Atlanta Falcon QB Michael Vick but probably threw a little better than the NFL player, had a minus-26 yards rushing due to a pair of sacks - one an 18-yarder by Rossow Beal, the Comets' heralded running back, was limited to just 59 yards on 16 carriers by the swarming Chiefs' "D," which was led by Jeff Piper, Sweda, Rossow, Marwan Faraj, Konrad Konsitzke, O'Shaunessy and McClendon. O'Shaunessy nailed all seven of his extra-point attempts.

The hardest hit of the night was delivered by Faraj, who popped Beal in the backfield on a first-and-10 play mid-way through the second quarter.

The crowd was silenced and the game delayed several minutes with 3:21 left in the opening quarter when Canton sophomore Ben Vaughn suffered a possible concussion while covering a kick-off. Vaughn was transported to a local hospital by an ambulance, but Baechler said Vaughn was alert and talking when taken away.

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OLECH

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working player - in the weight room, at practice and during games. She sets a good example for the younger players. And she's not just a hard worker - she's a great kid, too."

"I try to set a good example for the younger players at practice," Olech said. "If they don't understand something - a play, or a defense were running - I'll try to explain it to them. I know it can get frustrating because I was in their shoes once."

"Coaching the middle school team is fun, too. It gives me a different perspective on the game. I think coaching younger players can help me grow as a player."

LOVE AT FIRST SHOT

Olech developed a passion for basketball soon after she joined her first team in the third grade. It wasn't long before she joined elite travel teams, including the Livingston Sting, which she helped lead to a national championship tournament at Walt Disney World this past summer.

"A lot of the top players in the country were at that tournament," she said. "Tennessee's coach, Pat Summitt, was there recruiting players."

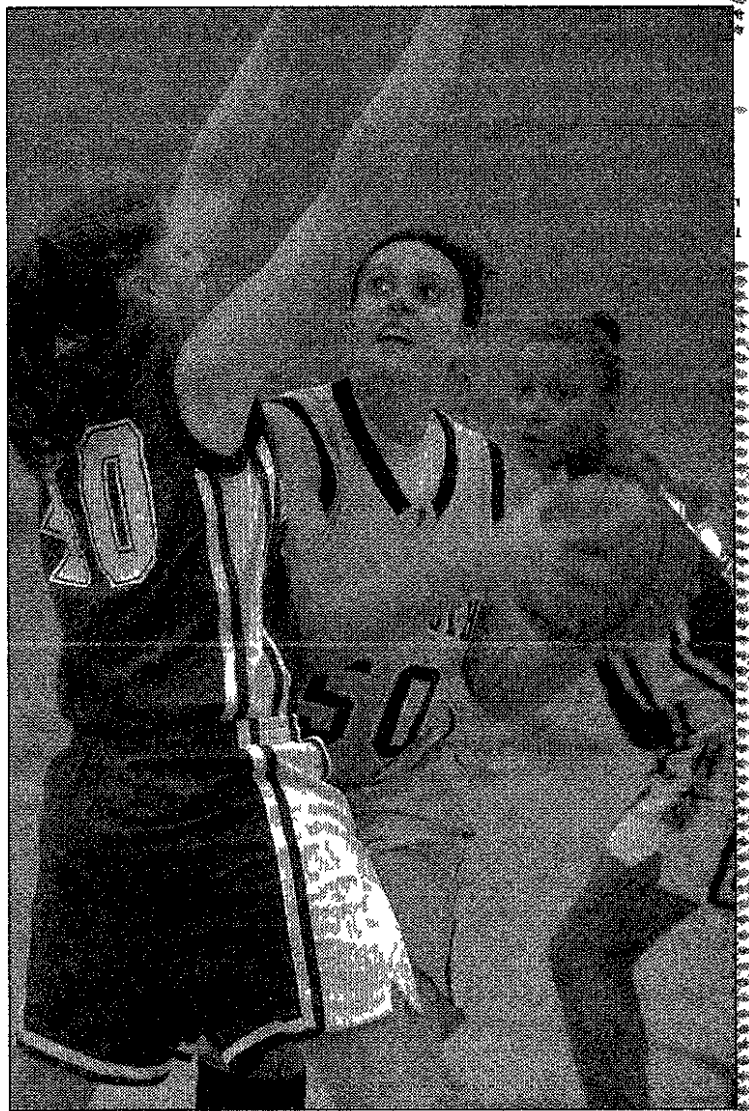
Olech didn't fully realize how much she loved the sport until the opening practice of her sophomore season when she tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee. The injury sidelined her for the entire season and gave her a new perspective.

"The injury made me realize how fast something can be taken from you," she said.

LONG ROAD BACK

The road to recovery was not easy, nor was it swift, for the talented player.

I went through months of physical therapy at Med-Sport (in Ann Arbor), she said. "I'd go three days a week for two hours a day. It was hard work, but I wanted to get back to playing faster than they thought I could."



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Kim Olech looks for a shot during a game earlier this year against Salem.

When she returned for her junior season, Olech estimates she was only at about 90 percent of her old self.

"I was nervous that I might re-injure my knee, so I favored it," she said. "I was definitely over-protective of the knee. Now, because of all the work I've put into re-habbing it, I think my knee is even stronger than it was before my injury."

Olech and teammate Jeanne Moise form one of the most powerful down-low duo's in the Observerland area. Both are tenacious rebounders with soft shooting touches around the basket.

"We've played together on AAU teams since middle school," Olech said. "We know what each other are going to do on the court and if I miss a layup, I know she'll be there to

get the rebound and put the ball back up."

NEXT STOP: COLLEGE

Olech is currently being recruited by several Division II and III college basketball programs, including Heidelberg and Defiance colleges in Ohio.

"Kim has an excellent upside, so I think she has a bright future ahead of her," Reilly said.

A member of the National Honor Society, Olech has excelled academically as well as athletically. She has compiled a 3.6 grade-point average and would like to pursue a criminal justice degree in college.

"I think it would be neat to work in forensic science or for the FBI," she said.

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Westland Bowl hosts top collegiate talent

Westland Bowl was rockin' and rollin' with collegiate action last Saturday as the recently formed American Heartland Collegiate Bowling Conference made its debut in the Detroit area.

Several Big Ten schools were represented including teams from Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State universities.

Also competing were Saginaw Valley State, Grand Valley State, Notre Dame, Cincinnati, Youngstown State, Kent State, Robert Morris University, University of Toledo, Wright State, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Ferris State, Central Michigan and Indiana University-South Bend.

Most of the schools had more than one team, and most competed in both the male and female categories. This looks like the start of something big, so you'll have to keep an eye on it.

Livonian Scott Jones is a freshman at Saginaw Valley State and adds considerable talent to an already potent team.

Collegiate bowling means excitement, and the enthusiasm generated by these bowlers is something to behold.

Call it that old college spirit - if you must, but combining the Baker scoring system with the conventional format makes it a total team effort.

The successful teams are the ones who can support each other and work well together.

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After the last ball was thrown and the smoke had cleared, MSU was crowned the new champion.

"Life is good" according to Mark Silverstein of Farmington Hills.

He rolled a "perfecto" last week during the position round of play in the Sunday Goodtimers League at Country Lanes.

He had been leaving splits and ten pins all through the first two games, but every shot in the third game was perfectly placed with booming strikes on each shot.

As he was ready to make his last and final strike, Mark turned around to his teammates and said, "Life is good," then calmly faced the pins and threw another solid strike to complete his 300 game.

Keith Oswald, also of Farmington Hills, scored well on that day with a 279.

Keith would probably agree with Mark, life sure is good when you're having fun.

The 75th annual Old Timers Tournament will be Saturday, Nov. 26, at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Previous entrants will have received their entry forms by mail, or you can pick them up.

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John Chmelko, Sr. has been the driving force for the Old Timers event as secretary-treasurer for many years.

Sadly, we were informed of the death of his wife, Eileen, last Sunday after a lengthy illness. She was a wonderful person, a great wife and

mother, and had been an operating room nurse at local hospitals for 40 years, along with being a partner with John in the Easttown Printing Co. in Center Line.

All of your good friends and bowling buddies share in your sadness. If you missed it because you were too busy watching the Detroit Lions, the Pro Bowlers Tour series began on

ESPN-TV (at 1 p.m.) last Sunday afternoon (which would you rather watch?)

The schedule continues for its full run well into spring of 2006.

Will you get to see Walter Ray Williams, Jr. break the all-time PBA victory record of the late great Earl Anthony?

Will Mika Koivuniemi repeat as PBA Bowler of the

Year?

Can Pete Weber get serious? Can a woman win on the PBA tour?

Is Chris Barnes ready to dominate the scene? Tune in each Sunday to the PBT and find out for yourself.

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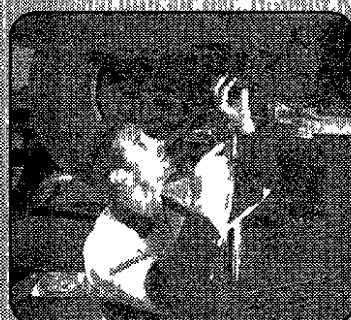
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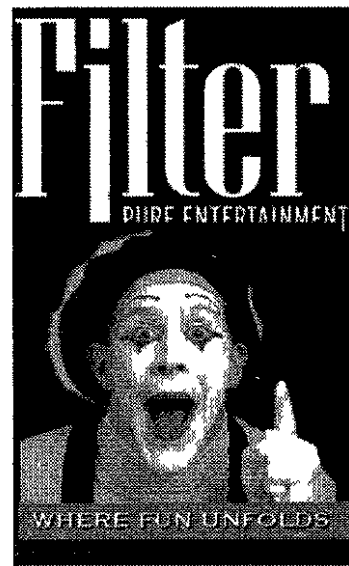
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Cynthia Wallace

Home is a lovely place

Autumn has arrived in Canton, all dappled-gold and frosty. Along the especially wooded stretches of Beck Road, the trees hint at reds and oranges to come. The grocery stores are holding sales on carving pumpkins. I saw a billboard the other day for hot apple cider.

Autumn has arrived in Canton, and so have I, home for the first fall in four years after attending college out of state. This time I brought with me a husband, red-goateed, raised in Montana. While this Michigan homecoming is exciting to me by virtue of my love affair with maple trees turning fiery, Josh's first autumn here is exciting for him simply because it is his first.

We didn't plan to move back here. I was so certain we wouldn't be coming back that I threw away my orange library card, one of most precious possessions since the age of 8. We graduated from college and planned to head overseas for doing nonprofit religious and humanitarian work in Bulgaria. Our plans changed (as they often do at 22 years old), and our departure date was pushed back. Jobless, lease up, and fund raising, we turned to Mom and Dad.

Instead of regarding this change as pathetic (a couple, married for a year, moves into the wife's parents' house), we decided to look at it as a gift. An unexpected Michigan fall with people we love in a community full of life and color.

We have reveled a few weekends ago, we headed with my mom to Eerdman's Orchard, picking Ida Reds, Golden Delicious, and Mutsu (a new one for me). Josh was thoroughly impressed by the fresh cider and cinnamon doughnuts, he was only slightly disconcerted by the bees.

Last weekend, we headed to the Toledo Zoo with my grandparents. Grandpa bought us coffee to warm us against the pleasant chill, and the animals (especially the gorillas) were active, even hilarious, after the sluggish hot summer months. I was literally giddy at the chance to share with Josh this piece of my childhood. Next up the Detroit Zoo. He can weigh in on the age-old debate of which is better.

We've also visited Henry Ford Museum with my dad, found most of the wireless hotspots in town, and, by virtue of substitute teaching, become "Mr. and Mrs." when we see kids at Wendy's. Living with Mom and Dad really hasn't been a drag (at least not on us).

But the most exciting thing to me - and Josh, with his background of mostly evergreens and early snow, is learning too - is still the trees. We drive down the road or go for a walk behind the library or in Plymouth, and how breathless we are! The colors peeking through the green, and the promise of even brighter shades to come - they are beautiful to me, and they mean home more than anything else in this bustling suburban community.

As unexpected as our three-month stay was, I am delighted to be here again, regardless of road work or traffic or gas prices or the sense that it won't be forever. I'm glad for the chance to share this bit of my life with my husband, to see it all fresh and new in his eyes, to drink in the colors, rake the leaves, set carved pumpkins out on the front porch. I suspect I didn't appreciate it this much when I lived here every fall. I hope that those who are so privileged will take a deep breath and look around. This really is a lovely place right now.

Cynthia Wallace is a Canton resident.

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From left with their animals that were found on www.petfinder.com are Sandy Williamson with Phoebe, Rick Williamson with Shayla, and his wife, Alice Williamson, with Kate.

Petfinder.com

Animal lovers use Web site to adopt

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Alice and Rick Williamson were devastated when Elizabeth suddenly took ill and died from a blood disease in January 2002. Their Livonia home seemed empty without the German shepherd/Labrador mix.

But that all changed two weeks later when Alice discovered the Web site www.petfinder.com - and Shayla, a dog who looks just like Elizabeth. Within days Alice was driving to Newaygo, outside of Muskegon, to the Lifeline for Pound Buddies rescue organization to adopt Shayla who was about 3 to 5 years old. Petfinder.com tries to find homes for all types of animals including cats, horses, cows, sheep, pigs, rabbits, reptiles, and small and furry creatures such as ferrets and hamsters by listing rescue groups and humane societies on their Web site. Frequently, little is known about the animal's history.

'HEALED OUR HEARTS'

"You'd think we would have been com-

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Sandy Williamson adopted Maggie (pictured) from the Tuscola County Humane Society after finding a listing on www.petfinder.com. Williamson thinks Maggie is about 3 years old but doesn't know for sure because the golden-colored dog came from an abusive background.

'... When I walked in I only had eyes for her. I brought her home and she healed our hearts.'

Alice Williamson

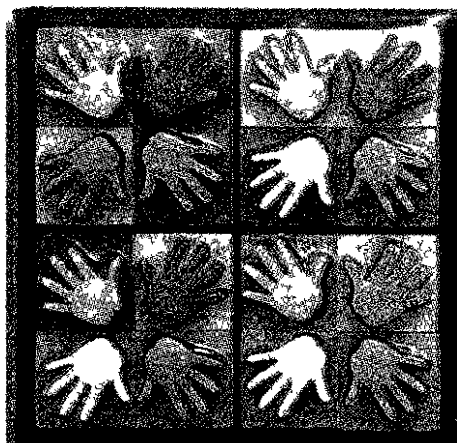


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Susan Orlikowski of Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit with some of the articles that will be included in an upcoming alternative Christmas fair.

'Since the beginning the idea was to focus on providing charity opportunities for people. Christmas is a time for great commercialism and buying. We want to hook them up with people who need support.'

Jessica Beamer of Farmington



Seedlings' Helping Hands Pin by Lucinda is a great gift for teachers, care givers and volunteers.

Alternative Christmas fair

offers items that go on giving

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Five years ago, Jessica Beamer was so tired of the commercialism at Christmas that she didn't hesitate to volunteer when asked to serve as chair of a committee to host an alternative fair at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. This year, the event has grown to include 45 nonprofit organizations that will display their wares from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.

Committee member Jean Struckmeyer and Beamer have been doing their fair share of shopping for holiday gifts at the Alternative Christmas Fair every year since Struckmeyer came up with the idea after visiting a similar event.

The fair doesn't charge a booth fee to participants. A nominal \$1 admission charge pays for advertising as does sales from the pizza sold at lunch. Anything left over goes to charities.

One of the biggest hits every year is the Cookie Walk with treats donated

by church members. Fairgoers buy a container for \$3, \$5 or \$7 then fill it with baked goods.

'EXCITING TO SEE'

"Since the beginning the idea was to focus on providing charity opportunities for people," said Jessica Beamer of Farmington. "Christmas is a time for great commercialism and buying. We want to hook them up with people who need support."

"This year we have a lot of new organizations participating and way more community response. It's exciting to see people who came and shopped and now have a year-round connection with the organization."

Susan Orlikowski didn't realize the fair offered such great gifts as the green beaded frog lapel pins from Maya Works, the nonprofit which brings items made by women in Guatemala.

It was the first time Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit participated in the fair to raise

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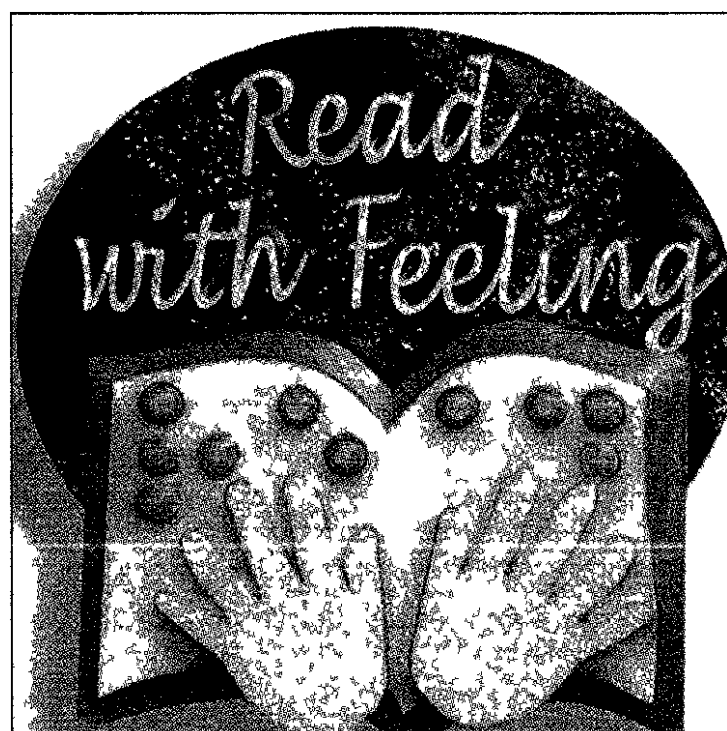
funds for the bedtime essentials and sleep education given to children living in poverty. The Farmington-based organization will be offering stuffed animals, fall decorations and handmade items such as scarves for a donation. For more information, call (248) 478-3242 or visit www.sweetdreamzzzdetroit.org

Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit was founded in 1998 after Kathleen Donnelly read a *Detroit Free Press* article about a group of friends who got together to help a high school athlete who lived in a burned out home. Donnelly thought there were probably other needy kids and started Sweet Dreamzzz. The nonprofit has provided nearly 16,000 children with sleeping bags, night shirts, socks, stuffed animals, books, crayons, and toothbrushes since then.

"We had a holiday party for the kids at the very beginning," said Orlikowski, director of operations. The Farmington Hills resident began volunteering with the organization in 2000. "In 2001 we incorporated as a nonprofit and developed a sleep education program with Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services to go into a school or bring the school children to a venue like the Detroit Children's Museum. The program lasts about one-half hour. We give sleep tips like having a regular bedtime then they're given a sleeping bag. A lot of the kids don't have a bed or share a bed so they don't have a nice comfortable place to go to sleep. We believe they can increase their academic performance by giving them a nice place to sleep."

TRAINING ADULTS

Community Choices Supportive Employment in Westland will use the money they raise from the fair to train developmentally and physically disabled adults to find jobs. For more than a decade, job coaches have helped individual attain posi-



Seedlings Braille Books for Children will sell this lapel pin by Lucinda

tions at local restaurants, grocery stores and church. Others have started businesses and will be on hand with literature about their enterprises. One individual sells personalized first aid kits, another founded a recycling company to pick up newspapers, phone books, magazines, junk mail and non-confidential office materials.

"We have individuals with varying levels of skills," said director Colleen Gray. "Some need to start by going to a store and learning how to purchase something. We have job coaches to help them find work in the community like delivering Meals on Wheels or cleaning churches. We are trying to improve the quality of life for individuals." Seedlings Braille Books helps children to read. The Livonia nonprofit provides affordable Braille materials so blind children have the same educational opportunities as those who are sighted.

Once again at this year's fair Seedlings offers the chance to make a \$10 donation to have a book inscribed with the recipient's name. All proceeds go to subsidize book production for blind children locally and internationally. Today, Seedlings books have been enjoyed by children in the US and 50 foreign countries.

"Volunteers are working

hard this year to make crafts such as scaven-jars," said Susan Bresler, a staffer. "It's a unique desk top game. We have beaded zipper pulls for purses or jackets. The Helping Hands Pins by Lucinda are great teacher and child care worker gifts."

Last year in addition to selling Braille sweat shirts, T-shirts, tote bags, and jewelry at the fair, Bresler did her Christmas shopping.

"I bought 12 of the soup mixes from Detroit Rescue Mission," said Bresler. "You're feeding the poor by giving your donation. It was my favorite out of all of them. I always shop. I double up volunteers so everyone can shop."

Hope Lutheran Church is located at 39200 W 12 Mile, east of Haggerty Road. For more information, call (248) 553-7170.

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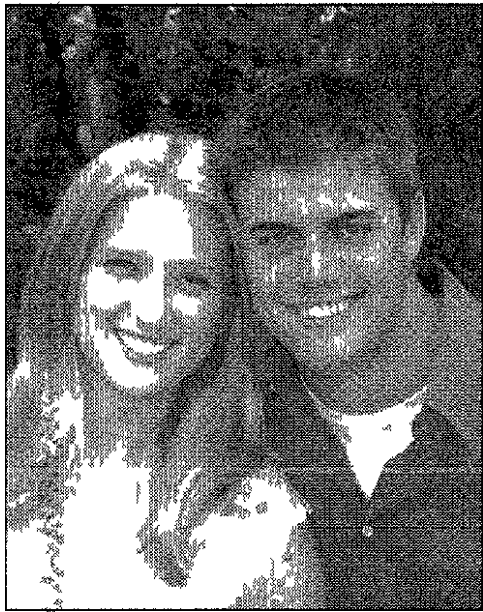
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ENGAGEMENTS



Costlow-Dunwell
Dan and Diane Costlow of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Eve Elizabeth, to Jeffrey Allen Dunwell of Brighton. Eve will graduate in April from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. She is currently doing her student teaching at Village Oaks Elementary School in Novi. Her fiancé, Jeff, is the son of Richard

and Patricia Dunwell of Brighton. He will graduate in April from the University of Michigan with a degree in biopsychology. He will be attending dental school next fall. Jeff and Eve are planning a July 2006 wedding at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi.



Suominen-McClure
Jack and Roberta Bode of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Suominen, to Craig McClure of Livonia. Stacy is a sixth grade teacher at Franklin Middle School in Wayne. Her fiancé, Craig, is the son of Cheri and Eugene Wells of Sun River, Ore., and Jim and Patti McClure of Grass Valley, Calif. Craig and Stacy are planning a December wedding

at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia with a reception at Hawthorne Valley Country Club. They will spend their honeymoon in Costa Rica and are making their new home in Livonia.



Kilgore-Lancaster
Larry and Jerry Kilgore of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Noel, to Jon Lancaster of Charranooga, Tn.

Noel is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Western Michigan University. She is currently working on her masters at University of Tennessee/Chattanooga.

Jon is the son of Walter and Stephanie Lancaster of Chattanooga, Tn. He graduated from Portage Northern High School in Michigan and Western Michigan University. He is

employed by Capital Toyota/Scion in Chattanooga. Jon and Noel are planning a November wedding.

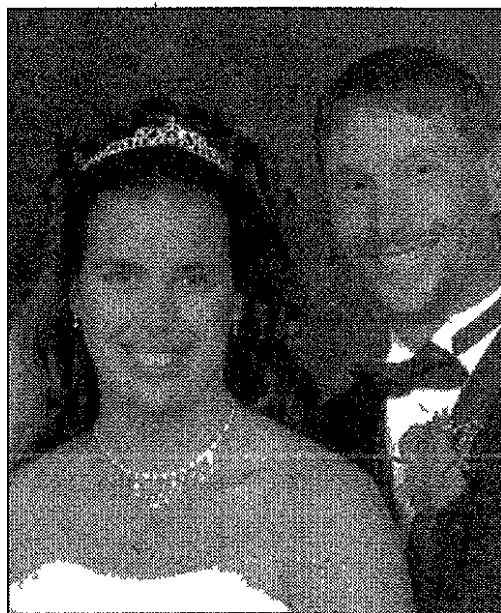


Bracken-Duffner
Dennis and Patti Bracken of South Lyon, formerly of Redford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Rae, to Kevin Duffner.

Courtney is a 1999 graduate of Redford Union High School and a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is pursuing her master's degree in social work at Grand Valley State University.

Her fiancé, Kevin, is the son of Bill and MaryAnn Duffner of Chicago, Ill. He is a 1999 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago and a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is employed as a software engineer at Eaton Aerospace in Grand Rapids. Kevin and Courtney are planning a July 2006 wedding at the Crown Plaza in Grand Rapids.

WEDDINGS



Louk-Lindenmuth
Teresa Lindenmuth and Jerry Louk were married July 22, 2005, at St. Gerald Church in Farmington Hills before the Rev. Brown. A reception followed at Decarols. Attending the bride were Dorrine McLean and John Kouhoukas. Teresa is the daughter of Flora Lindenmuth and the late Robert Lindenmuth. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Jerry is the son of Gerald and Jams Louk. He is employed at Unique Refinishers. Jerry and Teresa spent their honeymoon in Punta Cana. The new Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Louk are making their new home in Farmington Hills.



Singleton-Kaiser
Kristine Marie Kaiser and Jason Vincent Singleton were married Oct. 14, 2005, at Allen Park Presbyterian Church before the Rev. Doug Blake. A reception was held at Robert H. Jones Knights of Columbus in Melvindale. Jason and Kristine were attended by family, friends and their son, Connor Douglas Singleton. Kristine is the daughter of Douglas and Aida Kaiser of Canton. She is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2005 graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

Jason is the son of James and Veronica Singleton of Canton. He is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed with Canton Public Safety.

ANNIVERSARY



Cook 50th
James and Elizabeth Cook of Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 19, 2005.

Jim has helped to shape his community for over 30 years as an educator, counselor, and administrator for the Plymouth and Livonia public schools.

Liz, after raising her own family, helped others to begin their families as a labor and delivery nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Jim and Liz have three children, Timothy (Theresa) Cook of Farmington Hills, Kimberlee Cook of NYC, and Caleb (Brenda) Cook of Detroit, and four grandchildren, Travis, Cassandra, Hannah, and Naomi.

Jim and Liz are spending their retirement years at their home in Westland enjoying their family and friends. They continue to help their community by being socially and politically active and serving in several volunteer organizations.



Black-O'Connell
Christy Ann Patrick O'Connell and Monte Lane Black were married Aug. 12, 2005, at Mount Princeton Hot Springs Resort in Nathrop, Colo. Christy is the daughter of Mary Lou O'Connell of Clarkston, Mich., formerly of Livonia, and the late Patrick O'Connell. She is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado with a degree in theatre arts and dance. She is employed by New Frontier Bank and teaches dance locally.

Monte is the son of Allan and Doris Black of Casper, Wyo. He graduated from the University of Wyoming and University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He is a professor of jazz dance at UNC. The couple resides in Greeley, Colo. They met there while dancing.



Greenshields-Caldwell
Rachel Ann Caldwell and Daniel Greenshields were married Oct. 29, 2005, at First Baptist Church of Garden City before the Rev. Dean Fussen. A reception was held at Grand Celebrations in Farmington. Attending the bride were maid of honor, Kelly Brooks, bridesmaids, Melissa Santhony, Tina Avery and Nicole Blan, and flower girl, Heather Hayes. Attending the groom were best man, Tim Cox, groomsmen, Mike Hackett, Mike Greenshields and Jason Tripp, and ring bearer, Zachary Bean. Rachel is the daughter of Lonnie and Karen Caldwell of Garden City. She is a 1999 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2003 graduate of Henry Ford Community College. She is employed by Asker, Clos & Perlmutter. Daniel is the son of Frieda Greenshields and the late James of Plymouth. He is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and he attended Henry Ford Community College. He is the owner of Greenshields Brothers Landscaping and Lawn Care. Daniel and Rachel spent their honeymoon in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The new Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Greenshields are making their new home in Westland.

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MARY LOUISE KERN VIGER

Age 85 of Grosse Pointe Farms died at home on Wednesday November 2, 2005. She was the daughter of Otto and Katherine Kern and the late beloved wife of David N. Viger O.B.E. She graduated from Kingswood/Cranbrook in 1938 and from Erskine College in Boston Massachusetts in 1940. She was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, the Detroit Club, the Mackinac Island Yacht Club and a lifetime member of the Country Club of Detroit. She was an active member of the Junior League of Detroit, the Junior League Gardeners, the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, the Mary Thompson Home and Libri Club. She was a patron of the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Zoological Society and the Michigan Humane Society. She also was a supporter of the Detroit Artists Market, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and the Grosse Pointe Symphony. Mary Louise loved gardening, flower arranging, playing bridge, playing golf, and boating. She held the rank of Advanced Pilot from the Power Squadron of Detroit. Her greatest love however was the love that she had for her family. Her two sons, David and Peter, and her two daughters, Katherine V. Hester and Susan V. Lambrecht, survive her. She was predeceased by her son Thomas. Mary Louise was the proud grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Sunday November 13 at 2:30 PM at Christ Church Grosse Pointe located at 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard Grosse Pointe Farms Michigan Memorial Contributions may be made to Golden Rescue in Naples, PO Box 770291 Naples Florida 34107 and to the Michigan Humane Society.

SARAH (SALLY) McKENNA

Sarah (Sally) Morgan Sinclair McKenna 68 of Moss Creek/Hilton Head Island formerly of Plymouth and Ann Arbor MI died at home on Tuesday November 1st after a brief cancer related illness. Mrs. McKenna was born in Adrian MI attended Plymouth High School where she was class Valedictorian and the University of Michigan from which she graduated in 1960 with a degree in Political Science. In 1984 after her children were grown she earned an RN degree from Madonna College in Livonia MI where she also was Valedictorian. Since that time she has worked in several nursing related capacities when it didn't interfere with her golf. Most recently she was a hospice nurse with Hospice Care of the Low Country and also worked for the State of South Carolina's Women and Infant Children (WIC) program. In addition to her nursing activities in the area, Mrs. McKenna was active in several women's golf groups at Moss Creek and in the Low Country. She will be greatly missed by her family and the many people she has touched throughout her life. Beloved wife of 45 years and lifelong best friend of James C. McKenna she was during her last few days comforted by the presence of her entire family. In addition to her husband she is survived by three children and seven grandchildren. Daughter and son-in-law Kathleen and Philip Korson of Haslett MI their three sons and one daughter son and daughter in law Stephen and Patricia McKenna of Denver CO their two sons and one daughter and daughter Sarah McKenna of Beaufort SC. She also had the comfort of her brother in law and his wife Pat and Marie McKenna of Milan MI and of her sister in law Edith McKenna of Chevy Chase, MD. A celebration of her life will be held at 12 noon November 11, 2005 at the Bostwick House of Moss Creek Plantation Hilton Head Island. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of the Low Country 20 Palmetto Parkway Suite 104 Hilton Head Island SC 29926. The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

GERALD E "Jerry" PEELING

Age 69 November 2 2005 Beloved husband of Odessa for 52 years. Loving father of Gary (Pattie) Michael (Barb) and Douglas (Diane). Cherished grandfather of Jason (Mindy) Kevin Melissa Lindsay Samantha and Keith. Great grandfather of Jason and Julianna. Beloved son of Frances Purser. Brother of Robert Peeling. Jerry was a truck driver and 20 year member of Teamster Local 299 and received a safe driving award every year. Services were held Saturday November 5th at Thayer Rock Funeral Home Farmington.

KATHRYN GRACE "NORTON" NEE KNOPSNIDER MCFADDEN

Nov 1 2005 Beloved wife of Thomas. Dear daughter of Donna Grubbs and the late Warren Knopsnider. Sister of Dale (Barbara) Knopsnider and Stuart (Martha) Knopsnider. Niece of Duane Delling and Jerry (Lynn) Delling. Aunt of Jason Sara Matthew Kristin and Joey. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi 1 248 348 1800 Thursday 2 4 & 6 9 Funeral Service Friday 11 00 at the funeral home. Donations in Kathryn's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society 1599 Clifton Road NE Atlanta GA 30329. Online sympathy message at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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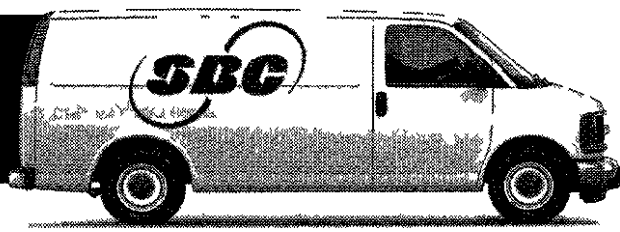
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Alice Williamson talks about looking on www.petfinder.com after one of their dogs, Elizabeth died of a blood disease

PETFINDER

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ported with two other dogs but she was such a big part of our life," said Alice Williamson. Rick said, "Take the time and go up there." When I walked in I only had eyes for her. I brought her home and she healed our hearts.

Shayla runs around the family room greeting Phoebe in dog fashion. Shayla, the therapy dog, loves everybody especially the young patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan where they volunteered until Alice's work schedule changed.

Phoebe, the chow/border collie mix, is wary of the attention from Shayla but quickly calmed by the woman on the end of the leash. Sandy Williamson, Alice's ex-sister-in-law, lives in Plymouth Township with three adopted dogs. Phoebe and Maggie, were listed on petfinder.com. Sandy's first dog, Rascal, came from the Michigan Humane Society in Westland.

Both Williamson women are advocates of petfinder.com. Sarah, Sandy's 19-year old daughter discovered Phoebe online at La 1 Dog Rescue in Ann Arbor. Phoebe was found running on state land up North and had heartworm.

"I adopted her in February 2002 and had one other dog at the time," said Sandy Williamson. "I knew I wanted a female. You can narrow the search by breed, the distance you want to travel, characteristics such as good with children. I have two grown children. One son lives at home. He was never a dog kid. He had bad experiences when younger. Now he loves them."

Them includes Maggie who was being fostered by a Caro woman through the Tuscola County Humane Society. Sandy thinks Maggie is about 3 years old but doesn't know for sure because the golden-colored dog came from an abusive background.

OLDER DOGS

"I want people to know how wonderful the older dogs are," said Sandy Williamson, who works in accounts receivable at Contractor's Steel Co. in Livonia. "If you don't have time to put into a puppy, the older dogs are just as lovable."

Petfinder.com not only helps abandoned animals find new homes, but lists lost and found animals in their classified ads. Most recently they unveiled their Annual Emergency Response network to assist companion animals and their owners/care-

takers. Victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma were not only able to reconnect with their pets but find them temporary shelter until they could be reunited.

Alice Williamson used petfinder.com to find Kate at the Michigan Humane Society in Westland after losing Max, their cat, in 2003. After many months of searching, posting fliers around town and ads on petfinder.com, Alice and Rick adopted Kate who was then known as Bacardi.

Jasmine, the cat, found them. After advertising in the *Observer Newspapers* for free to find her owner, the Williamsons took her in. Today, the couple lives with three dogs and three cats, and keeps a horse at a stable in White Lake. Rick has promised Alice that when they retire from their jobs as analysts at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, they'll have a farm. The couple has been married 14 years.

"I love my wife," quipped Rick Williamson when asked about all of the animals they've adopted.

"When you get a rescue dog they seem more appreciative. All the rescue dogs love us to death."

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Gassin' up

Carla Sari (second from left) poses with her father, Otavio Cubas, her daughter, Cassia Sari, Kristin Shanahan, community relations representative for the credit union, and Kathy Whitman (holding balloons), representative of USA Credit Union's Plymouth branch after Sari won a \$500 gas certificate at USA Credit Union's recent Safety Town Family Fair, which took place at the credit union's Plymouth branch. Sari, 32, lives in Plymouth with her daughter Cassia, and her father, Otavio Cubas.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Crafters needed

The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Sunday Nov. 27. For information contact Sue or Paul at (734) 844-3128.

Mom-2-Mom Sale

Northville Parks and Recreation sponsors a Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a used sports equipment sale from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday Nov. 12 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main in Northville. For more information call (248) 349-0203 Ext. 1411.

Entertainment books

Several Plymouth organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books as fund raisers.

The Plymouth Optimists are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books with all proceeds helping children through out southeastern Michigan. Price is \$25. Books are available at Saxton Garden Center in Plymouth or home delivery is available. Call (734) 453-8253 for details.

The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities. The book offers 2 for 1 and 50 percent discounts on restaurants travel recreation hotel stays entertainment and sporting events. The book is being offered at a special fund raising price of \$25 and can be delivered if the purchaser desires. Order books by calling Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6829.

Members of the Plymouth Symphony League

are selling the 2006 entertainment book offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The books is priced at \$25 with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony. Books can be picked up at the symphony office next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth or ordered by calling Mary Thomas (734) 453-3016. For more information call the symphony office (734) 453-2112.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice offers an evening seminar, Coping with the Holidays at 7 p.m. Thursday Nov. 17 to help people coping with the loss of a loved one get through the holiday season. The seminar will be held at the Heartland Healthcare Center, 4701 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. It is open to the public and will provide practical tools for caring for ourselves while grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information or to register call Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator at (734) 953-1145 or toll free at (888) 973-1145.

Lightfest run

On Tuesday Nov. 15 the community is invited to preview Lightfest 2005. As participants in the ninth annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk, runners and walkers get the opportunity to travel the Lightfest display route on foot. Race day check in begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 6:45 p.m. The race begins at 7 p.m. There will be cash prizes and post race food and free long sleeve T-shirts go to the first 100 entrants. Cost is \$18 in advance. \$20 on race day. For more information call (734) 261-1990.

Holiday show

Mill Race Weavers Guild presents a Holiday Show & Sale 1-4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 20 featuring hand woven rugs, scarves, table linens and other hand crafted merchandise. The show takes place at Mill Race Historical Village Weavers Cottage on Griswold north of Main in Northville.

Coping with grief

BraveHeart Grief Services in collaboration with Arbor Hospice & Home Care will offer a workshop, Coping with Grief at the Holidays, to address the range of emotions that may come at this time of year and offer helpful suggestions for those trying to cope with the holidays. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday Nov. 17 at the Arbor Hospice & Home Care office, 331 Center in Northville. There is no cost to attend the workshop but interested individuals need to register by calling Sandy VanKoeveing (248) 348-4980 or e-mail her at svankoeveing@arborhospice.org.

ABWA craft fair

The American Business Women's Association, Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletics Teams co-host the 18th annual Holiday Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Nov. 5 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor. The event features more than 150 artisans featuring pottery, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, tole painting and more. Proceeds go to ABWA Maia Chapter Education Fund for scholarships for local college students and to Pioneer High School women's athletic teams. For information call (734) 663-0671.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth Michigan Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will accept sealed bids for the following Project:

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR DDA STREETScape

Details are described in the bid Drawings and Specifications.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time on December 1, 2005 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall Bldg #3, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

General Description of Work: Landscape maintenance services including but not limited to lawn mowing, fertilization and weed control, tree and shrub pruning and trimming and management of irrigation system including system winterization and spring start up.

General Description of Project Area: In an east west direction the Project Area extends along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township from Eckles Road to a short distance past the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Road. The Project Area also extends along Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township just north and south of Ann Arbor Road.

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick up only (no mail delivery) at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall Bldg #3, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170.

A mandatory pre bid conference is scheduled for 10:00 AM Local Time on November 17, 2005 in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall Bldg #1, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170. A walking tour of the Project Area will immediately follow the conference. All bidders must attend this meeting prior to submitting a bid.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Township reserves the right to accept any proposal to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part and to waive any defect or irregularity in any proposal if it is deemed in the Township's sole discretion to be in the best interest of the Township. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

REQUIREMENTS

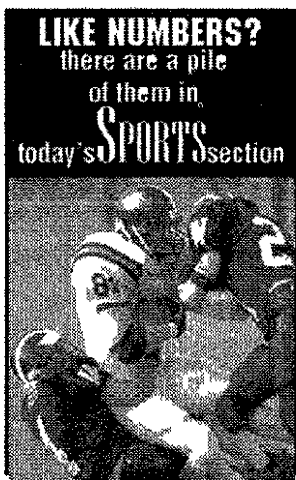
- The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate authorities to perform Work.
- Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of Plymouth insurance requirements.
- The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs.
- The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other company without approval of the DDA.
- The term of the contract will be for three years with an option to renew at the end of three years based upon mutual consent of both parties regarding terms and conditions.
- The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State and local laws.
- The contract award by the DDA must be approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:

Mr. Tony Hollis, DPW Manager
Charter Township of Plymouth
46555 Port Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
Ph: (734) 453-8131

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:
Ms. Marilyn Massengill
Plymouth Township Clerk
Plymouth Township Hall Bldg #3
42350 Ann Arbor Road
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Notice hereby given that on 11/11/05 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport 1179 Starkweather Rd Plymouth MI a public auction of the following:

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1988	Lincoln	Towncar	1LNBM82F6JY677274

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for the Remodeling of Farrand, Fiegel, Gallimore, and Isbister Elementary Schools. Bid documents are available by phoning Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400 or are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc. 24317 Indoplex Circle Farmington Hills MI 48335. FW Dodge Plan Room Southfield Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room Bloomfield Hills Daily Construction Reports Plan Room Detroit Builders Exchange Grand Rapids Construction News Service Grandville and Reed Construction Data Novi MI.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103 Selective Demolition / 106 Masonry / 107 Steel / 108 Carpentry/General Trades / 109 Roofing / 113 Hollow Metal / Wood Doors Finish Hardware / 114 Aluminum Windows / Storefront Entrances Glass & Glazing / 115 Metal Studs Drywall IFS / 116 Hard Tile / 117 Acoustical Treatments / 118 Resilient Flooring & Carpet / 120 Painting / 121 Visual Display Boards / 124 Wood Flooring (ALTERNATE) / 128 Pre Manufactured Casework / 130 Window Treatments / 137 Food Service Equipment / 140 Plumbing / 142 HVAC / 143 Electrical / 160 Pre Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only).

A pre bid meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday November 3, 2005 at the main office of McCarthy & Smith Inc. at the address noted above. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m. Thursday November 17, 2005 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR November meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction Nov. 08, 2005 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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1991 CHEVY	EURO	2 DR	2G1WN1478M9156488
2003 GMC	ENVOY	S/W	1GKDT1S732319775
1994 CHEVY	VAN	VAN	1GBEG25K3RF189783
1988 CHEVY	NOVA	4 DR	1Y1SK5146JZ077756
1989 BUICK	RIVIERA	2 DR	1G4EZ11C9KU413150
1990 HONDA		2 DR	JHMBAA144LC000549
1990 PONTIAC	GRAND AM	2 DR	1G2NE12M97M537724
1996 PONTIAC	GRAND AM	4 DR	1G2NE52T1TC701665
1989 PONTIAC	BONNEVILLE	4 DR	1G2HX54C9KW298049
1994 FORD	CROWN VIC	4 DR	2FALP74W9RX209712
1993 FORD	AEROSTAR	S/W	1FMC111U9PZB99867
1993 FORD	ESCORT	S/W	1FAPP15JFW210781
1994 FORD	TEMPO	2 DR	1FAPP31X3RK140798
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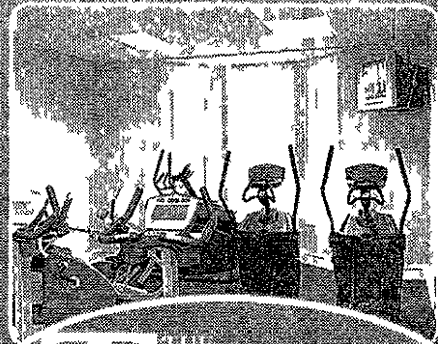
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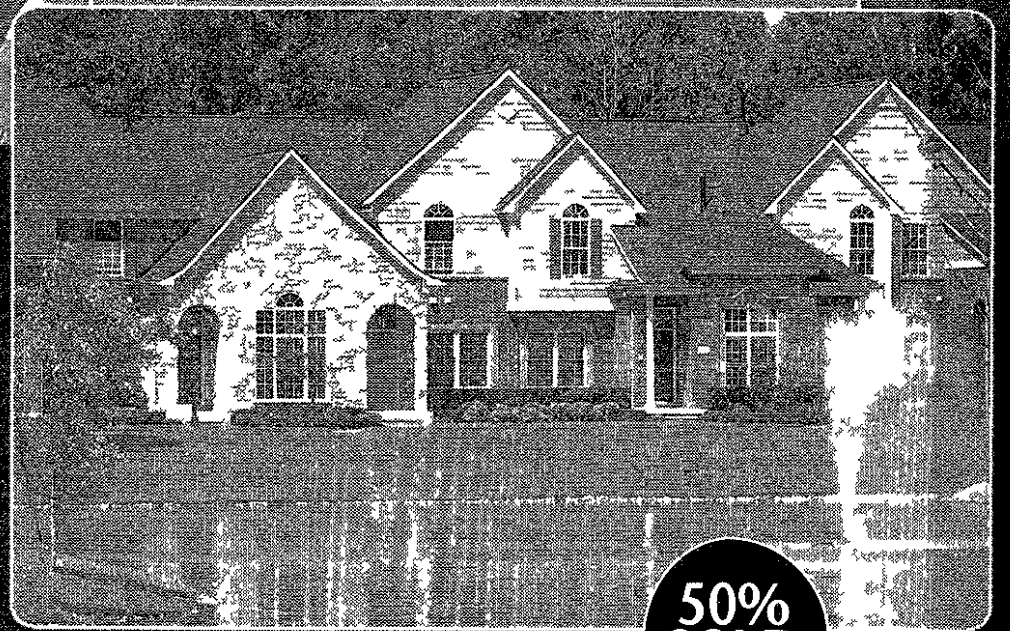
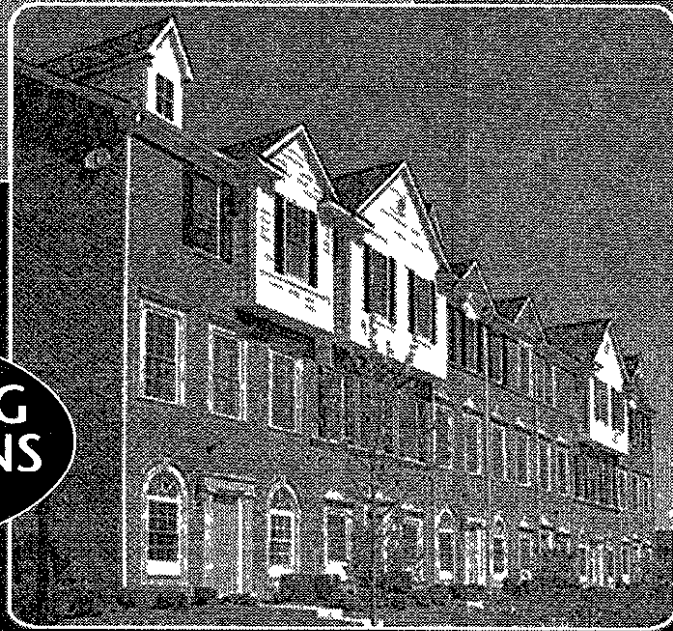
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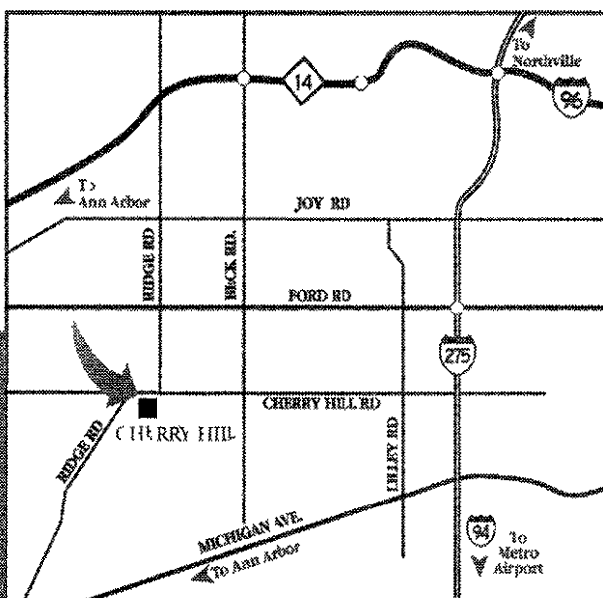
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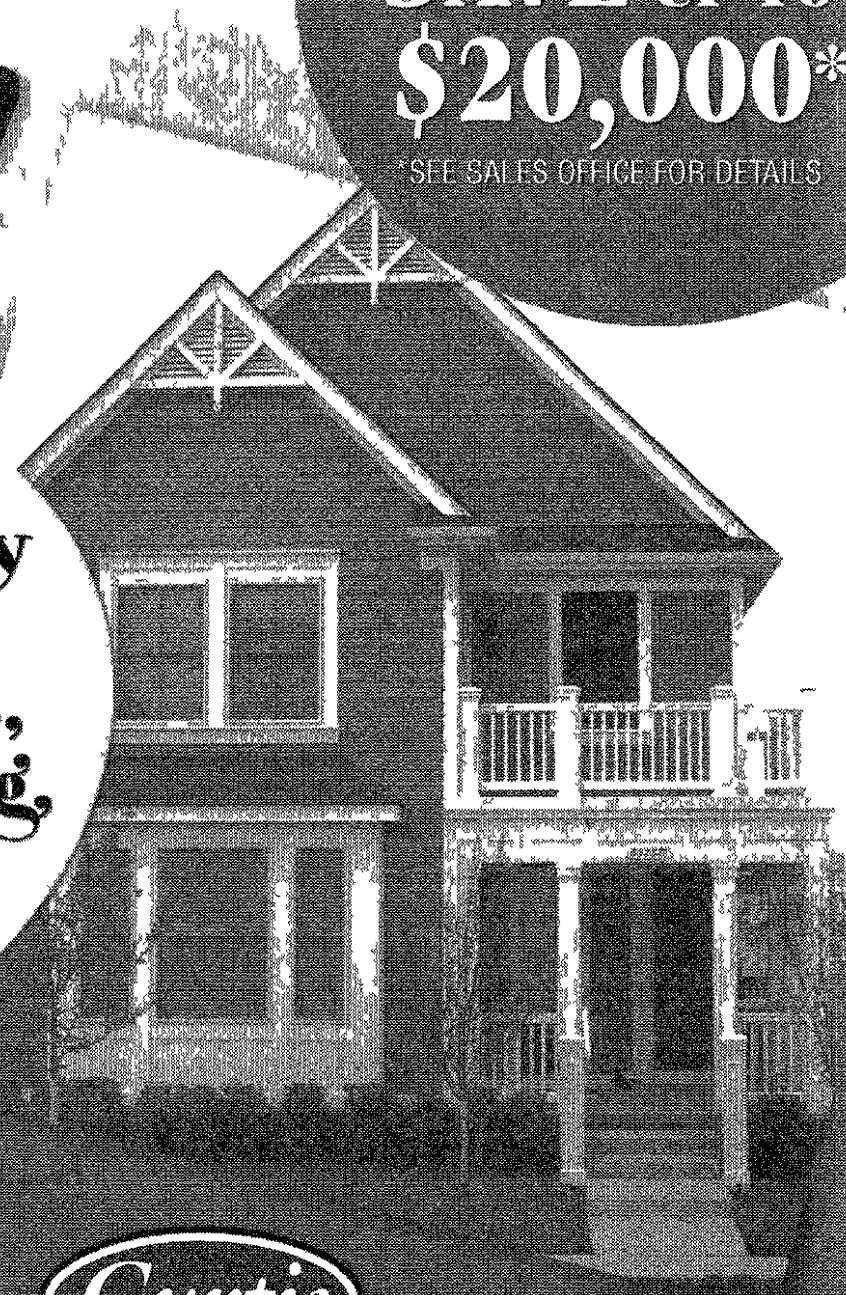
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Stay fit on the road

Hank from Taylor does a lot of traveling and e-mails for tips on getting a quick and effective out-of-town workout.

Here are some tips

- 1) Make a reservation at a hotel that has a gym or pool. If one is not available, you can always exercise in your own room.
- 2) Bring tapes with an aerobic or dance workout on them.
- 3) Pack lightweight equipment, such as resistance tubing or a jump rope.
- 4) Climb stairs inside the hotel or skip the bus or cab, and walk part of the way to your destination.
- 5) Pack a tennis ball and racquet, find a local golf range, or do some good old-fashioned bowling.

Kathy from Redford e-mails out of concern that her children are constantly glued to the TV, especially around mealtime.

Kathy, you're absolutely right to be concerned. New research shows that kids who watch TV during meals are more likely to eat things like pizza, salty snacks, and soda. One key reason is because when was the last time you saw fruits and vegetables advertised on the tube?

Another part of the problem is that when you are watching television, you are not paying attention to what you eat and you usually end up eating a great deal more than you think.

Kids from families that watch a lot of television average 6 percent more calories from eating meat than kids watching less. They also averaged about 5 percent more calories from pizza, salty snacks, and soda pop.

Researchers urge Mom and Dad to turn off the TV at mealtime.

E-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950.

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Prescription drug plans

Medicare Part D leaves beneficiaries bewildered

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Barbara Coden isn't exactly excited about the new Part D established by the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. The 71-year-old West Bloomfield woman finds it confusing.

While Coden doesn't have to worry because she has prescription drug coverage with her husband's insurance, friends are bewildered by Part D which becomes available Jan. 1, 2006. To help them sort through the process of selecting one of 78 plans offered by private companies, Coden arranged for Carrie Nicholson, a representative of the Area Agency on Aging 1B in Southfield, to speak to members of the Centennial Chapter of Jewish Women International in May. Afterward, the women asked to have her come back to answer questions about the prescription drug coverage plans which replace the discount drug cards available to seniors since the act went into effect.

Information about Part D has been slow in coming out, according to Nicholson, the agency's Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program coordinator. She's trying to assist seniors in any way she can to clear up the confusion. On Monday and Tuesday, Nicholson attended training at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Chicago. It is expected that the average premium will be about \$32 a month, but ranges from \$0 to \$70.

QUESTIONS ARISE

If a Medicare beneficiary has limited income or resources and needs financial assistance to pay for monthly premiums, deductibles and co-payments, help may be available through Social Security.

"There are so many plans and they don't really specify what drugs they cover," said Coden, co-president of the Jewish Women International Centennial Chapter. "Right now I won't have to make a choice but never know when I'll have to do it. As you age your health situation gets worse. I do have a lot of friends who will have to make these choices and they're

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Barbara Coden (left) and Carrie Nicholson discuss the new Medicare prescription drug coverage at the Area Agency on Aging in Southfield.

Dr. Daniel Harber Returns to his Roots

Cardiovascular Clinical Associates physician, Dr. Daniel Harber, D.O., FACC has returned to practice medicine where he grew up. Board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiology, he oversees Botsford General Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program. A graduate of Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, with a Masters Degree in exercise physiology from the University of Michigan he is clearly no stranger to the area.

His research interests include cardiac catheterization, stress testing and pacemakers. Dr. Harber completed his internship, residency, and fellowship training at Botsford General Hospital. He is also Board certified in nuclear cardiology and is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He regularly lectures at Garden City Hospital, Oakwood Hospital and in the community on various topics in cardiology and general health and fitness. He is actively involved in research at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital and Annapolis Hospital where he helps develop cost effective critical pathways for the cardiovascular patient population.

In Dearborn, his new state of the art testing and diagnostic center is open 5 days a week offering a wide range of cardiology services including all non-invasive testing and diagnostics. For more information visit www.heartdrs.com or e-mail Dr. Harber directly at drhnx01@comcast.net. To schedule an appointment please call (313) 359-0200.



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not happy with it. A lot of my friends who don't take a lot of medication said it would be cheaper if they didn't participate. I think we need for congressmen and senators to be in whatever plan they put us in. If they had to live like we did we'd receive the best coverage." It's not Nicholson's place to judge whether the plans will help all seniors. Some do not need a Medicare prescription drug plan because they have coverage as part of retiree benefits. Nicholson does know that if a senior is on several medications it could help lower drug costs and protect them from high costs in the future. It will help low-income people as well as those without prescription drug coverage.

COMPARISON

Nicholson likes to compare the new Medicare prescription drug plans to car insurance. "If I never get into a car accident you have to ask yourself is my insurance coverage helping me. Yes, it is if I get into a car accident," said Nicholson. "On the front end you might pay more out of pocket, but you may get sick and need more prescriptions and will be glad you have it. It is insurance and that's how people have to think

about it."

The agency is already receiving about 500 calls a day from seniors wanting information to be able to make an educated decision. Enrollment begins Nov 15 and continues to May 15. If seniors don't enroll when first eligible they might pay a higher premium in the future -- that is if they don't have any other prescription coverage now. Anyone with prescription coverage -- teachers, employees of corporations such as General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, will receive a letter by Nov 14 indicating their options.

"People want to know about their options, what will happen with retiree benefits, if they have Medicaid how to enroll and compare plans," said Nicholson, who's upset because a tool comparing the 78 plans was supposed to be available during training. Without the information the agency isn't able to teach the volunteers who will assist seniors when enrollment begins.

The agency's Medicare/Medicaid program has scheduled assistance days for seniors to make an appointment and come in for help. The first takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 15, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Twelve more are scheduled in Oakland

Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties through Dec. 20 with others to take place in spring. For more information, call (800) 803-7174.

In Wayne County the Area Agency on Aging 1C can be reached at (734) 722-2830 for assistance.

WEB HELP

"They've promised us the companion tool by the time enrollment begins," said Nicholson. "People can go on the Internet to Medicare's Web site (www.medicare.gov) for the comparison tool and enroll right on the site."

"People with Medicaid are all going to be moved over to Medicare for prescription drug coverage. They will get a letter telling them what's happening and what plan they will be enrolled in. That person should call the plan and make sure it meets their needs. If it does, they don't have to do anything. If it doesn't they'll want to get assistance from us or the Web site. We offer unbiased counseling information. We don't endorse any plans which vary on monthly premiums, deductibles, what drugs and pharmacies are covered, what geographic region is covered. All are sponsored by Medicare."

Nicholson recommends peo-

ple take their time and do their homework before selecting one of the 78 plans.

"We can have a counselor walk them through it, take the fear out of all this choice. There's a lot of heavy marketing from Blue Cross, HAP and maybe companies they've never heard of but they don't have to rush into it."

According to the official government handbook, Medicare & You, most plans have a formulary, a list of covered drugs which can change anytime after a 60-day notice is given. Medicare beneficiaries need to choose the plan that covers all of their prescriptions. If a drug is dropped, the beneficiary or his or her doctor can apply for an exception or appeal the decision, according to the handbook.

"This is available to anyone who has Medicare, not just seniors age 65 or older," said Nicholson. "Persons with certain disabilities under the age of 65 could have Medicare and people with end-stage renal disease, or Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Each of these persons should make the effort to get educated and make the decision based on their particular prescription needs."

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A women's health workshop 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Nov 7 at the Costick

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De-stress your holidays

Learn a variety of methods to calm you and boost your immunity against winter illnesses during a presentation by Marian Schulte, LPN, aging specialist. 12 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 8 in the dining room at American House Southfield 27577 Lahser north of I-696 between I1 and I2 mile roads. No charge. Call (248) 353-5835.

Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 8. Attorney Patricia Kasody Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Recovery Inc.

The mental health support group meets 1 p.m. Friday, Nov 11. The group meets every Friday in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile. For more information call (734) 464-0027.




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POLYMYOSITIS

Polymyositis is another medical term that sounds imposing, but if you break it down is straightforward in its meaning. "Poly" stands for many, "myo" means muscles, and "sitis" is the word ending that denotes inflammation. Polymyositis stands for multiple muscle inflammation.

Weakness is the way you feel this problem. You find you cannot arise from a chair or to let without effort you cannot climb stairs, and lifting a book or holding up a newspaper becomes difficult to impossible. You may also have difficulty swallowing juice or coffee.

The cause for Polymyositis is unknown. Research indicates that most cases come from an unwanted effect of immune antibodies that instead of attacking a virus or bacteria, attach to muscle fibers and inflame them.

Again, weakness is the hallmark of Polymyositis. Muscle pain over the body comes from other causes such as fibromyalgia, polymyalgia rheumatica, or viral infections. That is why to determine if Polymyositis is present, your doctor tests your muscle strength. Laboratory tests specific for muscle inflammation help to confirm findings from your history and physical examination.

Identifying Polymyositis is important because its treatment is specific, involving prolonged oral steroid medication. Also, polymyositis can be associated with other problems which require further testing.

Polymyositis also differs from the muscle aching connected with use of anti-lipid drugs. At times this distinction is difficult, and made only by stopping the cholesterol medication for a month to 6 weeks and see how your aching and weakness responds.

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Guest! pink picks

Smart businesses tap into women's purses

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Fara Warner is the author of the recently published book "The Power of the Purse: How Smart Businesses Are Adapting to the World's Most Important Consumers." She tells businesses how to tap into women's purses.

Women currently drive some 80 percent of all buying decisions, according to Warner who has written extensively for the "New York Times," "Time Inc.," the "Wall Street Journal" and other national publications.

By 2010 it is estimated that women will account for half of American's private wealth--\$13 trillion dollars, she says. Many companies, however, haven't changed the way they think about women as consumers, Warner explains. PINK caught up with Warner to hear more about what she has to say about women in the marketplace. Here's what she had to say.

Tell us about some of the major companies that have turned around their businesses to attract more women consumers?

Some of the more interesting are The Home Depot, Kodak



Fara Warner is the author of 'The Power of the Purse: How Smart Businesses Are Adapting to the World's Most Important Consumers.'

and Nike. They had to overcome a lot of corporate culture and conventional wisdom about women as consumers to really change their businesses. The Home Depot was moving rapidly from women making color choices to knocking down walls. The Home Depot realized women evolve quickly. Once you teach them one thing they say, 'Hey, I want to do a bigger project.'

A number of companies got religion in the early 2000s, because of slumping sales. Kodak began to look at their consumer base. Women are the social historian of the family, the memory maker of the

family. The digital photography business had taken a high-tech approach. Women were also interested in how quickly can I download photos.

Kodak went to defining their core consumers, women. What could Kodak do for them? That led to creating a camera called, EasyShare.

What social and economic shifts have made women the driving force behind most buying decisions?

Women have been strong influencers of what we buy for 20 or 30 years. What has really changed is that women are now self-earners. In 30 percent of marriages women are

the major earners in their families. That is including college students and retirees. Take those out and it's still 11 percent of the marriages. There is a growing economic power of women gaining self-earning, which changes what we buy and how we buy it. We're not spending other people's money we're spending our money. We're building on 40 and 50 years of moving into the work force, of playing sports. You get this building effect.

Why do women have more buying clout than men?

We are sort of the controllers of the home. There's this real sense that women are still the emotional center of the homes. They're the ones who make the household work--taking care of the home, buying things for the home.

What's the best thing a company can do to tap into the female market?

Not thinking of women as a minority market, and that we are the majority. The company has to change the way it is marketing. If women aren't happy they will walk away.



As owner of Street Marketing in Northville, Mandi Jarvi plans parties and attends events for a living. The It

Girl is known for her unique, eye-catching ensembles. Eclectic and a bit eccentric, her anything-goes style is part boho and part chic, influenced by San Francisco and travels around the world. Mandi proves that cultivating your own look is better than getting stuck on the trends. This week, she shares her favorite picks with PINK.

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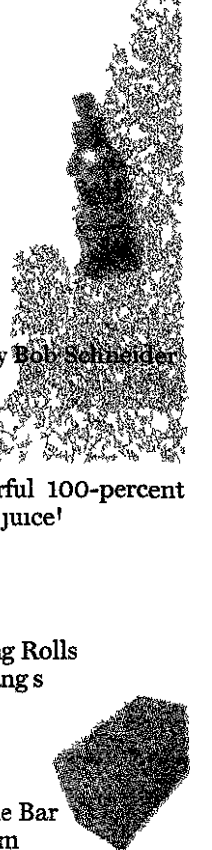
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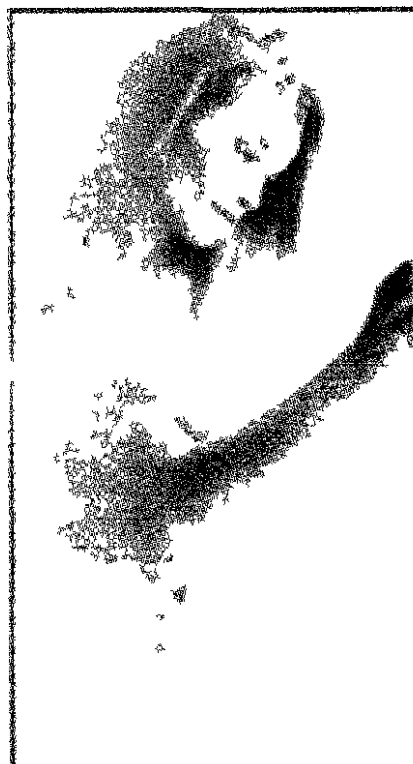
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(NAPSI) — Have you heard? New research indicates that there may be a relationship between your hearing and your income.

A new survey by the Better Hearing Institute shows that working Americans who ignore their hearing problems are losing at least \$100 billion a year in earnings. Even people with mild hearing loss, who may miss a consonant here or a word there, may lose income if they can't completely grasp the latest news at the water cooler or a phone message from the boss.

The average amount of income lost by working people who don't get hearing aids ranges from \$1,000 a year — for those with mild hearing loss — to \$12,000 a year for those with profound hearing loss.

However, on average, the income decline due to hearing loss can be cut in half by wearing a hearing aid, the research revealed.

Getting a hearing aid at a younger age may also help reduce the chance of losing income. Many think of hearing loss as something that happens mainly to older people. However, most people with this problem are in the prime of life, including one out of six baby boomers (ages 41-59) and one out of 14 "Gen-Xers" (ages 29-40). Yet



only one out of four Americans with hearing problems are getting treatment.

Many people are embarrassed to admit they have hearing problems and might need hearing aids, experts say. Some incorrectly think a hearing aid will make them seem odd or less able to do the job than their co-workers.

"If you seem out of touch

because you can't hear very well, you will be much more noticeable than you would be with a modern hearing device in your ear," said Dr. Sergei Kochkin, the Better Hearing Institute's executive director.

In the workplace, he points out, good communications skills are essential, particularly when it comes to understanding what customers and co-workers want.

Other research shows that untreated hearing problems disrupt family life, hamper emotional intimacy and increase the chances of psychological problems.

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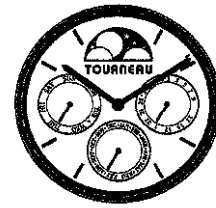
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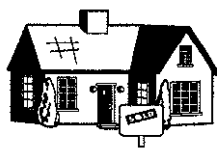
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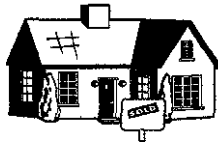
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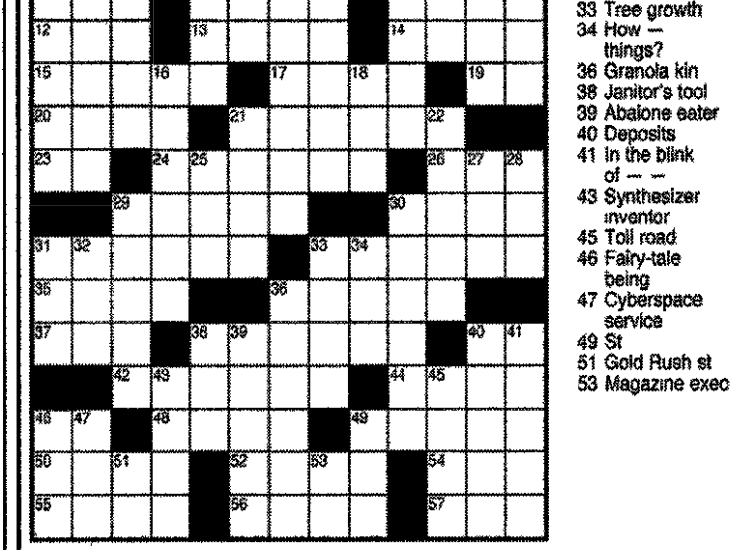
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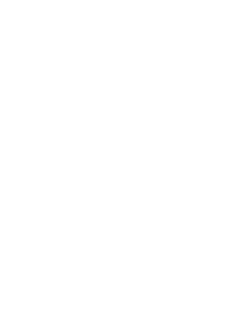
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Brick accents around decorative windows provide the spacious Mansfield (D1539) with a look of grandeur. This home is reminiscent of the homes of American ancestors and provide the modern family with a classic traditional look. However, the inside of the Mansfield is far from traditional. Inside this home are two bedrooms, formal and informal areas, along with a unique garage.

The pillared porch leads into the entry, with a full view of the vaulted great room. To the right of the entry is a formal vaulted living room, accented with a half round window that allows light to pour over the room. This room is set to be an optional third bedroom if needed. Opposite the living room is the vaulted formal dining area accented with a tall square window and a built-in hutch on one wall.

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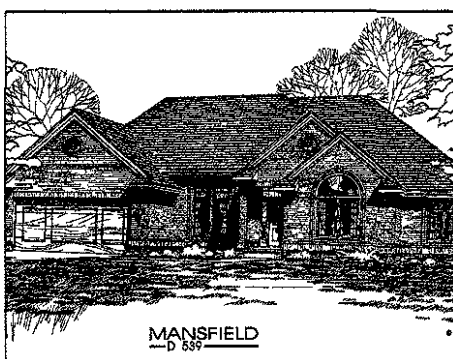
car garage door exit in the rear, spacious enough for three cars.

Back inside, the kitchen is U-shaped, with an eating bar facing the nook area. There is a built-in desk and pantry. The nook faces the back yard with large transom windows for excellent light and a great feel of openness, especially with the vaulted ceiling.

The great room is large and spacious with a fireplace centered on the rear wall. On each side of the fireplace are large windows, overlooking the back yard. The great room has shelves along the front wall, ideal as a bookcase or for displaying the family heirlooms. Stairs are in the corner of the great room to an optional basement, should one be desired.

As the Mansfield contains only two bedrooms, it is ideal for the new family or for empty nesters. The master suite has two large walk-in closets, a huge bathroom with a corner spa tub, his-and-her sinks, a shower, and a large skylight overhead. Beyond the master suite, the second bedroom has a wall closet, a linen closet in the hall, and easy access to the main bathroom.

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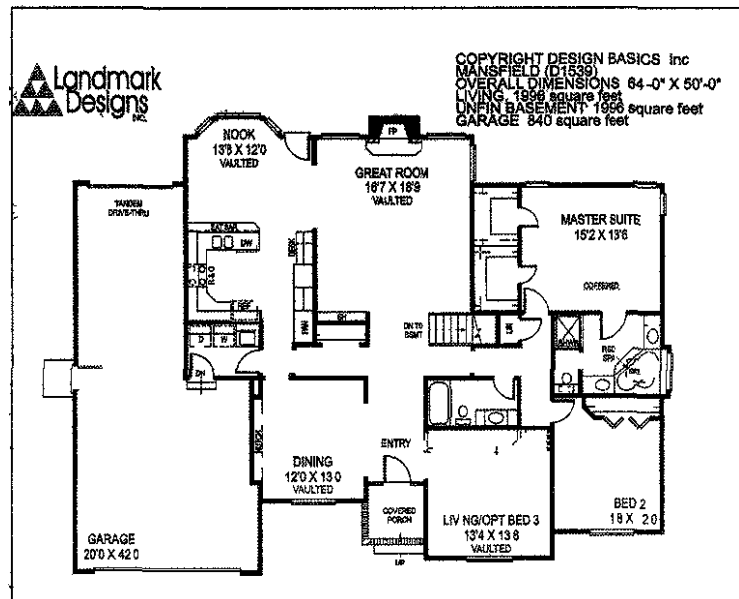
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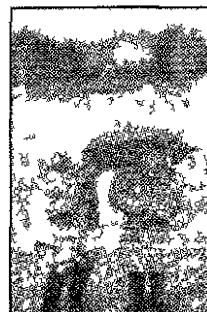
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Homes at Northville Hills Golf Club Selling Quickly Ravine View Home Sites in Private Enclave Now Available

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For home buyers contemplating a new home purchase, now is the time to visit the Toll Brothers sales centers at Northville Hills. "The views will last a lifetime, but the opportunity to live here will not," said

Colleen Weber, Sales Manager for The Estate Collection. Offering single-family homes and luxury condominiums, buyers have several choices.

For those searching for more privacy and scenic views, the just released Prestwick Estates enclave located east of Sheldon Road and on the north side of Five Mile Road offers single-family homes - many of which offer walkout lower levels on breathtaking ravine home sites - priced from the mid-\$500,000s.

The Estate Collection features single-family home located on and around the

golf course between Five and Six Mile Roads and Sheldon and Beck Roads, priced from the upper \$400,000s.

The Villa Collection of condominium homes, starting in the upper \$400,000s, is perfect for those desiring luxurious low-maintenance living. Several home designs are available including a first-floor master suite plan.

"We have several homes under construction and available for quicker occupancy," said Lynn Phillips, Sales Manager for The Villas. "We encourage buyers to stop in for a tour and see for themselves why our condominium homes have sold so fast."

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Northville Hills Estates residents enjoy resort-class amenities including tennis courts and a Swim & Fitness Center with a resort pool, separate kiddie pool, and fitness center. Villa homeowners enjoy the luxury of their own cabana, outdoor pool, and fitness facility.

Recently rated one of the top ten public golf courses in southeast Michigan, Northville Hills was designed by the legendary golf great Arnold Palmer with Palmer Course Design Co. Complementing the

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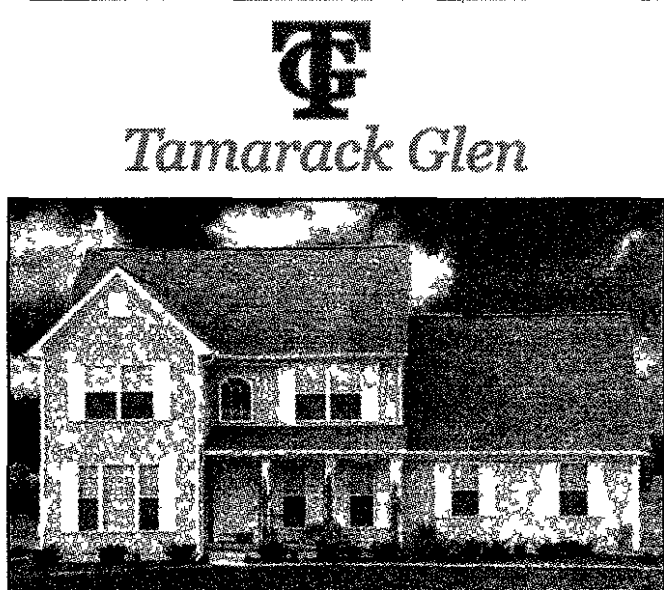
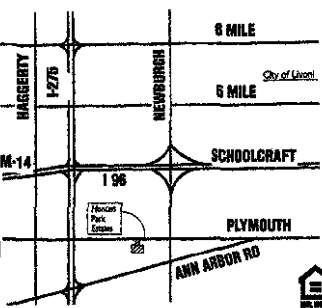
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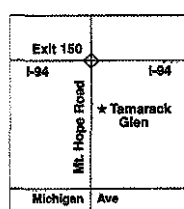
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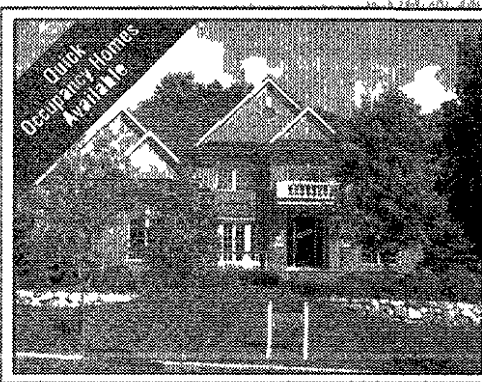
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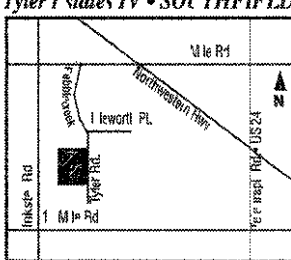
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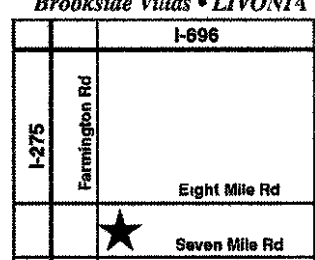
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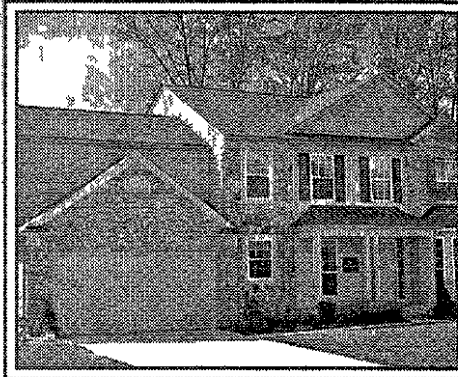
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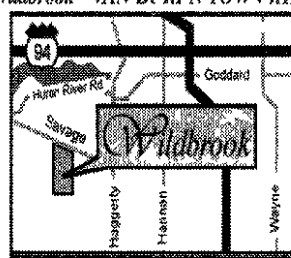
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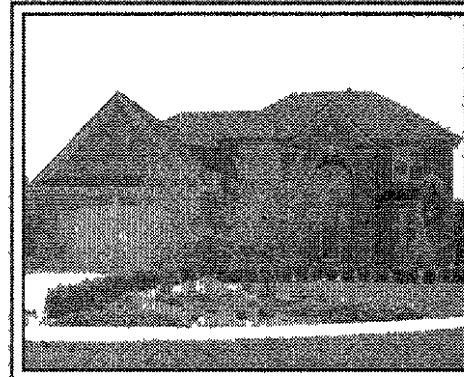
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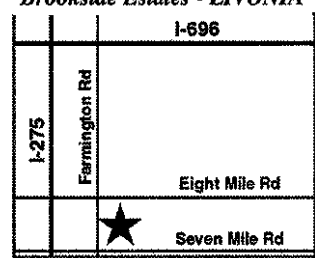
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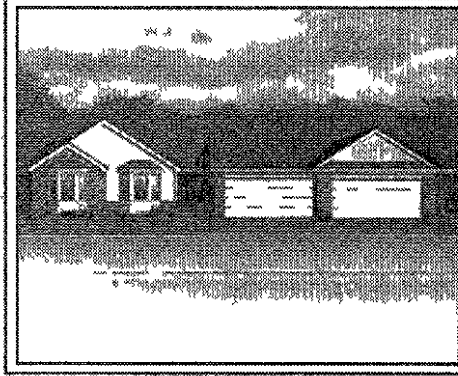
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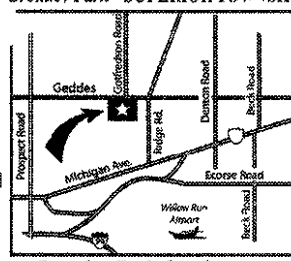
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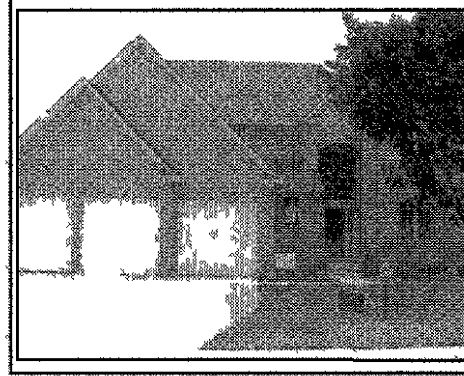
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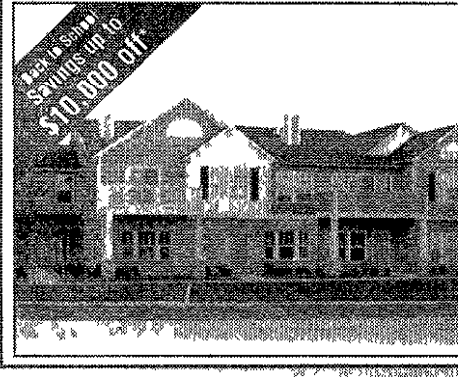
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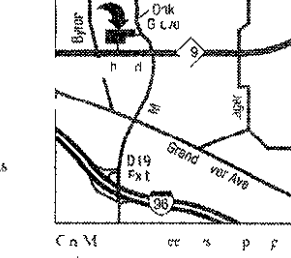
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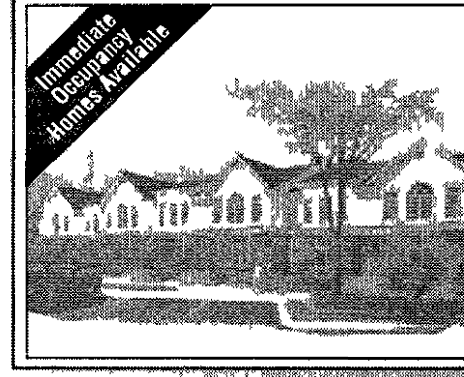
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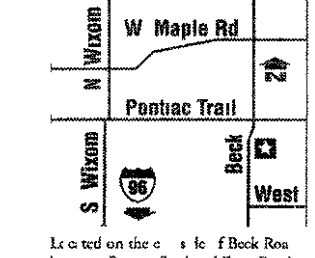
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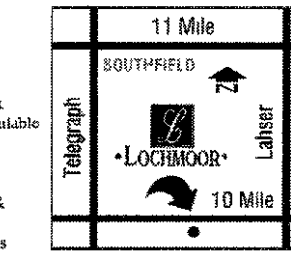
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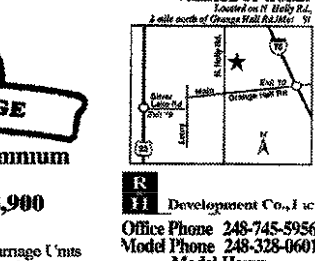
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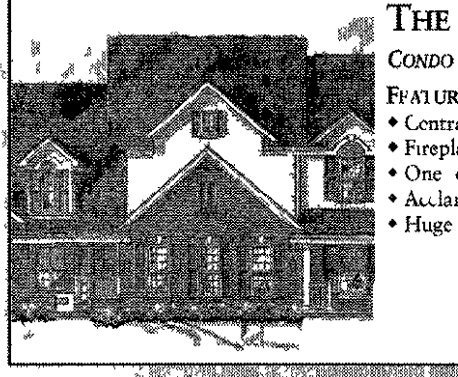
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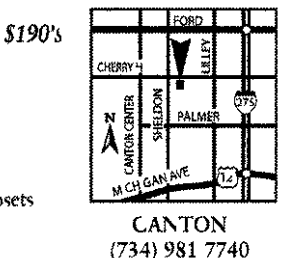
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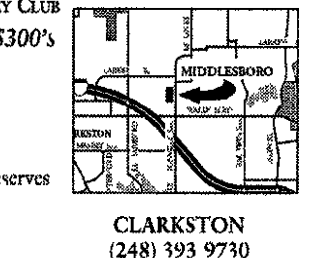
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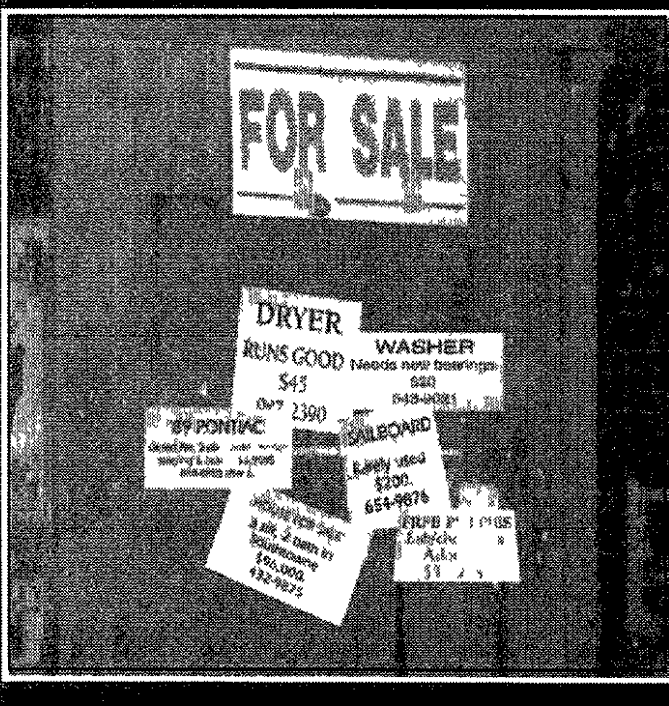
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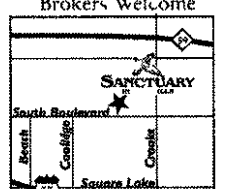
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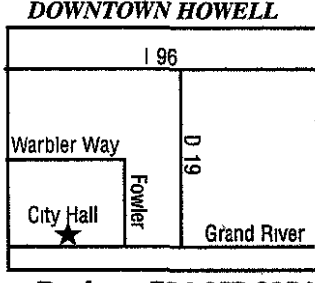
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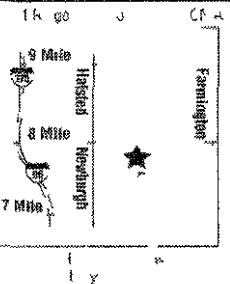
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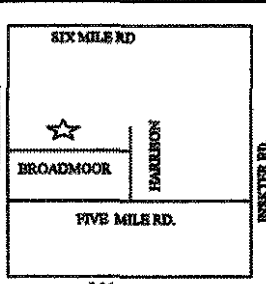


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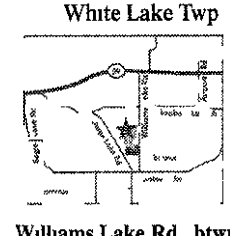


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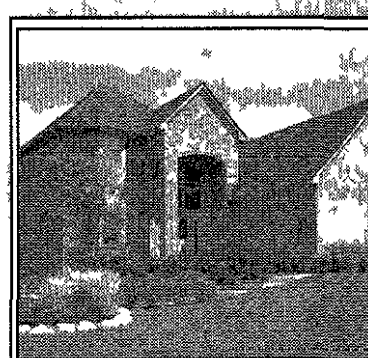
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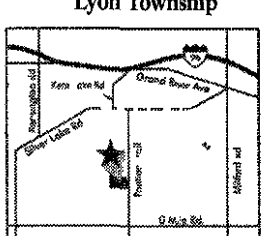


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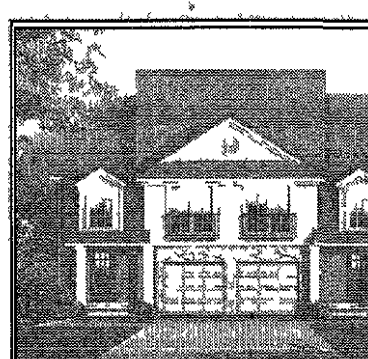
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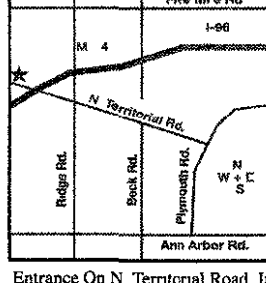
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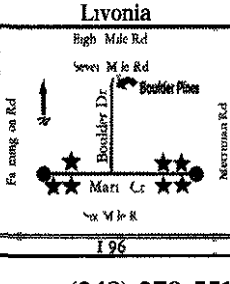
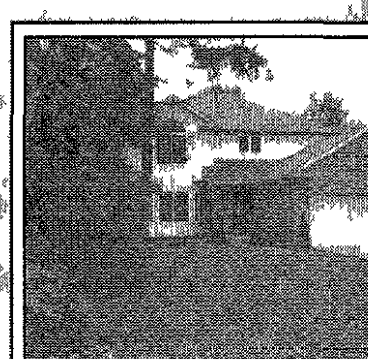
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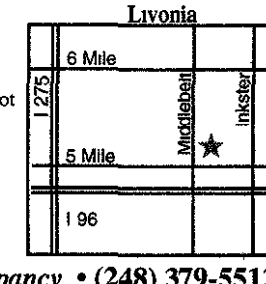



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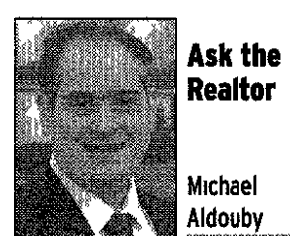


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For example, if the asking price is \$300,000, and three similar homes in the same location sold around \$250,000, then most likely, the house's market value is about \$250,000. There is some variation since no home is exactly the same.

You also need to gather as much information as possible about the home you are interested in. How long has the house been on the market? Is the seller motivated to sell? Is the seller a bank?

Usually, if a home is on the market for a long time it may mean that the sellers have more urgency to sell their house. On the other hand, that could also mean that the sellers don't have strong motivation to sell, as well.

Don't be deterred if the asking price is well above the market value. I believe it is a mistake for sellers to do this. Some sellers are trying to give themselves more negotiating space.

Sellers may be more likely to deal with the reality of the true market value of their house if they have an actual written offer in front of them. Also, I would caution against making verbal offers.

There is a big difference between telling a seller verbally

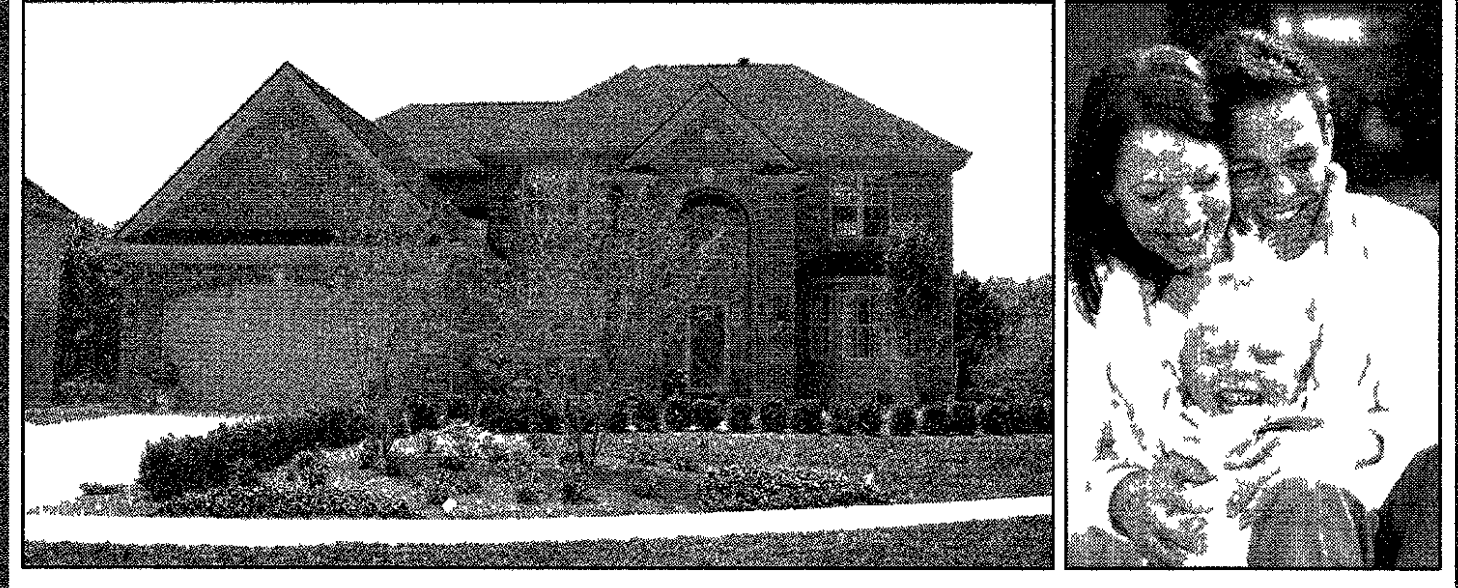
what you want to pay for the house, and putting it in writing with an earnest money deposit and a pre-approval. It makes it much more real when there is a written offer.

Another important aspect is the terms of the agreement. It could be that you want your closing costs included in your mortgage. Many times, sellers will agree to this and it allows you to need less up front money. You may want to sell before you buy. You can make your offer contingent upon the sale of your house, however, it hurts you when it comes to negotiating price.

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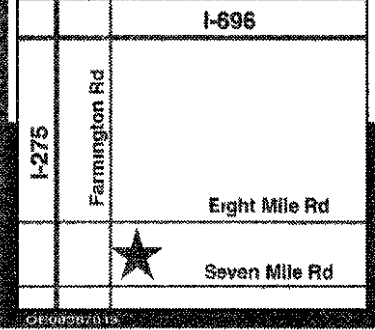
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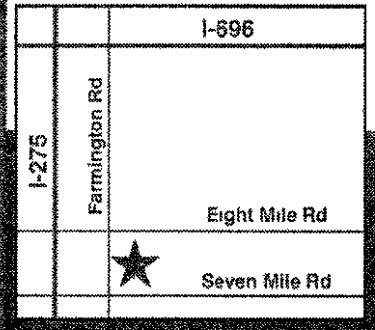
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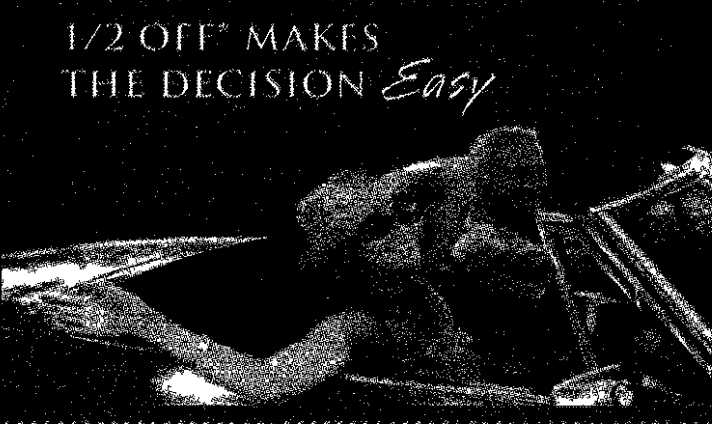
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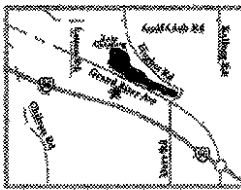




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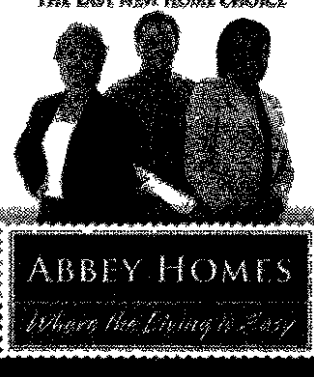
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License Preparation Course at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$200 (248) 862-1033. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 — Building the Dry Basement at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and

\$40 for guests. Bring your own bag lunch. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 — Land Acquisition and Development in a Changing Market, at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests (248) 862-1033. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9-10 — Seminar on

and Cost Control at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145 (248) 862-1033. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 — "Quality Construction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests (248) 862-1033. 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 — Condominium Nuts and Bolts: When To Consider Using a Condominium Format at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests (248) 862-1033. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, "Builder's License Preparation Course" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, construction drawings, codes, procedures, sample test questions and test tips. Registration is \$200 (248) 862-1033. 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, "Convention Strategies" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests (248) 862-1033. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, "Extreme Success" seminar at Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. A discussion on risks that yield better results, new ways to deal with fear and how to break free from the "Struggle Syndrome." Registration fee is \$59 for sales and marketing council members, \$89 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$109 for non-members and guests (248) 862-1033.

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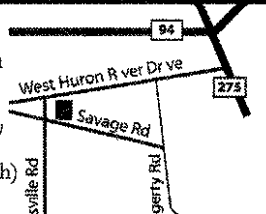
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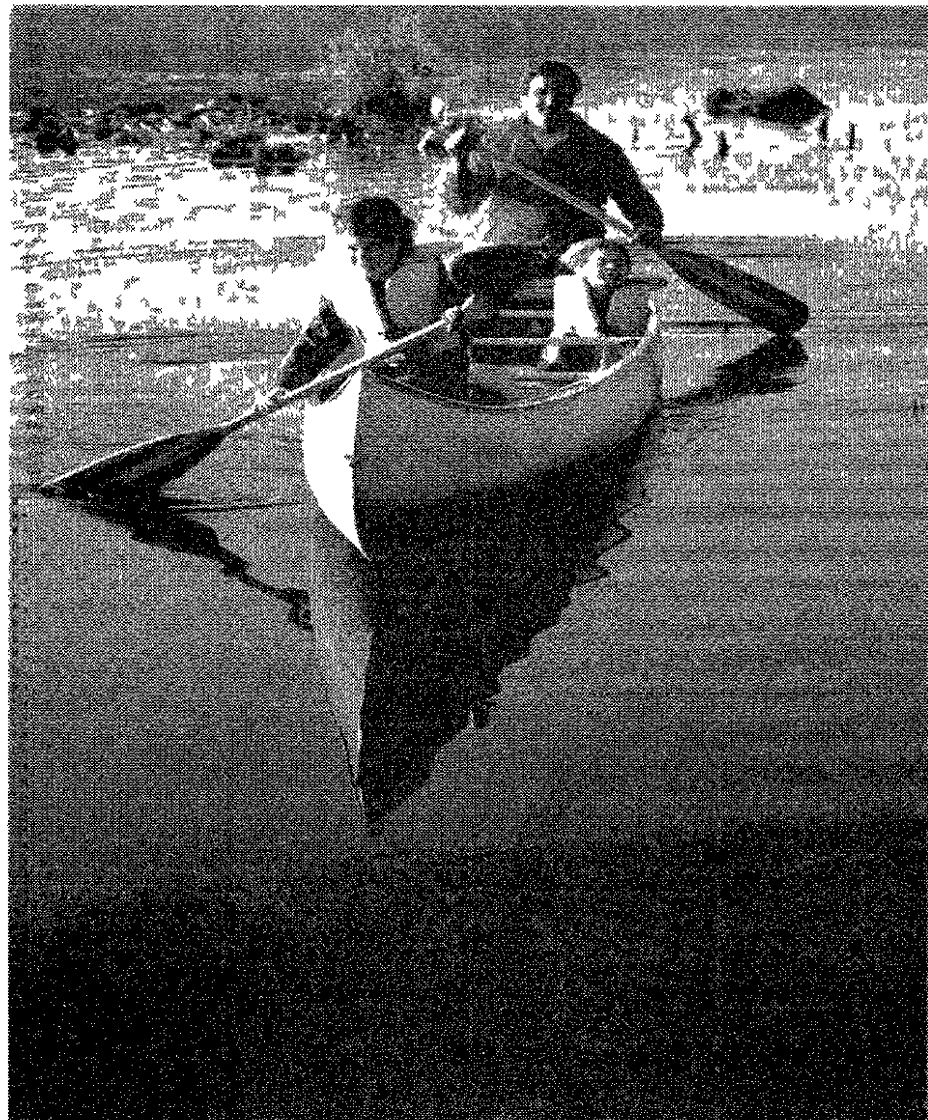
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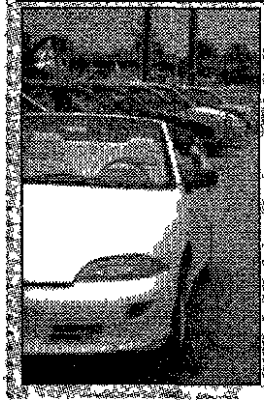
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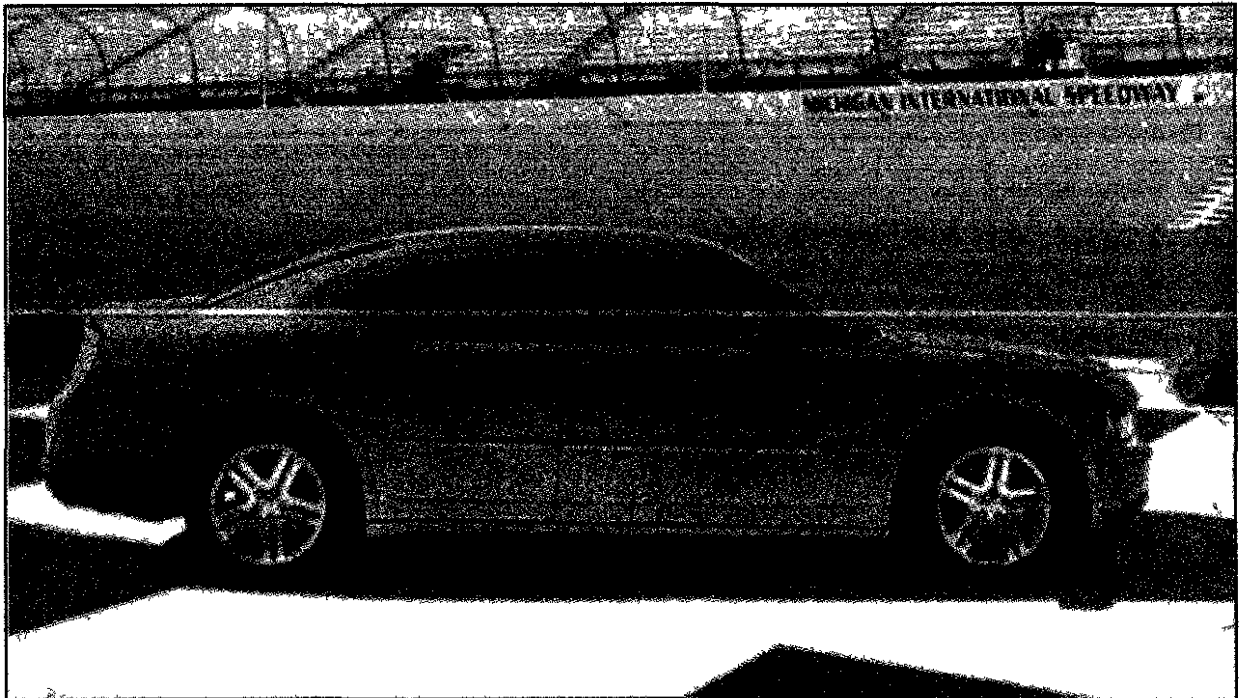
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I have a friend who loves cars, especially muscle cars from the late 1960s. Impressing him with anything from this century is tough. I know that because he once told me, "Impressing me with anything from this century is tough." When I told him I was going to test drive the 2006 Dodge Charger R/T, he was mildly excited to see what DaimlerChrysler did to the classic Charger name. I know that because he told me, "I'm mildly excited to see what DaimlerChrysler did to the classic Charger name."

OK, he didn't actually use those words, but he, like a lot of us who love cars, really wanted to get a good, long look at the new Charger. I'll share his verdict with you later. As for me, I'll tell you the Charger is one cool car to have in your driveway.

We'll start with the powerful look of the new Charger R/T. Look at the car straight on and tell me you don't see it scowling at you, daring you to try to handle it. The inward tilt of the headlights look like a furrowed brow and the front grille looks like it's ready to bellow at you. The sloping roofline gives way to a huge rear fender for a look that says speed and power. The rear-wheel drive, four-door Charger comes with dual rear exhaust with bright exhaust tips, fog lamps and 18" wheels. A sunroof is optional.

Having fun driving this thing is not optional - it just happens. The R/T version of the Charger comes with plenty of power, it has a 5.7 liter, 340hp HEMI V-8 engine with dual ignition (two spark plugs per cylinder). It's rated at 390 lb.-ft. of torque and, combined with the standard auto-stick transmission, gives you plenty of jump off the line and power to pass on the freeway. Fortunately, it doesn't require premium fuel. Dodge does recommend mid-range fuel, but regular is acceptable. The Multi Displacement System on the HEMI deactivates four of the cylinders when full V-8 power isn't needed, keeping the EPA rating at The R/T



2006 Dodge Charger R/T. Type: Large car. Where Built: Brampton, Ontario, Canada. EPA: 17/25. Base Price: \$29,320. Price as tested: \$35,565

version of the Charger comes with 18" touring tires and specially tuned dampers, there is a package upgrade that will give you 18" Michelin MXM4 all-season tires and self-leveling shock absorbers. A specially tuned performance exhaust and induction system, which gives you an extra 10 hp, is included in that group, as are power adjustable pedals and heated front seat. The Charger also comes with Electronic Stability Control and traction control. The result is a car that hugs the road and handles very well. Power rack and pinion steering and anti-lock brakes are standard.

Inside the cockpit, driving position is excellent, thanks to the raising of the seats by two inches from previous Dodge sedans. The upgraded power suede seats are quite comfortable and provide good support. There's plenty of room to stretch out and even tall drivers won't feel boxed in. The rear seats are 60/40 fold down and there's an armrest with a cupholder.

The instrument cluster includes a 160 mph speedometer which I assume means it's OK to drive that fast if you want (note to wives and law enforcement - that's a joke). The optional upgraded instrument cluster comes with a driver information center, compass, mini trip computer, and display screen. The Charger R/T also comes with air conditioning, power

windows and locks, keyless entry, and rear window defogger.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with six speakers and a 276-watt digital amplifier. The optional system includes a 322-watt amplifier, a subwoofer and six-disc changer. The system sounds great - booming lows and crisp highs with very little distortion. My only complaint about the system is that it didn't seem to like the CD's I burned myself. Disc errors were common, this could be just this one unit. If you burn your own discs, you might want to test a few before you drive home. A Sirius satellite radio, with a one year subscription, is also available as an option.

If you get the optional GPS navigation system, the audio system window is built in (pet peeve of mine). The GPS system is easy to read and navigate. It's not perfect - it showed me driving through a lake once - but for the most part you get good information.

The 2006 Dodge Charger R/T starts at a little over \$29,000. Add the optional sunroof, performance package, GPS system, upgraded audio and you're at about \$35,000.

I took my buddy on a ride in the R/T and he ended up being very impressed. Drive one and you might be, too.

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